



Australian Foreign Minister visited BRAC's Community Empowerment Programme
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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 most recent mass influx of people fleeing violence in Myanmar.

We began with a focus on life-saving interventions in critical areas. As the situation has evolved we have incorporated interventions to support all people affected by the crisis, in both camps and host communities, helping them to build skills, resilience and knowledge. We serve more than 500,000 people in the Cox's Bazar area, with the broadest programming portfolio of any responder.

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Sectors participated in 10 lessons learnt workshops throughout the month, discussing good practices, analysing gaps, finding challenges and identifying areas for improvement.

The workshops culminated in a 2020 Planning Workshop held on 29-30 September, where all sectors discussed, prepared and presented draft plans for 2020. Staff and leadership from Cox's Bazar and BRAC Head Office, as well as guests, were present. The outcomes of the workshop will contribute to the Joint Response Plan process as well as BRAC's overall organisational planning processes for 2020.

Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne visited the community empowerment programme in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar on 4 September. She attended a women-led network courtyard meeting, accompanied by Australian High Commissioner Julia Niblett and Executive Director BRAC Bangladesh Asif Saleh.

Snapshot: BRAC's contribution to the overall response

Source: Inter Sector Coordination Group, August 2019

24%

Enrolment of girl students in learning centres

23%

Primary healthcare centres operating

39%

Shelters constructed

SECTOR-WISE SNAPSHOT



Water, sanitation and hygiene

40 faecal sludge management units functioning

households provided with waste bins

94,535

water purification taps distributed to households

We support over 400,000 people through integrated WaSH interventions in camps and host communities. This includes construction and maintenance of deep tube wells, piped water supply networks, latrines and handwashing stations and hygiene promotion. Our next project phase priorities ‘water safety planning’ to ensure the safety of water from source to mouth by increasing community awareness and ownership.



Shelter and non-food items

60,554 solar lamps distributed

36,153 shelters built

6 community kitchens built

We support over 200,000 people with safe, secure shelters in camps, continual site improvements such as bridges and roads, and distribution of essential non-food items. Our innovations include gas-equipped community kitchens, transitional shelter options such as ‘flat pack’ shelters, and ‘stilt homes’ to mitigate risk from landslides, as well as the first large scale bamboo treatment plant in Cox’s Bazar. Currently we are focusing on ensuring everyone affected by monsoon is safe and sheltered.



Education

64,314 children and adolescents registered

859 learning centres operating

6,013 members of learning centre management committees

We are the largest education provider in the response. We are developing learning centre framework and approach materials, focused on early grade learning, basic literacy, numeracy, life-saving information, psychosocial support and life skills. 450 Burmese language instructors and 450 teachers from host communities have been recruited and trained to provide quality learning in a dignified environment. 19 learning centres are being used to deliver sessions to 580 adolescents and 6 new adolescent centres opened to cater to an additional 357.



Agriculture and environment

110,076 households in camps received vegetable seeds

23,750 saplings have been distributed from nursery

6M vetiver slips (grass) planted

Our agriculture and environment projects work to restore the living environment and promote sustainable agricultural practices across 9 camps. We stabilise deforested areas through planting fast-growing, 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. This month, 200 tower gardens were established and 1,275kg of fish was distributed.



Protection

<p>36,619 household visits conducted</p>	<p>We support over 50,000 vulnerable women, girls, men and boys through legal, psychosocial, livelihood and community-based protection and protection monitoring. Participants 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.</p> <p>Services are offered through 9 women friendly spaces, 9 information points, 10 community centres, 1 skills development centre, 28 community protection groups and a community outreach network.</p>
<p>147,551 complaints/questions at information points responded to</p>	
<p>1,297 case management services provided</p>	



Child protection

<p>304 child-friendly spaces</p>	<p>We support over 100,000 children through child-friendly spaces (CFSs) implementing BRAC's Humanitarian Play Lab model, where they receive play-based psychosocial support and learning, and case management services. We also reach adolescent boys and girls through 900 pocket-based interventions focusing on life skills.</p> <p>We are transforming the CFSs into multi-purpose child and adolescent centres to provide integrated one-stop services to children and adolescents.</p>
<p>10,444 one on one psychosocial support sessions conducted</p>	
<p>55,603 children reached with recreational support in 2019</p>	



Communication for Development

<p>1,701 advocacy meetings with community leaders</p>	<p>We bring information to 100,000 households in 34 camps through 1,000 Rohingya volunteers (84% female). In emergencies, we intensify our efforts so that we reach 500,000 people. We reinforce messages through engaging 3,000 community and religious leaders and 3,000 adolescent boys and girls, and are ensuring access to services by developing 1,440 community action plans.</p> <p>In the past month, volunteers have been engaged specifically on raising awareness on signs of dengue and chickenpox.</p>
<p>18,001 adolescent radio listeners' groups participants in 2019</p>	
<p>2.3M household visits by community mobilisation volunteers</p>	



Health, nutrition and communicable diseases

<p>788,468 outpatient consultations provided</p>	<p>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 comprehensive 24/7 primary health centres, health posts, community health outlets and community health worker network.</p> <p>Recently, 3 primary healthcare centres and 9 health posts have more durable and sustainable structures, and are providing improved and more diverse services.</p>
<p>699,592 Children, pregnant and lactating women screened for malnutrition</p>	
<p>5,617 TB patients diagnosed</p>	



Livelihoods

368,267 households received food support

47,345 households visited & provided hands-on coaching

We support people through providing technical and life skills which increase confidence, capacity, and opportunity.

Trades include tailoring, embroidery, solar installation and mobile phone servicing.



Site management

1,363 community awareness meetings held

10,438 gaps and needs identified and resolved

593 sector coordination meetings held

We support over 100,000 people in 3 camps with site management support focusing on 8 key areas; support to 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, household visits, surveys, and focus groups discussions, and train community volunteers to provide safety, first aid, and disaster response.



Food security

16192.76 metric tons of food distributed

We support almost 100,000 households in 13 camps with food and nutrition assistance through **general food distribution** and **e-voucher programmes**.



Host communities

<p>3,129</p>	<p>children learning in September</p>	<p>Our support to host communities consists of targeted, multi-sectoral assistance to vulnerable households, including:</p>
<p>1,633</p>	<p>children attended child friendly spaces in September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning centres offering non-formal education programmes. We are also developing the capacity of mainstream schools through engagement with teachers, students and community leaders.
<p>30,852</p>	<p>household hygiene sessions conducted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child-friendly spaces implementing our Humanitarian Play Lab model.
<p>1,625</p>	<p>Malaria tests conducted in September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH interventions supporting over 80,000 households, including construction and maintenance of deep tube wells, piped water supply networks, and latrines, hygiene sessions conducted with men, women, boys and girls in schools, tea stalls, and formation of village WASH committees.
<p>26,605</p>	<p>trees planted/distributed in host communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases, including TB and malaria.
<p>44,317</p>	<p>Households visited and provided with hands-on coaching and awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk reduction, including quick evacuation schemes, to retrofit, renovate and repair cyclone shelters.
<p>1,500</p>	<p>households reached with cash-based interventions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultra-Poor Graduation Programmes providing interest-free loans, particle grants, combined with classroom-based and hands-on training to create pathways out of poverty. • Alternative Learning Programmes providing apprenticeship-based training and life skills to out-of-school youth. • Customised microfinance products, including micro-loans and small enterprise loans. • Cash-based interventions supporting households with cash distributions per household every month for four months.



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<p>313</p>	<p>trainees enrolled in camps</p>	<p>We operate 8 sub-centres in the camps and 6 sub-centres in the host community, as well as 1 production centre, training women in artisan embroidery techniques.</p>
<p>287</p>	<p>trainees enrolled in host communities</p>	
<p>91</p>	<p>trainees enrolled in main production centre</p>	

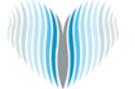
PROFILE ON THE GROUND

2,556 total BRAC staff providing critical services in camps and host communities

5,054 BRAC volunteers from both host and FDMN communities

53% of BRAC staff are female

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