



World Food Programme



# WFP Bangladesh

## Influx of Rohingya

### Situation Report #9

20 November 2017

## In Numbers

**621,000\*** people newly arrived in Bangladesh  
**694,200** people have received food assistance  
**677,745** newly arrived people have received rice  
**288,900** people have received micronutrient fortified biscuits  
**78,500** pregnant women, new mothers and children have received special, high-nutrient porridge

\*As reported by the Inter Sector Coordination Group

## Highlights

- WFP is distributing a fortnightly food basket of 25 kg of rice and non-cereal food items to newly arrived families. To date, 632,270 people (140,526 households) have received rice, lentils, and vegetable oil.
- WFP continues to provide micronutrient fortified biscuits to people as they cross the border in to Bangladesh.

## Situation Update

- An estimated 621,000 people have crossed the border into Bangladesh since 25 August. Based on observations of food distributions, WFP and the Government expect the number to be near 700,000.
- The Government of Bangladesh has begun work on the 3,000-acre expansion camp to accommodate the increasing number of people arriving. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief through its Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner's Office will coordinate with humanitarian partners including WFP, UNHCR, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to install basic facilities.

## WFP Response

- On 9 September, WFP began distributing fortnightly food baskets of 25 kg of rice per household. Four rounds have been completed, with 677,745 people receiving rice in the fourth round. The fifth round is ongoing, with 455,100 people having received rice in this round so far. WFP is operating in 15 distribution points across Cox's Bazar, providing food to 1,500-2,400 households in each. WFP is pairing with NGOs to provide non-cereal food items (lentils and vegetable oil) in this round.
- WFP has distributed micronutrient fortified biscuits to 288,900 people (as of 18 November). WFP has staff based at Shahporir Dwip where people continue to cross the border. New arrivals receive 6 packets of biscuits per person and are registered with beneficiary cards.
- WFP provides rice to Action Contre la Faim (ACF), who, in turn, provide hot meals of *khichuri* (rice and lentil porridge) to newly arrived families. This partnership fills the gap between distributions of fortified biscuits and rice. Community kitchens and mobile teams have been feeding 50,000 people daily.

- WFP has reached an agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to provide food assistance to the people stranded at the border including in 'no-mans land'.
- WFP is working with the non-governmental organizations SHED, MUKTI, RIC and YPSA, ACF, and Save the Children to distribute food assistance in the sites.
- Under the Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) WFP is the lead of the Logistics Sector, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, and lead of the Food Security Sector in Cox's Bazar. Through the sectors, WFP provides assistance to humanitarian partners to allow for efficient and effective provision of humanitarian services.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP plans to continue providing micronutrient fortified biscuits to families as they arrive.
- Households will continue to be provided with 25 kg of rice every two weeks until February 2018. The food basket includes monthly rations of 50 kg of rice, 9 kg of lentils, and 4 litres of vegetable oil per household. WFP will also continue supplying ACF with rice for hot meals.
- In its pre-existing nutrition centres, WFP is absorbing the new influx of pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under 5, reaching 78,500 people with SuperCereal and SuperCereal Plus to date. WFP has established 10 new blanket supplementary feeding sites as of 19 November, bringing the total to 14 sites. By mid-late December, WFP aims to have at least 20 sites serving over 230,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under 5.



## Supply Chain

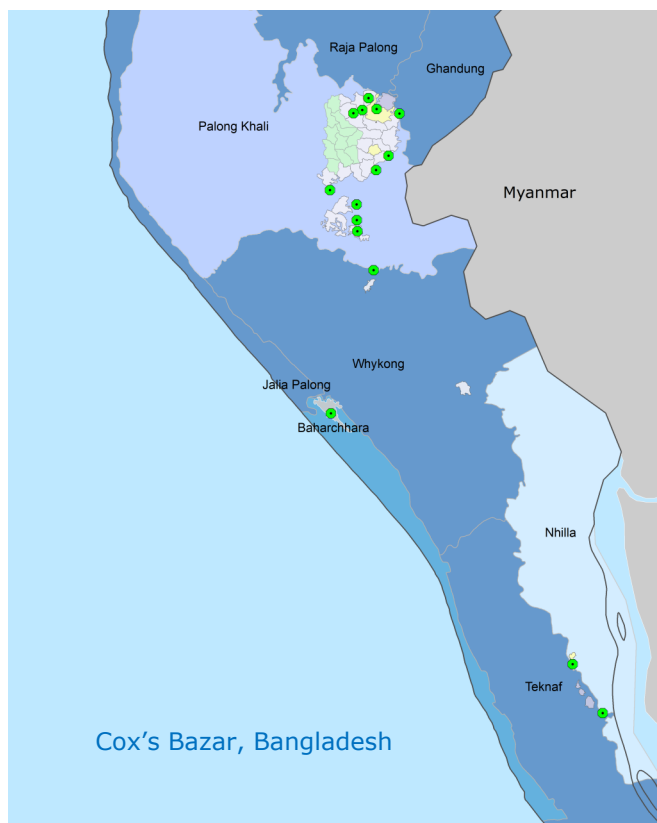
- A logistics hub is being set up to enhance storage capacity and support the delivery of humanitarian aid. The hub is comprised of 16 mobile storage units (MSUs) with a total capacity of 6,400 m<sup>3</sup>. Three MSUs located outside the camps have been erected as additional storage support to the Government.
- The Logistics Sector Hub is now receiving cargo from eight different partners (Save the Children, UNICEF, Christian Aid, Solidarités International, WaterAid, NGO Forum, IFRC and WFP).
- Engineering work for the construction of a road and river crossing is in the final stages; this is expected to enable truck access to the remote western part of the Kutupalong 'mega camp', and the establishment of additional distribution points.



## Resourcing Update

- The UN has released a revised response plan for USD 434 million to assist 1.2 million people until February 2018.
- WFP urgently needs at least US\$77 million to assist 1.009 million people: 700,000 new arrivals, 75,000 pre-August influx, 34,000 registered refugees, and 200,000 impacted host community members until February 2018.
- WFP requires a combined total of US\$3.7 million for the Logistics Sector (US\$3.03 million) and Emergency Telecommunications Sector (US\$0.65 million) for the next six months.
- WFP has secured US\$21.7 million to date, with a further US\$40 million pledged or at proposal stage. WFP has confirmed the following contributions:
  - US\$3.2 million from Denmark
  - US\$2 million from Australia
  - US\$1.1 million from Canada
  - US\$650,000 from Norway
  - US\$530,000 from Italy
  - US\$6 million from United States
  - US\$1.1 million from ECHO
  - US\$1.9 million from United Kingdom
  - US\$240,000 from Luxembourg
  - US\$90,000 from a private donor
- Through the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, WFP participated in a joint Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) application and has received a total of US\$4.9 million in two rounds.

## WFP Round 5 Food Distribution Points



Source: WFP distribution points as of 19 November 2017



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