

## Rohingya Influx in Bangladesh still Continues

### Discipline in Relief Operation is Visible

### Special care for Pregnant Mothers and Children 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 **fourth** update in this series. The previous three updates can be found from [www.coastbd.net](http://www.coastbd.net)

“Some 429,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since a violent crackdown on the Rohingya community began a month ago following a series of attacks on security posts. UNHCR, 25 September, 2017”

Many sources are confirming the number is now beyond 500 thousand and it is still counting! UN forecasts that the number can be 1 million at the end of this year. Among the Rohingya refugees recently fled from Myanmar there are about 86 thousand families, 70 thousands pregnant women. There are 230 new born babies in newly built temporary camps while 1300 children have become orphan.

#### Recent Scenario: Discipline is Visible

Some changes in relief operation management have been took in place. Bangladesh Army has been deployed and they are working to ensure discipline in the areas and in relief works. Road side tents are not there, almost all refugees have been tent to temporary shelters in specific areas. Some tube-wells and toilets have been established by the different NGOs. Still these are far from the needs. Now none is getting relief without token, some discipline has been established. Relief operation is now a bit organized

#### Suffering continues: Special Care for Mothers and Children is Needed

Despite efforts by the government, UN agencies and NGOs, the refugees have been suffering from acute shortage of food, drinking water, latrines and medicine owing to the sudden large influx in such a short period. Apart from housing and food scarcity, diseases have become a common problem. Fever, cold, pneumonia, diarrhoea are widespread. Open defecation in the settlements is adding to the problem. There might be a public health emergency. While the adults may withstand certain shocks, it will be very difficult for the children, especially infants. (Source: Daily Star)



#### Sufferings continue: Some immediate needs

As there are about 70 thousand pregnant mothers, and since during the winter, child disease might be increased, special care for pregnant mothers and children is now immediate need. many temporary refugee shelters have been built in the hilly areas where access to water and access to roads are very tough. Therefore special arrangements for water and sanitation is needed, some infrastructure ( e.g. roads) schemes are also needed urgently. The shelters areas are suffering





from insufficient lights during the night time, criminal activities can be taken place if there are no sufficient lights during night time. We have observed that, host community people are getting angry on competition and scarce for resources.

Most of the organizations and individuals are providing food to the refugees, but the water and sanitation facilities are now urgent need. In twelve camps total 343 toilets and 422 tube wells have been so far installed, target is 1200 toilets and 1200 tube wells, 100 in every camp.

### COAST Humanitarian Supports from its own fund

COAST Started its relief operation from 8 September. It Has established a relief operation centre in Palonkkhali, Teknaf and 40 Staff are working. So far, 28 thousand packets of cooked food, 66 thousand litre drinking water have been provided to the refugees, 33 thousand 926 Rohingya refugees have got medical services.

### COAST Humanitarian response with partnership with others

Besides the humanitarian responses with its own fund, COAST is also going to make some emergency relief operation with the support of different partner organizations. COAST has so far signed partnership agreement with CARE Bangladesh, Dan Church Aid, Tear Fund and Mercy Malaysia.

With the support of CARE Bangladesh COAST is providing 3650 packets of cooked food, 15 days. Non Food items and Shelters for 2700 Families, food

to 2000 families every day for one month will be managed with the support from DCA, 2 medical camps for 3 months, 10 thousand litter water every day for 20 days, Non Food Items for 1000 families, sanitary for 1000 families will be managed with the support of Mercy Malaysia, 2 Medical Camps for 2 months, food for 200 families for 15 days will be managed with the support of Tear Fund.

COAST has so far received 900 thousand taka from various individual. COAST is very much pleased to see the response of COAST call for support for Rohingya refugees. The total amount of individual contribution will be used directly for relief operation, and no administrative cost will be charged from this fund. Anyone can donate to COAST for the Rohingya relief. COAST is publishing the names of the contributor in its website, information of relief operation is being updated weekly. This fund will be audited by a renowned audit firm.

### COAST Efforts in ensuring accountability and transparently in Relief Operation

COAST always tries to ensure accountability and transparency in all its development activities. To ensure transparency of its Rohingya Relief Operation, COAST has made all related information open for all. From COAST website ([www.coastbd.net](http://www.coastbd.net)) anyone can know what is COAST doing, who are involved, how funds are coming, important contact numbers, different meeting minutes are available in COAST website. COAST has also requested compliments and complaints from anyone regarding its relief operation. We have made this request by making public advertisement. We have published advertisement requesting all concerns to submit

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### Meeting of DG NGOAB with NGOs and INGOs: Immediate step in processing application from NGOs for Rohingya Relief Operation .

In Bangladesh, to get funds from abroad approval from the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) is must. The Director General of NGOAB Mr. Rakibur Rahman recently had a meeting with about 30 NGOs and INGOs operating humanitarian responses for the Rohingya on 23rd September. COAST Trust organized the meeting in its Cox's Bazar regional office. Mr. Rakibur Rahman assured that, the NGOAB is processing applications regarding this humanitarian response within 24



hours. He urged all concerns to study the rules and regulations of NGOAB so that things could be run smoothly. Later he had visited the areas Rohingya refugees took shelters.

*(Left) Nurzahan (40). She has lost her husband. Myanmar army killed his husband on 9th September, they burnt her house. With 3 sons and 2 daughters, Nurzahan has fled to Bangladesh to survive. They are now living in a temporary shelter in Cox's Bazar. (Right) Fatema (25) from Dothang Village under Maungdaw city of Myanmar. Her parents were killed by Myanmar army. She has lost his younger brother in Cox's Bazar Rohingya camp. She has 2 sons and 2 daughters.*



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