



World Food Programme

## WFP Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Response

### Situation Report #40 July 2020



#### WFP Programme Updates

##### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- Building Blocks blockchain technology is operational at six out of 17 e-voucher outlets. The other 11 outlets use the SCOPE system and will gradually shift to the Building Blocks system aligning with UNHCR data.
- To protect the elderly population from COVID-19, WFP arranged for Rohingya households with older persons to appoint a representative to receive food rations on their behalf as part of home delivery modality. This initiative scaled in two more camps and reached 644 elderly in six camps in July.

##### Nutrition Assistance

- In July, WFP assisted nearly 30,000 pregnant and nursing women and 30,000 children under five in the camps and in the host community through the malnutrition prevention and treatment programmes.
- WFP implemented the treatment programme across all 45 nutrition sites in the camps and 106 sites in the host community. The prevention programme continued to be implemented in the camps through GFA sites.

##### Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- In the camps, over 48 km of drainage were cleared in July to reduce risks during monsoon season.
- In the host community, WFP rehabilitated 30 cyclone shelters. Hand washing stations are being installed in 70 cyclone shelters.
- WFP engaged 3,000 men, 458 women and 69 people with disabilities in camps through cash for work activities in July.

#### In Numbers || July 2020

**860,000** refugees in the camps\*

(**51%** children, **45%** adult, **4%** older persons and **1%** persons with disability)

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

Over **500,000** host community members targeted as part of the COVID-19 special support

#### Highlights

- In July, WFP again provided the entire refugee population with food assistance through e-vouchers (88 percent) at 17 outlets and in-kind (12 percent) at six distribution points. The monthly entitlement was BDT 1,013 (USD 12) per person.
- Rohingya households paid one visit per month to distribution sites. Distribution of high energy biscuits and super cereal under school feeding and nutrition programmes was integrated into GFA to centralize distribution of services. Additional porters were engaged to support the households in transporting the food packages.
- As of 30 July, WFP supported over 100,000 host community households (500,000 individuals) across Cox's Bazar's eight sub-districts with cash and food distributions through the Special Support to Host Community (SSHC) programme.
- WFP continues to facilitate mask production in skills development centres across nine camps with 110 Rohingya women. They have produced 143,500 masks so far, including over 55,000 child size masks, of which 80 percent have been handed over for distribution in coordination with FSS.
- WFP delivered 10,000 disposable gowns donated by Join Together Society (JTS), a Korean NGO, to support COVID-19 response in Cox's Bazar. The gowns will be distributed to health partners and WFP's frontline staff. The Logistics Sector is facilitating delivery to health partners.

#### Situation Updates

- Cox's Bazar municipality is still experiencing high rates of COVID-19. As of 29 July, Cox's Bazar had 3,290 cases in the host community. In the camps, there were 71 confirmed cases and six deaths.
- As of 30 July, over 84,000 individuals in the camps have been affected by landslides, heavy wind and flooding, and 7,621 individuals have been displaced by weather events in Cox's Bazar since 1 June.

\*As per the most updated [Government/UNHCR figures](#).

### *Self-Reliance Programme in the Camps*

- WFP distributed BDT 12.8 million (USD 151,800) to 11,245 beneficiaries and 290 volunteers through the self-reliance programme in July.
- 13 volunteers skilled in Communications with Communities (CwC) worked in GFA outlets to disseminate COVID-19 messaging among the Rohingya population.

### *Livelihoods Programme in the Host Community*

- In mid-July distribution of monthly subsistence allowance (MSA) resumed among for 9,425 training participants and volunteers.
- WFP resumed income-generating activities and self-help group formation under the livelihoods programme in July. Regular activities had been suspended since April due to COVID-19. WFP supported 28,274 women enrolled in the livelihoods programme in July.

### *School Feeding*

- In the camps, the first round of high energy biscuit distribution through GFA sites was completed among 183,637 households on 29 July. WFP is providing all Rohingya households with 25 packets of 50 g high energy biscuits.
- In the host community, WFP began a second round of door-to-door distribution of high energy biscuits in mid-July. Targeting over 130,000 school children in each round, nearly 39,000 students had been reached with 50 packets of 75 g high energy biscuits by 30 July.

## **WFP Engineering**

### *Site Maintenance Engineering Project (SMEP)*

- Critical maintenance and repair projects related to COVID-19 and monsoon preparedness continue to provide uninterrupted access to and within the camps.
- Key achievements in July include clearing over 2,500 m of drainage in the camps, providing 15,000 pieces of bamboo to UNICEF to construct an Isolated Treatment Unit (ITU) in Teknaf, and giving material support to 20 forwarding operating bases.

### **Cross-Cutting Themes**

- In July, WFP developed a training module of the gendered impact of COVID-19 among school children for cooperating partners. WFP also developed a gender-based violence (GBV) referral system implemented through GFA platforms.

## **Assessments**

- WFP conducted market monitoring in July to assess retail price conditions in Cox's Bazar. [Findings](#) included mixed price trends of different commodities, stable food availability with some commodities disrupted by flooding (rice and potatoes), unfavorable local market conditions in the camps with egg and oil received as

assistance sold at a lower price, and an increase in credit purchase.

## **Common Services**

### *Food Security Sector (FSS)*

- FSS partners provided 14 food items to complement food distributed through general food distribution, in camps where Rohingya are yet to receive monthly food entitlements through e-voucher.
- FSS continues to coordinate widespread mask distribution in Cox's Bazar, with nearly 900,000 reusable cloth masks handed out by FSS partners in the camps and host community as of 23 July.

### *Logistics Sector*

- Results of mid-term satisfaction survey for humanitarian organizations indicated 97 percent overall satisfaction with activities in coordination, information management and common services.
- The warehouse capacity assessment survey for 2020 was launched. A warehouse capacity map and findings summary will be produced and shared with partners.

### *Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)*

- WFP developed plans to provide data connectivity for 34 Camp-in-Charge (CiC) offices, two isolation treatment centres in partnership with IOM, and various severe acute respiratory infection sites.

## **Funding Outlook**

### **Funding requirement for August - December 2020:**

USD 144 million.

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