

**MYANMAR SITUATION**

**UNHCR's Emergency Response in Bangladesh**

September 2017

**313,000**

Rohingyas are estimated to have crossed from Rakhine State into Bangladesh since 25 August following an eruption of violence

**40,000**

New arrivals are in urgent need of assistance in the two registered refugee camps in Bangladesh

An estimated **\$30 million**

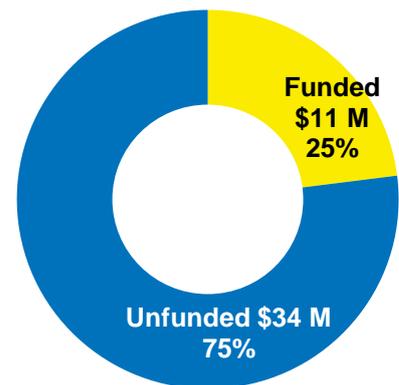
urgently required with the influx increasing daily; registration in particular is vital to the humanitarian response

**OVERVIEW**

- Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh are scattered in various locations, including in two registered camps, makeshift camps, spontaneous new settlements, as well as in host communities. **New arrivals are in dire need of shelter, food, health care, WASH and protection.**
- Of those who arrived since 25 August, **over 40,000 people have sought refuge in the two registered camps of Kutupalong and Nayapara** in Cox's Bazar district. As many as **273,000 are living outside the camps in makeshift sites and other villages.**
- Prior to 25 August**, 33,000 Rohingyas refugees were living in the registered camps since the 1990s. A further 200,000 undocumented Rohingyas were living outside them. Of this Rohingya population in Bangladesh, 74,000 had fled following military operations in Rakhine State in October 2016.
- Many of the new arrivals are staying in schools, community centres and other community spaces. **UNHCR is reinforcing existing systems for protection and service delivery.** Camp capacity is overstretched, particularly in Nayapara. The shortage of WASH facilities has also raised the risk of the outbreak of diseases to which pregnant women, young children and the elderly are especially vulnerable.
- UNHCR urgently needs additional funds to meet the needs of new arrivals and provide life-saving assistance.** The Office is ready to support the Government of Bangladesh in providing for those in need of humanitarian assistance, in close coordination with the agencies of the UN Country Team as well as other humanitarian partners on the ground.

**ESTIMATED FUNDING REQUESTED (AS OF 12 SEPTEMBER)**

**\$45 million** requested for Bangladesh including **an estimated additional \$30 million** for the recent emergency



Rohingya new arrivals in Bangladesh's Ukhiya area right after crossing the border with Myanmar's northern Rakhine state.  
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## UNHCR'S RESPONSE AND URGENT NEEDS

UNHCR is assessing the needs of newly arrived refugees with the local authorities and partners. To adequately respond to the new arrivals, UNHCR urgently needs funds, including an estimated additional \$30 million to respond to the most pressing needs in Bangladesh.

- **In the two registered camps**, UNHCR will provide life-saving assistance with a focus on core household relief items—blankets, shelter materials, jerry cans, sleeping mats—; upgrading WASH facilities, provision of life-saving health services and medicines, including referral services; and social and protection activities for the most vulnerable.
- **UNHCR stands ready to assist the Government of Bangladesh in providing humanitarian assistance and to expand its activities outside the camps** reaching out to all new arrivals. In close coordination with the concerned authorities and in partnership with other agencies, including IOM, UNHCR will be engaged in registration, establishment of camps and settlements, provision of humanitarian assistance, and provision of support to the host communities.

## MOST PRESSING NEEDS PER SECTOR

	<b>Protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child protection strengthened, including establishment of child friendly spaces, and provision of special support to unaccompanied and separated children</li> <li>▪ Most vulnerable people are supported through community based shelter project and with family tents</li> <li>▪ Women and girls receive sanitary napkin and underwear</li> <li>▪ New arrivals receive psychosocial counselling</li> <li>▪ Support for registration of new arrivals</li> </ul>
	<b>Shelter and NFIs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 313,000 people receive core relief items</li> <li>▪ Temporary sheds comprising bamboo framing and plastic sheeting arranged for new arrivals inside camps</li> </ul>
	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 50,000 people receive life-saving health services and medicines, including referral services</li> </ul>
	<b>Food Security and Nutrition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community leaders supported in distributing food to the new arrivals</li> </ul>
	<b>Water and Sanitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WASH facilities upgraded</li> </ul>
	<b>Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10,000 families (50,000 people) provided with multi-purpose cash-based intervention</li> </ul>