The Rohingya Crisis and launch of the Cox’s Bazar Joint Response Plan

Seven months have passed since the crisis began 25 August 2017, where over 671,000* Rohingya refugees have arrived in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh from Myanmar. 52 percent of the new-arrivals are women and girls. Their vulnerability in overcrowded, insecure camps and settlements will be amplified as heavy rains and possible cyclones approach in coming months. UNFPA is preparing for imminent natural disasters and the complex, protracted situation ahead. UNFPA is leading response efforts for the unique health and protection needs of women and girls caught in this crisis, contributing to the Cox’s Bazar Joint Response Plan March through December 2018.

(*Number of new arrivals has not decreased from January’s 688,000 but changed due to more accurate measuring mechanisms.)
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Key Health Challenges

- Nearing monsoon season will damage facilities and hinder services. Relocation of facilities will be challenging due to the lack of space in settlements and camps.
- Home birthing rates remain high. It is estimated only 22% of births occur in health facilities.
- Gaps remaining in referral pathways, especially for obstetric complications. An inter-agency task force is addressing referral challenges.

Key Protection Challenges

- Targeted assistance for extremely vulnerable people, such as women headed-households and GBV survivors, needs scaling up, including psychosocial support and counselling, and psychological first aid.
- Approaching monsoon season will increase GBV risks and incidents. Possible voluntary relocation or evacuation may compound this.

>671,000 new arrivals since August 2017
589,000 arrivals in Kutupalong - Balukhali Expansion Site
185,000 arrivals in other settlements and camps
110,000 arrivals in host communities
1.3 million people in need of health assistance
Estimated >900,000 in need of protection

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Highlights of the Month

UNFPA supports midwives: examining important birth contraction progress paperwork. ©UNFPA Bangladesh

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

- 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 and Rights (SRHR) 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.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights:

March 2018 Highlights

- International UNV midwife is now supervising, monitoring and mentoring midwives in health facilities.
- Shared lifesaving reproductive health kits, medicines and supplies with partners so they can deliver quality, comprehensive SRHR services in their facilities.
- Trained 80 additional clinical health providers in clinical management of rape.
- Posted 3 consultant obstetric gynaecologists and a midwifery specialist at Ukhiya Health Complex.
- Continuing to encourage pregnant women to use SRHR services, providing UNFPA Mama Kits and solar lights during antenatal check-ups.
- Emergency preparedness and contingency plans with partners are near completion.
UNFPA shared about the challenges refugee women and girls face in BBC World Service Newsday and the Independent UK.

UNFPA Global Goodwill Ambassador, activist and hollywood actress, Ashley Judd advocates for Rohingya women and girls.

Ashley Judd, UNFPA Global Goodwill Ambassador, penned an op-ed in CNN urging the international community to care about the needs of Rohingya women and girls:

“So what can we do? The answer is easy: Care, and show we care. We must put pressure on our governments to support UNFPA to ensure it can continue to carry out its vital work for Rohingya refugees.”

See Snapshots from the Field

- Rohingya mothers need services
- Lightening the burden together: Women Friendly Spaces
- Safe spaces for women and girls
UNFPA Response Highlights
August 2017 – March 2018

- >229,656 women screened by midwives & RH workers
- >64,626 women provided with antenatal care
- >7,184 women provided with postnatal care
- >2,113 babies safely delivered at facilities
- >517 obstetric and new born emergencies referred to higher-level facilities
- >8,607 Clean Delivery Kits distributed
- >10,622 GBV incidents reported, of which >7,555 were referred to medical care
- >148,876 visits to Women Friendly Spaces
- >114,149 Dignity Kits distributed
- >96,833 women attended information sessions on GBV/SRH at WFS
- >141,533 women attended SRHR/GBV information sessions outside WFS

DONORS:
March to December 2018 (in USD)

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16.24 million needed
(March to December 2018)
7.78 million funded
8.46 million funding gap

48% funded