

## KEY ACTIVITIES

### Community-based Child Protection Mechanisms

UNHCR and partners work closely with refugee communities to ensure safety and access to specific services for children, including creating child protection networks. These consist of committees, child and adolescent clubs, and parent groups. Protection networks play an important role by identifying at-risk children, providing peer support, tracing missing children, and raising awareness on child protection issues such as child marriage. Additionally, community-led initiatives contribute to a safer environment for children by sharing information on referral services and providing prompt responses during emergencies, such as fires and flooding.

### Child-Friendly Spaces

Multipurpose centres for children and adolescents in 21 camps provide safe spaces for children to play, relax, express themselves and learn skills to deal with their challenges. The centres offer integrated case management and referral services. Adolescent clubs are supported with activities including a gender-specific life skills curriculum.



Refugee girls playing in a multipurpose centre in the camps .  
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### Training and Capacity Development

Members of community-based structures, volunteers, and communities participate in training and awareness-raising sessions on a wide range of topics, including child protection and referral pathways, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, child marriage, child labour and trafficking. They also learn how to work with children with disabilities, emergency preparedness, risks of family separation and psychosocial support.

Jointly with UNICEF and the Department of Social Services under the Ministry of Social Welfare, UNHCR worked on contextualizing the Child Protection Minimum Standards related to mental health and psychosocial distress, the socio-ecological approach to child protection programming, and child protection training for service providers. UNHCR funded the translation of the 2019 edition of the Child Protection Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Action (CPMS) in Bengali and Burmese to support child protection standards' mainstreaming in humanitarian programmes.

### Case Management and Psychosocial Support

Caseworkers were trained on UNHCR Best Interests Procedures (BIP) that, include Best Interest Assessment (BIA), Best Interest Determination (BID) and case management. The BIP informs recommendations and decision-making for children at risk. A BID panel based on global guidelines was established to cover all 33 camps. Most child protection cases reported include children experiencing neglect, psychological distress, and physical and sexual violence, which in some cases are linked to trafficking, child marriage and child labour. UNHCR-trained refugee volunteers and partner organizations provide psychosocial support and positive parenting sessions to tackle neglect and psychosocial distress resulting from family conflicts. UNHCR offers psychosocial support and referral to mental health services.



UNHCR SGBV officer giving awareness-raising sessions on a wide range of topics, including child protection © UNHCR/Oshmita.

### Bhasan Char

UNHCR and its partners support child protection services on the island, including case management, family reunification, recreational activities and other psychosocial support. Positive parenting sessions take place, as well as specific programmes for adolescents. Capacity building and outreach activities for volunteers and communities, including children, are integrated to prevent and mitigate the risks they face. UNHCR is also working with other sectors to mainstream child protection services.

**KEY FIGURES COX'S BAZAR CAMPS**



**69**

Multipurpose centres for children & adolescent



**503**

Refugee volunteers engaged in child protection



**647**

Unaccompanied, separated or lost children reunified with their caregivers



**996**

Individuals from service providers trained on protection, including gender



**1,295**

Refugees participated in capacity development trainings



**6,769**

Adolescents participating in life skills and pre-vocational training



**4,088**

Refugee caregivers trained on positive parenting



**9,235**

Children at heightened risk for whom a Best Interests Procedure was initiated



**75**

Child protection committees established



**10,926**

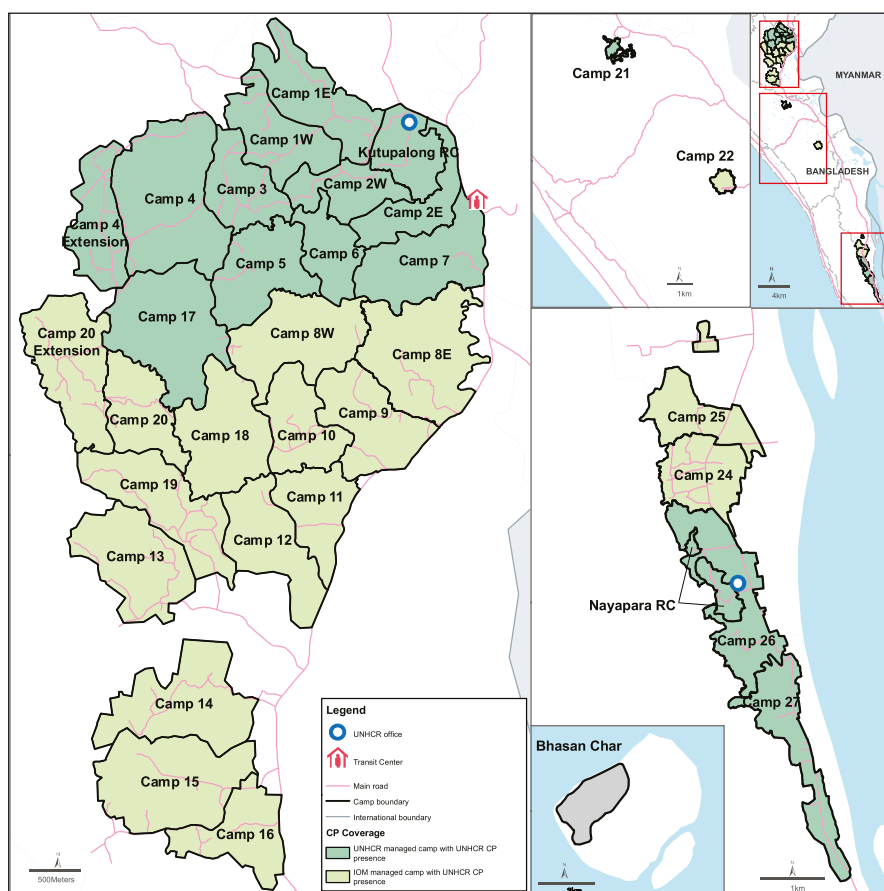
Girls and boys, benefiting from psychosocial services



**38,254**

Children and community members reached by prevention activities

**PARTNER PRESENCE MAP**



**KEY FIGURES BHASHAN CHAR**



**69**

Individuals from service providers trained on protection, including gender



**292**

Refugees participated in capacity development trainings



**104**

Refugee caregivers trained on positive parenting



**5,514**

Children and community members reached by prevention activities



**749**

Unaccompanied and separated children and other children at heightened risk for whom a Best Interests Procedure was initiated