**KEY ACTIVITIES**

**Community-based Child Protection Mechanisms**
UNHCR and partners work closely with refugee communities to ensure safety and access to specific services for children including the creation of child protection networks. These consist of committees, child and adolescent clubs, and parent groups. Protection networks also play an important role by identifying safe spaces for children, providing peer support, tracing missing children, and by raising awareness for the prevention of child marriage. Additionally, community-led initiatives contribute to a safer environment for children by sharing information on referral services and providing prompt responses during emergencies, such as fires and flooding.

**Safe Spaces for Children**
Multipurpose centres for children and adolescents in 21 camps provide safe spaces for children to play, relax, express themselves, and learn skills to deal with the challenges they face. The centres offer integrated case management and referral services. Adolescent clubs are supported with a package of activities, including a gender-specific life skills curriculum.

**Training and Capacity Development**

**Case Management and Psychosocial Support**
Caseworkers have been trained on UNHCR’s Best Interest Determination procedure, which informs recommendations and decision making for children at risk. A ‘Best Interest Determination’ panel based on global guidelines has been established to cover all 33 camps to determine the best interests of the child. Most child protection cases reported include children experiencing neglect, psychological distress, physical and sexual violence, which in some cases is linked to trafficking, child marriage and child labour. Psychosocial support from UNHCR trained refugee volunteers and partner organizations is provided coupled with positive parenting sessions to tackle neglect and psychosocial distress resulting from family conflicts. UNHCR provides psychosocial support and referral to mental health services.

**Bhasan Char**
UNHCR, UNICEF and partners support child protection activities on the island, including case management and support for family reunification, recreation, and other care. Positive parenting sessions take place, as well as specific programmes for adolescents. Capacity building and outreach activities for volunteers and communities, including children are integrated to prevent and mitigate the risks they face. UNHCR is also working with other sectors to mainstream child protection.
**KEY FIGURES OF COX’S BAZAR**

- **69** Multipurpose centres for children and adolescents operational
- **769** Refugee volunteers engaged in child protection
- **23** Refugee children in alternative care
- **467** Individuals from service providers and authorities trained on protection, including gender
- **74** Adolescents clubs established
- **3,141** Refugee participated in capacity development trainings

**KEY FIGURES OF BHASHAN CHAR**

- **197** Individuals from service providers and authorities trained on protection, including gender
- **2,154** Refugees participated in capacity development trainings
- **89** Refugee caregivers who receive mental health and psychosocial support and positive parenting advice
- **500** Refugee children benefitted from mental health and psychosocial support
- **5,605** Girls and boys, including adolescents, benefiting from psychosocial services
- **200** Identified refugees children at risk received specialised age and gender sensitive child protection services through individual case management
- **668** Identified refugee children received specialised age and gender sensitive child protection services through individual case management
- **1,484** Children participating in community-based child protection programmes
- **1,242** Unaccompanied and separated refugee children at heightened risk for whom Best Interest Procedure initiated
- **462** Refugee caregivers who receive mental health and psychosocial support and positive parenting advice

**PARTNER PRESENCE MAP**

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