## In Numbers

- **7,928 mt** of food distributed
- **US$ 6.09 million** cash based transfers made
- **US$ 71.05 million** six months (February 2020 - July 2020) net funding requirements, of which US$ 64.27 million is for the Cox's Bazar L2 Emergency Response
- **1.4 million** people assisted in January 2020

## Situational Updates

United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, undertook her final official mission, which lasted till 23 January. Lee visited Thailand and Bangladesh to speak to interlocutors and receive information about the situation in Myanmar from both sides of the border. Read her end of mission statement [here](#).

In response to a recent measles outbreak in 15 refugee camps, the Government of Bangladesh initiated a Measles and Rubella immunization, targeting 315,000 Rohingya children aged 6 months to 10 years.

FAO, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO jointly published the latest [Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition for Asia and the Pacific (2019)](#). This focuses on social protection and the need for more research into the impact of social protection programmes on the health and nutrition of the poor, especially women and children, people with disabilities, and indigenous people.

## Operational Updates

In January, WFP assisted 878,032 refugees with General Food Assistance; 373,199 refugees received in-kind food and 504,833 received e-vouchers. With such e-vouchers families can buy their staples and fresh produce using a WFP assistance card (holding US$9 per person per month) for up to 20 food items at 27 shops in 13 e-voucher outlets inside the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in collaboration with WFP and the Department of Disaster Management officially launched the Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger (BRAZH) project to help households and communities become more resilient in the face of natural disasters. WFP has started to pilot a series of innovative approaches to resilience-building, including forecast-based financing models, and seasonal livelihoods planning, as well as looking into micro-insurance products, to develop climate-resilience options for livelihoods.

The World Bank agreement in which WFP will receive US$ 35 million to assist refugees in Cox’s Bazar was approved by the Government’s procurement unit on 28 January. Formal signature of the agreement is still pending.
The Honourable State Minister of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education inaugurated the school feeding programme at Rowmari and Rajibpur upazilas of Kurigram on 14 January. As part of the school feeding programme, WFP organized cooks' training in Porsha, Bera, Saghat, Phulbari, and Tungipara upazilas, on safe food preparation.

WFP supported the Cabinet Division of the Government of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council to facilitate a training session on basic nutrition and nutrition-sensitive programming for 85 senior and mid-level government officials from 43 ministries and government agencies.

WFP and the local government engineering division signed a memorandum of understanding on 28 January 2020 to develop the Poverty and Nutrition Map. This is part of the PROVATI³ project which promotes resilience of vulnerable households through access to infrastructure, improved skills and information in Bangladesh's poorest areas.

WFP handed over 40 newly rehabilitated cyclone shelters built in government schools in Cox's Bazar. Each shelter has room for an average of 1,000 people. WFP structurally rehabilitated the shelters as part of the first phase of the Disaster Resilience Project, to strengthen the capacities of local governments and communities to be better prepared for and respond to natural disasters. In 2020, WFP expects to rehabilitate another 40 shelters. Read more here.

WFP started distribution of dates donated by Qatar in the Chittagong Hill Tracts on 21 January, in support of 79,000 students in 24 upazilas. Each child received 2 kg of dates.

WFP is transitioning all e-voucher assistance outlets to become plastic-free. This is part of the plastic-free initiative, as featured on the UN twitter account.

**Voices from the community**

Ramida is the first shopper through the door at WFP's newly opened store which will serve 50,000 people every month. “I will cook a fish and egg curry for dinner tonight,” she explains. “We'll eat the fruits which my daughter will be transitioned to my son. He’ll get the benefit of it.”

“Pointing to her card, Ramida adds: “I have never shopped like this before but I am happy because I can buy many things with this.” Read the full story here.

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