Bangladesh REFUGEE CRISIS RESPONSE FACT SHEET | AS OF 1 JULY 2019



CHILD PROTECTION

World Vision strengthens child protection systems within families and communities, while preventing and responding to abuse. We provide psycho-social support to girls and boys of all ages in safe spaces. We support families by offering training on positive parenting skills. Working closely with partner agencies, we refer children in need to case management services. Our awareness campaigns and advocacy involve children, parents, faith and government leaders to end violence against children, including child marriage.

EDUCATION

Rohingya refugee children and adolescents have been out of school for almost two years. They deserve access to quality, inclusive education immediately. We provide informal education along with protection activities for 3,840 children age 3-14 at our 11 learning centres. World Vision is also opening 21 multi-purpose centres where 8,400 adolescents age 15-18 will benefit from vocational training, and classes in literacy/numeracy and life skills.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION

World Vision is working to prevent and address GBV in three camps. At our Women's Peace Centre, women and girls build trusted relationships, enhancing their social network and creating a sustainable psycho-social support network. We train families, including men and boys, to identify and prevent GBV, and to access professional case management services when needed. Skills training classes, such as tailoring, empower women economically and socially.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

World Vision has installed 219 deep-tube wells, 1,900 gender-sensitive latrines, 2,381 handwashing stations and 675 bathing cubicles, benefiting 219,550 refugees in 11 camps. In our hygiene promotion sessions, families learn how to maintain good health and prevent disease. We support some 1,000 WASH committees that manage and maintain facilities.



Without education people are blind. We have been attacked for so long in Myanmar because we are uneducated. We do not want this for our children. 99

-Rohingya refugee father

FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS AND CASH-BASED INITIATIVES

In partnership with the World Food Programme, World Vision distributes 7,700 MT of food to 19,650 households each month. We support WFP's innovative e-voucher shops that supply over 41,000 households with fresh food each month. We also directly provide supplemental fresh food vouchers to 4,250 pregnant and lactating mothers. Our micro gardening initiatives enable families to grow vegetables in their limited spaces. We help enhance livelihoods so refugees can feed their families. As part of our disaster risk reduction plan, we hired over 15,000 refugee men and women to construct roads, bridges and drainage canals to prepare for the annual monsoons.



NUTRITION

World Vision effectively helps prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition in children under age 5 through our three blanket and targeted supplementary feeding programme centres. Almost 16,000 children on average receive supplemental food each month. With UNICEF, we operate the largest nutrition education programme, benefiting adolescent girls across 19 camps. In our 42 community kitchens, up to 1,000 women a day come together to cook for their families. While there, they learn about healthy meal preparation during hands-on cooking classes and how to nurture rooftop gardens. Classes also include advice on maternal nutrition practices (exclusive breastfeeding, personal hygiene promotion). The kitchens are becoming buzzing community centres—a safe space for women to share their challenges and find solutions together.



HOST COMMUNITIES

The influx of almost 1 million Rohingya profoundly affected host communities economically, environmentally and socially. The refugee population is now almost triple that of local residents. Our projects include income-generating activities, disaster risk reduction, WASH facilities, livelihoods opportunities, and savings groups targeting the most vulnerable households. World Vision Bangladesh recently launched a new 15-year community-led, multi-sectoral development programme focused on education, literacy and nutrition that will benefit 35,000 people.

Who We Are

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

World Vision's strong capacity and extensive global experience enables us to effectively serve many of the I million Rohingya living in the world's largest refugee settlement.

Demonstrated track record: World Vision has served in Bangladesh for 45 years, including long-term development programmes in the Cox's Bazar area.

Staff capacity: Our diverse team of highly skilled 342 national and international staff and 700 field facilitators deliver top-notch programmes.

Broad reach: We operate in 23 of the 33 Rohingya camps.

Proven partners: We are entrusted with funds from 11 different donor governments and UN agencies.

Innovative, integrated interventions: Working across seven sectors, we deliver life-saving support and durable solutions, remaining accountable to the refugee community.

Leadership: World Vision remains WFP's largest partner for disaster risk reduction interventions. We are the WASH focal agency in three camps, and are responsible for child protection and gender-based violence case management in two other camps.

Funding Partners



Year I Accomplishments



Advocating for Refugee Rights and Protection

Child protection urgent: Children comprise more than half of the I million Rohingya refugees. They face critical issues including physical violence, sexual violence and exploitation, child marriage, psycho-social distress and mental health concerns, child trafficking and abduction, child labour, and dangers and injuries. Donors and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) should invest in strengthening prevention and mitigation mechanisms, and more services for refugee children.

Refugee status lacking: Without official refugee status, the Rohingya do not have basic rights, access to services or international protection. The GoB should grant refugee status to ensure their protection and rights until they can return home in a safe, voluntary and dignified manner.

Education disrupted: Nearly half of the 540,000 children ages 3-14 living in the camp do not have access to education. A reported 97 percent of all adolescents and youth age 15-24 lack any kind of education or vocational training opportunities. The international community should support the GoB and provide increased funding to enable all children to access to high-quality, relevant education.

Livelihood support critical: Refugees need livelihood opportunities that enable them to earn incomes while gaining new skills and experience. Donors and the UN should encourage the GoB to allow humanitarian agencies to develop and implement sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Gender-based violence widespread: Donors, the GoB and the UN should support interventions to protect women, men, girls and boys from all forms of gender-based violence.

Disaster risk reduction a must: Many refugee families face life-threatening risks from monsoons, cyclones, landslides, collapsing shelters and other hazards. More investment must be made in effective emergency mitigation and preparedness.