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958 latrines out of 958 constructed in relocation areas for refugees at high risk of landslide hazards

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6 nutrition mobile teams established to reach displaced families


distribution and container locations (128 out of 146 containers pre-positioned)

UNHCR emergency evacuation plan

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 to tents

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

Landslide and flood hazard analysis

Progress

260 UNHCR Community Outreach Members (COMs) trained on awareness raising for landslide and cyclone risk

161,808 refugees reached by 7,438 awareness campaigns on landslides and cyclone

705 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

* 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) | BDRCES (Bangladesh Red Crescent Society) | BNWL (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 Intercoperation | 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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