

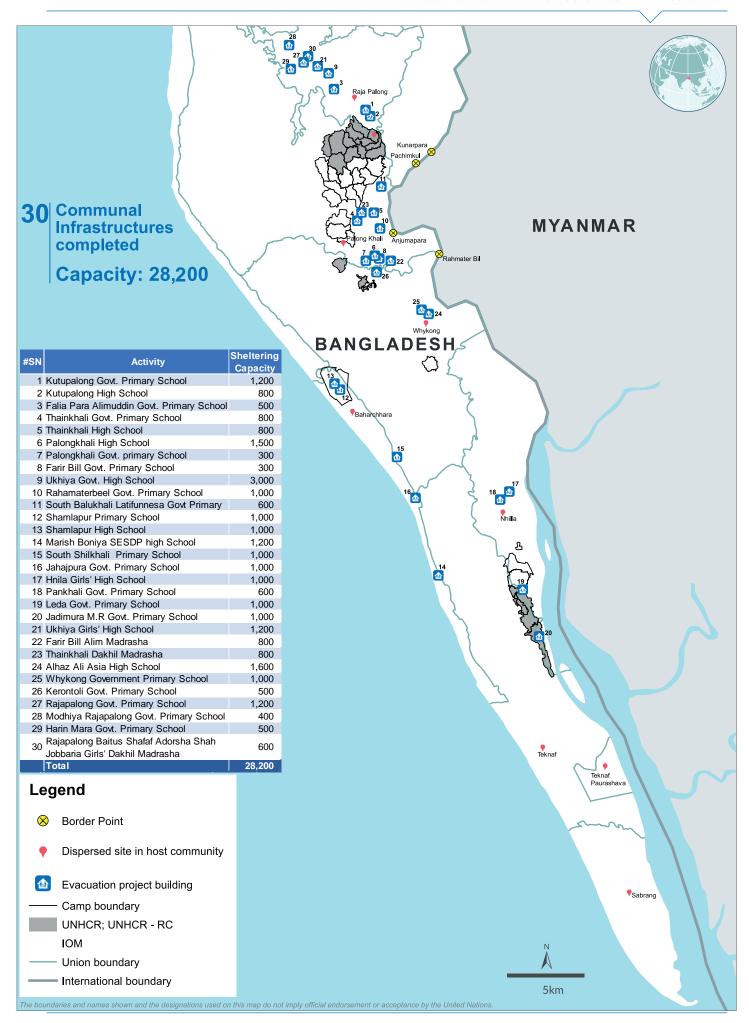


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# Host Community Infrastucture Support Project 2018

Cox's Bazar district is prone to cyclone due to its location on the coastline along the Bay of Bengal in the southeast of Bangladesh. Each year, more than four cyclones formed over the bay with a high likelihood of making landfall in the district, which is currently hosting about one million of Rohingya refugees fleeing violence in Myanmar in 2017.

UNHCR works with the Government of Bangladesh to strengthen the capacity of refugees and the local communities who are hosting them, to prepare and respond to natural disasters. This includes supporting the repair and construction of public infrastructure that are designated by the government as cyclone shelters. In 2018, UNHCR selected 30 out of 103 buildings for its Host Community Infrastructure Support Project (HCISP) based on consultations with local communities with support from its partner, BRAC. They are educational institutions located in close proximity to various refugee settlements in Ukhiya and Teknaf sub-districts. Most of these institutions had supported the Rohingya refugees upon their arrival to Bangladesh during the mass influx in August 2017, by offering buildings or spaces to be used as temporary shelters or distribution sites. The 30 schools were prioritised for their urgent needs for renovation and lack of resources. The projects include building repairs; construction of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities and semi-pucca structures for additional classrooms; and provision of new school furniture. Altogether, the schools can provide safe temporary shelters for more than 28,000 people during a cyclone emergency.

UNHCR completed all the 30 HCISP projects by the end of 2018, in close collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh, school committees, members of Bangladeshi communities and partner organisation.

In collaboration with

**BRAC** 



# **Kutupalong Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Ukhiya Union: Rajapalong

Beneficiary: 598 Sheltering Capacity: 1,200

GPS Location: 21.222714, 92.161846





After

Activity Description: Kutupalong Government Primary School is a designated cyclone shelter located near Kutupalong Registered Camp in Ukhiya. About 600 students studied in two out of three buildings while the other one was not safe for use. In collaboration with BRAC, UNHCR renovated all three semi-pucca building and built WASH facilities, providing a safer and healthier learning environment for the students and allowing the public school to enrol more students.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Kutupalong High School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: RajapalongBeneficiary:1,250Sheltering Capacity: 800

GPS Location: 21.223015, 92.161854





Before

After

Activity Description: Kutupalong High School is one of the biggest and prominent high schools in Ukhiya sub-district, with an enrolment of about 1,250 students. UNHCR and BRAC selected one building which was also previously constructed by UNHCR, and built the second floor with two classrooms and a WASH block. The new classrooms were equipped with school furniture. UNHCR also constructed a Community Technology Access (CTA) computer lab for use by students as well as the refugee youths from nearby Kutupalong Registered Camp. UNHCR's partner TAI provides service and maintenance support to the CTA.

### **Institution Name:**

# Falia Para Alimuddin Government Primary School

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: RajapalongBeneficiary:320Sheltering Capacity: 500

GPS Location: 21.237289, 92.140830





Before After

**Activity Description:** UNHCR, and BRAC renovated two buildings at Falia Para Alimuddin Government Primary School.

Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC renovated one of two school buildings and built surface drainage system in Thainkhali Government Primary School.

### **Institution Name:**

### **Thainkhali Government Primary School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:320Sheltering Capacity: 800

GPS Location: 21.169611, 92.155416





Before

After

### **Activity Description:** In

collaboration with BRAC, UNHCR constructed a semi-pucca building to accommodate three additional classrooms for 707 students at Thainkhali High School. School furniture, including sixty pairs of benches with three tables, were provided for the new classrooms. A WASH block was constructed to improve access to hygiene and sanitation, as there was no proper WASH facility in school.

### **Institution Name:**

### Thainkhali High School

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:707Sheltering Capacity: 800

GPS Location: 21.170341, 92.157927





Before

After

Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC reconstructed and renovated all three buildings at Palongkhali High School to accommodate 1,150 students.

### **Institution Name:**

# Palongkhali High School

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:1,150Sheltering Capacity: 1,500

GPS Location: 21.145582, 92.167075





After

### **Palongkhali Government Primary School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:301Sheltering Capacity: 300

GPS Location: 21.144338, 92.161528





**Activity Description:** Two buildings at Palongkhali Government Primary School were renovated by UNHCR, with support from BRAC, which improved the learning environment for over 300 students.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Farir Bill Government Primary School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:287Sheltering Capacity: 300

GPS Location: 21.145585, 92.167747

Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC renovated the primary school building and constructed WASH facilities.





Before

After

### **Institution Name:**

# **Ukhiya Government High School**

Location: Upazila: Ukhiya Union: Rajapalong

Beneficiary: 1,100 Sheltering Capacity: 3,000

GPS Location: 21.245925, 92.137609





Before

Activity Description: UNHCR constructed one building more than 20 years ago in Ukhiya Government High School which had not been properly maintained. With support from BRAC, UNHCR renovated the building, including its basement, and equipped the teacher's room with new furniture. A road was also constructed, providing safe access to the school for over 1,000 students.

Activity Description: The public primary school has two buildings designated as cyclone shelters. About 250 students learned in the two-storey multi-purpose buildings which were severely damaged from years of use, putting their safety at risk. UNHCR and BRAC renovated all the school buildings and constructed an access road for ease of movement.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Rahamater Beel Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Ukhiya Union: Palongkhali

Beneficiary: 250 Sheltering Capacity: 1,000

GPS Location: 21.163332, 92.165834





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After

### Activity Description: In

collaboration with BRAC, UNHCR renovated the school as well as constructed an entrance gate and boundary wall.

### **Institution Name:**

### South Balukhali Latifunnesa Government Primary School

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:208Sheltering Capacity: 600

GPS Location: 21.184517, 92.168277





**Before** 

After

Activity Description: Shamlapur Primary School has two buildings that also function as cyclone shelters. UNHCR and BRAC renovated one of the multi-purpose buildings which was damaged from use, and constructed latrines that were connected to water supply.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Shamlapur Primary School and Cyclone Shelter**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Baharchara

**Beneficiary:** 416 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,000

GPS Location: 21.074418, 92.144388





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# **Shamlapur High School**

**Location: Upazila:** Teknaf **Union:** Baharchara

**Beneficiary:** 992 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,000

GPS Location: 21.074658, 92.144318





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Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC constructed a WASH block to improve access to hygiene and sanitation for nearly 1,000 students of Shamlapur High School, which is also a designated cyclone shelter.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Marish Boniya SESDP High School**

**Location: Upazila:** Teknaf **Union:** Baharchara

**Beneficiary:** 313 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,200

GPS Location: 20.973778, 92.201462





Before

After

Activity Description: Marish Boniya SESDP High School has a large structure that can accommodate more than 1,000 people seeking refuge during a cyclone. However, the multi-purpose building was not properly maintained over the years. UNHCR and BRAC renovated the school, constructed a WASH block and repaired the existing latrines. All latrines are now connected to water supply to help improve hygiene practices for over 300 students.

### **Institution Name:**

# **South Shilkhali Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Baharchara

Beneficiary: 457 Sheltering Capacity: 1,000

GPS Location: 21.037953, 92.177291





Before

After

Activity Description: South Shilkhali Primary School is a designated cyclone shelter. UNHCR and BRAC repaired the school and built the piping system connecting the latrines to water supply.

Activity Description: UNHCR and its partner BRAC constructed a new WASH block to improve access to hygiene and sanitation for more than 300 students of Jahajpura Government Primary School. Before the construction, the public school did not have a well-functioning latrine.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Jahajpura Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Palongkhali

**Beneficiary:** 318 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,000

GPS Location: 21.015813, 92.188116





Before

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Activity Description: UNHCR supported Hnila Girls' High School with construction of an academic building about 20 years ago. The building was in need of maintenance as well as a WASH facility. UNHCR and BRAC built a WASH block for over 700 schoolgirls and renovate the school building, including constructing boundary wall and an access road.

Activity Description: UNHCR and

constructed an access road. The

school, which is also a designated

cyclone shelter, was also provided with a deep tube well to ensure water supply for the latrines.

BRAC renovated Pankhali Government Primary School and

### **Institution Name:**

# **Hnila Girls' High School**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Hnila

**Beneficiary:** 769 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,000

GPS Location: 21.019156, 92.242653





After

# Institution Name:

### **Pankhali Government Primary School**

**Location:** Upazila: Teknaf Union: Hnila

Beneficiary: 504 Sheltering Capacity: 600

GPS Location: 21.014850, 92.237338





After

# **Leda Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Hnila

Beneficiary: 505 Sheltering Capacity: 1,000

GPS Location: 20.965934, 92.250390





Activity Description: Leda Government Primary School is located near Nayapara and Leda refugee settlements. UNHCR and BRAC renovated the school and built a deep tube well to improve access to water supply for more than 500 students.

Activity Description: UNHCR and

BRAC renovated one building at Jadi Mura M.R. Government Primary

School to improve the learning

environment.

# **Institution Name:**

# Jadi Mura M. R. Government Primary School

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Hnila

Beneficiary: 532 Sheltering Capacity: 1,000

GPS Location: 20.940610, 92.259985





Before

After

### **Institution Name:**

# **Ukhiya Girls' High School**

Location: Upazila: Ukhiya Union: Rajapalong

**Beneficiary:** 675 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,200

GPS Location: 21.249638, 92.131176





Before

BRAC renovated a dormitory for use by the schoolgirls, which had been left vacant and was occasionally used during school examination period. A WASH block and two access roads were also constructed.

Activity Description: UNHCR and

Before After

Activity Description: The Islamic school was used as a temporary shelter during Rohingya refugee influx in August 2017, and had witnessed six Rohingya women gave birth to their babies. The school has two semi-pucca buildings that were damaged and nearly collapsed. The school complex was also inundated during the annual rainy season. UNHCR and BRAC constructed a guard wall and renovated all the buildings. Drainage system was improved as well as an access road constructed to connect the school to the main road.

### Institution Name:

### Farir Bill Alim Madrasha

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:796Sheltering Capacity: 800

GPS Location: 21.144789, 92.169859





**Before** 

After

Activity Description: The Islamic school assisted the Rohingya refugees who arrived in Bangladesh during the influx in August 2017 and took refuge in the nearest temporary shelters. UNHCR and BRAC constructed a semi-pucca building and renovated the existing building. The school also received 100 pairs of classroom benches.

### Institution Name:

# Thaingkhali Dakhil Madrasha

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: PalongkhaliBeneficiary:496Sheltering Capacity: 800

GPS Location: 21.170462, 92.156826





Before

After

Activity Description: Alhaz Ali Asia High School has two-storey school building which was damaged due to lack of maintenance. UNHCR and BRAC renovated the school and built a WASH block for more than 1,000 students. The school is also used as a public examination centre.

### Institution Name:

# Alhaz Ali Asia High School

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Whykong

Beneficiary: 1,100 Sheltering Capacity: 1,600

GPS Location: 21.115540, 92.195793





After

# **Whykong Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Whykong

**Beneficiary:** 507 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,000

GPS Location: 21.115746, 92.195318





After

Activity Description: Two out of three buildings at the Whykong Government Primary School were renovated by UNHCR, with support from BRAC.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Kerontoli Government Primary School Cum Cyclone Shelter**

Location: Upazila: Teknaf Union: Whykong

Beneficiary: 249 Sheltering Capacity: 500

GPS Location: 21.138207, 92.165457





Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC renovated two buildings at Kerontoli Government Primary School, installed a flag post for morning assembly and constructed access road to the public school, which is also used as a cyclone shelter.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Rajapalong Government Primary School**

Location: Upazila: Ukhiya Union: Rajapalong

**Beneficiary:** 568 **Sheltering Capacity:** 1,200

GPS Location: 21.255177, 92.125710





Before

Activity Description: UNHCR and BRAC renovated one semi-pucca building which was damaged from lack of maintenance, and constructed a wall at the backyard of Rajapalong Government Primary School.

**Activity Description:** UNHCR and BRAC constructed a new semi-pucca building for use as a preschool. Previously the school did not have enough space for elementary or preschool students.

### **Institution Name:**

# **Modhiya Rajapalong Government Primary School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: RajapalongBeneficiary:336Sheltering Capacity: 400

GPS Location: 21.261235, 92.114616





Before

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Activity Description: Two buildings at Harin Mara Government Primary School were severely damaged. Roof leaking during rainy days often disrupted the classes, requiring urgent repair. UNHCR and BRAC renovated the school buildings to improve the learning environment for more than 400 students.

### **Institution Name:**

### **Harin Mara Government Primary School**

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: RajapalongBeneficiary:428Sheltering Capacity: 600

GPS Location: 21.248257, 92.115674







After

Activity Description: The Islamic school buildings were damaged due to lack of maintenance. The building therefore cannot be used as a temporary evacuation site despite being designated as a cyclone shelter. There was also no proper WASH facilities for its 450 students. UNHCR and BRAC renovated the multi-purpose school buildings as well as constructed a WASH block and an *ozu khana* (a place to perform ablution before prayer).

### **Institution Name:**

# Rajapalong Baitus Sharaf Adorsha Shah Jobbaria Girls' Dhakhil Madrasha cum Cyclone Shelter

Location:Upazila: UkhiyaUnion: RajapalongBeneficiary:450Sheltering Capacity: 600

GPS Location: 21.255860, 92.126317





Before

After

# 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 a number of UN agencies and coordinates the delivery of its assistance with humanitarian 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). 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 **28 partners:** 

Action Aid Bangladesh | ACF (Action Contre la Faim) | ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) | BNWLA (Bangladesh National Woman Lawyer's Association) | Bangladesh Red Crescent Society | BRAC (Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee) | Caritas Bangladesh | Center for Natural Resource Studies | CODEC (Community Development Centre) | COAST (Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust) | Danish Refugee Council | FH Association (Food for the Hungry) | GK (Gonoshasthaya Kendra) | IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) | Handicap International | Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation | Light House | Oxfam GB | Relief International | Mukti Cox's Bazar | NGO Forum for Public Health | RTMI (Research, Training and Management International) | Save the Children International | Sesame Workshop | Solidarites International | Terre des hommes Foundation | TAI (Technical Assistance Incorporated)

UNHCR would also like to acknowledge the crucial role played by the refugees in the response; with **over 3,000 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 refugee response.

# **Donor support**

The Government and the people of Bangladesh have shown extraordinary generosity in responding to the crisis. However, more support and solidarity is required from the international community to assist the ongoing humanitarian response. Continued political efforts to work towards a solution to the situation remains vital. UNHCR is appealing for USD 307.6 million in order to respond to the needs of hundreds of thousands of refugees.

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