


BANGLADESH


Situation Overview


- UNHCR and partners continue to relocate refugees living in areas at high risk of landslides to safer ground. No significant rain occurred in reporting period 10-16 August. The relocation is also aimed at mitigating risks by decongesting overcrowded settlements.
- Two incidents of landslide/soil erosion were **reported by the Inter-Sector Coordination Group across all refugee settlements¹ affecting 16 households**. A total of 14 shelters were damaged.


UNHCR and Partners' Response

 The Site Management Engineering Project (SMEP)² continues to **repair and pave roads, clear drainages, and implement slope stabilisation works** in several refugee sites. As part of a grant proposal to the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB), SMEP is supporting the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) to identify and prioritise access road and infrastructure requirements in **10 refugee sites** together with Bangladesh government authorities and site management actors. LGED will receive funds from the WB and ADB to construct 28 multi-purpose cyclone shelters, 60 km of roads inside the refugee settlements, 19 food distribution points, and 20 multi-service hubs in and around refugee sites. There is work to also help identify locations for markets, together with local leaders and community representatives.



 About **69 refugee families (321 individuals)** from high-risk landslide areas in **six refugee sites** were relocated to safer ground between 10 and 15 August. UNHCR and IOM have relocated a total of **24,709** individuals from at-risk landslide areas in all settlements to various new sites as of 16 August.

 To date, UNHCR has **met its target for Shelter Upgrade Kits distribution to 90,331 refugee households** to reinforce their shelters. A total of **79,607 pre-monsoon shelter tie-down kits** out of 80,000 have been distributed. As of 9 August, **1,068 Post-Disaster Kits** have been distributed to refugees affected by monsoon rains.




 In the past four months, Community Outreach (COMs) volunteers have conducted **7,438 sessions on emergency response, including extreme weather risks, cyclone early warning, floods, landslides, health and protection** and met with **161,808 refugees**.

An aerial photo showing shelter being constructed at newly prepared Camp 4 Extension in Kutupalong, Ukhiya sub-district in mid-July. UNHCR and partners BRAC and Caritas have completed the installation of 1,396 shelters here in August. @UNHCR/P. Hübner

¹ According to reports from the Inter-Sector Coordination Group, which receives information from Site Management Support agencies, and data is based on preliminary assessments. Figures are subject to change.



² A joint engineering project by UNHCR, IOM (International Organisation for Migration), and WFP (World Food Programme).

Key population figures





-  **900,000** total refugees (approx.)
-  **200,000** est. total refugees at risk of flood and landslide hazards
-  **41,700** est. refugees at high risk of landslide hazards

Emergency evacuation

Relocation due to high risk of landslide






-  **24,709** refugees out of **41,700** est. at high risk of landslide relocated from all 28 identified settlements
-  More than **90%** of work completed in 60 acre land in Kutupalong (1,395 shelters) and the site in Nayapara (48 shelters)

UNHCR emergency evacuation plan in case of disaster












-  **42,000** refugees to be relocated with other families within the UNHCR managed camps
-  **14,450** refugees to be relocated/hosted within existing community infrastructures such as mosques, Temporary Learning Centers, etc.
-  **14,600** refugees to be relocated to community infrastructures within the host community*
-  **60,000** refugees to be relocated in tents

Progress




Protection

-  **262** UNHCR Community Outreach Members (COMs) trained/oriented on awareness raising for landslide and cyclone risk
-  **161,808** refugees reached by **7,438** awareness campaigns on landslides and cyclone
-  **260** Safety Unit Volunteers (SUV) trained on the Government of Bangladesh Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)
-  **700** Safety Unit Volunteers (SUV) trained on fire fighting and landslide awareness
-  **15** Information Points out of **16** established





Shelter & site improvement

-  **32** kilometers of road (brick road/footpath, Army Road) constructed
-  **2,433** meters of bridges constructed
-  **45** kilometers of steps constructed
-  **64** running kilometers of retaining structures built
-  **96** kilometers of drainages repaired/completed
-  **90,331** shelter upgrade kits out of **90,331** distributed
-  **79,607** pre-monsoon shelter tie-down kits out of **80,000** distributed
-  **9,560** family tents pre-positioned and **467** distributed
-  **245,300** plastic tarpaulins pre-positioned and **81,487** distributed
-  **128** storage containers out of **146** pre-positioned
-  **20** host community structures being upgraded

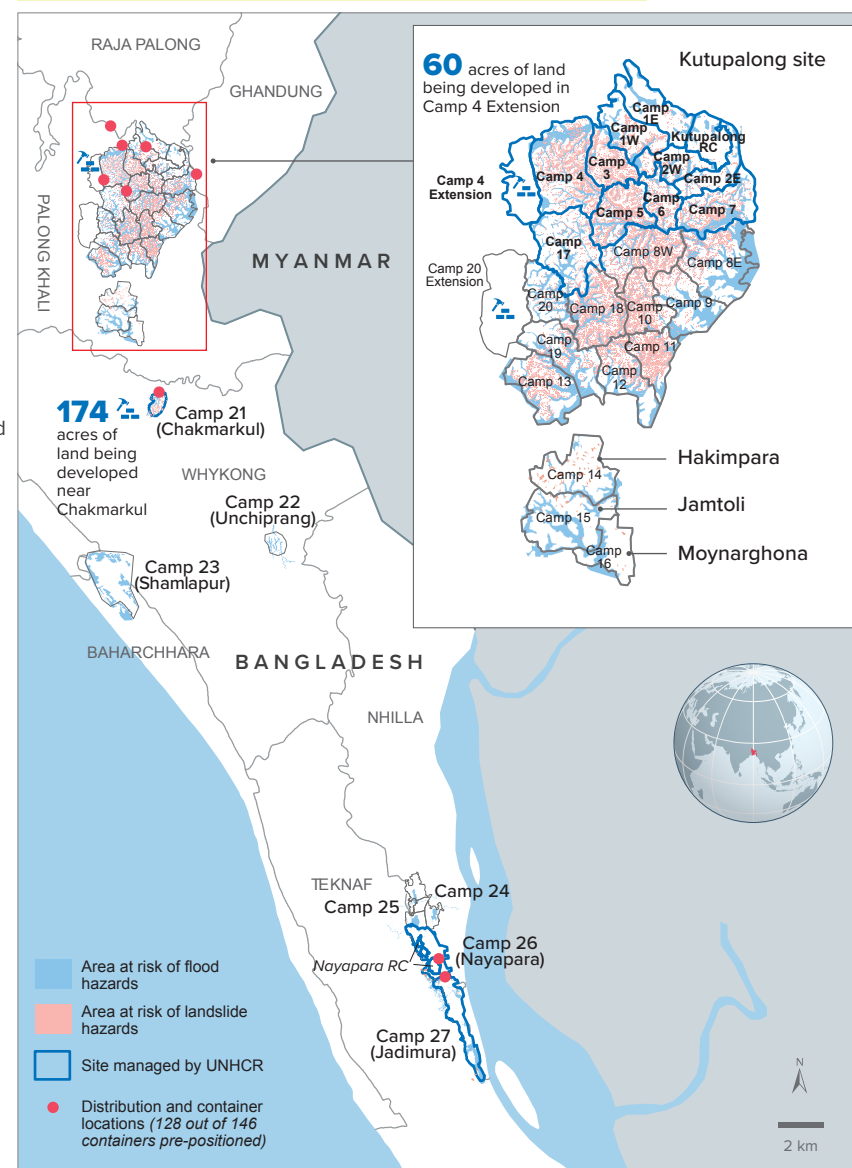
WASH

-  **958** latrines out of **958** constructed in relocation areas for refugees at high risk of landslide
-  **112** water points out of **113** installed in relocation areas for refugees at high risk of landslide
-  **12** camps out of **12** with Emergency WASH Simulation exercises completed

Health

-  **2,044** Community Health Workers out of **2,044** trained on first aid in emergencies
-  **400** Community Health Workers out of **400** trained on the Government of Bangladesh Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)
-  **800** Community Volunteers and Counsellors trained on psychological first aid, identification and referral of mental health cases, and basic counselling skills
-  **6** nutrition mobile teams established to reach displaced families

Landslide and flood hazard analysis



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

* Subject to approval from the government

Working in partnership

UNHCR co-chairs a Strategic Executive Group (SEG) in Bangladesh with the UN Resident Coordinator and IOM. The Refugee Agency leads on the protection response for all refugees, and heads a Protection Working Group in Cox's Bazar. UNHCR welcomes its valuable partnership with other agencies (WFP, UN-HABITAT, UNDP) and coordinates the delivery of its assistance with UN agencies and other partners through a number of working groups under the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG). UNHCR's main government counterpart is the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and its Cox's Bazar-based Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC). In close cooperation with IOM and UNDP, UNHCR is also providing tangible support to coordination efforts of local government entities in Cox's Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf. UNHCR staff work closely with the Camp-in-Charge officials in different refugee settlements, as well as a range of international and national actors. It has a strong network of 23 partners, including:

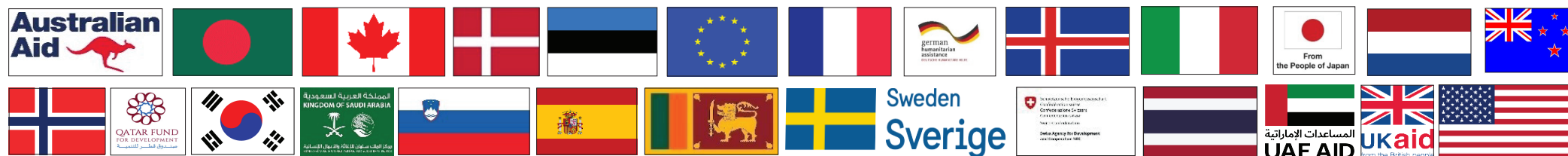
ACF (Action Contre la Faim) | **ADRA** (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) | **BDRCS** (Bangladesh Red Crescent Society) | **BNWLA** (Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association) | **BRAC** (Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee) | **CARITAS BANGLADESH** | **CODEC** (Community Development Centre) | **DRC** (Danish Refugee Council) | **FH** (Food For the Hungry) | **GK** (Gonoshasthaya Kendra) | **HELVETAS** Swiss Intercooperation | **HI** (Handicap International) | **IUCN** (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) | **NGOF** (NGO Forum) | **OXFAM** | **PUI** (Première Urgence Internationale) | **REACH** | **RI** (Relief International) | **RTMI** (Research Training and Management International) | **SCI** (Save the Children) | **SI** (Solidarités International) | **TAI** (Technical Assistance Incorporated) | **TDH** (Terre Des Hommes Foundation)

UNHCR would also like to acknowledge the crucial role played by the refugees in the response; with over 1,000 **volunteers from the refugee community** who are **often the first responders on the ground**. UNHCR and partners have trained and work with safety unit volunteers (SUVs) who support the emergency response, **community outreach members** who support raising awareness on important issues and in addressing protection risks, **community health workers** who assist with outreach for health and nutrition, and others who provide further critical support to the emergency response.

Donor support

The response of the Government and people of Bangladesh is extraordinarily generous. More support is required from the international community to assist the ongoing humanitarian response in Bangladesh for refugees and host communities. Continued political efforts to work for a solution to the situation remain vital. UNHCR is appealing for USD 238.8m (part of its Supplementary Appeal for 2018) in order to respond to the needs of hundreds of thousands of refugees.

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