

In collaboration with the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Sector and the local authorities, UNHCR began construction of an improved shelter design pilot that uses composite bamboo. The improved shelter design helps to reduce structural damages and save lives during natural disasters. The pilot is taking place in one camp where 20 shelters are to be constructed through a multi-sectoral approach to ensure appropriate sanitation, water connection and energy-efficient lighting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- More than two thousand teachers completed a two-month professional development program, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to provide an inclusive quality education for Rohingya students, and efficiently roll out the Myanmar curriculum.
- A new Outpatient Department Complex for the 250 bed District Sadar Hospital in Cox's Bazar began operations on 16 November. UNHCR constructed and equipped the complex to provide timely lifesaving medical treatment and secondary care to Bangladeshis and Rohingya refugees.
- The first round of the Pentavalent and Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccination campaign for refugee children from 6 weeks to 15 years of age in the Cox's Bazar camps concluded on 24 November. A total of 388,003 children received the vaccine, reaching 92 per cent coverage.
- Efforts to minimize water related public health risks such as spread of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD), dengue and COVID-19 continued this month. More than 31,000 individuals were reached through jerrycan cleaning campaigns, 7,000 low-cost handwashing devices (Tippy Taps) were installed in the camps, and over 22,100 WASH facilities were disinfected with chlorine solution.
- UNHCR facilitated case discussion sessions for psychologists, counsellors, and nurses from seven different organizations working in the Cox's Bazar refugee camps, enhancing the staff capacity to scale up care and management of mental health and psychosocial support for refugees.
- To strengthen the quality of gender-based violence (GBV) case management service offered to refugees, UNHCR assessed eight GBV facilities in four camps. Gaps in case management procedures and capacity-building areas were identified, which will be addressed by UNHCR to ensure improved services to refugees, especially women and girls.
- A total of 215 vendors, including 42 women working for UNHCR's cooking fuel (LPG) partner, were sensitized on the zero-tolerance policy against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) across ten camps. The day-long sessions emphasized on the prohibition of sexual relationships with refugees, the exchange of goods and services for sexual or other favours, and the obligation of mandatory reporting through appropriate channels.

BHASAN CHAR: UNHCR and partners provided psychosocial support to some 720 children at child friendly spaces, conducted over 9,700 medical consultations for refugees at health centres, and distributed nearly 581,000 aqua tabs, 38,700 bath soaps, and 19,400 laundry soaps to families on the island, among other critical lifesaving support.

UNHCR has extended the implementation of SASA! (Start, Awareness, Support, Action) Together to Bhasan Char. This is a community mobilisation programme that supports communities to create positive and sustainable changes around norms that perpetuate violence against women and girls. As part of the programme, UNHCR together with its partner conducted a survey with 320 married refugee women and men to understand the community's perceptions on gender-based violence (GBV), and identified 50 men and women participants for community-led activism for the programme on Bhasan Char.



The Rohingya Youth Environment Team visited a stream rehabilitation site to learn about the issues of contaminated and affected watersources.
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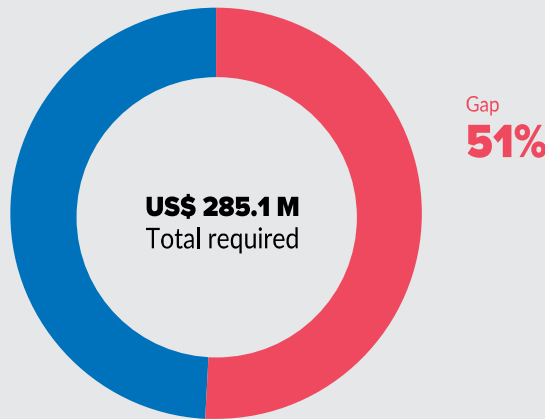
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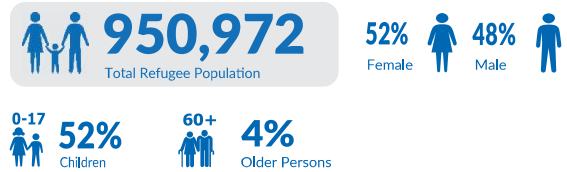
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Fast Retailing unites with UNHCR to empower 1,000 Rohingya women living in the camps through a new skills development project

Bangladeshi cartoonist Tanmoy and refugees on Bhasan Char painted their stories on a 17ft joint mural

A Rohingya Youth Environment Team visited a stream rehabilitation site to learn about the issues of contaminated water sources and proposed solutions to UNHCR and its partners.

POPULATION UPDATE



Rohingya population by location

