Flooding and landslides update #2
August 1 to August 5, 2021

Background

Heavy monsoon rain and deadly flooding swamped the refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar in the night between 26 and 27 July 2021. Rains continued uninterrupted for the following three days, leaving 46,545 refugees affected. As of ISCG data - flash update on monsoon response #2 of 1 August 2021, 6 refugee fatalities were reported, 21,000 displaced and 6,418 shelters damaged.

230 weather related incidents have been reported, including floods, slope failures and windstorms affecting refugees.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, UNFPA and partners have been working around the clock to provide information and access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and protection to the affected populations particularly women, girls, adolescents and youth.
Provision of Family Planning services was continued in the flood affected Rohingya refugee camps and host. A total of 123 Family Planning clients reached through facility and community outreach and seven (7) Menstrual Regulation (MR) clients, and two (2) Post Abortion Care (PAC) clients referred for facility-based interventions.

Five (5) ambulances deployed by UNFPA are being used to transport, mostly women and girls from flooded Rohingya refugee camps and surrounding host communities requiring Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) services, to SRHR facilities and from lower level health facilities to higher ones, including to HOPE Field Hospital for Women, Cox’s Bazar Sadar District Hospital and Chittagong Medical College. The ambulances are servicing a total of 10 Rohingya refugee camps and Eight (8) Unions that were severely affected by the floods;

UNFPA has, as part of Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS), completed an assessment of impact of the floods to its two (2) major warehouses located at Ukhia Upazila (RTMI warehouse) and HOPE Ramu Hospital respectively. UNFPA is also coordinating the work and working closely with SRH WG partners and the Health Sector to get information related to flood impact to the health facilities as well as commodities. UNFPA has been working around the clock to improve storage capacity to minimize damage to commodities and supplies, whilst at the same time working on medium to long term solutions to improve the warehouses capacity to ensure reproductive health commodities are secured.
Gender-based violence in Emergencies (GBViE)

- **602 Dignity Kits** were distributed by UNFPA GBViE IP’s to flood affected women and girls;
- UNFPA GBViE distributed **902 sets of reusable sanitary napkins, 32 pc of Thami, 962 pc of masks and 122 pc of umbrellas** in camps and surrounding host communities;
- The GBV MHPSS team with 55 (39 in camps and 16 in host communities) trained GBV case workers provided **302 Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions** to flood affected and displaced refugees;
- **A total number of 1,081 beneficiaries (594 Females and 487 Males)** were reached through **awareness raising sessions and key information dissemination** on monsoon, flood mitigation and safety measures, GBV services through home to home visit, one to one session and small group sessions. The information dissemination and awareness raising was provided by community local activists and leaders in coordination with social mobilizers and volunteers;
- **A total number of 426 volunteers (342 Females and 84 Males)** have identified, assisted and referred flood affected households to essential services in coordination with UNFPA, CiC, and other humanitarian actors;

Distribution of dignity kits in camp 7 in the presence of the camp in charge

Distribution of umbrellas in the Women friendly spaces to ensure protection and safety of women during flooding
Adolescents and Youths

- A total of 1,114 menstrual hygiene management kits (MHM) will be distributed to adolescent girls starting from next week.
- Members of the A&Y team conducted field visits this week to review the current status of A&Y in the camps and are working to address their unique needs.

GBV Sub-Sector Coordination

- 53 Protection Emergency Response Units (PERU) teams have been operational in 32 camps with a network of 136 Rohingya volunteers sharing messages on key protection risks linked to the weather and identifying and responding to the needs of the most vulnerable refugees, including first aid to persons with reduced mobility;
- 8,511 individuals (33% minors, 52% adults, 15% elderly over the age of 60+) have been reached through this work so far, including 507 persons with disabilities;
- Under the coordination of 52 GBVSS partners, 520 Rohingya volunteers conducted door-to-door awareness-raising on Monsoon, COVID-19 and GBV in Camp and Host community areas, or remotely via mobile phone;
- Psychological First Aid Support was provided to 336 women, 29 girls and 18 men, and Psychological Services;
- 18,093 dignity kits were prepositioned and distributed to 3,355 women and adolescent girls impacted by the floods;
- 49 temporary collective shelters (i.e. learning centers from GBVSS partners) sheltered families whose homes had been affected, including pregnant women that were identified during GBV rapid needs assessments and appropriate and timely referred to services.
- 30 case workers provided GBV case management services in the ground, whereas remote case management was also implemented to increase timely and safe multisectoral referrals;
● The GBV Sub sector team continued to monitor multisectoral GBV related or basic needs in close collaboration with Emergency Response Teams of partners being deployed in the most affected areas or in those that received new displaced Rohingya individuals;
● Imminent needs identified include repair of damaged infrastructure including latrines, fence, and water-damaged WFS/WGSS. Other needs include the introduction of soil erosion measures to prevent additional landslides; distribution of dignity kits, MHM, Non-Food Items (NFI); and safe drinking water or safety and privacy in common male and women areas.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

UNFPA needs a total of 400,000 USD for the procurement of dignity kits and clothes to be distributed to vulnerable women and girls. To address the needs of adolescents and youth, UNFPA will require 300,000 USD for the procurement of menstrual health management (MHM) kits, torchlights, psychosocial support kits, dry bags, clothing and megaphones. Immediate inflow of financial support would be allocated to the purchase of medical supplies, cleaning materials, furniture, electronics and medical equipment in Hope Field Hospital, for an amount of USD 800,000. The long term support, for the amount of USD 1,450,000, would be used to renovate the hospital and build stronger boundary walls for security and avoidance of future happenings

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