



World Food Programme

# WFP Bangladesh

## Rohingya Refugee Response

### Situation Report #16

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## In Numbers

**706,360** refugee arrivals since August 2017

### During June:

**839,650** refugees received food assistance

- **138,940** families received in-kind food
- **46,495** families received food assistance through e-vouchers

## Highlights

- WFP is planning a life skills activity for Rohingya refugees, a self-reliance pilot targeting the most vulnerable women and adolescent girls.
- WFP urgently requires USD 120 million for a sustained response to meet the needs of the Rohingya refugees and the most vulnerable in the host community.

### WFP Rohingya Refugee Emergency Response

	Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
Phase II (March -Dec 2018)	<b>242.5 m</b>	<b>91.9 m</b>

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## WFP Response (June)



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Although the numbers of newly arriving refugees in Bangladesh have decreased since the onset of the crisis, there are still some new arrivals every week. New arrivals are assisted in transit centres, where WFP provides a three-day micronutrient fortified biscuit ration and cooked meals. WFP continuously integrates newly arriving refugees into the ongoing food assistance cycle.
- Food distributions (rice, lentils and fortified vegetable oil), adjusted according to family size, take place on a fortnightly basis.
- Refugees receiving e-voucher assistance are able to use their Assistance Cards at 18 outlets to access food including fresh vegetables, spices, dried fish, eggs, pulses and rice.
- Nutrition support interventions are ongoing for children under 5 years of age and pregnant and nursing women in the camps and within the local community. The women and children receive a monthly ration of a nutritious wheat soya blend (to make porridge), nutrition counselling and growth monitoring. During June, 154,000 children and 33,700 pregnant and nursing women were assisted through nutrition programmes. WFP has introduced a peanut-based ready to use supplementary food for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for children in the camps. WFP now has 27 nutrition assistance centres in the camps and 86 in the host community.
- 262,790 refugee and host community children are receiving fortified biscuits in schools and learning centres daily. WFP also supports complimentary literacy improvement activities in the host community such as providing school furniture, establishing libraries, training teachers and heads of schools on library management, different teaching methods and student assessment. In June, nearly 400 sets of tables and chairs and 1800 backpacks were distributed in targeted schools.
- Disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities such as slope stabilisation, reinforcing WFP assistance sites, widening roads are ongoing. During June, over 12,000 Rohingya refugees were engaged in DRR for a daily cash remuneration.
- Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition: The second phase of this livelihoods project for economically vulnerable local women has started with self-help group formation, trainings on the value and functioning of the groups and monthly cash distributions to support improved dietary diversity for the women and their families.
- WFP has completed biometric enrolment of the

Rohingya refugees on its beneficiary management system (SCOPE). This will support further scale up of assistance through e-vouchers and increase efficiency in overall assistance delivery.

- WFP carried out its monthly market price monitoring to advise price negotiations with retail outlets for cash-based interventions. The assessment also captures disruptions in the markets in light of the refugee situation and the monsoons.



### Supply Chain

- Reduced access to the camps due to the monsoons, weight restrictions on vehicles and inadequate storage space pose several challenges to regular food delivery.
- During June, over 12,600 mt of mixed food commodities were delivered for WFP's food assistance programmes.
- Site Maintenance and Engineering Project (SMEP): WFP, IOM and UNHCR are conducting urgently needed site maintenance and engineering work. The current priority is building culverts and roads, slope stabilisation and extending drainage channels. SMEP has launched a hotline number to monitor and respond to site maintenance requests.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Sector

- The Sector continues to ensure coordination between the partners on coverage of food assistance for refugees and livelihoods activities for refugees and host community. The focus is to ensure an adequate response to the needs and balanced coverage of services across the geographical area.
- The Sector is also coordinating the monsoon and cyclone emergency preparedness plan with all partners.
- Relocations are ongoing for people living in the most at risk areas to the newly prepared safe land in Camp 4 and 20 extension. The Sector is working with partners to ensure food and nutrition service provision in the expansion sites.



### Logistics Sector

- Maintaining access is a priority for continued food assistance. Due to heavy rains, access throughout the camps is affected. Weight

restrictions have been recommended for vehicles. The Sector continues to consolidate and maintain physical road access constraints information through a [Physical Road Access Constraints Map](#).

- The Sector is providing over 6000 m<sup>3</sup> of common storage space and services in three locations (Ukhiya Logistics Hub, Madhurchara and Teknaf Logistics Hub) on a free-to-user basis for the humanitarian community.
- The Sector facilitated a warehouse management training for participants from 12 humanitarian organisations.
- More information about the Sector activities is available [here](#).



### Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- ETS has completed the upgrade and expansion of the UN common VHF security telecommunications network in the field. More information is available [here](#).
- ETS is procuring equipment such as generators and projectors to support information hubs across the camps as well as to strengthen capacity at the local government representative offices in the camps.
- Internet connectivity has been provided at the Madhurchara Logistics Hub and work is ongoing to provide internet at the Teknaf Logistics Hub.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP has received recent contributions from Kuwait, Australia, European Union and Norway.
- WFP urgently needs more funds to continue life-saving assistance for Rohingya refugees and ensure the progress made so far with the host community does not suffer due to increased emergency needs.

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