Two adolescent girls taking part in the Girl Shine sessions and the Sports Initiative in the refugee camps, lively play the skipping rope. UNFPA Bangladesh/Gaia Paradiso
SITUATION OVERVIEW

UNFPA is the lead agency of sexual and reproductive health and rights [SRHR], gender-based violence [GBV] and life skill education (LSE) providing services to Rohingya refugees in Cox’s Bazar. About 1.46 million people including 919,000 Rohingya refugees currently reside in 34 formally established camps within Cox’s Bazar District. Living conditions in the camps are highly congested resulting in security and protection issues as well as accessibility to basic services including SRHR care.

COVID 19 update among Rohingya Refugees and Host Population according WHO [as of March 27th 2022]: Total number of tests conducted, 3,096 among the Rohingya community and 3,935 among the host community. Total confirmed cases in Cox’s Bazar, among the Rohingya community a total of 169 and among the host community, a total of 98 people. Total number of deaths, 1 in the Rohingya community and 2 in the host community.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS [SRHR]

● An SRH Working Group Coordination Performance Monitoring Assessment was successfully completed, with 32 SRH Working Group partners [78% response rate] participating in the assessment. Over 76% of the respondents reported satisfaction with the coordination role of the SRH Working Group. Other key findings and recommendations from the assessment are being used to plan for 2022 and to improve the SRH Working Group strategic planning.

● UNFPA supported 22 health facilities providing SRHR services in Rohingya refugee camps and host communities. A total of 23,616 Antenatal Care [ANC] visits, 2,442 Facility Based Deliveries attended by Skilled Birth Attendants, 6,474 Postnatal Care [PNC] visits and 32,482 Family Planning visits were attended across the supported facilities.

● UNFPA supported 3 International midwife mentors and 3 national midwifery coordinators who conducted 138 midwifery mentoring visits at 27 different health facilities [including at the Cox’s Bazar Sadar District Hospital, Ramu Field Hospital and selected SRH Working Group

A Rohingya woman receiving ANC services at a facility in camp 2W

1 Joint Response Plan (JRP), 2022 Inter Agency Coordination Group, Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh
partner facilities] in the Rohingya refugee camps and host communities. Over 443 contacts were made with midwives including midwife supervisors.

- The **Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care [CEmONC] Referral and Rotational plan** which highlight health facilities that are currently available to provide 24/7 comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care services across the Rohingya refugee camps was updated in January 2022. The new plan aims to further strengthen and increase reactivity of referral pathways for patients in need of emergency obstetric and neonatal care services.

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES [GBViE] - PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

- A total of **32 Women Friendly Spaces** (24 in camps and 8 in Host communities) were providing comprehensive survivor-centered GBV case management services, psychosocial support and lifesaving emergency referrals. Moreover, integrated SRHR services - including family planning and clinical management of rape for survivors - were provided by midwives within the Women Friendly Spaces.
- A total of **10 Women Led Community Centers** (7 in Camps, 3 in Host communities) supports women, girls, men and boys with skill development and self-reliance activities and receive life skills training along with GBV awareness information such as GBV prevention tips and reporting mechanisms. In addition to the activities they also participate in COVID-19 awareness sessions.
- A total of **91,691 (Female 61,597 and Male 30,094) community members participated in GBV prevention and mitigation sessions** through the SASA! Together approach conducted by the UNFPA Social Mobilization team. The team of 133 members consist of 117 Social Mobilizers (78 females, 39 males), 12 Supervisors (6 females, 6 males), and 4 Coordinators (1 female, 3 males) working within the camp and host communities.
- On March 8th, **International Women’s Day** was celebrated within the camps and host communities. This included a fair within a Host Community Women Friendly Space, vital discussions and advocacy with the Camp in Charge in Camp 15, and henna art competitions, games, and discussions with the community on women’s rights within Camp 2W Women Led Community Center.
UNFPA in collaboration with implementing partners trained a total of 352 (316 females and 36 males) participants including implementing partner Case Workers, Social Mobilizers, Community Volunteers, Case Managers, and local NGO partners.

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**GBV SUB SECTOR**

- UNFPA’s GBV response and prevention activities reached 249,862 refugees and 105,278 host community members in 33 camps and 12 host communities locations by 46 GBVSS partners.
- Partners have utilized the GBVSS interactive dashboard to identify gaps, duplications and coordinate activities/resources, as per the indicator for JRP 2022.
- **173 GBV service facilities** have been identified through 34 GBVSS partners in 34 Refugee Camps and 10 Host Community sites. Within these facilities, 98% support females, 27% support males and 31% support members of the LGBTQI community. Within these facilities, 69% have infrastructure to support people with special Needs and 74% of the service facilities provide Kits (Dignity Kits, MHM, PEP, Clothing, and Emergency Contraceptives) to women and girls.
- On January 9th, GBVSS coordination team collaborated with partners for the Camp 16 fire response by integrating the GBV team with the Protection Emergency Response Unit (PERU). GBVSS in coordination with partners identified and deployed dedicated GBV officers to support protection help desks and coordinated with the Camp in Charge for the targeted distribution of 500 Dignity Kits. In addition to this, 656 individuals (354 females; 302 male) benefitted from psychological first aid, and psychosocial support services. In addition to this, 6 women and girls’ safe spaces were repurposed to shelter displaced families. Clothes such as Thami sets (2,000 pieces), shirts (1,141 pieces), blouses (388 pieces) and underwear (445 pieces) were provided to women and girls, and shirts (850 pieces) were also distributed to men and boys.
- On March 8th, GBVSS activated GBV Focal points to be integrated with the PERU team for the Camp 5 fire response. PFA/PSS was provided to 135 individuals (86 Female, 49 Male), and referrals to services such as health centers, MHPSS facilities and safe shelters were utilized based on the urgent needs. Due to the active coordination with the Camp in Charge, the shelters with women, girls and elderly were prioritized to be rebuilt.
- The **2022 Intersectoral Plan for the GBVSS** was submitted to the ISCG, with a priority list of 19 activities for the GBV Sub-sector for the 2022 Joint Response Plan. The Sub-Sector has also updated the GBVSS Strategy for 2022.
The GBVSS provided inputs inclusive of gender and diversity to the RRRC Volunteer Policy facilitated by the ISCG, to ensure participation and opportunities for refugee volunteers.

The GBVIMS Factsheet for Q4 2021 was finalized and published in the www.humanitarianresponse.info website, and can be found here.

From 23rd to 24th of March, GBVSS organized a refresher training on the topics of GBV Basic Concepts and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse with 25 participants (5 males and 20 females) from 23 of the national NGOs in Cox’s Bazar.

The GBVSS engaged 47 partners/actors/stakeholders encompassing 282 females and 157 males operating within 23 camps on topics such as women empowerment, gender equality, multisectoral coordination, and ensuring GBV risk mitigation.

In collaboration with GBVSS, Suicide Prevention Working Group developed ToT training modules on suicide prevention and response for GBVSS partners.

**ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH**

Through Girl Shine programming 1,433 adolescent girls -1,116 from Rohingya camps and 317 from host communities, including 22 with disabilities - completed structured life skills sessions that had specific focus on GBV and have been equipped with knowledge and skills that will empower them to realize their SRHR, dignity and well-being. Rohingya girls gained knowledge and skill sets to identify different types of GBV and seek support services if they experience or are at risk of GBV. The programme had a **100% graduation rate**.

288 menstrual health kits were distributed in host communities, and the 1,433 graduates of Girls Shine programme received graduation kits. 842 parents and caregivers (406 Female, 436 Male) completed the **Girl Shine caregiver curriculum** that includes sessions on stress management, adolescent girls’ development, prevention, and response to violence and child marriage targeted at adolescents, among others.

A total of 494 theaters for development (TfD) shows have been organized with 4,320 girls of different age groups in Rohingya camps and host communities. The contents were developed based on the issues identified from the adolescent-led advocacy campaigns, including trafficking, child marriage and gender-based violence.

2,900 adolescent boys - 2,300 from the camps and 600 from the host communities (60% or 1,740 are ages 10-14 years old, and 40% or 1,160 are 17-19 years old) have started taking part in life skills sessions using the “Champions of Change” (CoC) curriculum. Participants have received sessions such as assertive communication, power imbalance at home, sexually transmitted diseases, and trafficking, which have been tailored to develop an understanding of ASRHR, gender equality, the effect of negative masculinity, and impactful social transformation among the adolescent boys. CoC facilitators and peer leaders continued keeping follow-up with the previous CoC participants who had already completed the curriculum and provided necessary support to them for continuing the improvement of the life skills they have acquired.

UNFPA A&Y team and the implementing partner, BBC Media Action, worked with several liner activities leading to a final package of 07 video games for Rohingya Adolescents boys and girls. In February and March 2022, field visits were conducted to collect user experience data. A total of 38 adolescents (18 Girls, 20 boys) shared their experiences in two phases within 06 Focus Group Discussions. The complete activity of game development including device compatibility testing which explored the compatibility with around 6,000 different models of mobile phones was performed, and based on the needs received from the field, another set of the same 07 games were developed with Burmese text.

A total of 125 adolescent girls and young women, 303 adolescent boys and young men, 20 female caregivers, and 10 male caregivers benefited from psychosocial counseling through the Rohingya Alapon helpline service. Additionally, 2 quiz competitions on SRHR, child marriage, and GBV were held through local community radio. 2 Adolescent girls and 4 young women and 2
adolescent boys and 2 young men attended the quiz competition virtually.

- UNFPA implemented **sports for development programme** involving youth groups in the Rohingya camps. The initiative included procurement, and distribution of **200 sporting kits for adolescents and youth groups, 2,000 individual sports kits** and selection and training of **100 boys and 100 girls** from the existing youth and adolescent groups to become **local coaches**. As a result, 424 adolescent boys and youth actively participated in **6 volleyball tournaments, 2 football tournaments**, and **4 sallung tournaments**. A total of 500 girls played **10 indoor competitions** as jump ropes, balloon stomp, and musical chair games. The activities were also an opportunity for UNFPA to raise awareness on GBV prevention and SRH, reaching 6,000 adolescents and youth as well as the enhancement the physical and mental wellbeing of Rohingya youth via yoga sessions with 153 boys and 168 girls.

- As the co-lead of the Youth Working Group (YWG), UNFPA organized monthly meetings for three consecutive months and hosted three ad-hoc meetings. Under the leadership of the UNFPA A&Y unit and with the aim of mapping youth interventions in Cox’s Bazar, a platform has been developed and shared with partner organizations to **map out the skills development activities initiated by different organizations**. This participatory approach has received so far inputs from 37 organizations, including UN agencies, INGO, and NGO’s, and reports will be shared among YWG.

### COMMUNICATION: DONORS’ VISITS, EVENTS AND ADVOCACY

- The **Family Planning week** (18-23 December 2021) was celebrated in the Rohingya camps, website article, Facebook;
- Website article on **Men, Leading by Example in preventing gender-based violence**, Facebook;
- UNFPA on the ground to support in the **fire affected camps**, Facebook and Twitter;
- Distribution of solar lanterns to 500 fire affected families in Camp 16, Facebook;
- **Growing Hearts**, Photo Story published on people with disabilities;
- 8 February 2022: **Press Release** on Inauguration of a new Women Friendly Space (WFS) in Camp 15, funded by the World Bank’s Emergency Multi-Sector Rohingya crisis Response Project (EMCRP) and supported by the Local Government Engineering Department- LGED on Facebook, Twitter, Media coverage.

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2 Sallung is a traditional sport popular among Rohingya community
International Women’s Day celebration, 8 March 2022

- Wrap up social media post on the celebrations around the camps [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Published website article on a creative arts workshop that ARTconnects and UNFPA recently organized in the Rohingya camps. [Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#).
- Artconnects collaboration with UNFPA, [Facebook](#); The Australian High Commission in Bangladesh recognized the work on UNFPA on the occasion of International Women’s Day, [Facebook](#).

**Donors’ visits**

- **On 2 March 2022,** the US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) visited Girl Shine and Champions of Change Programs in one of UNFPA-supported Women Friendly Space in Refugee Camp 4, along with a primary health care center, where antenatal care, postnatal care and safe-deliveries take place - [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- **From 15 to 17 March 2022,** the Embassy of Sweden and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) visited the Cox’s Bazar Midwifery faculty and nursing school, Sadar hospital and a Upazilla health complex in Ramu, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- **On 27 March 2022,** the new US Ambassador to Bangladesh, Excellency Peter Haas, USAID and Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) visited the GBV Women-Led Community center in the host community, on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#).

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - 2021**

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