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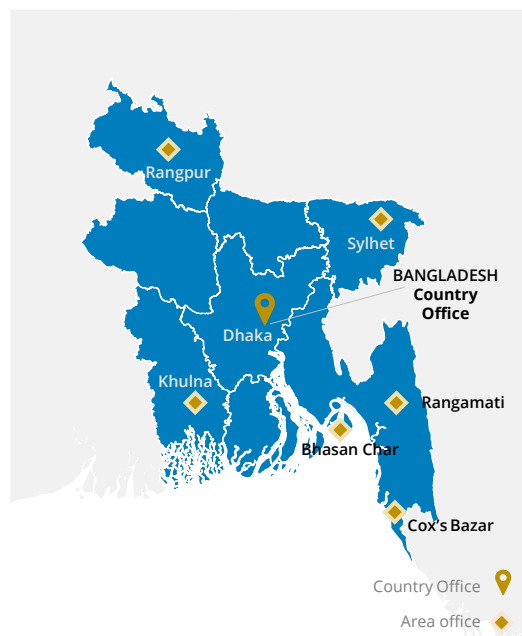
2023 Achievements and 2024 Outlook

In 2023, WFP's comprehensive approach in Bangladesh advanced progress towards SDG 2, with a focus on capacity strengthening, policy dialogue, and innovation. Despite funding cuts, WFP's vital assistance to Rohingya refugees remained critical amidst growing insecurity and climate challenges, emphasizing the urgency of sustained support.

1.4m people supported

US\$124m worth of cash distributed

12,509mt food distributed





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Crisis Response

Emergency food and cash assistance

WFP worked to enhance the food security and nutrition for the Rohingya, as well as Bangladeshi communities affected by severe flooding in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.



1.4 m

beneficiaries supported including **947,000** Rohingya refugees

52%  **48%**

WFP empowered women, vulnerable refugees and Bangladeshis including persons with disabilities to promote community engagement and resilience



134,000

Bangladeshis supported after severe floods in the southeast



189,000

Rohingya women and children reached with nutrition services

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- restore full ration to US\$12.5 per person per month and add fortified rice into refugees' diets.
- enhance emergency response capacities across the country.



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

School Feeding

Direct support and technical assistance

WFP provided fortified biscuits to refugee and Bangladeshi children and advocated for enhanced nutrition sensitivity in the upcoming National School Feeding Programme.

In March, WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education published a feasibility study for the upcoming national school feeding programme. The study's recommendations form the basis for the development project proposal, aiming to reach 3.5 million children.



Joined the **School Meals Coalition**



2,805 mt

fortified biscuits provided



5,110 sessions conducted on health, hygiene and nutrition



336,000

Rohingya children reached in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char



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enhance our technical assistance to the Government, advocating for the approval of the development project plan and supporting the roll out of the Government's national school feeding programme





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Nutrition

Technical assistance and advocacy

WFP provided strategic and technical assistance to the Government to enhance nutrition sensitivity of key programmes, ensuring they meet the population's food security and nutritional needs.



2,141

government officials and private sector stakeholders trained on nutrition sensitive programming



14.7 m

people reached with fortified rice



Collaborative efforts with the Cabinet Division and the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council have demonstrated the power of joint advocacy



63,600 pregnant & breastfeeding women and girls supported in Rohingya refugee camps



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focus on nutrition-sensitive programme design and develop an overarching gender-transformative Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBC) strategy aligned with the Country Strategic Plan.



148,434 Rohingya children aged 6-59 months reached with prevention and treatment of malnutrition



34,000 Bangladeshi women and children in host communities received nutrition services



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Resilience Building

Capacity strengthening and disaster preparedness

To enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities to shocks, including climate disasters, WFP has implemented integrated risk management (IRM) approach and resilience building activities in refugee camps and Bangladeshi communities.



4,794 Bangladeshi farmers trained in climate risk insurance



29,958 Rohingyas engaged in home gardening



2,500 women trained in entrepreneurship and climate-adaptive livelihoods



3,596

Bangladeshi marginal and smallholder farmers covered by WFP's climate risk insurance



10,177 young Rohingya volunteers trained in capacity development

IRM involves anticipatory action, community asset creation, climate risk insurance, and seasonal livelihood interventions for communities living in disaster-prone regions of Bangladesh.

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enhance the resilience of Rohingya refugees through cash for work and cash for training activities and boost the livelihoods of their host communities through market linkage, disaster risk reduction and building/rehabilitating infrastructure.



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Anticipatory Action

Emergency assistance and system strengthening

WFP and the Government have integrated anticipatory action (AA) into existing social protection programmes to generate evidence on its effectiveness in building shock-responsive systems and inform national disaster response plans.



6 tools developed in preparation for future AA activation



28,000 people received cash support ahead of cyclones and floods in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar



41,000 people received early warning messages ahead of flash floods in Kurigram



WFP prioritized most senior women to receive cash-based transfers during emergencies to enhance their household influence and control over resources

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to develop decentralized, localized trigger mechanisms to enhance flood forecasting accuracy and enable timely AA, fostering a more community-centered approach to forecast-based financing.



1m people registered in anticipatory action

Anticipatory action entails community-led early warning systems and targeted measures to mitigate disaster impacts.



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Social Protection

Policy, programme and system enhancement

WFP's technical assistance in policy, programme, and system enhancement resulted in strengthening the country's largest safety net programmes and overall social protection architecture.



1m

women beneficiaries selected for the Government's Vulnerable Women Benefit programme with WFP's technical support



Co-authored a policy brief with the Government on using social protection to empower women economically through digital financial inclusion

With WFP's technical support, the Government scaled up its programme to reach **1.2m** mothers and young children in 2023 – five times more than in 2022



MoU signed to institutionalize social protection efforts in Bangladesh



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advocate for shock-responsive social protection, implement guidelines, enhance MIS interoperability, develop monitoring systems, conduct capacity assessments, and initiate research for programme efficiency.



12,800 people assisted through the urban food assistance programme which has transitioned to longer-term evidence generation for urban social protection programmes

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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Emergency Preparedness

National capacity enhancement

WFP provides technical assistance including feasibility assessment, geotechnical assessment, functional design, and coordination support to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief to prepare for emergencies.



Supported the creation of a ministerial task force on disaster and emergency response

To strengthen capacity for emergency preparedness and response, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and WFP conducted a feasibility assessment for a humanitarian staging area in Dhaka. This facility would receive and store relief supplies, ready for dispatch in the event of an emergency.



1 flood simulation exercise conducted in Sylhet, providing a platform for stakeholders to practice and refine response strategies and address gaps in preparedness.



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- Strengthen institutional capacity for effective preparedness and response to disasters and in the management of emergency supply chain.
- Search for a location for the Humanitarian Staging Area as part of emergency preparedness.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Coordinated Crisis Response



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Common services

WFP continued to provide essential services, including telecommunications, engineering, digital tools, and coordination, to humanitarian partners responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis.



The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided services in collaboration with the UN Department of Safety and Security, IOM, UNHCR, WFP, and 19 member organizations of the ETS working group.

The Cox's Bazar Food Security Sector coordinated with over 60 partners, including government departments as well as the Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation.

On Bhasan Char, the WFP-led Food Security Sector (FSS) and the Common Services Sector worked alongside government and NGO partners for food distribution and warehouse management.



organizations supported with emergency telecommunications services monthly



1.8 km of roads constructed, and **2.2** km of hillside repaired in the camps



Maintained e-voucher outlets, emergency telecommunications and nutrition sites



4 warehouses managed by the common logistics services sector led by WFP

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Innovation & Technology



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Digital partnership engagement

WFP continues to expand digitalization efforts and partnership engagement through SCOPE and Building Blocks, focusing on inter-agency coordination, shared services, cost-recovery, and capacity building to enhance service delivery.

PlugPAY

A new corporate platform tested for direct cash transfers to beneficiaries' mobile accounts



Implemented cost recovery for digital services to partners



Provided advisory support to government entities for Smart Bangladesh (Single Registry and Smart Agriculture)



Built capacity of partners in management of beneficiary data in line with WFP Data protection & privacy policies

WFP expanded the use of SCOPE to facilitate beneficiary and entitlement transfers for various programme activities. For example, SCOPE served as a proof-of-concept to support entitlement distribution for the Government's Open Market Sales (OMS) project.

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maintain our focus on utilizing SCOPE as a comprehensive solution for beneficiary and transfer management.

In 2023, WFP collaborated with 43 cooperating partners, including 24 national NGOs, to deliver assistance to the Rohingya and Bangladeshi communities. They are:



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