

BANGLADESH EMERGENCY

3 October 2017

KEY FIGURES

NEW ARRIVALS

507,000*

Estimated new arrivals in total since 25

August 2017

EXISTING POPULATION

307,500*

Estimated number of refugees prior to

August 25

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- An estimated 12,500 refugees now have access to latrines and 16,000 refugees have access to water facilities. UNHCR and two partners are working together with authorities to immediately set up three diarrhoea treatment centres. A first centre is now running in Kutupalong.
- An estimated 5,000 families received shelter or shelter material so far. UNHCR and the Bangladeshi Red Crescent Society established distribution points at the entry areas to refugee settlement. 12,5% of the planned core relief items for an initial 120,000 people were distributed so far; this represents an estimated 15,000 refugees who received essential items such as blankets and mats, buckets and kitchen set.
- Bangladesh authorities have now registered approximately 50,000 people. UNHCR is providing technical support to all registration.
- With the support of UNHCR, Bangladeshi authorities have started levelling the path for a road to connect Kutupalong Extension Site to the main road leading to Cox's Bazar. 100 meters of road have been levelled so far.
- UNHCR is mapping community leadership structures and family composition in Kutupalong Extension Site. Through community leaders, UNHCR is gathering basic data on refugee families and providing them with assistance help identify needs and vulnerabilities. To date, field teams have collected data on 62 communities or 'blocs' of an average of 250 families each, which represents over 77,500 individuals.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- The High Commissioner [visited](#) Bangladesh on 23-26 September 2017, including Kutupalong refugee camp's extension in Cox's Bazar. He witnessed the harsh conditions faced by Rohingya refugees. He praised the Government and people of Bangladesh for their hospitality, [stressed](#) that overcrowding and unhygienic conditions were breeding ground for epidemics, and called for support to be ramped up for all refugees in Bangladesh.
- On 26 September, UNHCR [released](#) a Supplementary Appeal to scale up its emergency response to the refugee crisis in Bangladesh, requesting an additional USD 83.7 million over the next six months. The appeal will form part of the Inter Sector Coordination Group appeal, which is currently under revision.