

# Rohingya Refugee Crisis

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Since 25 August 2017, over **870,000** refugees from Myanmar have fled to Bangladesh. Around **912,485** refugees are now living in Cox's Bazar (ISCG Report, May, 2019), including those who arrived before the exodus. **Women, children and infants** make up over **52%** of the refugee population. They all are in constant need of food, shelter, medical help, protection and safe places to sleep.

The scale of the influx of refugees arriving in Cox's Bazar is unprecedented and putting enormous pressure on the Bangladesh government, host communities and humanitarian agencies. Monsoon and cyclone season brings additional risks for refugees including flooding, land sliding and spread of water-borne diseases. Therefore, the current needs for the refugees are to **strengthen and repair existing shelters** while **replacing the risky ones**. In extreme weather conditions it is essential to provide **sufficient dignity kits** to women and girls.

**CARE's Response:** CARE is directly reaching nearly 150,000 (without double counting) people through health services, WASH, shelter, protection & GBV and site management programming. This includes both refugee and host communities in the close vicinity of the camps. Also, as part of a consortium, CARE is providing technical support to the community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) project. The host community projects are reaching **1,710,155** locals in total by improving their disaster risk resilience capacities, WASH situation, strengthening health system by ensuring primary health care and overall living conditions.

For 2019-20, CARE has a funding gap of **7 million USD** to maximize the impact of shelter, site management, WASH, SRH and protection programs within the Rohingya community. **1.2 million USD is required to prepare for and respond to monsoon needs immediately.**

**SITE MANAGEMENT:** CARE is leading site management activities in camp-13, Thaingkhali and camp-16, Potibunia. CARE works with the government and other service-providers to ensure safety and improved roads, drainage systems, proper infrastructure and various other services for **63,000+ Rohingya refugees** in both camps.

**PROTECTION & GENDER BASED VIOLENCE:** **12 women and girls' safe spaces (WGSS)** and **2 information booths** have been established to offer a space for socializing and counselling for refugee women. Till date, **120,830+ women, adolescents girls and men** have been reached; **4,381 infant kits** distributed to lactating and expecting mothers & **22,015 dignity kits** given to women and adolescent girls.

**SHELTER:** **193 households (HHs)** shifted to midterm shelters and **207 HHs** relocated from high risk areas while **4,507 refugee HHs** received transitional shelter assistance. Regular distribution of shelter kits with bamboo, tarpaulins, floor mats, rope and toolkits continues to **21,000+ people.**

**WASH:** **147,000+ people** supported with **153 deep tube wells, 848 latrines, 2,094 hand washing facilities and 789 women-only batching cubicles.** Family Hygiene & Dignity Kits distributed to over **15,000 HHs.** Regular hygiene sessions on-going.

**HEALTH:** **4 health centers** offer primary and reproductive health services, free medicine, referrals to other hospitals, and ambulance services. So far, nearly **154,000+** services has been provided. CARE also provides **Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)** to the Rohingya refugees.

**NUTRITION:** Through **34 nutrition centers**, children under five with malnutrition are receiving treatment and services. Till now, CARE **trained 500+ staff** who work for the respective nutrition centers.



"The Rohingya refugee crisis should not end up as one of those forgotten ones in the world today. The refugees in the camps continue to live in extreme fragile and vulnerable conditions, needing continued assistance. We ought to ensure that they have access to their basic needs and live a life of dignity."

**Ram Das**, Assistant Country Director, Humanitarian Response, CARE Bangladesh

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## OVERVIEW



Over **304,000** persons have been registered through the Government-UNHCR registration exercise



**4,507** refugee HHs received transitional shelter assistance in April



CARE currently has a funding gap of **1.2 million USD** for administering various operations keeping monsoon impacts in consideration