



# WFP Bangladesh

## Rohingya Refugee Response

### Situation Report #21

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#### In Numbers

**725,000** refugee arrivals since August 2017

**14,922** refugee arrivals since January 2018

#### During November:

**870,000 refugees** received food assistance

- **145,000 families** received in-kind food
- **42,000 families** received assistance through e-vouchers

#### Highlights

- According to the latest Emergency Nutrition Assessment, the Global Acute Malnutrition rate among refugee children under five, who arrived in 2017, went down from 19.3 percent (October 2017) to 11 percent (November 2018).
- WFP urgently needs USD 40.6 million to meet basic food needs for refugees through the next six months.

#### WFP Rohingya Refugee Emergency Response

Resourcing (USD)	Total Requirements	Total Received
Phase II (March-Dec 2018)	<b>243 m</b>	<b>199 m</b>

#### Life-saving Food and Nutrition Assistance

- During November, WFP provided in-kind food from 21 distribution points, including a newly constructed site in camp 20 extension, and a mobile site in camp 4 extension. Household categories by family sizes have been adjusted from the December cycle. There are now four categories: families with 1-3 members, 4-7 members, 8-10 members and families with more than 11 members. Ration sizes are adjusted for each category.
- To scale up e-voucher assistance, WFP has completed construction of two new outlets in Mainnerghona and camp D5. E-voucher assistance continues, for a quarter of the refugees, with a diverse food basket comprising of 18 food items including fresh vegetables, spices, dried fish, eggs, pulses and rice.
- During November, WFP assisted 196,000 children under five years of age and 40,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women through malnutrition prevention and treatment programmes across 35 nutrition centres in the camps and 86 in the host community. In addition to Supercereal and Supercereal Plus, Ready-to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) was distributed for treatment in all sites in the camps.



#### School Feeding: Rohingya refugees and host community

- During November, WFP expanded school feeding activities in the refugee camps to over 1,700 learning centres and reached more than 175,000 children with locally produced micronutrient fortified biscuits. School feeding is ongoing across 557 host community schools and reaches over 144,000 children.
- In the host community schools, WFP also provides awareness sessions and trainings promoting nutrition and health among students, guardians and school teachers.



#### Cyclone Preparedness and Risk Mitigation

- As a preparatory measure, a monthly revolving stock is being pre-positioned in Cox's Bazar, for rapid response. Rapid response food provisions include a week of High Energy Biscuits ration and one-off in-kind food assistance ration (rice, pulses and oil). In case people don't have access to cooking facilities, cooked meals will be provided.
- Disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities for cyclone preparedness are also ongoing. WFP is doing rehabilitation work on 40 cyclone shelters.

#### Enhancing Self-Reliance for Refugees

- Technical and life skills trainings are ongoing for 2,100 women and adolescent girls in partnership with BRAC and UN Women. An additional 2,000 participants have started

trainings at 10 Women Led Community centres on sewing. The women receive a small stipend in addition to the vocational skills trainings.

### Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- Refugees and members of the host community participate in DRR activities in exchange for remuneration. WFP, with technical guidance from FAO, planted over 83,000 seedlings for reforestation and landscape restoration.
- A Joint Assessment is ongoing with UNHCR to collaborate on water, sanitation and hygiene activities in the refugee camps. WFP is also coordinating with UN Women to increase the participation of female participants.

### Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE)

- WFP, in partnership with IOM and FAO, is distributing Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) and stoves. More than 10,000 families are currently benefiting from this programme through WFP's Assistance Card.

### Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition

- The third phase of this livelihoods activity for the most vulnerable women in the host community is ongoing in Teknaf and Utki sub-districts. 85 percent of the 20,000 participants received skills training on income generating activities.

### Site Maintenance and Engineering Project (SMEP)

- SMEP continues to repair, construct and pave roads, build bridges and culverts, implement site levelling and slope stabilisation works, as well as to clean and strengthen drainage channels in refugee settlements.
- WFP is coordinating and planning with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the Inter Sector Coordination Group for infrastructure development in 2019.

### Supply Chain

- During November, WFP delivered more than 13,500 metric tonnes of commodities. WFP is assuring the timely distribution and dispatch of food through proper coordination and price negotiation with the retailers and improving efficiency in the shops to meet the needs of the people.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Food Security Sector (FSS)

- The FSS is currently coordinating the Joint Response Plan for 2019 with more than 20 partners.
- A workshop was held by the livelihood working group to discuss innovative options of resilience activities in the camps, considering various challenges such as spacing, policy restrictions etc.

### Logistics Sector

- During November, 4,537 m<sup>3</sup> of relief items were stored in the Madhurchara Logistics and Engineering Hub, where 10 additional containers have been allocated to cyclone preparedness and prepositioning of relief items.
- In preparation for the cyclone season, the Logistic Sector engaged with partners to determine challenges that would arise as a result of a cyclone. A cyclone preparedness drill was conducted to prepare humanitarian cargo and mobile storage units in the event that a cyclone warning is initiated.

### Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- ETS completed connectivity assessments across all camps to provide internet service for all humanitarian agencies and Camp in Charges. The assessment report has been shared with relevant partners.
- ETS completed an inter-agency training regarding the usage of very high frequency radios for drivers from 5 UN agencies (WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDSS, WHO).

### Resourcing Update

- WFP has received recent contributions from Denmark, USAID-OFDA, USAID-FFP, UNICERF and Germany (BMZ).
- WFP urgently needs more funds to continue life-saving assistance for Rohingya refugees and ensure continued services to affected host community.

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