The total Rohingya population in Cox’s Bazar now exceeds 880,000, putting a severe strain on the district’s host community and local government, particularly in Teknaf and Ukhia upazilas, where the Rohingya now constitute at least a third of the total population. On top of existing needs, the upcoming rainy season will increase the risk of disasters such as floods and landslides, but also water contamination and disease outbreaks.

In Cox’s Bazar, coordination is led by a Senior Coordinator and supported by the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), a neutral and independent coordination body. Strategic guidance and liaison with national level Government is provided by the Strategic Executive Group (SEG), designed as an inclusive decision-making forum of international humanitarian organization leads. The SEG is chaired by the Resident Coordinator with the IOM Head of Mission and UNHCR Representative as co-chairs. IOM coordinates the Site Management and the Shelter/NFI sectors as well as the Communication with Communities (CwC) Working Group.

IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities in preparation for the rainy season. The present Crisis Appeal outlines IOM’s response plan and associated funding requirements from March to December 2018 in line with the Joint Response Plan for Rohingya refugees. Aside from the activities conducted in the different sectors, IOM remains actively engaged in addressing cross cutting concerns such as Protection, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP). IOM plans to mainstream protection and GBV through the facilitation of trainings across sectors and services to increase the understanding of general protection and GBV risks and strengthen the overall response. AAP is strengthened through effective, inclusive and consistent communication. Communication with Communities (CwC) activities implemented in the context of AAP include scaling-up of life-saving information with regards to possible disasters through community outreach workers, community radio and focus group discussions.
**COORDINATION | SUPPORT TO ISCG**
Ensure effective humanitarian response through strengthened inter-sector coordination; reinforce the response through a humanitarian hub and strengthened information management; ensure effective advocacy and resource mobilization

$4.7 M

**SITE MANAGEMENT**
Improve refugee access to services and protection, ensuring refugee & host communities are informed, represented, and able to participate in decision-making to design localized solutions; ensure camp populations are better prepared, informed and able to act upon the alert of major weather events

$18.2 M

**SITE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE**
Strengthen existing systems and resources to improve access, reduce the risk of disasters such as flood, fire, landslide and epidemic, and promote safer communities through small and large scale infrastructure, rehabilitation and land extension works, and maintaining vehicular access to camps

$49.8 M

**QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS in host communities**
Improve host community services and infrastructure to reduce tensions emerging from overcrowding and overstraining due to the increase in the area’s population; enhance equitable access to services, ensuring populations are informed and engaged through representative community participation

$5 M

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)**
Enhance emergency preparedness and response capacities of host communities, and support local government in Cox’s Bazar District to build resilience against natural disasters; reduce the environmental impacts of the refugee crisis to avoid increased disaster risks

$5 M

**ALTERNATIVE COOKING FUEL**
In collaboration with FAO, UNHCR, and WFP, increase access to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) as alternative cooking fuel and fuel efficient stoves for host communities and refugees; curtail environmental degradation and restore productivity of already damaged forest and agricultural areas

$13.2 M

**NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING**
Provide updated information on the numbers, locations and needs of refugees in host communities and collective sites; conduct assessments on perceptions, intentions of refugees and host communities

$1.5 M

**LIVELIHOODS**
Strengthen the livelihoods of host communities and confidence-building opportunities for refugees, including support to agricultural initiatives, value chains, and community facilities; facilitate ways to link livelihoods for host communities to refugee response for positive outcomes to Bangladesh.

$6 M

**SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS**
Procure, stockpile and distribute essential household items to new refugees and households affected by disasters; distribute Upgrade Shelter Kits and training households in DRR and shelter upgrading with the view to mitigating disaster risks and to improving their living conditions

$29.9 M

**WASH**
Provide life saving water and sanitation services such as access to safe water; provide assistance that promotes protection, safety and dignity, such as wash rooms, latrines, and hygiene kits; and encourage girls, boys, women, men to adopt health seeking behaviours to mitigate public health risks

$25.8 M

**HEALTH**
Improve access to primary and secondary health services, including mental health and psychosocial support; improve access to comprehensive reproductive services; ensure effective outbreak prevention and response, capacity building, and emergency health referral and support systems

$17.8 M

**PROTECTION**
Provide protection services to persons at heightened risk through services such as case management, safe shelter and referrals; mitigate and raise awareness in GBV and community-based protection mechanisms; improve access to child protection services

$4 M

**ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS**
Ensure affected people have the required information for informed decision-making; ensure availability of feedback and complaint mechanisms; ensure participation of partners in the collective service approach for necessary course correction, response planning and programming

$1.2 M

$182.1 M REQUIRED