Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Bhasan Char, Bangladesh

21 September 2022
Agenda

• Introduction and welcome
• Situation update and general overview: Population statistics
• Key highlights from Sectors
• Key challenges
• Donor engagement & resource mobilization
• AOB
Population statistics

Total Rohingya Population in Bhasan Char

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- **26,043** individuals
- **6,633** families

Newly Registered Refugees / FDMN

- **25,973** individuals
- **6,598** families

1990s’ Refugees

- **70** individuals
- **35** families

Demographic Profile

- **56%** Children
- **42%** Adult
- **2%** Older Person
- **1%** Person with Disability
Relocation

Transfers from Cox’s Bazar to Bhasan Char for temporary accommodation in Bangladesh

17 relocations
since December 2020

25 August 2022 relocation
160 households*
395 individuals*

*Subject to verification

Family visits

Bhasan Char “residents” permitted to travel to the mainland to visit their families in the CXB-Teknaf camps

8 September 2022
254 individuals*
Protection Sector updates

Data collection for the Bhasan Char Needs Assessment started

UNFPA-UNHCR coordination on the distribution of Dignity Kits

Orientation on ActivityInfo for reporting

CODEC-UNHCR as sole Child Protection Case Management partner in the meantime

Unauthorized departures
Health and Nutrition Sector Updates

With the support of UNHCR, **District Sadar Hospital Noakhali** has a newly expanded inpatient department, a renovated operation theater, and an emergency unit.

Nutrition programs handed over from BRAC to SARPV at **two nutrition centres** (Cluster 9 and 57) as of 1st of September 2022.

"**Kangaroo Mother Care**" (KMC) workshop was organized by Friendship in their health facility at shelter 09 for Midwifes, Nurses and Nutrition officers. 26 participants from GK, Friendship, RTMI, BRAC and HOPE_87 attended the workshop that aims to improve care for low-birth weight and preterm infants.

**2,495 children** (1,482 girls, 1463 boys) received routine immunization so far
Food Security Sector Updates

In August, **27,586 individuals** were supported through **general food assistance** by IR-Canada, Muslim Aid (through YPSA) and WFP (through IRB). IR-Canada has phased out in August and Muslim Aid will phase out in September. Together with the ARRRC Office, the Food Security Sector is coordinating the phase out of other actors.

In August, **361 relocated individuals received food assistance under rapid response**. Food Security Sector, in collaboration with the CiC, started this initiative to ensure that the new arrivals can access food assistance in a timely manner.

Food Security Sector in collaboration with the Protection Sector, have **established a referral pathway** wherein issues regarding updated registration data, can be either addressed directly during the food distribution or refugees can be referred to the registration centre for complex cases.
Livelihood, Skill Development and Environment Sector updates

The ARRRC, in cooperation with the Sector, is examining each NGO’s activities through the month of September. This will assist in identifying synergies and potentials to scale up increase.

Home gardening, poultry farming, and aquaculture are contributing to an increase in the availability of locally produced foods for consumption at home and for sale in local markets. The large lake was stocked for the first time with 100,000 fingerlings.
Common Services Updates

The previously established commercial transport contracts for food and non-food items have been updated. If needed, WFP can facilitate transportation for sector partners through bilateral service provisions.

According to the ARRRC, the handover of three of the four warehouses will take place soon. WFP requested a copy of the written exchange and has shared the necessary agreements with the RRRC office in Cox’s Bazar.

As of August 29, 356 users had used the data connectivity network, and 100% coverage had been achieved at all four sites on Bhasan Char.
7,178 children (3,610 girls and 3,568 boys) enrolled in schools. Of these, 70 are children with disabilities (28 girls and 42 boys).

189 teachers (female 47 | male 142), an increase from 175 in the previous reporting period.

Three education partners set up four new classrooms, bringing the total number of classrooms to 140.

26 School Management Committees (SMCs) were formed in 28 schools.
WASH Sector updates

167 hand pumps (23 for drinking and 144 for kitchens) have been repaired

99 damaged water pipelines have been fixed

532 latrines, 16 biodigesters and 179 bathing facilities have also been repaired and maintained

1,012 household waste collection bins have been procured and distributed to 506 households

Ground water resources: water point mapping survey has been completed in 79 clusters. The drilling of 3 multi depth cluster monitoring wells commenced.
Site Management, Non-Food items, Shelter sector Updates

1643 households provided with water filters, solar lights, bath soaps, toothbrushes, and toothpaste from 29 to 31 August.

5400 LPG refills distributed.

Fencing around the 20 of the 26 prioritized ponds was completed.

One CFRM (Complaint feedback Response Mechanism) point established at CiC office. 804 complaints and feedback received and are being followed-up.

To prepare EPR/SMS community volunteers for field level data collection, the SMS sector trained 57 people on the Kobo tool.
Key Challenges

Increasing needs for repairs and maintenance activities.

Solid waste management and water contamination.

Difficulty to get trained staff to work on BC | Living condition/ space for humanitarian workers.

Very few qualified teachers to teach Myanmar Curriculum.

Low NFI stocks (Soaps, dignity kits).

Various challenges contributing to health and nutrition concerns including on mental health and psychosocial well being.
Donor engagement & resource mobilization

USD 7.2 million remains the critical priority funding gap

USD 500,000 pledged by Korea for UNHCR operation in Bhasan Char

USD 3.5 million partnership agreement is being signed between Japan & UNHCR are signing this morning (21 Sept) for Protection and Assistance for Rohingya refugees in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasan Char, with approx. half for protection, health & nutrition, NFI, WASH and livelihoods on Bhasan Char.

Sweden and UK (both early contributors to Bhasan Char operation) visited earlier in September