

# HUMANITARIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

BANGLADESH | COX'S BAZAR | OCT 2018



## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

BRAC has worked in Cox's Bazar for the last 35 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.

- **The first two-storied temporary learning centre**, supported by UNHCR, inaugurated in Camp 4 extension. The new centre accommodates 40 children on each floor. With three shifts each day, it will be able to meet the needs of 240 children – twice the capacity of our other learning centres.
- **24/7 primary health centre opened in Camp 8E**, making a total of two BRAC-operated 24-hour health centres in the camps. The number of night time deliveries now almost matches the number of day time deliveries, indicating acceptance by the community.
- **Ten stilt-houses constructed in UNHCR-supported pilot project** in Camp 4 extension.
- **Play Labs**, designed to emphasise quality of learning as a hallmark of strong early childhood education through a play-based curriculum, operational in BRAC Child Friendly Spaces across camps.

## KEY BRAC ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



**151,515**

people living in 30,303 shelters\*



**50,545**

people made aware of their legal rights and information



**14,036**

functional latrines in the camps



**491,256**

consultations made through 11 primary healthcare centres



**285**

volunteers & community leaders engaged in capacity building



**39,265**

children registered in 482 learning centres



**77,993**

trees planted in camps and host communities



**1,800**

FDMN women & adolescent girls enrolled in tailoring training



**40,000**

households received messages on disaster preparedness



**49,031**

children playing in our child-friendly spaces

**SNAPSHOT OF SECTORS & WORKING GROUPS: OCTOBER 2018**

Sector/working group	Indicator	This month
 <b>Education</b>	Attendance rate	88%
	Learning centres functioning in camps	383
	Learners registered in camps	4,407
 <b>Health, nutrition, communicable diseases</b>	Consultations made through community health outlets	13,281
	Households received counseling/education on nutrition	1,895
	Malaria tests conducted	16,975
 <b>Protection</b>	Men and boys engaged on SGBV	669
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to survivors of SGBV	2,620
	Complaints/questions responded to by staff at information points (IPs)	8,578
 <b>Child protection</b>	Child-friendly spaces functioning in camps	244
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to children	714
	Children registered for child-friendly spaces in camps	2,441
 <b>WaSH</b>	Latrines constructed	133
	Hand-washing stations built	298
	Hygiene sessions provided	13,711
 <b>Shelter &amp; NFI</b>	Shelters built	675
	Clothes distributed	222,453*
	Solar lamps distributed	39,785*
 <b>Disaster risk reduction</b>	Shelters upgraded	510
	Latrines desludged	393
	Deep tube wells maintained	60
 <b>Agriculture &amp; environment</b>	Vetiver grass slips planted in camps	533,000
	Block trees planted in camps	12,575
	Shrubs planted in camps	10,400
 <b>Livelihood</b>	FDMN women & adolescent girls enrolled in tailoring training	1,800
	Micro-savings accounts opened by TUP participants	1,587
	Learners from host communities placed in jobs	40
 <b>Site management</b>	Community awareness meetings held	191
	Shelter kits distributed	181
	Staff engaged in capacity building training	43
 <b>Communication for development</b>	Advocacy meetings held with community leaders and religious leaders	1,025
	Interpersonal communication meetings held at household level	94,334
	Participants engaged with adolescent radio listeners' group	1,701
 <b>Cash-based interventions</b>	Cash support to FDMN communities	9,782*
 <b>Host communities</b>	Learning centres functioning in host communities	100
	Infrastructure improvement: evacuation schemes completed	8
	Infrastructure improvement: quick impact projects ongoing	7

## SECTOR ACTIVITY

Snapshot of key initiatives on the ground

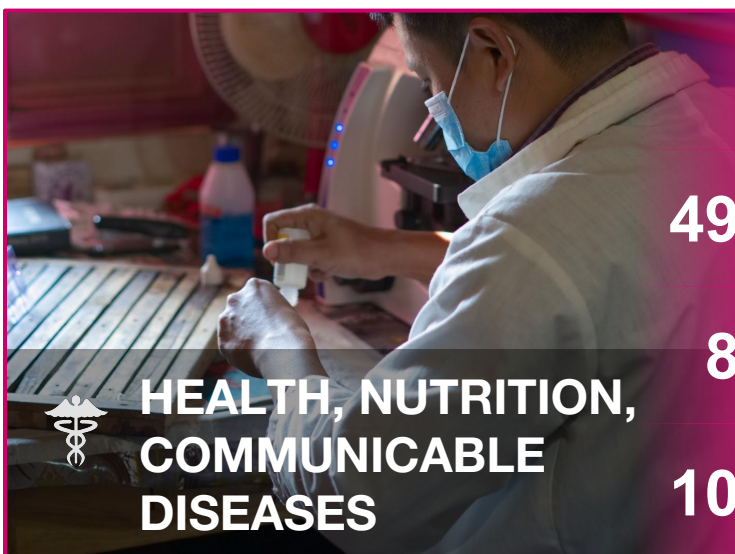





### EDUCATION

- 383** learning centres in camps
- 100** learning centres in host communities
- 866** teachers
- 39,370** children registered

51 new learning centres became operational | Parenting sessions conducted across all camps | 18 Burmese language instructors recruited and trained | 3 staff received Lessons Planning workshop by UNICEF | Canadian Embassy | Inauguration of two-stories temporary learning center | 64 instructors from FDMN and host communities received training on psychosocial support with objective of developing mental health of teachers and students.





### HEALTH, NUTRITION, COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- 11** primary healthcare centres
- 492,502** outpatient consultations
- 87,926** malaria tests done
- 105,302** Households visited by nutrition workers

Initiated 24/7 services at Primary Health Centre at Gumershura /camp 8E | Total number of deliveries at BRAC facilities jumped to 150 | Completed the relocation of Nutrition Centre in camp 8W/RR | Submitted concept note for Global Affairs Canada to HO for review | Increase in TB case detection rate in both of FDMN and host communities | HIV screenings conducted for all diagnosed TB patients in FDMN community | Visits from donor agency WFP + BRAC USA-sponsored donor team.

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**2,855** dignity kits distributed


**50,727** people made aware of relevant legal information and rights

**14,529** sessions of skilled psychosocial support provided through WFS

**84,437** queries responded to at information points

 **PROTECTION**


Case management services operational | Peace at Home workshop sending message through origami | GBV attended JRP workshop by ISCG on 29 October | Staff attended training on capacity building and leadership.



**244** child-friendly spaces in camps and host communities

**537** unaccompanied/ separated children identified with child-friendly spaces in camps

**3,831** one to one PSS sessions conducted by paracounselor

 **CHILD PROTECTION**

Humanitarian Play Lab model of play-based-activities introduced in FDMN camps | World Girls Day celebrated across FDMN camps | CP staff received several training on leadership, health insurance, child protection in emergencies, case management, life skills etc. | Clowns Without Borders (CWB) performed several shows on the themes of togetherness, anger management, and child trafficking | Recreational activities and life skills sessions conducted with FDMN adolescent girls and boys.

## SECTOR CLOSE UP

### CHILD PROTECTION

#### Play Lab model promotes FDMN children's socio-emotional development



Children make a human elephant at a Play Lab

**Enter BRAC's Humanitarian Play Lab in camp 3!** The children greet you with a very warm and loud 'salaam'. As they stand in a big circle, the 'play leader' launches the session with a playful Rohingya rhyme. In sing-song voices, the children at the Play Lab chant about being kind to each other and living together in harmony.

Play Labs are based on a [model pioneered by the BRAC Institute of Educational Development \(BIED\)](#), and have been successfully tested in three countries.

**BRAC currently runs 244 child friendly spaces (CFS) or "Humanitarian Play Labs" (HPL)** in the FDMN camps in Cox's Bazar, providing almost 50,000 children and adolescents a safe place to be children again. The facilities operate from 9 am to 4 pm, and are divided into three sessions to support children with a range of needs. The 9 am session targets pre-schoolers ages 2-5. The 11.30 am session targets children ages 6-14. Adolescents girls learn life skills and engage in group discussions from 2-4 pm. Each Play Lab is staffed with one or more outreach workers — or 'play leaders' — trained to facilitate play activities and provide basic psychosocial support, and are supported by a volunteer from the FDMN community.

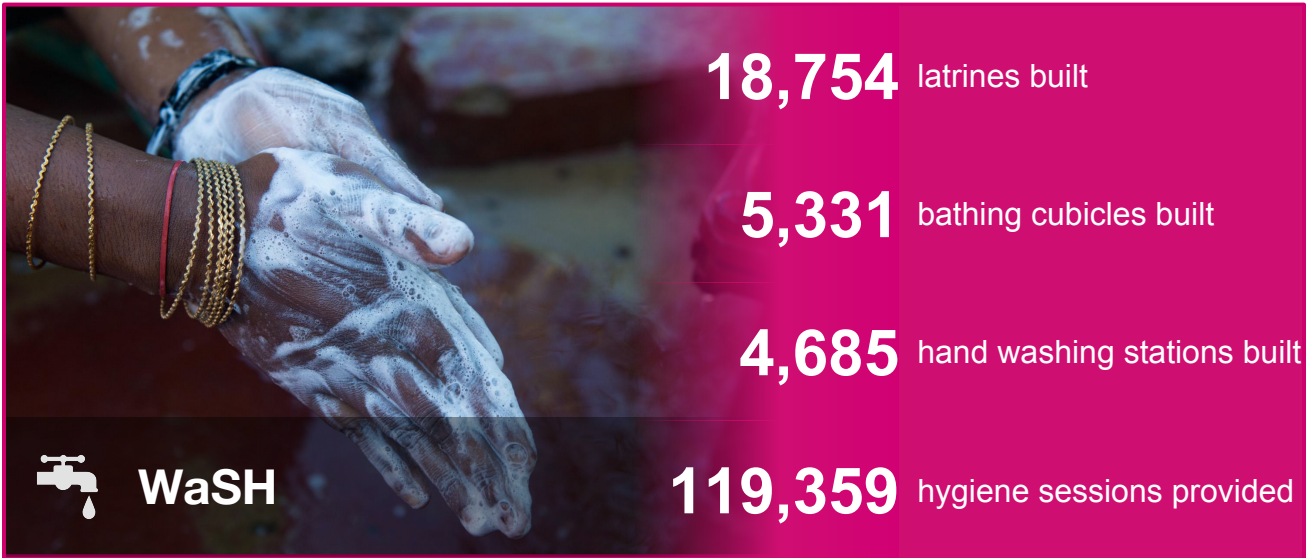
Fun activities — such as making human elephants or horses, or physical exercise as play — help stimulate children's cognitive, motor, and socio-emotional development. Play Lab activities also emphasize language progress through rhymes and songs, which are also serve to teach children important, life-enhancing messages on WaSH, protection, nutrition, socialisation, and peer friendships.

**Play Labs were built in the camps to mitigate the children's psychological distress and disruption of their development.** According to [UNICEF](#), nearly 340,000 FDMN children crossed the Bangladesh-Myanmar border during the humanitarian crisis last year. The displacement combined with impact of the violence they witnessed in Myanmar left many children too traumatised to socialise. A year later, they show signs of improvement. Now, when visitors enter the Play Lab, they jockey for the chance to show their talents and learnings.

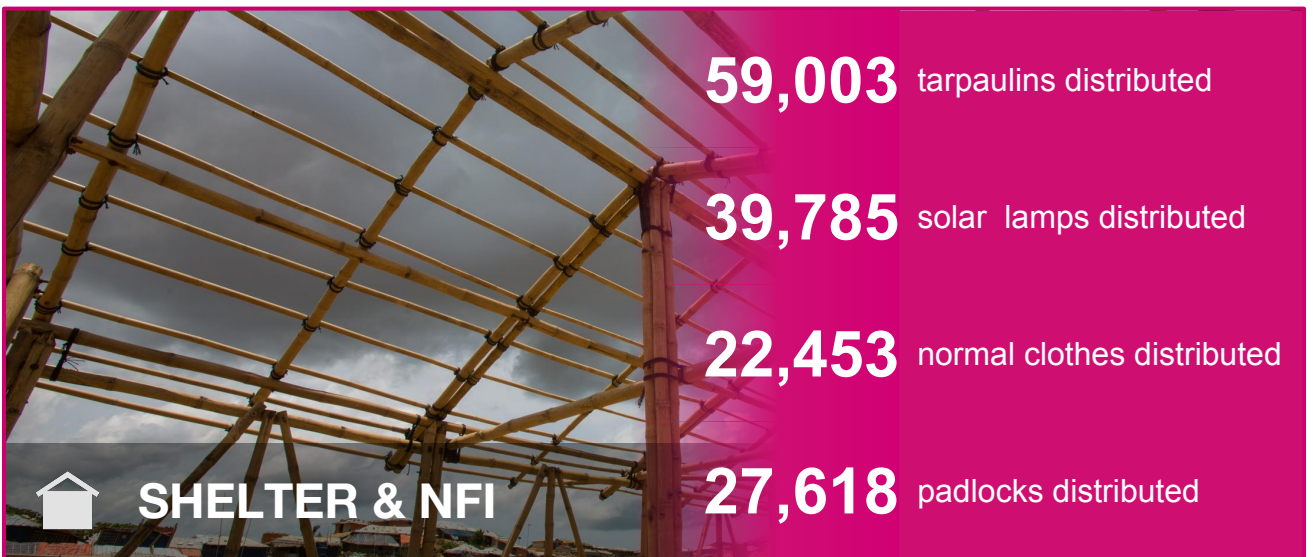
"Children who comes here remain absorbed in playing and entertainment which helps them to forget about their traumatic experience a year back", said a play leader at camp 3.

## SECTOR ACTIVITY

*Snapshot of key initiatives on the ground*



Month-long campaign for Global Handwashing Day held across FDMN camps | Visit from donor agency Charity Water | Hygiene top-up kit distributions in 8 camps + host community | Confirmation of Semani Family Foundation partnership | 10 biogas plants fully functional.



Construction of UNHCR-supported pilot project of 10 stilt houses in camp 4 extension | Ongoing renovation and construction work for 51 cyclone shelters in host communities as part of quick impact project (QIP) and evacuation project (EP).

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### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**16,100** tree plantation in camps

**8,757** latrines de-sludged

**7,774** shelter upgraded

Work commenced on 14 cyclone shelters in host communities in Teknaf | Sites assessed for 30 cyclone shelters in host communities in Ukhiya | Site improvement work for WFP bailey bridge in camp 3, including drainage, slope building, slope protection, bridge abutment, herringbone road, and guide wall | WFP Lessons Learned Workshop conducted on 24-25 October.





### AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**103,735** vegetable seeds distributed in camps

**3,000** watering can distributed

**18,344** trees planted in camps  
*(Mehogani, Niem, Orzone and Akasia)*

2,000 beneficiaries selected for WFP-supported home gardening project | Brinjal, chilli and Indian spinach distribution among 1350 beneficiaries | 9,575 saplings planted in camps 17 and 4-extension | 750,000 vetiver slips planted in camp 17 and camp-4 extension.

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**LIVELIHOOD**

**1,175** productive assets transferred in host communities

**1,530** interest-free loans provided in host communities

**1800** women received tailoring and life skills training from FDMN

Distributions of cash stipends for trainees completed in all 8 SDP centres | Participation in WFP Lessons Learned & Way Forward workshop on 24 October.



**SITE MANAGEMENT**

**225** sector coordination meetings

**628** community awareness meeting conducted

**2,856** gaps and needs solved for vulnerable shelter

Offered CCCM training to 56 staff from BRAC and partner agencies | New block boundaries established in camps 1E and 1W | 2 site management staff received orientation on navigation tools from UNHCR, and cascaded it to 15 staff | Coordinated site selection for 100 street solar lights and 2,500 household solar lights with CCDB | Focus group activity conducted on site management activities and dry food distributed | 20 Safety Unit Volunteers began traffic control duties at KRC.



## SECTOR CLOSE UP

### SITE MANAGEMENT

#### Making Kutupalong's dangerous roads safe again with FDMN safety unit volunteers



Safety unit volunteers direct a *tom-tom* at KRC

In Kutupalong Registered Camp (KRC) in Cox's Bazar, where BRAC is site management focal point, road accidents have risen over the past year as new arrivals of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs) increased the camp population, and agencies rapidly scaled up to meet needs. Hundreds of NGO vehicles and relief trucks now plough through the camp daily, battling the *tom toms* (local three-wheelers), in order to deliver services to KRC's population of over 19,000 people. Reckless drivers, the narrowness of the road, the steep slope, and the scrum of *tom toms* parked haphazardly at the camp entrance create a dangerous, potentially fatal, situation.

To address safety concerns and bring order to the roads, BRAC's site management support team and the Camp-in-Charge of KRC have deputized a team of community "safety unit volunteers" (SUVs) to control traffic and mitigate risk.

**Safety unit volunteers are Rohingya men and women trained in safety and security procedures** by the government of Bangladesh and agency partners. Recruited to support emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction projects in the lead-up to monsoon season earlier this year, volunteers received a series of disaster management trainings, which including fire safety, first aid, and cyclone preparedness. Each camp has thirty safety unit volunteers, who operate under the site management support team.

Engaging the volunteers in traffic control serves the double function of minimizing accidents on KRC's busy arterial road and supplying jobs to the community.

**With the current regulatory environment limiting employment and cash access to FDMN, cash-for-work programmes are a vital source of income to FDMN families.** Previously, safety unit volunteers earned a monthly stipend of 1,000 taka [9.35 GBP] for participation in trainings, with additional working hours paid at the rate of 50 taka/hour. However, with monsoon season ending and trainings complete, volunteers will be paid based solely on working hours. The hourly rate has increased to 75 taka/hour, but volunteers will no longer receive a stipend.

After a successful test period in October when twenty SUVs worked in two shifts, all thirty KRC safety unit volunteers will be on traffic duty in November.

Ali\*, an 18-year-old volunteer, said, "Before traffic controlling, we were just surviving. Now we are living for something meaningful. I am grateful to have this opportunity initiated for our people's safety on the roads".

# WORKING GROUPS ACTIVITY

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## COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

### 40,000

households regularly receive life-saving messages

### 94,334

interpersonal communications conducted at households level

### 2,347

advocacy meetings held with community leaders

C4D volunteer team conducted three surveys across FDMN camps: winter preparedness, population mapping and service mapping | 15 focus groups discussions conducted to map expectations from Bangladesh Betar radio programmes | C4D senior staff received capacity building training from UNICEF | Visits from donor agency UNICEF, BRAC global comms team, and the Gates Foundation.





## HOST COMMUNITIES

### 545

vegetable seedlings distributed

### 100

skilled learners graduated from host community

### 100

learning centres and teachers in host communities

2,484 people enrolled in targeting ultra poor (TUP) programmes in five unions in host communities in Ukhiya and Teknaf | TUP members receive transfers of productive assets, interest-free loans, microfinance saving accounts, classroom training, and hands-on training and awareness building through household visits.

## PROFILE ON THE GROUND

2,500+

BRAC staff providing critical services in camps and host communities

1,500+

staff from host communities working in camps and host communities

2,000+

volunteers from camps supporting BRAC's work in camps

1,300+

female staff in BRAC's response



Photo: BRAC/Rashad Wajahat

## PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

**TOTAL REQUIRED: USD 56.4 MILLION**



*"It's time that the media paid more attention to the situation here. There needs to be extensive news coverage, whether it's through radio, television, social media websites, or online articles, everyone should be aware of the deeply disturbing situation taking place in this part of the world."*

**BRAC's Executive Director Dr Muhammad Musa**

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