

# UNFPA BANGLADESH

## SITUATION REPORT

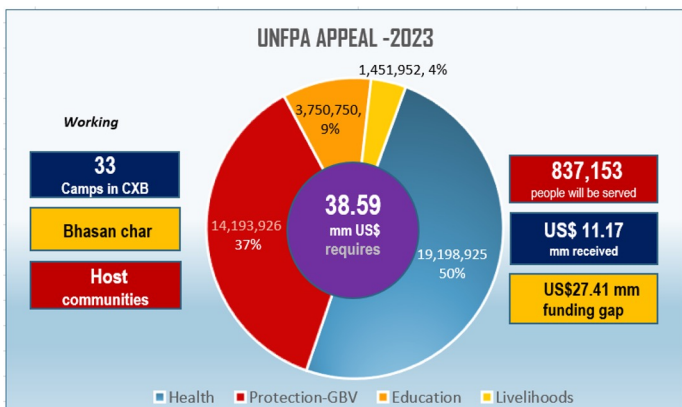
Rohingya Humanitarian Response

Cox's Bazar

October-December 2022

### Humanitarian Needs

A total of 1.52 million Rohingya refugees, including 495,431 host communities, need humanitarian support under the Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2023. Out of the total population in need, UNFPA is providing support to 352,971 (Rohingya refugees: 233,455 and host communities: 119,516) women of reproductive age (WRA). The GBVSS sub-sector estimated a total of 585,910 females, including 464,066 Rohingya and 121,844 in the host communities, in need of protection services. The below chart shows, UNFPA requires US\$38.59 million in 2023 JRP to serve approximately 837,153 people. To date, US\$11.17 million has been received, with a gap of US\$27.41 million remaining.



### Bhasanchar Update

29,340 Rohingya women, men, girls, and boys living on the island. UNFPA was one of the first responders to launching lifesaving services and addressed sexual and reproductive health, GBV prevention and response, and adolescent and youth development. UNFPA requires US\$3,387,854 in funding to ensure continuity of services to meet the growing needs of thousands of vulnerable women and girls. Of this, US\$1,968,108 has been received, with a remaining gap of US\$1,419,746.



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### Situation Overview

Cox's Bazar, a southeastern coastal district of Bangladesh, is one of the world's largest refugee settlements, with 954,707 Rohingya refugees (197,303 families) residing in 33 makeshift camps, including 29,340 on Bhasanchar Island. 52 percent of the total refugee population is female. The Rohingya exodus erupted in August 2017 when an influx of over 742,000 people crossed the border from Myanmar. The humanitarian crisis is now in its fifth year, with the Rohingya population still completely dependent on humanitarian assistance to survive.

The overall security situation remains stable, but a couple of incidents inside the camps and on the border have raised security concerns. Theft, human trafficking, drug smuggling and petty crime are recurrent. The UNDSS is closely monitoring the incidents and advising all UN agencies to ensure the safety and security of all relevant personnel. The government maintains operational patrols within and around the camps to keep control of the security situation. There has been a resumption of voluntary resettlement outside the country. There were no major natural disasters or shocks during the last couple of months. COVID-19 rates have declined, while an increase in Dengue fever is under control. The integrated coordination streamlining, standardization, and rationalization approach is being practiced. The Joint Response Plan (JRP) for 2023 has been designed to respond to humanitarian needs. Inflation and the impact of decreased humanitarian funding present a challenge of maintaining essential and quality services.

### Sexual and Reproductive Health

- A total of 77 UNFPA-supported health facilities are providing SRH services in Cox’s Bazar district, including three on Bhasanchar Island. Out of those 77 health facilities, 40 facilities provided 24/7 Emergency SRH services including Obstetric Care and Newborn Care (EmONC).
- A total of 39,971 family planning visits (Rohingya: 30,067; hosts: 9,904) were conducted in the reporting period (October–December 2022).
- A total of 23,858 antenatal care (ANC) visits (Rohingya: 12,073; hosts: 11,785) were conducted (Oct to Dec 2022).
- 30 percent increase in the uptake of family planning services in comparison with the first-time family planning visits of 142,401 in 2020 and 184,891 in 2021.
- The proportion of facility-based deliveries improved from 41 percent in 2019 to 75 percent as of 2022.
- The number of facility-based deliveries at health facilities supported by UNFPA has increased by 45.8 percent, from 6,748 in 2019 to 9,838 in 2022.

- In 2022, a total of 283,907 community members were reached with information on SRHR and referral services provided by community health workers (CHW).
- UNFPA deployed a total of 275 midwives across all health facilities, including health facilities as well as multipurpose and women-friendly Spaces (WFS).
- A total of 127,706 women and girls (Rohingya: 75.68%, Host: 24.32%) were reached with modern family planning services in 2022.



*A midwife conducting a Post Natal Care (PNC) checkup inside a health facility/UNFPA Bangladesh*

### Gender Based Violence in Emergency

- Operating 54 WFS (43 in Rohingya camps, 10 in host communities, one in Bhasanchar) provided GBV lifesaving and integrated SRHR services, survivor-centered case management, mental and psychological services (MHPSS), and emergency referrals for GBV survivors.
- Over 350,000 people participated in GBV prevention and awareness mechanisms and activities in 2022.
- 311,192 women and girls, including 5,495 persons with disabilities, have accessed, for the first time, GBV prevention and response services.
- A total of 295,850 women and girls used the services at the WFS and WLCC at the camps and host communities.
- A total of 2,821 women and girls were referred to WFS by other service providers.
- 84 percent of frontline workers improved their knowledge and skills through GBV-related training.
- 96 percent of women and girls who have accessed GBV services are satisfied with the quality of services.

- A total of 316,853 (224,276 female and 92,577 male) have been reached through the SASA! Together, activities in the refugee camps and surrounding host community areas.
- A total of 1,212 (1,192 female and 20 male) facility-based staff received training on the basic concepts of GBV, GBV case management, GBV IMS, PSS, and referral pathways.



*A session on GBV awareness at one of our WFS/Shanti Khana/UNFPA Bangladesh*

## Gender Based Violence Sub Sector

- The GBV Sub Sector (GBVSS), with the support of the 67 partner agencies and 33 GBV Camp Focal Points (CFPs) updated and verified the referral pathways monthly. The up-to-date interactive referral ways enabled survivors to receive real time services.
- In coordination with Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) Working Group and GBVSS partners, launched the campaign on 16 days of Activism against Gender based violence (link attached with site and calendar) to the 10th of December. A total of 376 activities were organized by 41 GBVSS partners both at host community and camp level throughout the 16 days. UNFPA led the launching of 16 days of activism in Cox's Bazar (a public march, visibility item and Social Media campaign) on 24th of November 2022



*The launch of the 16 Days of Activism rally in Cox's Bazar/UNICEF*

## Adolescent and Youth

- Six youth centers are operational in refugee camps and provide a safe spaces for adolescent girls and boys, where they can engage in a variety of education, skills development and networking opportunities.
- 36,800 adolescents (Rohingya 29,791; Host 7,009) and youth benefited from SRHR and gender-transformative life skills education.
- Menstrual health management kits have been distributed to 7,443 adolescent girls in the host communities.
- 2,000 adolescents (Rohingya 1700; Host 300) attended 60 sports competitions & trainings through Sports for Development initiative & video games.
- 7,980 micro gardening kits were procured and distributed to adolescent boys (Rohingya 6,460; Host 1,520) as a transformative educational and life-enhancing activity in the Rohingya context.



*Adolescent girls are learning girl shine curriculum at one of the A&Y centers inside the camp/UNFPA Bangladesh*

- A tailored MHM module for adolescent girls has been developed, considering the contexts and containing adapted images from a disability inclusion perspective.
- A total of 2,400 respondents participated in the baseline survey on menstrual hygiene management (MHM) in Rohingya camps and host communities. This survey will measure the current situation of MHM practices, and future impact comparing with the baseline information.

## Communication and Advocacy



- A delegation from the U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Embassy Dhaka led by Ms Mackenzie Rowe, Regional Refugee Coordinator, visited Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps, [Facebook](#)
- The Swiss Embassy visited one of the Women Friendly Spaces in the Ratnapalong host community. [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- A delegation of US Senate Foreign Policy Advisors visited Cox's Bazar Rohingya refugee camps, [Facebook](#).
- World Bank delegation led by John Roome, Regional Director, South Asia Sustainable Development, visited the One-Stop Crisis Cell (OCCell) located at the Moheshkhali Upazila, [Facebook](#)

- Mental Health Day celebration in CXB Sub-office, [Facebook](#); UNFPA published a video during the World Mental Health Day on social media, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#);
- [Facebook post](#) on the observance of "International Day of the Girl Child" on October 11th at different camp A&Y centers also with host community schools.
- UNFPA published a video as a part of Asia Pacific Regional campaign on 16 days of activism, [a Day in the Life of a midwife](#)
- A story from Cox's Bazar was published on the UNFPA global, [Child brides fight back against gender-based violence in Bangladesh](#).
- A Joint video in coordination with Inter Sectoral Coordination Group (ISCG) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to highlight the services being provided in the camps was premiered across all the Humanitarian actors social media channels, [Facebook](#).
- Social media post published with photos from the ground for the Cyclone Sitrang immediate response, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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