

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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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.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

22 new temporary learning centres completed construction last week, for a total of 529 learning centres functioning in camps.

International Men's Day: Stop Violence Against Women campaign observed on 19 November in 6 camps with rallies, competitions, and awareness-raising sessions with Rohingya men and boys.

World Children's Day: Go Blue! celebrated in camps on 20 November with blue-themed recreational activities for children.

200 additional community mobilisation volunteers engaged as part of our communications for development (C4D) programme, expanding our C4D team to 1,000 Rohingya men and women delivering life-saving messages to 100,000 households in camps.

KEY BRAC ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



33,538

shelters constructed



53,585

people made aware of their legal rights



13,997

functional latrines



516,362

consultations made through 11 primary healthcare centres



2,856

gaps and needs solved through site management



49,497

children registered in temporary learning centres in camps



140,906

trees planted



114,359

psychosocial support sessions provided in facilities



40,000

households receiving regular essential communication in their shelters



48,458

children playing in 229 child-friendly spaces in camps

SNAPSHOT OF SECTORS & WORKING GROUPS

Sector/working group	Indicator	Cumulative
 Education	Attendance rate	90%
	Learning centres functioning	629
	Learners registered	49,497
 Health, nutrition, communicable diseases	Consultations made through community health outlets	1,165,256
	Households received counselling/education on nutrition	16,694
	Malaria tests conducted	98,601
 Protection	Men and boys engaged on sexual and gender based violence	686
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to survivors of sexual and gender based violence	1,071
	Complaints/questions responded to by staff at information points	90,174
 Child protection	Child friendly spaces functioning	244
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to children	1,532
	Children registered in child friendly spaces	48,458
 WaSH	Latrines constructed	18,890
	Hand washing stations built	4,715
	Hygiene sessions provided	129,695
 Shelter & NFI	Shelters built	33,538
	Clothes distributed	222,753
	Solar lamps distributed	43,083
 Disaster risk reduction	Shelters upgraded	7,788
	Latrines desludged	8,757
	Deep tube wells maintained	940
 Agriculture & environment	Grass slips planted in camps	3,616,057
	Trees planted	140,906
	Shrubs planted	30,000
 Livelihood	Women and adolescent girls enrolled in tailoring training	1,800
	Micro-savings accounts opened by people living in ultra poverty	2,830
	Learners from host communities placed in jobs	100
 Site management	Community awareness meetings held	724
	Shelter kits distributed	1,496
	Staff engaged in capacity building training	159
 Communication for development	Advocacy meetings held with community leaders and religious leaders	67
	Interpersonal communication meetings held at household level	1,202,470
	Participants engaged with adolescent radio listeners' groups	2,557
 Cash-based interventions	Households provided with cash support	9,782
 Host communities	Learning centres functioning	100
	Trees planted or distributed	23,485
	Children attended sessions in child friendly spaces	18,515

SECTOR CLOSE UP

CHILD PROTECTION

Play Lab model promotes socio-emotional development and learning through play



Children make a human elephant at a Play Lab

Enter the Humanitarian Play Lab in camp 3! The children greet you loudly and warmly, in a single voice. As the children stand together in a circle, the ‘play leader,’ a BRAC facilitator trained as both educator and psychosocial support counselor, engages the children in a rhyme about being kind to each other and living together in harmony. For the next two hours, they will learn, play games, make art, and chant rhymes written to teach safety, hygiene, and nutrition basics, as well as skills in socialisation and peer friendship.

BRAC currently runs 244 child friendly spaces in Cox’s Bazar, providing over 50,000 children and adolescents safe places to be children again. By early next year, our child-friendly spaces will be implementing the Humanitarian Play Lab model, focusing on language, cognitive, and socio-emotional development for children ages two to six. The curriculum is based on a [model developed by BRAC Institute of Educational Development \(BIED\)](#), tested by BRAC in three countries, and tailored to meet the needs, language, and culture of the Rohingya people.

Play Labs were built to mitigate children’s psychological distress and disruption of their development. BRAC education experts designed sessions to help children learn, grow, and overcome trauma. Fun activities — such as making human elephants or horses, or physical exercise as play — help stimulate children’s cognitive, motor, and socio-emotional development. Rhymes and songs teach literacy and life skills. The model empowers children by preserving their Rohingya cultural heritage for them to develop a sense of pride at an early age.

“Women and children bear the brunt of any humanitarian crisis, and many are traumatised by the brutal violence they have experienced,” said Erum Mariam, Director, BRAC Institute of Educational Development. “However, children are also amazingly resilient and take up every opportunity to play, learn and just be children. Children use play as a shield, even if it is for a few hours, to overcome the trauma they’ve endured, create happy memories, and make new friends.”

BRAC’s Humanitarian Play Labs will ultimately reach approximately 70% of the 170,000 Rohingya children ages 0-6 in Cox’s Bazar, as well as significant portions of the nearly 800,000 children living in surrounding host communities.

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 working in BRAC's response



Photo: BRAC/Rashad W Lateef

*cash for work is a short-term intervention to provide temporary employment in public projects.

PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR PHASE 2: USD 56.4 MILLION

USD 37.7 million

committed

USD 18.7 million

still needed



"Positive male role models can be change-makers in the community." — **Shakh Jahidur Rahman, programme coordinator**

Men and boys engagement sessions in the camps positively shift mindsets on topics such as domestic violence, dowry, and child marriage. Positive male role models are selected from the community, trained over two months, and then go on to voluntarily engage their peers in small group discussions. Sessions are held 3-4 times each week in five camps.

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