



SUSTAINABLE WASH FOR ROHINGYA CRISIS

Cox's Bazar | Bangladesh

BRAC has worked in Cox's Bazar for the last 36 years, with host communities and the Rohingya population from previous influxes. We are pursuing an adaptive, phase-wise strategy to provide integrated services to everyone affected by the crisis.

Since September 2017, we began an initial phase of emergency WASH services addressing the most urgent needs following the influx. We constructed emergency latrines and bathing cubicles to secure the dignity of the incoming population; and installed emergency tube wells, spread hygiene messages, distributed water purification tablets and hygiene kits to ward off any potential water-borne epidemic. After the crisis phase was complete, all emergency latrines and non-functional tube wells were decommissioned, and sustainable & integrated WASH services were incorporated as part of our response for the Rohingya and host communities.

PROFILE

365,697 forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals accessed WASH facilities
25 camps received WASH interventions

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1,493 functioning tube wells
23,786 latrines constructed
43 piped water network
47 Faecal Sludge Management plants
77,656 waste bins and **139** dumping sites established
Over **1,000** people benefitted from cooking gas from **13** biogas plants
5,771 hand washing stations
7,992 bathing cubicles built
543,132 hygiene kits distributed

WHAT WE DO

Sanitation and Waste Management:

BRAC constructed twin-pit latrines, hand washing stations and engaged with stakeholders to implement technologies for faecal sludge management. BRAC has distributed separate communal bins for organic and inorganic wastes, with designated dumping sites to maintain hygienic environment in the camps.

Drinking Water Facilities:

BRAC has established appropriate water technologies to meet challenges such as excreta contamination and lowering water tables. We constructed deep tube wells and deep bore holes where safe water aquifers were found, and set up piped water networks to deliver chlorinated water for nearly 127,500 people. We introduced water trucking to parts of the camps without access to safe water sources. BRAC also established 2 water testing laboratories to examine the quality of drinking water.

Hygiene Management and Promotion:

We constructed bathing cubicles since the beginning of the influx to ensure safety and dignity of women, and eventually installed separate bathing cubicles for men and women. BRAC deployed hygiene promoters for hygiene awareness sessions and door-to-door visits, and have also been distributing hygiene materials. We are currently piloting exclusive WASH blocks for women.

Emergency Preparedness:

We strengthened or replaced latrines, water options and bathing cubicles to make them resilient against natural disasters.

Management and Maintenance of WASH facility:

BRAC was the first to form WASH committees to involve the Rohingya community to establish ownership of facilities, by developing Community Maintenance Team (CMT), WASH corridor construction and water pumps operated by hybrid power.

WASH in host communities:

BRAC supported the host communities alongside the camps in Cox's bazar. We installed improved WASH facilities such as piped water network, bathing cubicles, and deep tube wells, as well as repaired the facilities damaged during the reflux.



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