



The Rohingya Crisis

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Quick Facts

19 refugee camps including Kutupalong, Balukhali, and Unchiprand



Bangladesh

700,000 Rohingya Refugees
HI Emergency Actions Since:
September 2019

13,000+ people

Received rehabilitation care



9,100+ people

Received psychosocial support

1,800 mobility aids

Wheelchairs, walkers, and canes distributed



2 storage centers

For humanitarian equipment



15 trucks

For transporting humanitarian aid

12,700 food rations

Distributed to more than 63,000 beneficiaries

1,000 hygiene kits

Nearly 5,000 beneficiaries



900 accommodation kits

Provided to vulnerable families



Introduction

Ensuring the most vulnerable people are included

Humanity & Inclusion's emergency response in Bangladesh is redoubling its efforts to help thousands of people affected by the Rohingya crisis.

Our teams, which have been working in Bangladesh since 1997, includes physical therapists, social workers, and psychologists. In August, our team implemented additional emergency responses in aid of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees who fled Myanmar (formally Burma). These individuals include people with injuries, disabilities, as well as older and isolated people. Since August 25, 2017, more than 700,000 Rohingya refugees took refuge in Bangladesh—a country already overwhelmed by poverty and at risk from natural disasters. These individuals have joined established refugees who have been in the country since the 1990s, swelling the Rohingya population in Cox's Bazaar to an astonishing 900,000 people. With the addition of equally vulnerable host populations, more than 1.3 million people need humanitarian aid in Cox's Bazaar. The largest and most densely populated refugee camp in the world, Kutupalong-Balukhali, has 1,600 acres of makeshift shelters.

Emergency responses

Mobile teams

SINCE OCTOBER 2017

Humanity & Inclusion's 10 mobile teams already visit camps in Kutupalong, Balukhali and Unchiprang, and will soon extend this service to Nayapara. They identify vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and injuries, offer them rehabilitation care and psychological support. They also give them the opportunity to take part in recreational activities or group sessions on protection-related topics such as early marriage, girls' education, protection, human rights, and sexual violence. These teams are composed of physical therapists, psychosocial workers, nurses, protection staff, social workers, and sports coaches.



Rehabilitation care

SINCE OCTOBER 2017

Humanity & Inclusion's mobile teams identify people with injuries or disabilities and provide them with rehabilitation care, at home or in five medical facilities in Cox's Bazar districts. Since October 2017, more than 13,000 people have received rehabilitation care. The organization has also supplied more than 1,800 mobility aids including crutches, wheelchairs, and walkers to people in need. In addition, HI provides refugees with information on services offered by other humanitarian organizations to ensure that every need is met.



Psychological support

SINCE AUGUST 2017

Many Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh struggle with serious trauma – such as family separations, difficulty finding their bearings, and statelessness. Our team offers psychological support to individuals or in group sessions. In addition, sports coaches run fun activities for refugee children to help them relax and overcome their trauma.

Logistics platform

SINCE JANUARY 2018

Humanity & Inclusion set up two storage areas in Unchiprang and Dhumdumia to store equipment for other humanitarian organizations. We also have a fleet of fifteen trucks available to transport humanitarian equipment—hygiene kits, mobility aids, and so on. We work to ensure that people living in remote areas have access to humanitarian aid.

Distribution of kits

SINCE DECEMBER 2017

Humanity & Inclusion distributed more than 900 accommodation kits consisting of tarpaulin, ropes, and metal stakes, and 12,700 food rations to more than 63,500 people in conjunction with the World Food Program. In addition, we distributed 1,000 hygiene kits containing plastic bowls, soap, ropes, toothbrushes, etc. to more than 4,000 people.

Ongoing needs 2 years on

Two years after the mass arrival of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, many refugees still lack sufficient access to health care, psychosocial care, sanitation and water, and remain at risk of violence. HI's team continues to implement its emergency response in order to improve their living conditions and provide them with the support they need.

Development activities

Our emergency response team works in a number of official and makeshift refugee camps in Kutupalong, official refugee camps in Nayapara, in 10 villages in Teknaf and Ukhyia, and 10 villages in host communities.

Identifying the most vulnerable

HI identifies the most vulnerable people, including people with disabilities, pregnant women, and older people, and offers them rehabilitation and psychological support, or refers them to other humanitarian organizations. The organization ensures that the strategies and projects of humanitarian organizations take into account the most vulnerable individuals, so that no one is left behind.

Rehabilitation care

HI provides rehabilitation care to people in need and strengthens the rehabilitation sector in Bangladesh by developing a quality rehabilitation care system in collaboration with the government.

Inclusive employment

HI enables refugees to access a new source of income, develop a new occupational activity, and enjoy better recognition within their community.

Maternal and child health

HI is promoting innovative campaign for responsible fatherhood to safeguard maternal and child health in refugee and host communities. The project encourages men and boys to adopt 'responsible fatherhood' behaviors which support 'safe motherhood.'



Inclusive education

HI enables all children, including children with disabilities, to attend school in refugee camps and host communities. The organization works with schools to implement support plans for vulnerable children, especially children with disabilities, and ensures that they can attend school.

The right to play

HI works in refugee camps in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Thailand to ensure access to safe play spaces for 13,000 children, including children with disabilities through the Growing Together project, supported by IKEA Foundation.

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