Bangladesh Operational Update July 2022



The new <u>Ukhiya Specialised Hospital</u> was inaugurated by the State Minister of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, on 5 July. The hospital, which was constructed and equipped by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, will provide specialist secondary care in the Ukhiya area, including Rohingya refugees. Since the opening, some 100 patients have been treated daily. On July 28, two operation theatres were inaugurated by the Director General of the Directorate General of Health Service and Additional Director and the Civil Surgeon, Cox's Bazar, who together completed nine surgeries.

Dengue cases rose in the congested refugee camps. Some 7,700 cases have been detected and treated in 2022. Among these, sadly six patients passed away. In addition to providing health care, UNHCR and partners undertook mass cleaning campaigns with hundreds of volunteers and launched a dengue prevention campaign focusing on hygiene promotion, through household visits, meetings and megaphone messaging.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- The second round of COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals between12-17 years of age was completed on 30 July in the Cox's Bazar camps. So far 94,588 youth have received both doses. Overall, a total of 524,483 individuals 12 years and above have received one dose reaching 93 per cent coverage.
- This month 166,890 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, andsocial cohesion. The campaign included house to house visits, through which more than 2,500 persons with specific needs were identified and referred to services in the camp.



- After the refugee community identified pressing needs in their blocks, they led and completed more than 500 projects with the support of UNHCR and partners. These were focused on maintenance of pathways, stairs, bridges and guiding walls to help ensure the safe movement within camp facilities.
- More than 800 parents and caregivers participated in parenting sessions, learning to create and maintain protective environments in their homes and the community. Also, some 800 children at risk received support including psychosocial care.
- Out of 100 Elephant Watch Towers in the camps, 56 have been refurbished with recyclable and biodegradable materials. These structures are key in preventing human-elephant conflicts, as the elephant migration corridors were obstructed when the camps were established. Since the beginning of the elephant response project in 2018, no elephants or humans have been harmed.
- As part of the fire prevention and response plan, 34 portable firefighting water pumps were handed over to camp authorities and 470 Rohingya refugee volunteers participated in firefighting trainings.
- To strengthen partner knowledge of mental health and psychosocial support, including identifying mental health needs of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors, UNHCR provided a three-day training on basic counselling and intervention skills to 20 partners. Psycho-social support is an essential component of a multi-sectoral response to (GBV).
- A Reflection and Rapport Building workshop was also organized with 50 allied health actors under the institutional strengthening strategy of "SASA! Together". This program seeks to end violence against women by improving organizational culture and policies. The UNHCR produced an animation video aimed at children 12 years- to help Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), in collaboration with UNICEF, and Cox's Bazar PSEA Network.
- **Bhasan Char:** On World Nature Conservation Day more than 200 Rohingya children and volunteers took part in fun educational activities hosted by UNHCR-BDRCS to learn how to protect their environment. Earlier in the week, over 50 participants from government institutions, partners and refugee volunteers learned about co-existing and conserving wildlife biodiversity on Bhasan Char.

UNHCR completed the data collection for the Nutrition Survey on the island in coordination with WFP and UNICEF. This will allow to best address nutrion needs on Bhasan Char moving forward. The National Nutrition Services (NNS) line Director inaugurated the training of partners BRAC, GK and Friendship who undertook the survey on Bhasan Char.



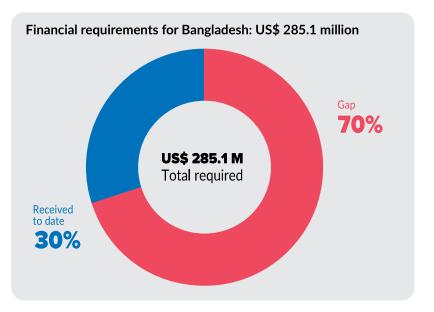


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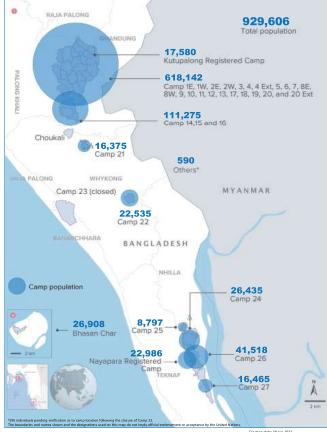
The Japanese vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Honda-san, President of JICA Tanaka-san, and Ambassador Naoki Ito met with Rohingya women, learning new skills to support their families.

Takehiro Kano, Director General & Kichiiro Iwase, Dep. Director of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Dept. of Japan met with women learning new skills & visited the new Ukhiya Specialised Hospital.

POPULATION UPDATE



Rohingya population by location



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