



Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) Mohammad Abul Kalam along with other officials from UN agencies and BRAC at the opening of the Integrated Centre for Women and Girls on February 14.

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OVERALL UPDATE:

- **906,500 Rohingyas and over 460,454 people in host communities** have been identified for support according to the 2019 JRP report.
- **UN agencies and NGO partners, including BRAC, launched the [2019 Joint Response Plan \(JRP\)](#)** on 15 February. The JRP appeals for USD 920.5 million to maintain priority response efforts. BRAC's 2019 JRP funding target is USD 98.1 million.
- **BRAC began general food distribution in 13 camps in Cox's Bazar in February 2019**, increasing the scope of HCMP response activities to all sectors.
- **UNHCR special envoy Angelina Jolie** visited BRAC's two-story learning centre in Camp 4-Extension, and community center in Camp 22 (Unchiprang) on February 4-5.
- **Country Representatives, CEO and Regional Director from BRAC International** visited HCMP activities in camps in Cox's Bazar on February 5-7.
- **UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore** visited BRAC's Alternative Learning Project (ALP) for host community out-of-school youth on 15 February.

IN SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH:

On February 14, we inaugurated the joint UNHCR-BRAC project **Integrated Centre for Women and Girls in Camp 4-Extension**. Mr. Mohammad Abul Kalam, chief of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission, spoke along with officials from UNHCR and BRAC, and Rohingya women.

BRAC currently operates 8 women-friendly spaces, 8 community centres, and 9 skills development centres in camps. We plan to open 4 additional women-friendly spaces and 8 men and boys engagement centres, and extend programmes to the host community.



Rohingya woman giving a keynote speech at the event.

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Water, sanitation and hygiene

19,510 latrines built

5,592 bathing cubicles built

184,467 hygiene sessions provided

We support over **400,00 thousand people** through **integrated WaSH interventions** in camps and host communities including construction and maintenance of **deep tube wells, piped water supply networks, latrines and handwashing stations**. We deliver **hygiene promotion** and distribute **hygiene kits**. Our next project phase prioritises **‘water safety planning’** to ensure safety of water from source to mouth by increasing community awareness and ownership.



Shelter and non-food items

36,149 shelters built

222,936 clothes distributed

60,554 solar lamps distributed

We support over **180,000 people** with **safe, secure shelters** in camps and host communities, and distribution of essential non-food items such as **solar lamps**, and winter clothing. We operate **6 gas-equipped community kitchens**. We have piloted transitional shelter options such as **‘flat pack’ shelters**, and **‘stilt homes’** to mitigate risk from landslides. Our **bamboo treatment facility**, the first large scale plant in Cox’s Bazar, ensures bamboo viability for 10-12 years.



Education

699 learning centres functioning

50,774 learners registered

87% attendance rate

We are the **largest education provider in the response, with over 50,00 children** (52% girls) enrolled in almost 700 BRAC facilities. With UNICEF support, BRAC is developing learning centre framework and approach (LCFA) materials, focused on early grade learning, basic literacy, numeracy, life-saving information, psychosocial support and life skills. We have recruited and trained **450 Burmese language instructors** (from camps) and **450 teachers** (from host communities) to provide quality learning in safe, dignified environments.



Agriculture and environment

3,616,057 grass slips planted in camps

140,906 trees planted

30,000 shrubs planted

Our **agriculture and environment projects** work to **restore the living environment in Cox’s Bazar** to and to promote sustainable agricultural practices across **9 camps** and host communities. We stabilise deforested areas through planting fast-growing and deep-rooted **trees, shrubs, and grasses**, and **increase the self-resilience of vulnerable communities** through distribution of agricultural input packages which include seeds, tools and training.



Protection

184,330 psychosocial support sessions

110,870 responses to complaints/questions

19,744 men and boys engaged

We support over 50,000 vulnerable Rohingya women, girls, men and boys through legal, psychosocial, livelihood and community-based protection in Cox's Bazar camps. Services are offered through **8 Women Friendly Spaces, 8 Community Centres, 1 Skills Development Centre, 8 information points, and a community outreach network.** Participants, whom include survivors of sexual-based violence, benefit from psychotherapeutic activities, skills development, psychosocial counseling, case management, legal aid, awareness training on social issues (i.e. domestic violence, dowry, early marriage), dignity kit distribution, referral services and women's leadership training.



Child protection

288 child-friendly spaces functioning

5,306 psychosocial support sessions

49,927 children registered

We support over 50,000 children and adolescents through child-friendly spaces implementing BRAC's Humanitarian Play Lab model, where they receive play-based psychosocial support and learning, and case management services. We also hold parents meetings and operate children's committees. Almost **24,000 adolescents** receive life skills training, and over **200 Rohingya volunteers & outreach workers have been trained** to engage the community and provide services.



Communication for development

1,446 advocacy meetings with leaders

9,691 adolescent radio listeners' groups participants

585,361 meetings at household-level

We support over 100,000 Rohingya households in 34 camps with critically important messages delivered by the largest community mobilisation network in the response consisting of **1000 Rohingya volunteers** (90% female). We have reached **3,000 community leaders** through advocacy meetings, engaged **3,000 boys & girls** in adolescent radio listener clubs, and collected **7,000+ pieces of community feedback** on disaster preparedness to inform sector-wide disaster response planning.



Health, nutrition and communicable diseases

1,207,414 community health consultations

22,122 households received nutrition counselling

133,930 malaria tests

We are the largest primary health care provider in the camps, providing essential and life-saving health and nutrition services, including prevention and treatment of communicable diseases. We have provided **1 million+** basic health services in the community via our health network of **2 comprehensive 24/7 Primary Health Centres, 9 health posts, 30 Community Health Outlets, 80+ health care providers and 100 health staff.** We have screened **over 500,000 children, pregnant and nursing women** at-risk for malnutrition. We have diagnosed and treated almost **6,000 people** for TB.



Disaster risk reduction

7,938 shelters upgraded

8,757 latrines desludged

9,840 awareness meetings conducted

We support almost 100,00 people in camps and host communities through comprehensive, multi-sectoral disaster reduction work. Our work includes **relocating households** at risk of flooding or landslide, **decommissioning latrines**, **upgrading child-friendly spaces** and **learning centres**, **delivering messages on monsoon and cyclone preparedness**, **vetiver plantation** in 13 camps to reduce soil erosion, and **retrofitting 20 cyclone shelters** in host communities.



Livelihoods

1,800 Rohingya women and girls trained as tailors

24 master trainers

8 skill training centres operational

We support vulnerable people in camps and host communities through **skill-building programmes that increase confidence, capacity, and opportunity**. In the camps, self-resilience programmes taught by master trainers from host communities help participants develop **life skills** and **technical skills**. Trades include tailoring, embroidery, solar installation, and mobile phone servicing. In host communities (*see host communities section on p. 5*), we offer ultra-poor graduation and alternative learning programmes.



Site management

1,042 community awareness meetings held

2,080 shelter kits distributed

192 staff engaged in capacity building training

We support over 100,000 people in 3 camps (1E, 7 and KRC) with **site management support focusing on 8 key areas**: Support to the government officials in charge of camps, community governance and participation mechanisms, protection mainstreaming, care and maintenance, information management, emergency preparedness and response, relocations, and capacity building. We engage the community through meetings, households visits, surveys, and focus groups discussions, and train community volunteers to provide safety, first aid, and to respond to disasters.



Food security

2,225 metric tons of food distributed

50,920 households reached

62,710,749 BDT distributed through e-vouchers

We support over 50,000 Rohingya households in 13 camps with **food and nutrition assistance** through our partnership with WFP in **general food distribution** and **e-voucher programmes**. E-voucher holders can access **18 food items** at assistance outlets to improve their families' nutritional diversity and food security. Available items include: Rice, onion, garlic, eggs, spices, green vegetables, eggs, dry fish, pulses, potatoes, oil, flour and sugar.



Ayesha Abed Foundation

6 sub-centres in camps and host communities

209 trainees learning hand embroidery

40 sewing machines set up

In a six-month pilot project beginning January 2019, BRAC has opened **6 sub-centres and 1 production centre** in the Cox's Bazar area, training over **200 women** from the Rohingya camps and host communities in **artisan embroidery techniques**. Trainees receive a **stipend of 1,500 taka monthly**. Successful graduates will be given the opportunity to join AAF on a longer-term basis, producing and selling goods to support themselves and their families.



Host communities

50,774 children registered in learning centres

1,633 children playing in child friendly spaces

107,028 household hygiene sessions conducted

136,349 people diagnosed and identified for treatment for TB

20 retrofitted cyclone shelters

32 evacuation schemes completed

23,485 trees planted in host communities

10,266 households provided with hands-on coaching on enterprise

43,330 clients receiving micro-loans

9,782 households reached with cash-based interventions

Our support to host communities consists of targeted, multi-sectoral assistance to vulnerable households, including the following:

- **BRAC Learning Centres** offering non-formal education programmes.
- **Child-friendly spaces** implementing BRAC's **Humanitarian Play Lab model**.
- **WaSH interventions** supporting over 80,000 households, including construction and maintenance of **deep tube wells, piped water supply networks, and latrines**, over **26,000 hygiene sessions** conducted with men, women, boys and girls in schools, tea stalls, and formation of **village WaSH committees**.
- **Diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases**, including TB and malaria.
- **Disaster risk reduction**, including quick evacuation schemes, to retrofit, renovate and repair cyclone shelters.
- **Agriculture and environment rehabilitation** including planting trees to mitigate deforestation, and improving agricultural practices and home gardening and vocational skills through distribution of agricultural inputs.
- **Ultra-Poor Graduation Programmes (UPGP)** providing interest-free loans, particle grants, combined with classroom-based and hands-on training to create pathways out of poverty.
- **Alternative Learning Programme (ALP)** providing apprenticeship-based training and life skills classes to out-of-school youth.
- **Customised microfinance products** for local communities, including micro-loans and small enterprise loans. Since the new influx began in August 2017, we have scaled up programmes in Cox's Bazar with 4 new branches.
- **Cash-based interventions** supporting host community households with cash distributions of 5,500 BDT per household every month for four months.

PROFILE: BRAC HUMANITARIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (HCMP)

BRAC has worked in Cox’s Bazar for the last 36 years, with host communities and the Rohingya population from previous influxes. HCMP was launched on September 10, 2017 to provide emergency services to the tens of thousands of Rohingya people fleeing violence in Myanmar. We began with a focus on life-saving interventions in critical area such as WaSH, health and child-protection services.

As the situation has evolved, we have incorporated interventions to support all people affected by the crisis, in both camp and host communities, helping them to build skills, resilience and awareness. We serve more than 500,000 people affected by the crisis, with the broadest programming portfolio of any responder.

STAFF PROFILE

- 2,800+** Total BRAC staff providing critical services in camps and host communities
- 68 %** of all BRAC staff working in the Rohingya response are from host communities
- 51%** of all BRAC staff working in the Rohingya response are female

PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

**JOINT RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING TARGET FOR BRAC FOR 2019:
USD 98.1 MILLION**

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