

## Host Community Plans and Activities

updated as of 07<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

### JRP Objectives and Plans

Number Beneficiaries Targeted 350,000

### FOOD SECURITY – Strategic Objective 2:

*Strengthen, enhance and support the livelihoods of host communities and promote self-reliance opportunities for Rohingya refugees, including support to key community infrastructures such as markets, agriculture infrastructures and environmentally sensitive interventions.*

#### JRP PLAN AND STRATEGY - \$35 Million USD requested (March – December 2018)

The Food Security Sector aims at supporting the **livelihoods of the most affected host communities** by creating job opportunities, income generation activities, restoring productive assets, reinforce **agriculture** production (crop production, livestock, fisheries) with a special focus on **marginalized farmers**, large-size families, **women from the poorest households**, and in general the communities most affected by the Rohingya influx in Ukhyia and Teknaf.

The host community population should be targeted based on vulnerability assessment and the **most vulnerable** and food insecure must be selected, using the most appropriate modality, including **cash** (e.g. cash grant) to give the best opportunity to increase the food security of the entire household. **Training and learning opportunities** must be created in parallel with the livelihoods support. Training in food security and nutrition, education, business plan development will contribute to social empowerment, especially for women, is recommended. Support for **small business** development, and technical training for farmers is also part of the strategy.

Support to host communities' livelihoods needs to be **coordinated closely with the Bangladeshi local authorities** and relevant technical ministries.

Food Security Sector also promotes initiatives that support the entire **"food system"** from production to marketing. Strategic linkages need to be done with local farmers in order to increase the food availability in the market, including the markets that are currently serving both local population and refugees: that will have a double positive benefit.

**The Environment and eco-system rehabilitation** is also part of the strategic plan of the Food Security Sector. Programmes should address deforestation and firewood issues through reforestation and forest management systems support, including planting of fast growing tree nurseries and seedling production. Environmental outreach and education, conservation and biodiversity protection, and strengthening agro-forestry and collaborative forest management farming systems will be undertaken.

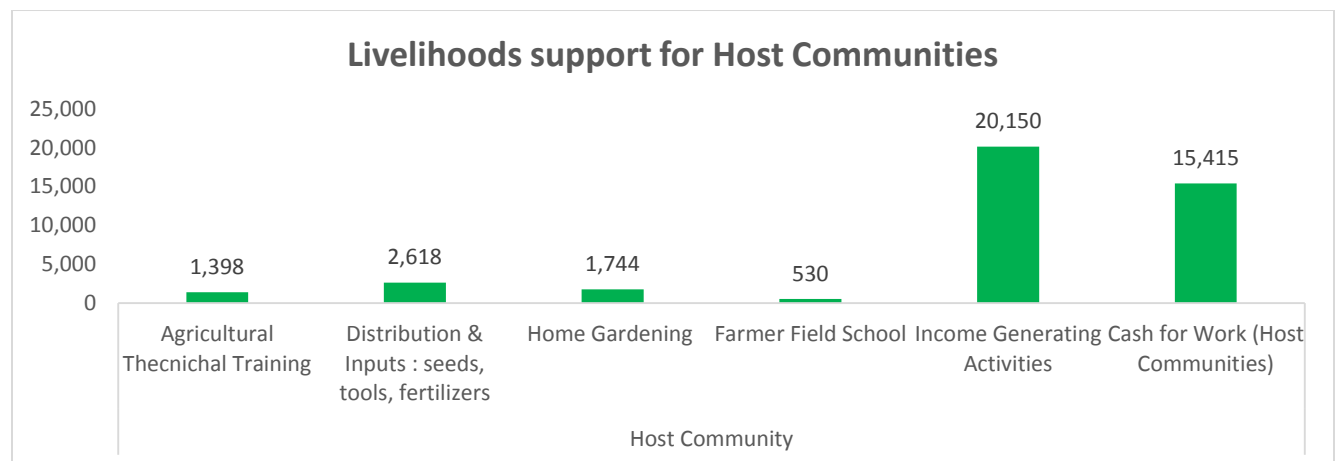
Humanitarian agencies in coordination with relevant Government authorities are undertaking a **Clean Energy Program to promote alternative energy sources** including compressed rice husk distribution, biogas installations, improved cook stoves and **LPG provision**.

**Social safety nets: School feeding initiatives** in the Host communities will continue to be implemented with the double objective of ensure student's attendance and increase nutrition

**Work completed and ongoing status**

**March/April Individual Beneficiaries Reached: 41,855**

**Activities reported from 19<sup>th</sup> of May to 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2018:**



**Ongoing activities with Host Communities:**

- Strengthen household food production, distribution of agriculture inputs (seeds, tools and fertilizers) and home-gardening support
- Income generation activities to enhance food security and nutrition.
- Agriculture technical trainings
- Farmer field schools
- Cash for work



**School feeding: 144,022** students in Host communities are receiving fortified biscuits daily

Food Security Sector and partners are **monitoring prices** in the markets within those host communities impacted by the Rohingya influx.

**Coordination:** Livelihoods Working Group under the Food Security Sector meets bi-weekly. The group coordinates livelihoods activities, promotes strategic approach, assessments, and develops technical paper with the support of all members in consultation with Government authorities.

Number of members: **20 organizations**

Government partners: Department of Agricultural Extension, Forestry and Environment

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**Challenges & Constraints:**

Reporting on livelihoods ongoing activities in host communities needs to be strengthened through monthly 4Ws (Who does what where when).

Development programmes targeting Host Communities in Cox's Bazar are not necessarily reported to the Food Security Sector.

Funding reported is still very low (9%) for the Host communities in the areas of Ukhyia and Teknaf, but advocacy to increase funding for host community programs is ongoing.