



Umme Habiba, age 8, in a child friendly space in Kutupalong, Cox's Bazar.
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OVERALL SITUATION UPDATE

There are currently 911,566 Rohingya refugees living in Cox's Bazar, according to the Inter Sector Coordination Group. The host communities of Cox's Bazar, the district administration and the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission (RRRC) continue to support them, under the overall leadership of the Bangladesh Government.

Heavy rainfall this monsoon has caused landslides, flash flooding, winds and waterlogging in the camps, which so far has affected 50,840 people, approximately 6,321 of whom have been temporarily displaced. An estimated 1,171 shelters have been destroyed and 9,129 shelters damaged. Despite the heavy damage, sectors have been able to mobilise an appropriate response within reasonable time frames in most cases.

BRAC has worked in Cox's Bazar for the last 36 years with host communities and the Rohingya population from previous influxes. Now, two years since the mass influx of 2017, we have incorporated interventions to support everyone affected by the crisis, in both camps and host communities, helping them to build skills, resilience and knowledge. We serve more than 500,000 people in the Cox's Bazar area, with the broadest programming portfolio of any responder, ensuring that both the host and Rohingya communities are able to live with dignity and security, until acceptable repatriation opportunities become possible.

In addition to working on the ground, BRAC has also been providing support to the Government in terms of research and global advocacy. We recently joined the Poverty Alleviation Coalition, which was officially launched on 19 June 2019 in Geneva. The coalition will work towards alleviating poverty of 500,000 refugees and host communities in 35 countries within five years. It will foster self-employment activities for the most vulnerable by shifting them from fragile sources of income to more sustainable income-generating activities.

Snapshot: BRAC's contribution to the overall response

Source: Inter Sector Coordination Group

24%

Enrolment of girl students in learning centres

23%

Primary healthcare centres operating

39%

Shelters constructed

PROFILE ON THE GROUND

2,666 total BRAC staff providing critical services in camps and host communities

5,059 BRAC volunteers from Rohingya communities

74% of BRAC staff and volunteers are female

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SECTOR-WISE SNAPSHOT



Water, sanitation and hygiene

43 faecal sludge management units built

13 biogas plants with cooking facilities established

95,394 water purification taps distributed to households

We support over 370,000 people through integrated WASH interventions in camps. BRAC was the first to form WASH committees to establish ownership of facilities, and we have continued to pioneer sustainability through initiatives such as community maintenance team development, WASH corridor construction and water pumps operated by hybrid power. We are currently piloting exclusive WASH blocks for women.



Shelter and non-food items

60,554 solar lamps distributed

36,153 shelters built

6 community kitchens built

We support over 200,000 people with safe, secure shelters in camps, continual site improvements such as bridges and roads, and distribution of essential non-food items. Our innovations include gas-equipped community kitchens, transitional shelter options such as 'flat pack' shelters, and 'stilt homes' to mitigate risk from landslides, as well as the first large scale bamboo treatment plant in Cox's Bazar, which ensures bamboo viability for 10-12 years.



Education

61,185 children and adolescents registered

759 learning centres operating

5,313 members of learning centre management committees

We are the largest education provider in the response, with over 50,00 children (52% girls) enrolled in almost 700 BRAC facilities. We are developing learning centre framework and approach materials, focused on early grade learning, basic literacy, numeracy, life-saving information, psychosocial support and life skills. We have recruited and trained 450 Burmese language instructors (from camps) and 450 teachers (from host communities) to provide quality learning in a safe, dignified environment.



Agriculture and environment

5,566,057 grass slips planted in camps

110,076 households received vegetable seeds

18,344 trees planted

Our agriculture and environment projects work to restore the living environment and promote sustainable agricultural practices across 9 camps. We stabilise deforested areas through planting fast-growing and deep-rooted trees, shrubs, and grasses, and increase the self-resilience of vulnerable communities through distribution of agricultural input packages which include seeds, tools and training.

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Protection

200	Mental health and psychosocial support volunteers	<p>We support over 50,000 vulnerable women, girls, men and boys through legal, psychosocial, livelihood and community-based protection and protection monitoring. Participants benefit from psychotherapeutic activities, skills development, psychosocial counseling, case management, legal aid, awareness training on social issues (i.e. domestic violence, dowry, early marriage), dignity kit distribution, referral services and women's leadership training.</p> <p>Services are offered through 9 women friendly spaces, 10 community centres, 1 skills development centre, 9 information points, 6 mental health and psychosocial support centres and a community outreach network.</p>
138,484	complaints/questions at information points responded to	
59,425	people made aware of legal information and rights	



Child protection

304	child-friendly spaces functioning	<p>We support over 100,000 children through child-friendly spaces (CFSs) implementing BRAC's Humanitarian Play Lab model, where they receive play-based psychosocial support and learning, and case management services. We have also reached over 15,000 adolescent boys and girls through 900 pocket-based interventions focusing on life skills.</p> <p>We are transforming the CFSs into multi-purpose child and adolescent centres to provide integrated one-stop services to children and adolescents.</p>
1,093	unaccompanied and separated children identified	
10,444	psychosocial support sessions conducted	



Communication for Development

1,608	advocacy meetings with community leaders	<p>We bring information to 10,000 households in 34 camps through 1,000 Rohingya volunteers (84% female). In emergencies, we intensify our efforts so that we reach 500,000 people. We reinforce messages through engaging 3,000 community and religious leaders and 3,000 adolescent boys and girls, and are ensuring access to services by developing 1,440 community action plans.</p> <p>Volunteers also provide people in vulnerable situations with immediate support, such as rescuing 3354 children from drowning risks.</p>
14,604	adolescent radio listeners' groups participants	
1,403,201	households visited by community mobilisation volunteers	



Health, nutrition and communicable diseases

2,055	birth deliveries attended	<p>We are the largest primary health care provider in the camps, providing essential and life-saving health and nutrition services, including prevention and treatment of communicable diseases. We have provided 1 million+ basic health services in the community via our health network of comprehensive 24/7 primary health centres, health posts, community health outlets and community health worker network.</p> <p>Recently, 3 primary healthcare centres and 9 health posts have more durable and sustainable structures, and are providing improved and more diverse services</p>
1,264,654	consultations made through 30 community health outlets	
150,187	malaria tests conducted	



Livelihoods

1,800 Rohingya women and girls trained as tailors

24 master trainers

8 skill training centres operational

We support people through providing technical and life skills which increase confidence, capacity, and opportunity.

Trades include tailoring, embroidery, solar installation and mobile phone servicing.



Site management

1,258 community awareness meetings held

14,146 gaps and needs identified and resolved

242 staff engaged in capacity building training

We support over 100,000 people in 3 camps with site management support focusing on 8 key areas; support to government officials in charge of camps, community governance and participation mechanisms, protection mainstreaming, care and maintenance, information management, emergency preparedness and response, relocations, and capacity building.

We engage the community through meetings, household visits, surveys, and focus groups discussions, and train community volunteers to provide safety, first aid, and disaster response.



Food security

13,602 metric tons of food distributed

We support almost 100,000 households in 13 camps with food and nutrition assistance through general food distribution and e-voucher programmes.



Host communities

3,129	children learning	<p>Our support to host communities consists of targeted, multi-sectoral assistance to vulnerable households, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning centres offering non-formal education programmes. We are also developing the capacity of mainstream schools through engagement with teachers, students and community leaders. • Child-friendly spaces implementing our Humanitarian Play Lab model. • WASH interventions supporting over 80,000 households, including construction and maintenance of deep tube wells, piped water supply networks, and latrines, hygiene sessions conducted with men, women, boys and girls in schools, tea stalls, and formation of village WASH committees. • Diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases, including TB and malaria. • Disaster risk reduction, including quick evacuation schemes, to retrofit, renovate and repair cyclone shelters. • Agriculture and environment rehabilitation including planting trees to mitigate deforestation, and improving agricultural practices and home gardening, and vocational skills through distribution of agricultural inputs. • Ultra-Poor Graduation Programmes providing interest-free loans, particle grants, combined with classroom-based and hands-on training to create pathways out of poverty. • Alternative Learning Programmes providing apprenticeship-based training and life skills to out-of-school youth. • Customised microfinance products, including micro-loans and small enterprise loans. • Cash-based interventions supporting households with cash distributions per household every month for four months.
199,216	children attended child friendly spaces	
30,852	household hygiene sessions conducted	
17,936	TB tests conducted	
20	cyclone shelters retrofitted	
32	evacuation schemes completed	
23,485	trees planted/distributed in host communities	
38,387	Households visited and provided with hands-on coaching and awareness	
1,500	households reached with cash-based interventions	



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313	trainees enrolled in camps	<p>We operate 8 sub-centres in the camps and 6 sub-centres in the host community, as well as 1 production centre, training women in artisan embroidery techniques.</p>
287	trainees enrolled in host communities	
91	trainees enrolled in main production centre	

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