

Rohingya Influx in Bangladesh still Continues Special attention on Health Care is Needed

Along with the humanitarian supports for the Rohingya Refugees in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar, COAST Trust is regularly producing update on the situation. This is the **5th** update in this series. The previous four updates can be found from www.coastbd.net



The number of Rohingya refugees recently fled from Myanmar now has crossed half a million.



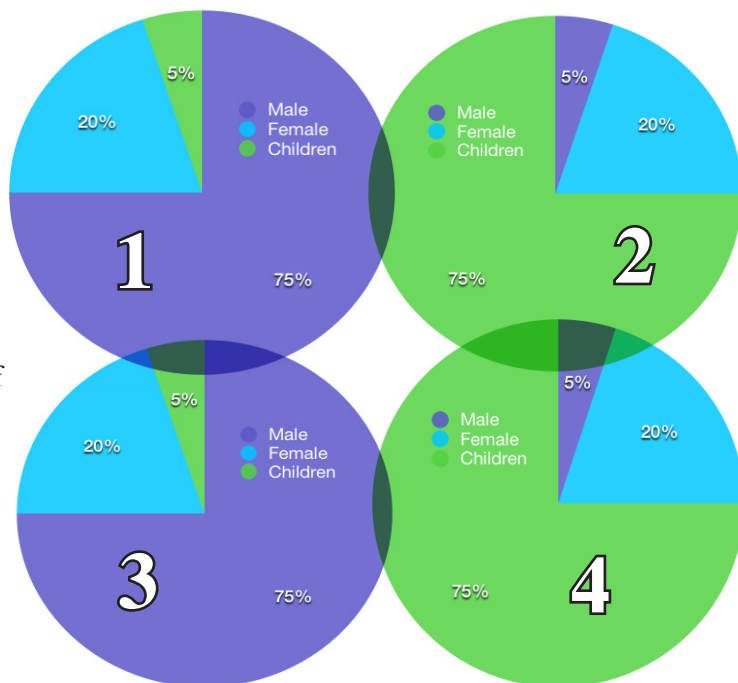
COAST Relief Supports (8th September to 30th September)

46,000 packets of Cooked Food
Medical Services to **39,393** persons
Providing **66,000** litre of drinking water

COAST has established a Relief Operation Centre in Palongkhali area of Ukhiya upazila. About 40 COAST staff are working to run the emergency support activities.

The influx of Rohingya from Myanmar to Bangladesh is still going on. So far, more than half of a million Rohingya people have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh since 25th August 2017. Rakhine state of Myanmar has become a crucible of religious hatred focused on the stateless Rohingya Muslim minority, who are reviled and perceived as illegal immigrants in Buddhist-majority Myanmar. To survive from the violence Rohingya people are leaving Myanmar. Local community people, local NGOs started the humanitarian responses to the Rohingya refugees. Along with local communities and NGOs, local administration, UN organizations, international organizations and NGOs are also now providing various relief supports. Bangladesh army is now working to coordinate the relief operation.

The Pie Charts present the situation of COAST Relief Operation: The percentages of refugees received Food (1), Medical Services (2), Water (3) and Non-food item (4)



Some decisions and observations of the Relief Coordination Meeting

On 4th October, a coordination meeting was held in Deputy Commission office in Cox's Bazar where General secretary of the Awami League and Minister for the Road Transport and Bridges Mr. Obaidul Quader was the Chief Guest. Among others three Members of parliament of Cox's Bazar, Director General of NGOAB, All Additional District Commissioners, respective army persons, representatives from International and national NGO's, civil society and journalist were also present. This meeting started at 7.00pm and finished by 10.40 pm. That was long time meeting.

Some major decisions and discussions are below here:

- || Now 41 NGO's are working with Rohingya people. Till today NGOAB has approved 43 projects, 12 projects are being implemented by international NGO's and national NGOs are implementing the others.
- || After the approval of NGOAB, if needed, District Commissioner will add or cut any activities
- || Government will increase the area of temporary shelters, it is now on 2000 acres of land. All sorts of permanent structures within this 2000 acres of land is prohibited.
- || The medicine company Beximco will provide free medicine to the approved medical camps
- || Mr. Minister suggested formation of a Coordination Committee, which could include government various sectors

chief, political leaders, civil society members, NGO's, Army persons etc.

- || Fire service station set-up is urgent. Government will try for set-up a fire service station.
- || Government will take strong action against those who will establish any unethical relationship with Rohingya girls or women.
- || ID card is must for the people involved in Rohingya operation.
- || All respective people are requested to visit Rohingya refugee camp after sunrise and they must leave the are before 6.00 pm. Otherwise police and administration will take action.
- || Establishment of school, or any other religious or education center is stringly prohibited.
- || Many NGO's are working in the road side areas, they are requested to operate relief work also in the middle or last points of the camps.
- || Government is encouraging NGOs and others to build bathroom for women.

Thanks to COAST Partners

COAST has started the humanitarian responses with its own fund. Later Care Bangladesh, Tear Fund, Dan Church Aid, UNICEF, Oxfam have joined COAST efforts. Details about the partnerships, name of the projects, planned activities, expected outcome of these projects can be found from this link: <http://coastbd.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Rohingya-Response-Project-brief.pdf>



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