Situation Update

- It is estimated that 480,000 people have crossed the border into Bangladesh since 25 August. The actual number of arrivals is unverified and based on reports from the agencies working in Cox’s Bazar.
- New arrivals have reported that many thousands of people are on the Myanmar side of the border waiting to cross, but lack the means to do so.
- There have been unverified reports from new arrivals that people on the Myanmar side of the border are being prevented from crossing to Cox’s Bazar. The United Nations reiterates that those people fleeing violence must be allowed to seek safety in Bangladesh.
- Six new spontaneous settlements are expanding quickly with 201,000 people already moved there.
- The Government of Bangladesh has approved a 2,000 acre site where 14,000 shelters will be built to accommodate 400,000 people. The Ministry of Disaster and Relief Management will coordinate with humanitarian partners including WFP, UNHCR, and IOM to install basic facilities.

WFP Response

- Since 27 August, WFP has distributed micronutrient fortified biscuits in Kutupalong registered camp, Kutupalong makeshift camp, Nayapara registered camp and three new settlements to 201,800 people (as of 24 September).
- Action Contre la Faim (ACF), in partnership with WFP, is providing hot meals of *kichuri* (rice and lentil porridge), reaching 338,000 people (as of 21 September). Community kitchens and mobile teams have been feeding 50,000 people daily.

In Numbers

- **480,000** people have arrived in Bangladesh
- **446,000** people have received food assistance
- **430,000** people have received rice
- **201,800** people received micronutrient fortified biscuits
- **338,000** people received hot meals
- **60,000** pregnant women, new mothers & children reached with special, high-nutrient porridge

WFP Response

- On 9 September, WFP began distributing fortnightly rations of 25 kg of rice per household. As of 24 September, over 430,000 people (86,000 households) have received rice.
- WFP is working with the non-governmental organizations SHED, MUKTI, RIC and YPSA, as well as ACF, to distribute food in the camps.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP plans to continue providing micronutrient fortified biscuits to families as they arrive.
- WFP will continue to provide households with 25 kg of rice every two weeks until February 2018. Future distributions will also include lentils, yellow split peas and vegetable oil. WFP will continue supplying ACF with rice for hot meals.
- WFP is now providing SuperCereal+ (a wheat-soya blend) in general food distributions of rice to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, and children under 5 years, reaching nearly 60,000 people so far.
- WFP is in the processing of providing 30 mt of micronutrient fortified biscuits to UNICEF for ‘Food for Education’ in the makeshift Learning Centres

Highlights

- WFP is distributing fortnightly rations of 25 kg of rice to newly arrived families. To date, over 430,000 people (86,000 households) have received rice.
- WFP continues to provide micronutrient fortified biscuits to people as they cross the border.
- WFP has activated a Level 3 emergency response for the Rohingya crisis.

Supply Chain

- Since the micronutrient fortified biscuits are produced locally they are being distributed quickly to the people who need them. The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education has loaned WFP 60 mt of biscuits from its national School Feeding Programme.
- WFP has received over 16,000 mt of rice from the Ministry of Food Affairs under its existing emergency response arrangements.

Photo: WFP staff camp overseeing food distributions in Nayapara registered camp, Cox’s Bazar ©WFP/Saikat Mojumder
**Resourcing Update**

- On 7 September the UN and its partners released a Response Plan requesting USD 77 million to support 300,000 new arrivals. Since the plan was released the number of new arrivals has continued to grow and now far surpasses the original planning figure.

- WFP now requires USD 72.8 million to assist 700,000 new arrivals, 75,000 pre-August influx, 34,000 registered refugees, and 200,000 impacted host community members for the next six months. The value of requirements resourced is USD 8.3 million. WFP will realize a shortfall of USD 65 million*.

- Additionally, WFP is the lead of the logistics cluster. In response to the Level 3 emergency activation, WFP will activate the Logistics Cluster, which requires USD 6.8 million for the next six months.

- WFP has confirmed the following contributions:
  - USD 3.2 million from Denmark
  - USD 2 million from Australia (of which USD 400,000 is for the flood response)
  - USD 650,000 from Norway
  - USD 530,000 from Italy

- Through the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office, WFP participated in a joint Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) application and has received USD 1.9 million.

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*Additional contributions are in the pipeline at various stages as proposals or forecasts*