

UNFPA Fire Response in Cox's Bazar

Situation Report #2 Fires in the Rohingya refugee camps

IMPACT



48,300 people lost their belongings, shelters and food
 92,000 people were impacted
 11 lives lost according to the Government of Bangladesh data

Context

- A massive fire broke out in the Kutupalong mega camp on 22 March 2021 affecting camps 8W, 8E and 9.
- **UNFPA –supported Women-led Community Center (WLCC)** in Camp 8E has been fully destroyed by the fire, all concerned staff are safe; **UNFPA-supported Women Friendly Space (WFS)** in Camp 9 has been fully destroyed by the fire, all staff and volunteers are safe; One of the primary health facilities where UNFPA is partnering with IOM to provide midwifery and related services was also fully destroyed by the fire.

Needs

UNFPA has identified needs totaling **USD 1 million** to rebuild WFS in camp 9 and WLCC in camp 8E and equipping them with furniture, sewing machines and generators, provision of learning materials and recreational materials for affected young people and deployment of midwives, ambulances and support community health workers in the affected camps with SRHR supplies and commodities.

The **Government of Australia** has generously donated a total of **600,000 USD** for the reconstruction of UNFPA-supported facilities (Women Friendly Space and Women-led Community center). UNFPA will provide basic furniture to restore the provision of SRHR services in the IOM primary health care facility that UNFPA supports with midwifery and SRHR services.

Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights



Emergency midwifery services and family planning counseling in camps areas affected by the fire

- UNFPA has been providing emergency response to meet **basic SRHR needs** including antenatal care, safe deliveries, post-natal care, and family planning of the affected population through the rapid establishment of a **Mobile Medical Team (MMT)**, in close coordination with health sector partners on the ground;
- To date, the Team has reached 156 women of reproductive age (WRA) along with 81 pregnant women for **antenatal care (ANC)**. Among them, 55 of these pregnant women were referred to the nearest health facilities for further antenatal care screening and 8 pregnant women were referred to **Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric care (EmONC)** facility for safe deliveries;
- **Family planning voluntary counseling** were provided to 107 women of reproductive age; among them, 83 chose and received family planning commodities (pills, condoms, injections);
- 6,707 affected and displaced persons, including 1,266 adolescent girls reached by **Community Health Worker with SRH information**.

Gender-based violence in emergencies



Mobile tent as outreach for Psychological first aid in WFS and distribution of GBV dignity kits

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Response

- **Psychological First Aid (PFA)** provided both in the **mobile tent** and as outreach;
- **Psychological First Aid (PFA)** provided by 44 trained caseworkers under the technical guidance of MHPSS specialists from UNFPA and Mukti Cox's Bazar;
- The **MHPSS team conducted well-being sessions** for 20 PFA providers in order to enhance their well-being through discussions on self-awareness, management of workload, maintaining a balanced lifestyle, stress-reduction techniques, effective use of supervision and peer support;
- The MHPSS team provided **Critical Incident Stress Debriefing sessions** to 20 IP staff and 33 volunteers of camps 8E, 9, 10. The debriefing helped to mitigate the impact of the critical incident and assisted the IP staff and volunteers to recover quickly from the stress arousal associated with the incident. The displaced people in the fire reached to Women Friendly Spaces in areas 1W, Leda Old and Jamtoli, to seek **psychological first aid**, delivered by staff and volunteers trained by UNFPA.

Distribution of Dignity Kits

- UNFPA's Implementing Partner IRC distributed 712 **dignity kits** to displaced vulnerable women and girls from Camp 9 in Camp 4,6 and 8W.

GBV Sub Sector Coordination efforts

- GBV SS has continued coordination with GBV SS partners on dignity kit distribution and information collection and sharing, including the GBVSS fire response weekly report. The summary has been integrated into the ISCG External Sitrep on Fire response;
- In coordination with partners, and other sectors, GBVSS facilitated the distribution of 7,170, Dignity Kits (DK)/Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits to women and girls of reproductive age (15-49 years) as of 31st March 2021;
- In coordination with other sectors, key messages on GBV were included in the **Communication with Communities (CwC) WG document on 'Key message for Fire response'**, information of the damaged facilities and the rebuilding plan has been updated with the Site Management and Site Development (SMSD) Sector.

Adolescents & Youths



Menstrual Health Management kits distribution to adolescents' girls and young women after the fire

- A total of 1,462 **Menstrual Health Management** kits have been distributed to adolescent girls and young women as part of the emergency response caused by the fire incident in the camps;
- **UNFPA Alapon Helpline** service is providing remote mental health and psychosocial support to affected young people and their caregivers and ensuring adequate referral to SRHR and GBV-related services.

Update of COVID-19 in the Cox's Bazar district: According to the Civil Surgeon's office, a total of 355 new COVID-19 positive cases were reported in the host community from 12 to 18 April 2021. Currently, a total of 2,672 contacts are in home quarantine as of 18 April 2021. Among the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN)/ Rohingya refugees, a total of 29 new COVID-19 cases were reported during the week 12 to 18 April 2021. 219 FDMN/Rohingya refugee contacts are in home quarantine in the camps and 67 in facility quarantine as of 18 April 2021. (WHO Bangladesh COVID-19 update source).

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