



WFP-FAO World Food Day in Cox's Bazar | © WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud

WFP Programme Updates

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- WFP assisted 858,560 Rohingya refugees in 34 camps. Ninety-seven percent received e-vouchers offering 11 items at 20 outlets. USD 10 million worth of food was sold by 12 retailers. In-kind distribution reached 24,339 Rohingya refugees at two distribution points.
- Building Blocks was operational in 12 outlets while the remaining 8 used the SCOPE platform.
- WFP reopened four Fresh Food Corners.

Nutrition Assistance

- WFP resumed malnutrition prevention and continued treatment in 45 camp sites reaching 35,423 pregnant and nursing mothers and 184,560 children under 5.
- WFP continued malnutrition treatment services in 123 clinics in the host community reaching 4,197 pregnant and nursing women and 6,479 children under 5.
- Together with UNICEF, UNHCR and the Nutrition Sector, WFP conducted joint mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening for children under 5.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- WFP engaged 5,023 host community members and Rohingya refugees in DRR activities and transferred USD 321,904 in entitlements.
- WFP handed over 57 hand washing stations to school authorities and installed 70 visibility banners with COVID-19 messages and good hand washing practices.
- WFP conducted technical assessments to identify the scope of work to improve access to rehabilitated cyclone shelters.

In Numbers || October 2020

862,277 Rohingya refugees in the camps*

(**52%** children, **45%** adult, **3%** older persons and **1%** persons with disability)

113,072 households (570,000 people) in the host communities received assistance to date through the COVID-19 special support programme which was extended until mid-November.

Highlights

- Following the signing of the data sharing agreement between WFP and UNHCR, WFP now has access to UNHCR biometric database (BIMS). This system will enable WFP to print new assistance cards using biometrics from UNHCR reflecting updated household data. WFP has successfully tested three pilots to ensure the system's efficiency.
- WFP reopened four Fresh Food Corners at e-voucher outlets in the camps to provide fresh vegetables to improve the nutrition status of refugee populations and contribute to the local economy and agricultural production in host communities.
- On 15 October, together with FAO, WFP organized a Farmers' Market demonstration with local community farmers to celebrate World Food Day. The event highlighted the need to invest in the local economy by strengthening production systems and creating market linkages that support smallholder farmers. Representatives from eight UN agencies and 25 NGOs attended the event.

Situation Update

- COVID-19 cases continued to increase in Cox's Bazar. In the refugee camps 75 new cases and one death were reported this month, bringing the total number of positive cases to 336. In the host communities, 369 new cases and three deaths were reporting bringing the total number of positive cases to 4,871.
- Clashes between armed groups in the camps caused 1,500 Rohingya families to flee the northeast part of the mega camp. In response to this escalation, WFP provided general food distribution, high energy biscuits and hot meals to over 35,000 beneficiaries.

*As per the most updated Government/[UNHCR figures](#)

WFP Programme Updates Continued

Multi-wallet Assistance

- WFP continued to provide SCOPE services to IOM and UNICEF for Liquid Petroleum Gas and soap to 114,000 households every month.

Self-Reliance programme in the camps

- Under the recycling project, WFP recruited 50 Rohingya refugees (including two people with disabilities) who have collected, sorted and cleaned almost 90,000 aluminium WFP product packets to be recycled into usable products.
- WFP started producing reusable sanitary pads in a pilot engaging 10 women; 1,000 reusable sanitary pads have been produced to date.
- At 31 October, 486,566 masks, including 230,028 child-sized masks, have been produced and USD 4,229 has been disbursed to the 140 mask producers. In total, 285,401 masks have been given to the Food Security Sector for distribution.
- WFP gave food processing tools and training to 155 Rohingya refugees to start small businesses.

Livelihoods programme in the host community

- WFP distributed monthly allowances to 10,000 women who saved USD 50,000 in group accounts in October. Entrepreneurship training was provided to 3,000 women in Ukhiya and Teknaf.
- WFP has formed two self-help groups for 37 women with disabilities.
- As part of the livelihood activities scale-up in Moheshkhali, Pekua and Kutubdia sub-districts, WFP conducted a survey of 10,800 households to identify the most vulnerable.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed high energy biscuits (HEB) at GFA sites, reaching 186,075 households across 34 camps. Each household received 25 HEB packets; a total of 233 mt of HEB.
- In the host community, 38,416 girls and 35,139 boys in five sub-districts received HEBs and dates through door-to-door distribution (276 mt of HEB and 79 mt of dates). Child-sized masks were also provided to 40,751 students in Teknaf and Ukhiya.

WFP Engineering

- WFP engaged 8,529 Rohingya refugees and host community members in the workforce.
- WFP continues construction and maintenance of roads, bamboo retaining structures, canal cleaning and retaining wall work.
- WFP completed construction of a Flu Centre at Teknaf Hospital.

Common Services

Food Security Sector (FSS)

- FSS continues to coordinate 40 partners in the production and distribution of masks. To date, more than 2.8 million masks have been distributed to 801,420 Rohingya refugees and 627,718 host community members.
- FSS, together with the Protection Sector and Child Protection sub-sector, organized protection mainstreaming training to integrate protection principles into delivery of assistance and services.

Logistics Sector (LS)

- 5,333 m³ of relief items was stored for 18 organisations across five warehouses in Madhuchara, Balukhali, Unchirang, Teknaf and COVID-19 Special Hub in Cox's Bazar district.
- Two solar refrigerators were delivered to IOM for the cold storage of vaccines and medicines.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- ETS is providing connectivity to 28 sites, including e-voucher outlets, logistics and residential hubs, Camp-in-Charge guesthouse, Severe Acute Respiratory Infection treatment centres and isolation and treatment centres and relay sites.

Funding Outlook

Operational requirement (Nov 2020 – Apr 2021):

USD 152.61 million

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