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UNFPA Rohingya Humanitarian Response Monthly Situation Report



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Meeting the critical unique needs of women and girls amid the Rohingya Crisis

More than 688,000 Rohingya people have fled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh since 25 August 2017. Settlements are overflowing and the concentration of refugees is amongst the densest globally. More than half the arrivals are women and girls. Already **marginalized and vulnerable**, they are bearing the brunt of the crisis. UNFPA is spearheading lifesaving efforts to respond to the unique health and protection needs of women and girls amid this crisis, as well as planning for the protracted situation ahead.



1.2 million
people affected



294,000
women of
reproductive
age (15-49)



>1,580 likely to
experience
obstetric
complications in
the next 3 months



58,800
pregnant
women



All women and
girls, including
adolescent girls at
risk of gender-
based violence

Fast Facts

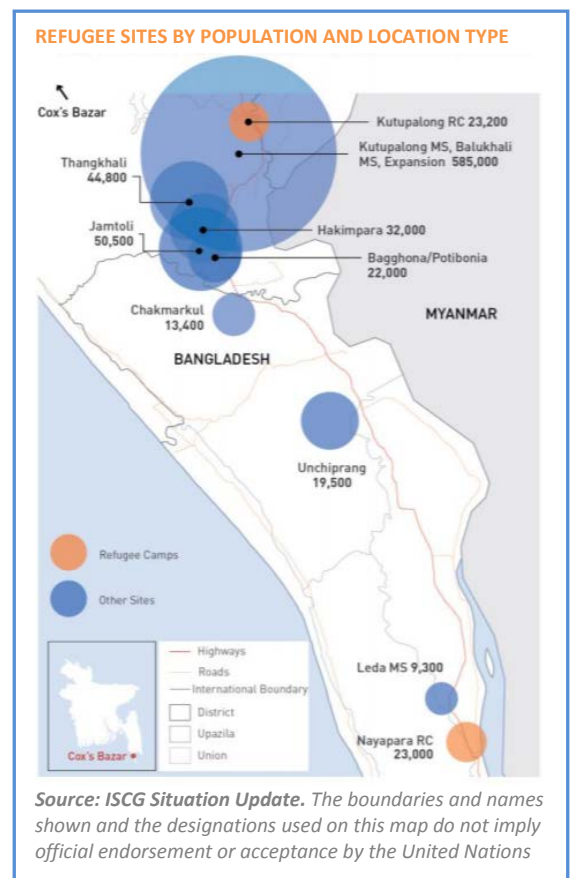
-  >688,000 new arrivals since August 2017
-  585,000 arrivals in Kutupalong - Balukhali Expansion Site
-  237,000 arrivals in other settlements and camps
-  79,000 arrivals in host communities
-  1.2 million people in need of health assistance
-  Estimated >960,000 in need of protection

Key Health Challenges

- Home birthing rates remain high. UNFPA estimates only 22% of births occur in facilities.
- Limited number of health facilities operating on a 24/7 basis.
- Significant gaps in quality and availability of basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care.
- Unclear referral pathways hamper efforts to deliver lifesaving services.
- Technical capacity of health providers to effectively respond to pregnancy related complications.
- Diphtheria outbreak.
- Lack of standard community outreach to ensure continuum of care for pregnant women and newborns.

Key Protection Challenges

- Establishing safe entry points for women and girls to access gender-based violence (GBV) services remains compromised by the rapid expansion of communal and congregational spaces for men.
- The restricted mobility and isolation of women and girls limits their access to information, including life-saving GBV services.
- Insufficient geographic reach, with GBV response services currently covering less than 50% of the settlement areas.



Highlights of the Month



UNFPA emergency 'Tom Tom' ambulances help transport pregnant mothers from the community to the health facility, and for referrals from one facility to another. ©UNFPA Bangladesh

Sexual Reproductive Health



Deployment of midwives



Mobile reproductive health camps



Reproductive health kit distribution



Clinical management of rape

UNFPA continues to rapidly mobilize and expand Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) services through both static and mobile facilities. Services include: emergency obstetric and newborn care, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, clinical management of rape, menstrual regulation and post abortion care. UNFPA also leads the SRH Working Group in Cox's Bazar.

SRH January Highlights

- An incentive program was launched to encourage mothers to deliver in health facilities, including the provision of 'Mama Kits' containing items such as baby clothing and blankets.
- A task-force was launched to develop guidelines to strengthen referral pathways for pregnant mothers experiencing complications.
- Large quantities of emergency reproductive health kits were distributed to implementing partners and government facilities.
- UNFPA and implementing partner Hope Foundation launched a training series on emergency response and 'helping mothers breathe'. More than 50 health providers have been trained to date.
- A directory and map of health facilities offering clinical management of rape services was developed and shared with partners.
- Following the diphtheria outbreak, the SRH working group successfully advocated for the roll-out of the Tetanus diphtheria vaccine to pregnant mothers, integrated into standard antenatal care.

Gender-Based Violence



Dignity Kits



Psychosocial support



Women Friendly Spaces



Protection and awareness
messaging



Girls enjoying games in a room for adolescents at a UNFPA Women Friendly Space in Balukhali refugee settlement ©UNFPA Bangladesh

GBV January Highlights

- UNFPA launched six additional Women-Friendly Spaces.
- Separate adolescent information sessions and rooms were introduced to encourage the participation of girls.
- The GBV sub-sector, led by UNFPA, developed and distributed GBV service referral pathway guidelines and contact details to promote survivor access to services and ensure ethical and safe referral mechanisms.
- The GVB sub-sector and Nutrition Sector facilitated an open forum event for partners to exchange ideas for collaboration and integration of programming.
- 21 GBV and health implementing partners received training on researching, documenting and monitoring sexual violence in emergencies.

Advocacy

Several Rohingya GBV survivors in Kutupalong refugee camp were provided an opportunity to share their stories with Mishal Hussain of the BBC.

“I’m listening to one woman tell her story...as she’s talking, the other ladies in this group of seven or eight, almost everyone of them is crying...you realise almost everyone else here must have been through the same or something very similar.”

“This is probably one of the few places in this camp where the women can let out their grief and their pain.”

- Mishal Husain, BBC

The interview was included in a special broadcast on the experiences of Rohingya women and children refugees that aired on BBC's flagship morning radio news and current affairs programme.



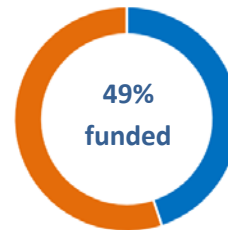
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UNFPA Response Highlights August 2017 – January 2018

- **>162,900** women screened by midwives & RH workers
- **>38,600** women provided with antenatal care
- **>5,200** women provided with postnatal care
- **>1,500** babies safely delivered at facilities
- **>310** obstetric and newborn emergencies referred to higher-level facilities
- **>5200** Clean Delivery Kits distributed
- **>4,800** GBV incidents reported, of which **>3,800** were referred to medical care
- **>127,000** visits to Women Friendly Spaces
- **>85,000** Dignity Kits distributed
- **>43,000** women attended information sessions on GBV/SRH at WFS
- **>63,000** women attended SRHR/GBV information sessions outside WFS

UNFPA Funding Status



13.74 million needed
(to February 2018)

6.79 million funded

7 million funding gap

Donors (alphabetical order): Canada (\$914,361), CERF (\$1,294,356), China (\$300,000), DFAT (\$1,174,609), DFID (\$1,342,272), ERF (\$300,000), Friends of UNFPA (\$56,245), New Zealand (\$688,705), Republic of Korea (\$500,000), UNFPA APRO (\$150,000), UNFPA Bangladesh (\$70,000)

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