

Flooding and landslides update #4

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UNFPA is the sexual and reproductive health agency that ensures that women and girls live in safety and dignity. Both in the Rohingya refugee camps and in the host community, UNFPA envisions a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

Background

Heavy monsoon rain provoked flash floods and landslides in the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar and in the Bangladeshi host communities, in the night between 26 and 27 July 2021. Rains continued uninterrupted for the following week, leaving 80,912 refugees affected. As of ISCG data - flash update on monsoon response #4 of 11 August 2021, 25,281 displaced and 8 refugees' fatalities have been reported so far.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



Mrs. Semon and community health worker Ayesha

Mrs. Semon Kathun is 53, three sons, one daughter, fled from Myanmar with her family in 2017. For about 2 years she has been carrying some difficulties of chest pain, tiredness, headache and low blood pressure, and this is where **UNFPA's community health worker Ayesha** comes into play. Getting to know Mrs. Semon's daughter-in-law, Ayesha starts visiting Mrs. Semon's house to **raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health and rights and family planning**. Soon Mrs. Semon opens up and Ayesha is ready to help her. She talks with Mrs. Semon's husband, convincing him to take her to the nearest health facility. Regular health-check and follow-ups are essential to keep

healthy and remove stigma, false information about visiting health facilities and superstitions.

- **2137 overall family planning**, through 25 health facilities, 14 sites GOB and 11 sites NGO facilitated;
- **20 Midwives** have been working in 3 health facilities, within the flood affected areas, out of which HOPE Field Hospital (Camp 4) was affected the most. The midwives provided antenatal care, postnatal care and emergency obstetric care to a total of **168 pregnant women**.

When a disaster strikes, including flood, older people's health is at risk because they are unable to get the care they need. The flood occurred during the pandemic which heightened risks for older persons to get infected by COVID-19. UNFPA continues to provide SRHR services to all flood affected populations in the camps,



Community health information awareness continues after the flooding

Gender based violence in emergencies (GBViE)

- **141 Dignity Kits, 34 sets of reusable sanitary pads, 377 pieces of masks and 28 umbrellas** were distributed by UNFPA GBViE IP's to flood affected women and girls;
- The GBV MHPSS team with 82 trained GBV case workers along with 82 community volunteers provided **660 Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions** to flood affected and displaced refugees;
- **A total number of 1,491 beneficiaries (1,069 Females and 422 Males)** were reached through awareness raising sessions and key information



Conducting door-to-door visits to assist and link flood affected household's members by GBViE mobilizers (Jaliapalong Host)



Home to home visits for key information dissemination on monsoon, flood mitigation and safety measures and GBV services

dissemination on monsoon, flood mitigation and safety measures, COVID-19, GBV services through home to home visit, one to one and small group sessions. Besides, 246 (159 Females and 87 Males) flood affected HH members were referred and linked with CiC and other shelter service providers through the close assistance and follow up by GBViE social mobilizers.



An adolescent girl in Camp 2E WFS receiving dignity kits. She expressed happiness as the kits will be very much helpful for her who has accessibility issues to services and UNFPA by making these dignity kits available, ensuring her mobility in the time of crises.



Adolescents and Youths (A&Y)

- A&Y unit is working on prepositioning Menstrual hygiene management (MHM) kits in the host community and has distributed **80 MHM kits** on 17 and 18 August 2021. A total of **1125 kits will be distributed between now and September 2021.**

GBV Sub-Sector coordination

- GBVSS Coordination team held 2 extraordinary meetings to debrief about the *ad-hoc* ISCG meeting and the impact of the **latest RRRD Directive issued on August 10 specifically indicating the closing of WFSS and the suspension of GBV activities, including awareness-raising.** GBVSS Coordination team listen to challenges faced by GBVSS partners on 16 August and by GBV Focal Points on 17 August, in order to map and contrast experiences to identify horizontal and vertical opportunities, gaps, share lessons learned and build a joint-advocacy strategy.
- A total of **3077 awareness-raising sessions** has been conducted both **remotely and in-person through one-to-one basis and door-to-door visits and 4180 individuals including 4 People with disabilities PWDs** (2612 women, 678 girls, 820 men and 70 boys) reached through these sessions.

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