

WFP Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Response Situation Report #51 June 2021



WFP Programme Updates

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- WFP assisted 865,308 Rohingya refugees in 34 camps with food assistance through e-vouchers.
- 24 food items were available for purchase at 21 e-voucher outlets. Almost US\$ 11 million worth of food was sold by 12 WFP-contracted Bangladeshi retailers.
- WFP made 20 additional types of locally produced fruits and vegetables available to refugees through its 16 FFCs. The most vulnerable 43,677 households received an additional US\$ 3 to increase their dietary diversity.
- Building Blocks, a blockchain-based platform for inter-agency coordination and online entitlement delivery, was operational in all FFCs and e-voucher outlets in the nonregistered camps.

Nutrition Assistance

- In the refugee camps, WFP provided malnutrition prevention and treatment services to 39,735 pregnant and nursing women and 160,273 children under 5.
- In the host community, WFP provided malnutrition treatment services to 4,005 pregnant and nursing women and 6,067 children under 5.
- WFP supported 1,977 children between the ages of 3 and 5 in the nutrition pilot through which households can redeem an additional US\$ 3 per child per month at e-voucher outlets. The pilot will scale up to ten additional camps by year-end.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- WFP engaged 13,765 refugee and 247 host community participants in DRR activities.
- To improve access around the camps, WFP constructed /rehabilitated 2,573 m of pedestrian pathways, 1,120 m² of stairs, 144 m of fencing, and 268 m of access roads. In preparation for the monsoon season, WFP constructed 780 m of brick guide walls and 2,928 m of drains, stabilized 4,926 m² of slopes and cleaned 206,479 m of drains. WFP also maintained 331,307 tree seedlings together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- WFP completed access improvements at two cyclone shelters in the host community in Teknaf.

In Numbers | June 2021

865,308 Rohingya refugees assisted **138,581** Bangladeshis supported in the host community

Highlights

- WFP opened one new Fresh Food Corner (FFC) where refugees can access fresh produce.
- WFP re-introduced live chicken and fish in three additional FFCs; 13 outlets now offer these items.
- A new saline-resistant agriculture project was launched in Teknaf targeting 500 beneficiaries.
- WFP opened a shop in Cox's Bazar to sell handicrafts, such as stools, pottery, beadwork, textiles, woven bamboo mats and baskets, made by the beneficiaries under the livelihoods programme.

Situation Update

- The nationwide lockdown continued with a stricter lockdown imposed from 28 June amidst growing COVID-19 cases. WFP's lifesaving food assistance, retail and nutrition activities continue, complying with government restrictions.
- As of 27 June, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported 10,181 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 106 deaths in the host community and 1,731 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 20 deaths in the camps.
- Due to rainfall-induced landslides, 200 host community families in the Teknaf area of Cox's Bazar were displaced or proactively evacuated from their homes, and received WFP rapid food assistance; Two refugees died from separate landslides in the Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf.



Scan here to read the latest WFP in Cox's Bazar Information Booklet (April 2021)

WFP Programme Updates Continued

Strengthening Community Resilience in the Camps¹

- WFP assisted 161,346 of the most vulnerable Rohingya refugees with conditional food assistance transfers at FFCs, including 6,161 people with disabilities.
- WFP trained 2,075 participants in volunteer services and skills development, including 764 who received life skills training.
- Through volunteer services, 1,865 youth and Rohingya Food Security Committee members provided COVID-19 awareness messages to refugees across 31 camps.
- WFP conducted screenings of 40 community workfare schemes to ensure activities do not have an adverse impact on ecosystems and communities.

Self-Reliance Programme in the Camps

- WFP engaged 31 Rohingya refugees in self-reliance activities. Participants collected and cleaned 16,000 food packets to recycle.
- Since September 2020, participants have collected 558,310 WFP food packets (Super Cereal, fortified biscuits and RUSF) and bottles from the camps to recycle into 2,460 products.

Livelihoods Programme in the Host Community

- Beneficiaries from 1,706 self-help groups saved a total of US\$ 51,210 in group activities in Ukhiya, Teknaf, Moheshkhali, Pekua and Kutubdia.
- WFP trained 10,089 women on tailoring, nutrition, mask production and saline water tolerant summer crops in Ukhiya and Teknaf.
- Vegetables worth US\$ 126,760 were sold through 23 aggregation centres.

School Feeding

- In the camps, WFP supplied biscuits at GFA sites, reaching 183,959 households. Each household received 25 packets of fortified biscuits, with a total of 230 mt of biscuits distributed.
- In the host community, WFP reached 108,419 children with 250 mt of fortified biscuits. Each child received 25 packets of biscuits at home. WFP provided 48,311 students in Ukhiya and Kutubdia with hygiene kits.
- As schools remain closed, WFP worked with Room to Read Bangladesh (RtR) to keep students, parents, guardians, teachers and Government officials motivated about children's education and learning at home. With WFP support, RtR distributed exercise books to 7,167 students in Kutubdia, and aired 60 read-aloud videos of 30-minutes on national and local TV. RtR also reached 17,423 individuals as part of the SMS campaign on education and COVID-19 awareness.

Gender and Protection

WFP trained 101 partner and WFP staff (53 women, 48 men) on gender, protection mainstreaming,

accountability of affected populations, disability inclusion and gender-based violence.

WFP Engineering

- Under the Site Maintenance Engineering Project (SMEP), WFP engaged 3,815 Rohingya and 37 host community volunteers.
- To maintain vehicle access, WFP completed construction of 280 m of road in camps 14, 18 and 30.
- In preparation for the monsoon, WFP drained and cleaned 3,420 m of canals in camps 9, 15 and 21.

Sectors

Logistics Sector

- The Logistics Sector stored 3,785 m³ of relief items for 19 organisations across four warehouses in Madhuchara, Balukhali, Unchiprang and Teknaf.
- In partnership with Humanity & Inclusion-Atlas Logistique (HI-Atlas), the Sector transported 124 m³ of relief items for two organisations using 11 trucks.

Food Security Sector (FSS)

 FSS drafted a guidance note on homestead gardening initiatives in the camps with technical support from partners.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

 ETS provided data connectivity to 436 users in 38 sites, including retail outlets, logistic and residential hubs, and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) treatment centres. Security telecommunications services were also provided to 955 users from 12 UN agencies.

Funding Outlook

Operational requirement (July - December 2021): US\$ 154 million

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Additional Resources:

- WFP Rohingya Refugee Response reports
- Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) reports

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