



World Food Programme

# WFP Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Response

## Situation Report #34 January 2020



### In Numbers

**855,000** refugees in the camps<sup>1</sup>

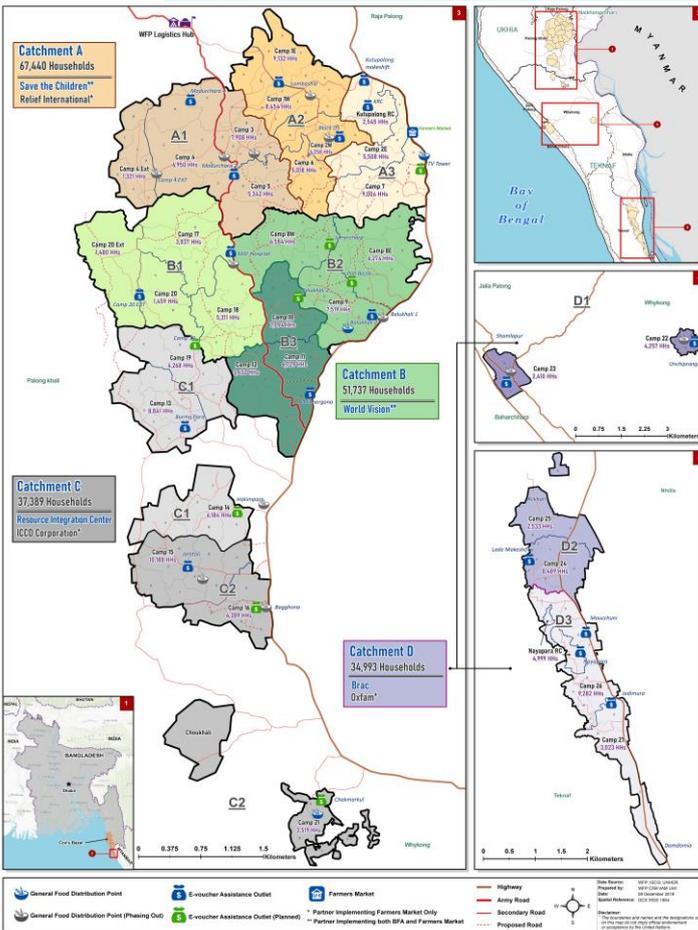
**100 percent** of the population provided with general food assistance in January 2020

**300,000** people receive WFP assistance in the local communities

### Highlights

- **Aligning of WFP beneficiary database with the recently (January 2020) released Government of Bangladesh - UNHCR refugee population figure is ongoing.** The current population figure stands at 855,000.
- WFP provides integrated food assistance to **100 percent** of the refugee population i.e., **855,000 refugees** in the camps.
- **WFP plans to scale-up the farmers' market with operationalizing four more through March.** Currently, **more than 30,000 individuals** are assisted through the market which has engaged 24 farmers, retailers and small-scale traders.
- **Refugee Emergency Vulnerability Assessment (REVA) III** internal presentations are ongoing. This will be key at determining programme priorities for WFP and relevant humanitarian actors in Cox's Bazar.

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### Situation Update

- Relocation of refugees to Bhasan Char is still uncertain. According to Md Enamur Rahman, state minister for disaster management and relief, the government is seriously re-thinking over the relocation plans.
- Unsafe sea travel still a concern in Cox's Bazar. Recently over 17 casualties were reported from the Bay of Bengal from a boat capsized in the coast of St. Martins Island (in Teknaf) in the Bay of Bengal.

Photo 1: WFP livelihood programme beneficiary engaging with the Farmers' market pilot that brings the local farmers, traders and micro-retailers to provide fresh foods to the refugees.

## WFP Response

- WFP, through its cooperating partners, is providing emergency food and nutrition assistance to the affected population. In January more than 83,000 households (370,000 individuals) were assisted through in-kind modality and 109,000 households (505,000 individuals) through e-voucher modality in 14 outlets. Additionally, five fresh food corners are established which provides fresh vegetables, animal produce to the refugees.
- WFP is targeting 856,000 refugees in February which aligned with the recently announced refugee population figure as part of the re-verification exercise undertaken by Government of Bangladesh – UNHCR (January).

## WFP Preparedness

- As part of emergency preparedness efforts WFP will be undertaking a simulation exercise in early March. The participants would include internal staff from Cox's Bazar and Dhaka.
- WFP continues to work with cooperating partners on measures to ensure that WFP can continue to assist the affected population while ensuring the safety of beneficiaries, cooperating partner staff and commodities.

## WFP Programme

- **Nutrition Assistance:** WFP in Cox's Bazar launched a campaign on deworming as a response to the high rates of anemia in the camps. This was targeted at three to five-year-old children enrolled in the nutrition centres. Currently WFP implements the moderate acute malnutrition services in 45 integrated sites (which provides both treatment and prevention assistance to both severe and moderate acute malnutrition). This ensure harmonization and smooth service delivery.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction activities:** WFP is undertaking structural interventions as mitigation measures to heavy monsoons and floods across eight camp locations. Every month, close to 3,000 individuals are engaged as workers who receive a pre-fixed remuneration of USD 4 (per hour, maximum 16 days per month).

- **In the host community,** WFP has started rehabilitation of nine cyclone shelters in Ukhiya and nine in Teknaf respectively, of the total 24 planned rehabilitations in 2020.
- **Self Reliance for Refugees:** WFP targets more than 25,000 refugees with portable skills training related activities with three cooperating partners. In addition, WFP will start the recycling project in the camps involving 400 participants to engage in solid waste management in collaboration with existing scrap dealers from the host community.
- WFP has signed an agreement with ICCO cooperation, as the third partner in Bangladesh to engage 250 participants from the camps in the pilot project of *Recycling and waste management*.
- **School Feeding Programme:** WFP started hot meal distribution in Teknaf covering 70 primary schools with over 25,000 students. This initiative will ultimately feed into the national nutrition strategy which would impact all the schools across Bangladesh.
- Currently, WFP assists more than 260,000 refugee children across 4,000 learning centres and 140,000 children in the local schools.
- As part of the data sharing agreement with UNHCR, WFP is aligning its SCOPE database with the UNHCR dataset. More than 100,000 households have been manually re-aligned (close to 60 percent of the entire refugee population).

## Common Services

- **Food Security Sector:** WFP continues to coordinate with 23 I/NGO partners to engage beneficiaries from the host and refugee communities to in livelihoods, life skills and/or technical trainings and cash for work related activities. In the host community, 250,000 individuals engage in livelihood activities in Ukhiya and Teknaf sub-districts.
- **Logistics Sector:** In January, the logistics sector handled 3,600 m<sup>3</sup> of relief items for 17 partner organizations in three of its logistics hub.
- The logistics sector has mapped a total of 154 km of roads which would be integrated into the mapping tools to be used by the partners in planning of their activities.

- **Emergency Telecommunication Sector:** The final draft narrative for the 2020 Joint Response Plan (JRP) was submitted with an estimated budget of USD 5.1 million. The focus will be on the *Chata* connectivity project, which aims at providing critical communication services to 15,000 humanitarians in the camps (approximately).

## Funding Outlook

- WFP would require approximately **USD 331 million** for emergency response activities for 2020 considering revised needs from the envisaged scale-up.
- **Total requirement (2020):** USD 285 million
- **Six months funding shortfall (March 2020 – August 2020):** USD 96 million.
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