Bangladesh Operational Update August 2022



This month marked five years since more than 700,000 Rohingya women, men and children fled Myanmar for Bangladesh, joining hundreds of thousands who had sought and found refuge in the country in previous years. UNHCR has appealed for renewed support and solutions for the refugees. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar visited the refugee camps in Bangladesh, advocating for more education and livelihood opportunities for the refugees to prepare for their sustainable reintegration in Myanmar. A demonstration by the refugees calling for a safe and dignified return to Myanmar took place on 25 August.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- This month 486 refugee adolescent girls and 389 refugee caregivers graduated from the first cycle of the 2022 Girl Shine Program. A total of 1,241 adolescent girls and 1076 caregivers are participating in the program this year, which gives refugee girls the skills, knowledge, social networks and self-confidence to help protect themselves from gender-based violence as they navigate through adolescence and beyond.
- The COVID-19 booster vaccination dose (Pfizer) for refugees over 18 years of age began on 27 August 2022 and will run untill 15 September 2022 in the Cox's Bazar camps. So far 95,706 individuals have received the booster dose. Overall, a total of 527,711 individuals 12 years and above have received one dose reaching 94 per cent coverage.
- UNHCR has set up a research project to establish the best way to reuse the by-products generated from the faecal sludge treatment plant for agriculture. Different kinds of crops along with bamboo have been planted in the research unit and the Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh is providing expert support. The faecal sludge treatment plant is one of the largest in a humanitarian setting, servicing 120,000 refugees.
- The dengue prevention campaign continued mass cleaning, fumigation, and awareness raising continued in the refugee camps. Overall, 87,400 refugees were reached with dengue prevention messages. 411 refugee volunteers supported the cleaning of drainage, extending for almost 500,000 feet. 52 marketplaces were cleaned and disinfected with the support of the community.
- This month 150,080 refugees were reached by Community Outreach Members, imams and female religious leaders who provided information on health, monsoon and cyclone preparedness, fire safety, and protection issues such as child protection, gender-based violence, trafficking, and social cohesion. The campaign included house to house visits, through which more than 3,600 persons with specific needs were identified and referred to services in the camps.
- As part of ongoing capacity building of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) in the camps, 192 APBn personnel, including 30 women were trained on refugee protection, including community policing, safe identification, confidential referrals, and gender and child-sensitive policing. APBn is responsible for safety and security in the camps.
- With the support of the PSEA Network, UNHCR organized a one-day workshop for PSEA focal points of 22 different organizations. The workshop refreshed partners' knowledge of the referral mechanism and case management for survivors.
- **BHASAN CHAR:** Nutrition services are being scaled up on Bhasan Char including a new Nutrition Survey, which revealed a high prevalence of malnutrition among children aged 6-59 months, and almost 50 per cent presenting anaemia. The results also revealed that 15 per cent of the population on the island suffer from global acute malnutrition, and 35 per cent were underweight. Results from the survey will help adapt, prioritize and enhance current actions to improve the situation.



UN Special Envoy for Myanmar Ms. Noeleene Heyzer meets with women refugees in the camps. © UNHCR/Saikat Mojumder



A must see video of an inspiring Rohingya teen who has found a way to communicate through photography. © UNHCR/Amos Halder

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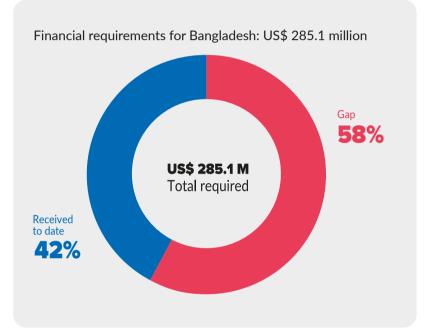


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In case you missed:

Netherland's Deputy Director General International Cooperation Birgitta Tazelaar met with Rohingya refugee adolescents to hear about their needs, hopes & dreams.

One of the Bangladeshi journalists to first arrive at the border to cover the tragic 2017 influx of Rohingya refugees shares his experience and his views, five years later.

DFAT First Assistant Secretary and Australian High Commissioner visited registration and health services for refugees.

POPULATION UPDATE







60+ 4% Older Pers

Rohingya population by location

