



UNFPA BANGLADESH SITUATION REPORT

UNFPA BANGLADESH EXTERNAL SITREP
ROHINGYA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PROGRAMME
COX'S BAZAR
July - August - September 2020



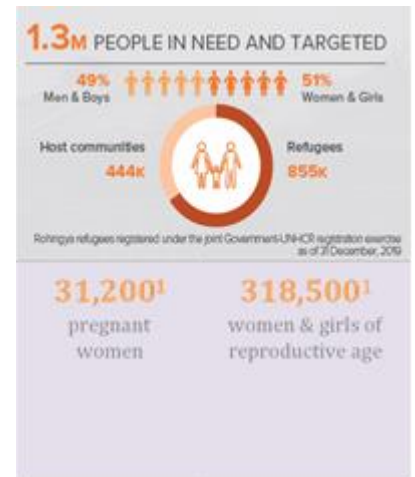
Baby playing with mother in child care room at UNFPA supported Women Led Community Center UNFPA
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SITUATION OVERVIEW

UNFPA is the lead agency of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV) providing services to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. About 855,000 Rohingya refugees currently reside in 34 formally established camps within Cox's Bazar District.

COVID 19 situation: (Source: WHO COVID-19 update report, 30 September 2020)

- Cox's Bazar district: 4,755 COVID-19 positive cases (cumulative) were reported in total in Cox's Bazar district as of 29 September 2020 as per Civil Surgeon Office.
- Among Rohingya refugees: 259 COVID-19 cases with eight deaths have been reported in total as of 29 September 2020.
- From the host community: 4,496 COVID-19 cases with 68 deaths have been reported in-home quarantine as per Civil Surgeon Office in Cox's Bazar as of 29 September 2020.



RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

- UNFPA supported the establishment and equipping of four [4] additional **Emergency Referral Hubs** and **ambulance services** at hard-to-reach points in camp numbers 2E, 8E, 20 and 20E, to help address delays in reaching and accessing health services for emergency obstetric and new-born care [EmONC] and other sexual and reproductive health related emergency transfers.
- **Midwifery mentorship and supportive supervision sessions** were conducted mainly online for 12 midwife supervisors who in turn supported 144 midwives to improve the quality of SRH services to Rohingya refugees and host community women in Cox's Bazar.
- **One day facility-based Family Planning service delivery campaign** was organised at Hope Field Hospital on 7 July 2020, and 10 women received Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives [implants].
- Family Planning commodities including **14 Kit-4; 4 Kit-1A; 34,550 Injectable contraceptives; 16,427 Combined Oral Contraceptive Pill [COP]; 205,704 male condoms; 6,000 Soloshot; 1,100 Emergency Contraceptive Pills [ECP]; 9,910 Implants Jadelle; 100 intrauterine devices [IUD] and 4,340 Progesterone-only Pill [POP]** were distributed to Government, UNFPA implementing partners [IPs] and SRH Working Group partners.
- Other SRHR and related commodities and supplies, including **3,700 Oxytocin; 6,960 Mama Kits; 290,000 Ferrous Sulphate Folic Acid; 34 Kit-2A; 4 Kit-2B; 6 Kit-5; 22 Kit-6B; 5 Kit-8; 5 Kit-9; 3 Kit-11A; 3 Kit-11B; 4 Kit 1A; 14 Kit 4; 600 Misoprostol; 56,000 Multivitamin tablets; 3700 Vitamin A tablets; 80 Magnesium Sulfate and 1,200 Methyl Ergometrine** were also distributed to Government, UNFPA implementing partners [IPs] and SRH Working Group partners. In addition, anti-infectives including **51,500 Amoxicillin tablets; 55,270 Metronidazole tablets; 5,900 Cefixime tablets and 3,500 Clotrimazole tablets** were also distributed.



Emergency referral hubs allow provision of health services for emergency obstetric and new-born care / UNFPA Bangladesh

- Shipments of additional **3,220 Mama Kits** and **4 tents** were received, and distribution plans are being updated.
- **Maternity Red Zones were set up at three [3] health facilities** with support from UNFPA as follows, Balukhali Sub Centre near Camp 8E [22 July 2020], Jaliapalong [23 July 2020] and Baharchora [Shamlapur] UH&FWC [23 July 2020].
- Updated **Referral Pathway for COVID-19 Suspected Patients Guidelines and Referral Schedule for Emergency Obstetrics Facilities** were disseminated to SRH Working Group partners.
- The latest **Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises [IAWG] Guidelines on Minimum Initial Service Package [MISP] Considerations during COVID-19** were disseminated during the SRH Working Group meeting on 23 July 2020 which was attended by 51 participants.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES (GBViE) - PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- In **all 23 UNFPA's Women Friendly Spaces**, Volunteers and Women Support Group members are making use of sewing machines inside the facilities and have **produced over 2,078 washable cloth masks** to date. The masks are primarily being distributed to women and girls who attend the WFS's.
- A joint **UN Women and UNFPA Webinar on Gender Funding** was conducted on 16 July to present the findings of a research study on Funding for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (GEEWG) in humanitarian programming to donors and partners of the Rohingya Refugee Response.



Focus Group discussions in Women Friendly Spaces on GBV response services / UNFPA Bangladesh

- UNFPA GBViE Unit staff conducted **Focus Group Discussions in Women Friendly Spaces**. A total of **58 females** (46 women, 6 adolescents and 6 case workers) participated. The topics discussed focused on COVID-19 and GBV prevention in Camp 2W and 1E, Shamlapur, camp 23, Ratnapalong and Sonar Para, Ukhiya and in host communities as a continued effort to ensure timely access to GBV services.
- Procurement of **30,100 COVID-19 kits (24,167 distributed) and 10,430 Dignity Kits received** (to be distributed) for vulnerable women and girls in the Rohingya camps and host community.

- Sub Sector partners have continued to **provide Individual PSS, Case Management and Referral Services, in all the 34 camps and 11 Host Community locations**. During the reporting period, GBV Sub Sector partners, with psychosocial counselling and support, reached 628 males and 8,839 females in the camps and 1,147 females in Host Communities.
- For the capacity building of Sub Sector partners, the GBVIMS coordinator conducted GBVIMS+/Primero **Training for 15 GBV CM Team members**. The Sub Sector MHPSS specialist provided eight Self-care/Well-being training sessions to GBVSS partners. Inter-agency GBV CM Focal Point organised report writing skills and professional writing for 25 CM Pool of Trainers.
- Through door-to-door, small groups approach with keeping physical distancing, or loudspeakers, COVID-19 and **GBV awareness sessions reached cumulative 261,363 individuals (160,562 females and 100,801 males)** in the camps and host communities. Besides, **6,514 men and 4,308 boys in camps and host communities were reached on Gender Equality during COVID-19**. Engaging Men through Accountable Practice (EMAP) group members also created awareness messages about GBV risk mitigation to their community members and also referred cases for remote case management services.
- **One GBV SS partner started preparation for resuming SASA (Start, Awareness, Support, and Action)**

activities which had been suspended due to COVID-19. The COVID-19 adaptation plan was developed, and the selection and formation of a block wise group with community activists for SASA is going on.

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH



Community consultation on COVID-19 risk communication, SRHR and GBV / UNFPA Bangladesh

- During this reporting period, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the schools continued remaining closed as per the government decision. However, Concerned UNFPA IPs managed to organise parents meetings on the increased awareness on COVID-19 among the parents. **A total of 141 parents participated in the meetings, among them 88 were men and 53 women.**
- During this reporting period, the UNFPA A&Y unit developed **a short project for adolescents and youth, aged 10-24 years, in four refugee camps** to ensure that this population group is not left behind in the shift to remote service provision in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA IPs started implementing the project, which focuses on addressing the psychosocial support needs of A&Y and disseminating lifesaving messages on SRHR, GBV, and COVID-19 risk communication.
- UNFPA through its implementing partner identified a total of **2,010 adolescents and youths (M:1400, F: 610) from four refugee camps** following the community consultation at the field level to take part in the semi-virtual A&Y club activities.
- UNFPA established **67 semi-virtual A&Y clubs across the four refugee camps, 47 for the adolescent boys and young men, and 20 for the adolescent girls and young women**, where A&Y can listen to SRHR and GBV focused radio programming as well as interact with club facilitators and peers virtually.
- UNFPA's implementing partner Plan International deployed a cadre of 20 youth facilitators (15 male and 5 female) and 50 adolescent peer leaders (28 male and 12 female) from the Rohingya refugee camps. They will run the virtual adolescent clubs and facilitate the sessions including lifesaving messages on COVID-19, SRHR and GBV key messages, adolescent-friendly health services and PSS referral pathways, and promoting the Alapon helpline number and live sessions.
- As one of the co-chairs of the Youth Working Group, UNFPA organised a webinar to commemorate International Youth Day 2020 on 12 August, 2020. The Compact for Engaging Young People in Humanitarian Actions 'COVID-19 Working with and for Young People' Operational Guidance was launched in Cox's Bazar during the webinar.
- Youth Working Group developed the Youth Annex for the Back to Learning Campaign, an initiative that will help inform actors engaged in the Rohingya response on how to safely and securely recommence learning opportunities in the Rohingya refugee camps.

Communication: Donor Visits, Events and Advocacy

Advocacy initiatives (1st April – 30th June, 2020)



UNFPA welcomes the World Bank, European Union and the High Commission of Canada in Bangladesh for a SRHR & GBV project visit/ UNFPA Bangladesh

Narita, UNFPA Deputy Representative were the delegates.

- Web news published across different platforms: [UNFPA Bangladesh website](#), [UNFPA Global website](#), [Relief Web](#)
- **Donors' stories:** [Including the excluded amidst COVID-19](#), the story of Mohsina brings to light UNFPA's COVID-19 distribution in Women Friendly Spaces, activities funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

- A high-level delegation composed of European Union, the Head of Humanitarian Aid of the Canadian High Commission, and the Country Director of the World Bank visited the HOPE Field Hospital for Women and Infection Prevention Control [IPC] Centre in Cox's Bazar from 23rd – 24th September 2020. Mercy Tembon, World Bank Country Director to Bangladesh and Bhutan; Rensje Teerink, E.U. Ambassador to

Bangladesh; Phedra Moon Morris, Head of Aid of the Canadian High Commission to Bangladesh; and Eiko

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - 2020

Donors during the reporting period:

Japan, Denmark, CERF, DFID-UK Department for International Development, Sweden, World Bank, Australian High Commission, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Friends of UNFPA, Norway, Women's Refugee Commission.

The total funding requirements for SRH and GBV sectors is USD 21,459,994 in 2020.

Fund received: \$13,522,820

Funding gap: \$7,937,174

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