# Bangladesh Operational Update September 2022



The first camp-based mental health inpatient unit was opened in Nayapara Registered Camp on 4 September by UNHCR in collaboration with the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, Cox's Bazar Civil Surgeon, and the National Institute of Mental Health and Hospital of Bangladesh. The inpatient unit will provide services for better mental health and psychosocial well-being of Rohingya refugees.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- A newly expanded inpatient care facility, a renovated operation theatre and an emergency unit at Noakhali Sadar District Hospital was inaugurated on 13 September by Noakhali Civil Surgeon and UNHCR. These facilities will enhance health care service delivery for the Bangladeshi host communities as well as refugees referred from Bhasan Char. UNHCR also donated 460 oxygen cylinders to the hospital.
- More than 33,800 children in Ukhiya and Teknaf camps received deworming medicines from 18 to 22 September, achieving 96.3 percent coverage. The deworming campaign improves children's nutrition, health and development.
- Some 74,400 refugee families received cooking fuel (LPG) refills and around 260 families received new LPG cylinders.
   LPG distribution in the camps is critical to ensuring a protected environment, and better health, food security, and nutrition for refugees.
- To improve fuel efficiency in the camps, UNHCR started a pilot project training refugees in how to use pressure cookers and provided some 1,600 households with these pots, which will help reduce LPG use by around 20 to 25 percent.
- Rohingya refugee community volunteers have been working throughout this month on dengue prevention by cleaning solid waste and drains and fumigating risky areas. Volunteers and WASH partners also supported the acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) response in the camps through installing over 14,700 hand washing tippy taps and reaching over 74,000 refugees at the household-level with key AWD messages.
- GBV refugee volunteers continued to raise awareness in the community on prevention and where to access services
  in the event of an incident. This month, volunteers reached some 27,000 community members in 19 camps with GBV
  messaging.
- The second cycle of the 2022 Girl Shine Program started in eight camps. A total of 335 adolescent girls and their caregivers have been registered in this next phase. This program gives refugee girls the skills, knowledge, social networks, and self-confidence to help protect themselves from GBV as they navigate through adolescence and beyond.
- Strong emergency response preparedness activities with refugee volunteers continued in the camps. This month, two
  cyclone drills, one fire drill, and two Basic First Aid trainings were organized involving approximately 170 refugee
  volunteers, and 17 water tanks were installed to enhance firefighting capacity.



The exhibit "I am Rohingya" showcasing the work of 10 Rohingya photographers living in the camps in Bangladesh opened its doors in Cox's Bazar. ©UNHCR/Amos Halder



Rohingya emergency response volunteers help their community to get to safety during some minor flooding in the camps caused by heavy monsoon rains@UNHCR

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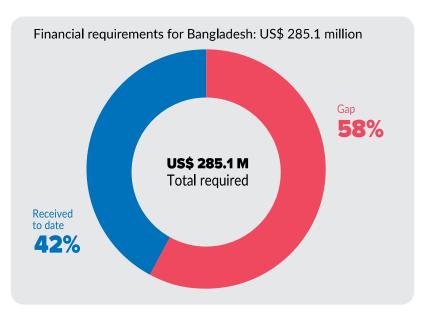


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#### In case you missed:

A USD 3.5 million partnership agreement to provide protection and humanitarian assistance for Rohingya refugees was signed by the Government of Japan and UNHCR

100,000 gas stoves were donated by Join Together Society (JTS) for Rohingya refugees, helping families cook safely and preventing deforestation

A partnership agreement to improve nutrition and health for children and pregnant women on Bhasan Char and Cox's Bazar was signed by the National Nutrition Services of Bangladesh and UNHCR

Goodwill Ambassador and superstar Cate Blanchett shares her concerns and support for Rohingya refugees

## **POPULATION UPDATE**



**52%** Female

48% Male

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## Rohingya population by location

