

IOM BANGLADESH: ROHINGYA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RESPONSE

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



IOM CHIEF VISITS BANGLADESH, SECURES FUNDING COMMITMENTS FOR ROHINGYA REFUGEES

The Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Amy Pope concluded a four-day visit to Bangladesh from 5 May to 8 May 2024. DG Pope's visit included strategic engagements aimed at addressing the pressing humanitarian needs of Rohingya refugees, and advancing global migration discourse. Notably, the DG also launched IOM's flagship World Migration Report 2024, the first time that this publication has been launched outside Geneva. During her visit, DG Pope met with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and welcomed the commitment of the government of Bangladesh to addressing the Rohingya refugee crisis and broader migration challenges.

Accompanied by representatives from the international donor community and the private sector, DG Pope witnessed firsthand the pressing humanitarian needs of the Rohingya humanitarian response in Bangladesh and highlighted the need for continued humanitarian assistance and protection support for the refugees.

In a significant step towards preserving Rohingya cultural heritage, DG Pope inaugurated the World Tour of the Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre (RCMC). The RCMC World Tour will showcase, in several global locations, the rich cultural heritage of the Rohingya community and raise awareness about their plight.

During her visit, DG Pope also participated in a high-level dialogue on the Future of Migration and Bangladesh, engaging in fruitful discussions with key stakeholders on shaping policies and strategies to address migration challenges in the country and region.

Following the visit, participating donor countries pledged their support to IOM's emergency and development projects in Bangladesh. This financial assistance will significantly assist IOM to address the pressing needs faced by Rohingya refugees and other vulnerable communities in Bangladesh. In March 2024, IOM appealed for USD 119 million to support nearly a million Rohingya refugees in what has been called the world's largest refugee settlement in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, and the vulnerable community generously hosting them.

Through collaboration with donors and partners, IOM remains committed to providing vital support to vulnerable populations and promoting sustainable solutions to migration issues worldwide.



981,064

Rohingya
refugees in
Bangladesh



203,439

Rohingya families
in Cox's Bazar
and Bhasan Char



1.55
million
People in need

DONOR VISITS

A delegation from 13 donor countries visited the Rohingya refugee camps, accompanying DG Pope. The delegation visited IOM facilities providing protection and health support to the refugees, as well as shelter distribution and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. They also explored IOM's innovations in camp management and shelter construction and saw how IOM conducts disaster risk management activities in both the refugee camps and the host community. The visit included a guided tour of the Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre. During the visit, donors had the opportunity to interact with the Rohingya refugees and host community beneficiaries.

A delegation from the US Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration came to see IOM's innovations in alternative shelter construction and camp development, and also visited health facilities and resettlement activities.

A delegation from New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade explored the Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre.

A 17-member delegation, led by Australian Foreign Minister, visited IOM's Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre.



PROGRAMME UPDATE

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT



10,484 complaints/feedback received; **5,631** referred; **4,551** replied; **944** considered resolved

2,759 m² of slope stabilized

2,416 women representatives attended **266** awareness sessions

2,008 different community engagement activities conducted

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS



4,131 families received shelter upgrade and maintenance (SUM) assistance

75,066 LPG refills provided

33,100 poles of Borak bamboo treated

69,288 households received shelter tie down kits

HEALTH



106,973 primary medical consultations in IOM-supported facilities

151,653 door-to-door visits conducted by community health workers

11,392 individuals received mental health and psychosocial support

2,370 diagnostic tests for dengue; **272** found positive and treated

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



501,196 soaps distributed to the beneficiaries

7,785 kgs of compost produced from the solid waste generated in camps

263,245 people received WASH non-food items support

7,488 kgs of compost distributed to the beneficiaries for farming

SOCIAL COHESION



3,779 metres of canal cleaned to increase water reservoir capacity and reduce flood risk

650 metres of guidewall constructed alongside the canals

373 Rohingya beneficiaries received vocational skills training

101 host community beneficiaries received in-kind livelihoods support for income generation

PROTECTION



15,196 individuals received support against gender-based violence (GBV) and psychosocial support

46 victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

14,360 beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

11,261 persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING



4 incidents weekly and 16 daily reports and dataset were produced and shared with the shelter and camp coordination camp management (SCCCM) sector, partner agencies and programmes

The **joint need assessment (JNA) tool** were **updated** and JNA data collection and analysis were conducted for the fire incidents in the camp.

15 thematic maps such as weekly incident report map, temporary cyclone evacuation facilities mapping, fire and windstorm incident mapping etc. were prepared

Collaborating with SCCC sector, **Shelter performance standard assessment 2024** is being continued while NPM is checking data regularly

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