

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN COX'S BAZAR

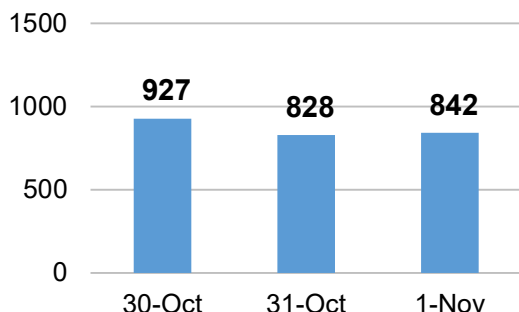
ACTIVITY UPDATE:

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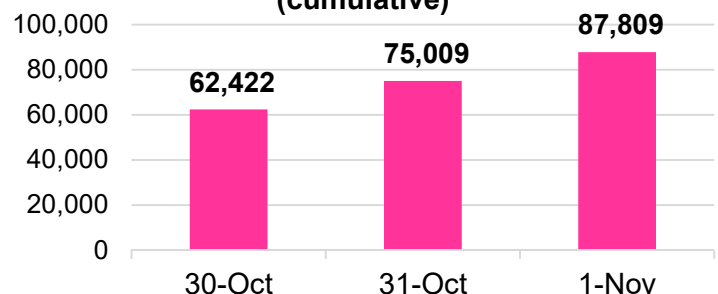
What you need to know today

- ISCG estimates that **607,000 forcibly-displaced Myanmar nationals** have entered Bangladesh since 25 August.
- BRAC's total coverage (based on sanitation coverage) is **440,680 people** with installation of **11,017 latrines**. BRAC ensures access to safe water for **290,268 people** through **1,128 tube wells**. Total **1,169 bathing cubicles** were set up (118 today).
- BRAC's 10 primary health centers and 50 health camps have provided **280,119 services** (6,929 patients today). BRAC has tested 6,572 people for tuberculosis, and initiated treatment for the 86 cases it identified (1 today).
- **120 child-friendly spaces (CFS)** have provided support to **19,531 children** (**12,800** today). 87,809 packets of biscuits were distributed to the children as a mid-day meal (12,800 today).
- BRAC has provided **7,263 sets** of kits with essential household items (1,642 today) and an additional **6,298 blankets** for the upcoming winter (300 today).

Diarrhoea cases treated, daily



High energy biscuit distribution (cumulative)





KEY CHALLENGES

Upcoming dry season

Hills and trees are cut and cleared to make space for the settlements. As the dry season approaches, dust is increasing in these areas. Exposure to dust is especially harmful for children's respiratory systems.

Fire hazards

Makeshift homes made out of bamboo and plastics are congested inside and closely packed with each other. Most of the women are cooking inside these homes. This poses a huge fire hazard especially with the dry season coming. However there is no space for cooking outside. Innovative solutions such as community kitchens are hopefully on their way.

WHAT DO PEOPLE NEED MOST?

Shelter materials, such as high-quality tarpaulins; cold weather items, including blankets, floor mats, and clothes; fuel for stoves; water storage containers; and solar and flash lights.



WORKING WITH OTHERS:

As health workers must leave settlement premises by 5pm, risk of delivering babies at night hours remains a risk. Referral pathways are being developed with support from health service providing partners and block leaders (*majhis*) to support pregnant mothers.

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PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP, TODAY.

While we have already reached over 440,000 new arrivals with at least one critical service, **we need your support to keep going.**

PARTNERS

- Government of Bangladesh
- UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
- Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- World Food Programme (WFP)



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