

WFP Bangladesh

Rohingya Refugee Response

Situation Report #20

19 November 2018

In Numbers

725,000 refugee arrivals since August 2017.

14,000 refugee arrivals since January 2018.

During October:

884,564 refugees received General Food Assistance (GFA)

- **673,800 refugees** through in-kind GFA.
- **210,764 refugees** through E-vouchers.

Highlights

- WFP Executive Director, David Beasley visited Cox's Bazar with the Minister of Development Cooperation of Denmark, Ulla Tornaes, to understand the ongoing WFP response to the refugee crisis. Additional funding amounting to USD 4.6 million was [confirmed](#) for WFP by the Minister.
- WFP urgently needs USD 22 million to meet basic food needs for refugees for the next 6 months.

WFP Response

WFP Rohingya Refugee Emergency Response

	Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
Phase II (March -Dec 2018)	243 m	191 m

Life-saving Food and Nutrition Assistance

- During October, WFP assisted 673,800 refugees through GFA across 20 distribution points including the newly constructed site in camp 20. A new distribution site is under construction at Camp 4 extension.
- In 2019, WFP plans to open additional retail outlets to scale up food assistance through e-vouchers. Construction work for two new outlets in Mainnerghona and camp D5 is ongoing. During October, 210,764 refugees were assisted through e-vouchers, with a diverse food basket comprising of 18 different items including fresh vegetables, spices, dried fish, eggs, pulses, and rice.
- During October, WFP assisted 196,800 children under five years and 41,008 pregnant and breastfeeding women under malnutrition prevention and treatment programme across 31 nutrition centres in the camps and 86 in the host community. Additionally, Ready-to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) was distributed for treatment in all sites.



School Feeding: Rohingya refugees and host community (SF)

- During October, WFP expanded school feeding activities to 1,515 learning centres and reached 158,700 refugee children with locally produced micronutrient fortified biscuits. Some 64 teachers were provided with teachers training in the host community on how to provide better instructions in Bangla language to students. SF is ongoing across 557 learning centres and reaches out to 144,000 host community children.



Cyclone Preparedness and Risk Mitigation

- As a preparatory measure, food is being pre-positioned in Cox's Bazar as a monthly revolving stock for rapid response, general food assistance, and/or school feeding programme. Rapid response food provision will include a week of High Energy Biscuit ration. GFA rations will be reprogrammed for hot meals and community kitchens, for/when people do not have access to cooking facilities or food storage.
- Furthermore, WFP has received support from the Office of U.S Foreign Disaster Assistance and is readily liaising with the Government, including the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), to ensure proper response mechanism for the ongoing cyclone season.

Livelihood and Self Reliance Activities

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities: are being implemented through cash for work. WFP planted over 82,000 seedlings of trees for reforestation and landscape restoration, with technical guidance from FAO. WFP has also started rehabilitation work on 14 cyclone shelters in Teknaf, an area prone to cyclones. Discussions are being held to collaborate on joint DRR activities with UNHCR and UNWOMEN in the refugee camps.

Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition (EFSN): The third phase of this livelihood activity for economically vulnerable local host community women is ongoing in Teknaf and Uhkiya sub-districts. WFP is working towards scaling up the programme to include women from Maheshkhali, Kutubdia and Pekua.

Self Reliance: Preparatory work with UNFPA is ongoing to include an additional livelihood and prevention of Gender Based Violence focused intervention for 2,000 women and girls. Monthly cash distributions of USD 12 has been disbursed.

SAFE: WFP with partners IOM and FAO, through its beneficiary and transfer management system, SCOPE, is providing cooking and stove fuel. During October, 11,899 families received the first refill of cooking and stove fuel/Liquified Petroleum Gas through SCOPE.

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 cleaning and strengthening of drainage channels in refugee settlements. During October, a joint meeting was held between SMEP and the Local Government Engineering Department to understand infrastructural development plans and to ensure local government support while implementing activities.

Supply Chain

- During October, WFP delivered more than 12,600 metric tonnes (mt) of commodities. Two mobile storage units with storage capacity of 800 mt have been installed at the transshipment point and function as the extended delivery point after the closure of Uhkiya hub.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Sector

- The sector has coordinated the review of the 2018 Joint Response Plan and developed a priority list of activities for the last quarter of 2018. The sector is working with more than 30 partners on the JRP for 2019. In addition, the sector is also collaborating with the REACH team to undertake a Multisector Needs Assessment for the Host community and has incorporated Food Security Sector indicators in the survey tool.



Logistics Sector

- During October 4,502m³ of cargo from 8 organisations was handled at the Madhuchara Logistics & Engineering Hub and the Teknaf Logistics Hub. A stock of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) is in store for rapid deployment following a cyclone event should the need arise. Furthermore, Standard Operating Procedures for preparing MSUs and storing relief items have been developed and shared with humanitarian organizations.



Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for ETS support for information hubs and will be supported with equipment and connectivity.



Resourcing Update

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

Contacts

- **Dipayan Bhattacharyya**, Country Director, a.i
Dipayan.bhattacharyya@wfp.org
- **Peter Guest**, Emergency Coordinator,
peter.guest@wfp.org
- **Seetashma Thapa**, Operational Information Management/Reports Officer for Cox' Bazaar
Seetashma.thapa@wfp.org
- **Ukhengching Marma**, Reports Assistant,
ukhengching.marma@wfp.org