

Situation Overview

Cox's Bazar District:

- Host Community -
A total of 222 COVID-19 confirmed cases were reported in the district during 30 August- 05 September 2021. Currently, a total of 7,196 contacts are in home quarantine as of 05 September 2021.
- FDMN/ Rohingya Refugees -
During 30 August- 05 September 2021, a total of 39 COVID-19 cases were reported. Presently, 79 contacts are in home quarantine in the camps and 50 in facility quarantine as of 05 September 2021.

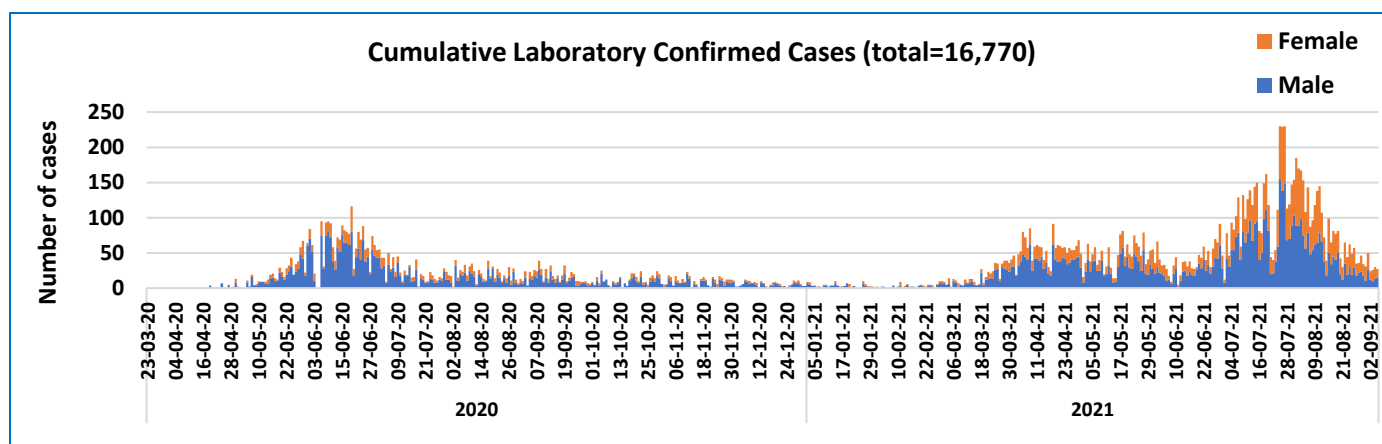
Surveillance, Rapid Response and Case Investigation

Summary of COVID-19 Response (as of 05 September 2021):

Number of Tests Conducted ² (last 7 days)	195,403 (3,393) ²	Host Population	FDMN/Rohingya Refugees ¹
Number of Confirmed Cases (last 7 days)	19,692 (261)		
Number of Tests Conducted (last 7 days)		135,324 (2,175)	60,079 (1,218)
Number of Confirmed Cases (last 7 days)		16,770 (222)	2,922 (39)
Deaths (last 7 days)		241 (5)	32 (1)
Cases in Isolation (last 7 days)		105 (222)	175 (39)
Cases Recovered (last 7 days)		16,424 (639)	2,715 (109)
Quarantine (last 7 days)		44,891 (7,196) ³	9,849 (129)

COVID-19 Update of Laboratory Confirmed Cases among Host Population –

- As of 05 September 2021, 16,770 COVID-19 cases and 241 COVID-19 deaths have been reported from the host community in Cox's Bazar. Of these, a total of 222 cases were recorded from 30 August- 05 September 2021.



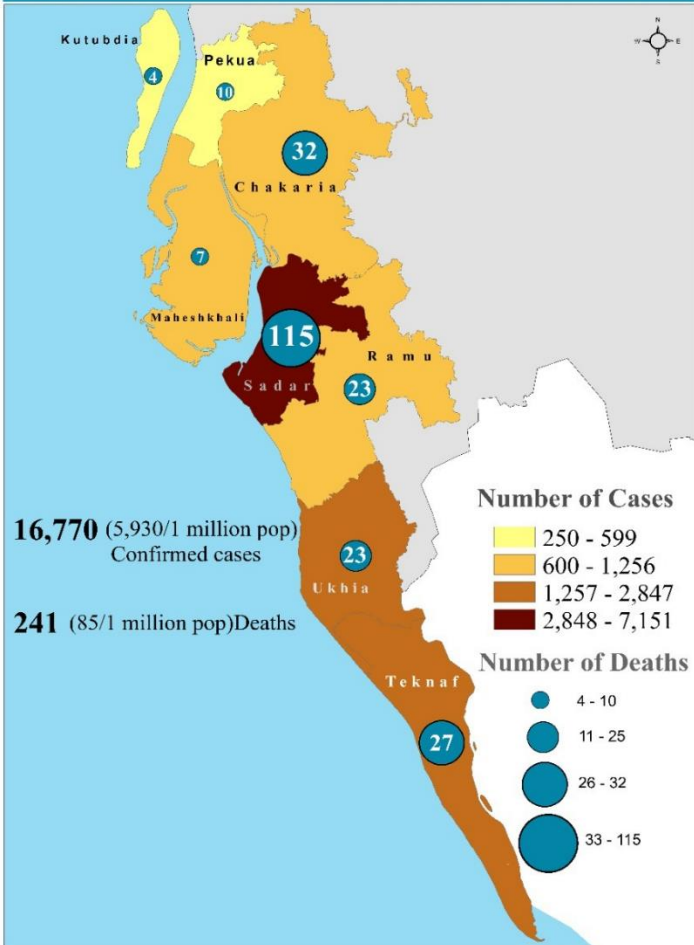
¹The Government of Bangladesh refers to Rohingya as "Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals". The UN system refers to this population as Rohingya refugees, in line with the applicable international framework. In this document both terms are used, as appropriate, to refer to the same population.

²Total test done in IEDCR Field Lab, Cox's Bazar 216,520. In last 7 days the number was 3,583, out of those 190 from other districts in particular Bandarban and Chittagong.

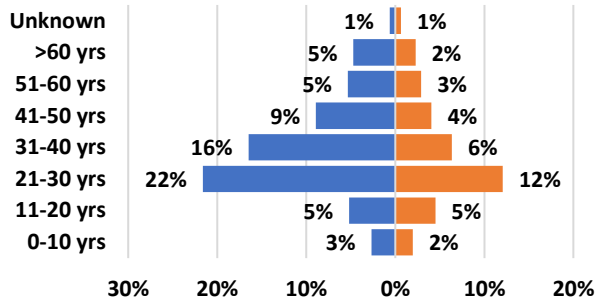
³In last 7 days, 171 new contacts have been identified among FDMN/Rohingya Refugees and 685 from host community. Cumulative number of contacts quarantined is 9,849 among refugees and 44,891 in host population.

COVID-19 Cases & Deaths in Cox's Bazar (March 2020 - 05 September 2021)

66% 34%

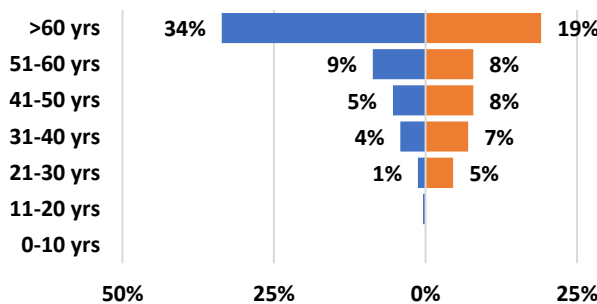


Age & Sex Distribution of Cases (%) (total=16,770)



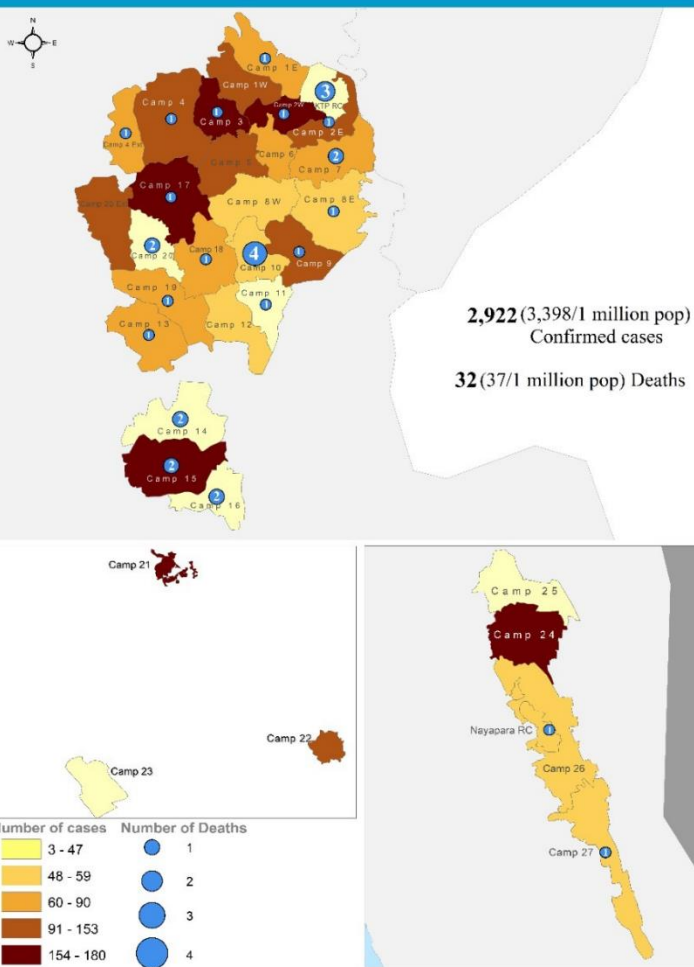
54% 46%

Age & Sex Distribution of Deaths (%) (total=241)

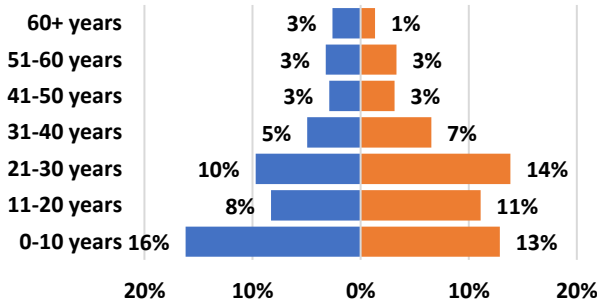


COVID-19 Cases in Rohingya Camps (March 2020 - 05 September 2021)

48% 52%

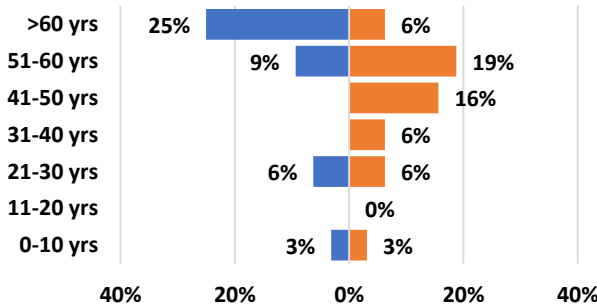


Age & Sex Distribution of Cases (%) (total=2,922)

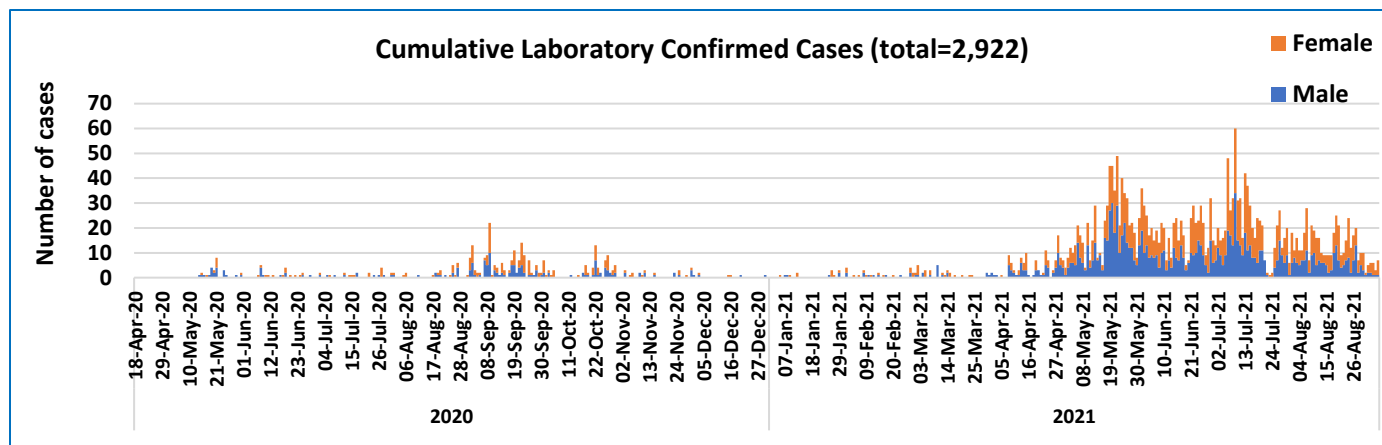


44% 56%

Age & Sex Distribution of Deaths (%) (total=32)



COVID-19 Update of Laboratory Confirmed Cases among FDMN/Rohingya Refugees –



- Till 05 September 2021, 2,922 COVID-19 cases were confirmed among the Rohingya refugees from 60,079 samples tested since the beginning of the outbreak. In week 35, of the 1,218 samples tested, 39 were positive; Test Positivity Rate (TFR) is 3.2%- much lower than 7.0% recorded in the preceding week. To date, a total of 32 COVID-19 deaths were recorded- CFR of 1.1%.
- Rapid Investigation and Response Teams (RIRT) investigated a total of 2,696 (92%) out of 2,922 COVID-19 confirmed cases among FDMN/Rohingya refugees. Contact Tracing Supervisors have traced 9,849 contacts so far; Of which, 6,425 contacts are registered in GO.DATA. Out of these, 3,749 (58%) contacts have completed their quarantine period and 288 household contacts were tested positive within the incubation period.
- During week 34 (23- 29 August 2021), 04 suspected Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) deaths were recorded; the sum increased to 64 in 2021. All deaths were investigated by RIRT as a part of COVID-19 response and of these, 09 came out as probable COVID-19 deaths.

Coordination, Planning and Monitoring

- International Coordination Group (ICG) on Vaccine Provision has approved the Government of Bangladesh application for an oral cholera vaccination campaign for Rohingya refugees and nearby host community. The campaign would cover 1.4 million persons with a two dose vaccine. While vaccines are expected to arrive in country shortly, a start date has not yet been confirmed.
- At present, Community Health Workers (CHW) are undertaking active case finding for AWD, referring persons with symptoms, disseminating key health messages and distributing ORS/Zinc in households reporting symptoms. In addition, enhanced surveillance is ongoing utilizing EWARS and 22 sentinel testing sites. At field, Joint Assessment Team (JAT)s are investigating in and around the household of any Cholera case and ensuring necessary public health measures. At present, 72 active and 400 standby beds are dedicated for AWD management. A coordination meeting among Health, WASH & CwC actors takes place in quick succession.
- The Health Sector Strategic Advisory Group has agreed to a General Health Card design, after incorporation of input from various partners. The card- which will be used to access health services- will be reviewed by Government authorities. Following the endorsement, this card will initially be piloted in 05 camps prior to generalized roll-out.
- Currently, Civil Surgeon Office is reviewing a revised 'Referral SOP'. The document is expected to be finalized shortly.

Case Management

- As of 05 September 2021, across 13 operational SARI ITCs in the camps, there are 641 active and 276 standby beds. Of these beds, 47% were occupied. 74% of the admitted cases complained of mild sign & symptoms. Additionally, at the 250 Bed District Sadar Hospital, 10 Intensive Care Unit (ICU), 15 High Dependency Unit (HDU), and 13 Severe Care Unit (SCU) beds are functional. 18 (47%) beds of these are occupied at present.

- WHO conducted a weekly online 'Case Conference Calls' for SARI ITC Partners & Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital ICU staffs respectively on 31 August & 01 September 2021. During the event, international experts enlightened the participants with technical guidance on COVID-19 case management. Besides, an online 'Case Management Working Group Meeting' was arranged on 05 September 2021- with participation of 26 SARI ITC managers- as a continuous effort to adhere to the best practices possible in camp setting.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- WHO shared weekly English and Bangla radio script on COVID-19 update to air through Bangladesh Betar and Community Radio Naf. Meanwhile, the Public Health Message and IEC materials on COVID-19 awareness before reopening the educational institutions are under development.





Community Health Working Group (CHWG) partners' update on COVID-19 for the period of 30 August- 05 September 2021:

- Community Health Workers (CHWs) visited 123,932 households; of which 1,571 individuals with mild respiratory symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough) and 23 with moderate to severe COVID-like symptoms were identified. The cumulative number of persons identified with mild and moderate to severe symptoms are 172,420 and 1,086 respectively. A total of 1,250 individuals with COVID-like symptoms were referred to health facilities, whereas the cumulative figure of referral is 93,463.
- During the reporting week, CHWs delivered messages on COVID-19 to 235,782 persons. Since the beginning of the response, CHWs conducted around 9.62 millions household visits reaching over 25.44 millions adults.
- In addition, maintaining social distance CHWs conducted 16,920 small group sessions engaging 47,258 persons. Their messages were focused on signs and symptoms of COVID-19, risk factors, testing, infection prevention measures, and quarantine & isolation centers.
- Community awareness program on 'Hygiene promotion and AWD Prevention' has been strengthened. In the last week, CHWs identified 469 cases with AWD symptoms and referred 249 cases to the health facilities. During 30 August- 05 September 2021, 1,004 sachets of ORS and 820 Zinc tablets were distributed to the suspected AWD cases prior to referral to avoid further dehydration.

Communication for Development (C4D) partners' update on COVID-19 for the period of 30 August- 05 September 2021:

- A total of 32,501 people (male- 21,458 & female- 11,043) in the camps were reached through 6,904 IPC sessions on COVID-19 and AWD key messages. Concurrently, 1,207 adolescents (boy- 566 and girl- 641) were engaged in 249 Adolescents Radio Listener Club (ARLC) sessions on same topics.
- A total of 1,900 females (girl- 480 and women - 1,420) attended 574 religious group study sessions (Talim) on COVID-19.
- A total of 40 community leaders (Imam- 18, Majhi- 7, others- 15) were sensitized in 04 advocacy meetings on hygiene practices during COVID-19 pandemic.
- 21 complaints, 255 feedbacks, and 380 queries were responded to in 18 Information & Feedback Centers (IFC) and they were referred to the relevant service points in the camps and host community.
- Community mobilization volunteers are disseminating COVID-19 and AWD key messages through loudspeakers in the camps.
- Near 200,000 people in 28 camps were engaged through 195 mosques-based loudspeakers by 200 religious leaders.
- Cox's Bazar District Information Office engaged vehicles to deliver with COVID-19 messages through loudspeakers in all 34 camps.

COVID-19 Highlights: National Level, as of 05 September 2021

			
Total Tests	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Released/Recovered
9,064,015	1,514, 456	26,563	1,451, 063

*Source: Coronavirus COVID-19 Dashboard, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)

IMPORTANT LINKS on COVID-19

- WHO Cox's Bazar Data Hub: <https://cxb-epi.netlify.app/>
- WHO Bangladesh awareness and risk communication materials in Bengali: [https://www.who.int/bangladesh/emergencies/coronavirus-disease-\(covid-19\)-update](https://www.who.int/bangladesh/emergencies/coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-update)
- WHO global situation report: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- WHO interim guideline on Preparedness, prevention and control of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) for refugees and migrants in non-camp settings: [https://www.who.int/publications-detail/preparedness-prevention-and-control-of-coronavirus-disease-\(covid-19\)-for-refugees-and-migrants-in-non-camp-settings](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/preparedness-prevention-and-control-of-coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-for-refugees-and-migrants-in-non-camp-settings)
- Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) website for COVID-19 Bangladesh update: <https://www.iedcr.gov.bd/>

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