

Flash Update on Landslides, Flooding, and Waterlogging Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

19 June 2024

Overview

7,794 Rohingya refugees affected in 33 camps (Initial figures – subject to further ongoing verification)			
1,959 Refugees displaced	1,191 Shelters fully and/or partially damaged	323 Facilities fully and/or partially damaged	773 Land slide incidents



Situation Overview

Significant rainfall in Cox's Bazar is currently causing landslides, flooding, and waterlogging. The Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BDM) is forecasting that due to active monsoon, heavy (44-88mm/24 hours) to very heavy rainfall (<89mm/24 hours) is likely to occur in Rangpur, Mymensingh, Chattogram and Sylhet divisions in the next 72 hours (from 9am on 19 June 2024). Due to the impact of the ongoing rainfall, further landslides may occur particularly in the hilly regions of Chattogram and Sylhet divisions. The Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar have already been directly impacted.

Below is an initial Flash Update highlighting the immediate needs and response. Additional reports may be issued as the situation evolves.

Immediate Needs and Response



Shelter-CCCM Sector Lead Agencies: IOM and UNHCR

- As of 19 June 2024, 10 people have sadly died from the severe weather conditions and at least 10 people have been injured.
- All 33 camps have been impacted with 773 landslide incidents (small and large) and flood damage.
- 1,191 damaged shelters have been referred to shelter teams with ongoing rapid damage assessments.
- More than 600 households have been relocated from landslide, flood and other hazard prone locations to safer areas.
- In response to the damage reported, shelter materials have been distributed to impacted households, with further distributions planned over the upcoming days. Partners have prepositioned shelter materials in their warehouses and will continue to distribute covering all eligible households.
- Extremely Vulnerable Households in need of shelter repairs are being prioritized for support, including shelter material transportation and labour support for reconstruction.

- Identification of landslide risk areas, alerting the community about the risk and mobilizing the households to move to communal shelters for their safety continue to be priority activities for Site Management Support (SMS).



Food Security Sector Lead Agencies: FAO and WFP

- Food Security Sector is responding rapidly across 25 camps providing WFP food assistance.
- 645 households (3,181 individuals) are receiving fortified biscuits and hot meals.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Sector Lead Agency: UNICEF

- Around 270 WASH infrastructures have been damaged (mostly partially affected latrines and tap stands).
- An additional 30 – 40 infrastructures are at risk of collapsing.
- The WASH Sector is responding to the damages.



Health Sector Lead Agency: WHO

- Five landslide incidents have been reported on 19 June, in camps 13, 9, 8E, 14 and 10.
- The number of injuries and medical consultations reported is 3, with one onward referral.



Protection (including GBV and CP) Sector Lead Agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA

Protection:

- Coordination and collaboration across protection actors for a holistic approach and assistance is ongoing, including relocation of affected families to safer areas.
- Psychosocial support is being provided to families who have lost family members.
- Ongoing door-to-door sensitization of families in landslide-prone areas by volunteer site managers is ongoing, as well as awareness messaging to refugees in landslide-prone areas.
- All learning centres, offices, masjids and community centres are open for emergency use.

Child Protection (CP):

- In addition to child fatalities included in the total reported above, seven children are reported as injured. Two boys nearly drowned in a river near Camp 22. They were rescued by community members and referred to IRC Hospital. Both children are now safe.
- Two boys that were separated from their primary caregivers have been found and reunified.
- Some Child Protection actors are providing immediate Psychological First Aid (PFA) with 432 children and caregivers known to be receiving PFA.
- Shelter and dry food for displaced families is needed to prevent family separation (family unity is an important CP consideration). Some CP facilities are being used as temporary shelters.
- One Multi-Purpose Centre and one Women & Girls Safe Space (WGSS) have been damaged.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- In Camp 6, 11, and 16, multiple WGSSs have been soaked and some items within are damaged. Damage to boundary fences has also been reported. Similar impacts were noted on refugee

shelters, including those of volunteers. Water logging is also interrupting some activities.

- Staff and volunteers are on the ground providing services, including psychosocial support and referrals, and conducting outreach sensitization sessions in the affected areas. Awareness on landslides and flooding is ongoing, despite limited staff mobility due to the weather.
- Self Help Group and Community Watch Group volunteers are visiting areas to assess the extent of damage, and awareness activities have been organized in the affected areas.
- Despite damage to some, all WGSS were functional on 19 June, with most staff present at the respective locations. Response activities are ongoing to address the situation.
- Need-based Dignity kits are being provided to affected families.
- Reduced mobility due to ongoing weather, landslides, and uprooted trees, is a challenge, especially for those with disabilities, as well as pregnant women, adolescents, and children.



Education Sector Lead Agencies: UNICEF and Save the Children

- Camps 22, 18, 24 and 25 have reported waterlogging in the Learning Centres.
- Camp 9 and Camp 10 have reported landslides but with no major damage at the Learning Facilities reported thus far.

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