

DAILY UPDATE

Cox's Bazar

- The DC office of Cox's Bazar remains vigilant as the situation continues. They asked the NGOs working in the Cox's Bazar district to refrain from carrying out micro-credit activities, meetings, seminars and public gatherings of any kind.
- As per the government's notice, all the government employees will be on full-time duty to face any emergency situation caused by COVID-19 outbreak until further notice.
- The DC office provided a hotline number (Dr Tahmidur Rahman: 01534221272) for the people of the district for emergency consultation.

Host community and camps

- A total of 50,000 leaflets on the prevention of COVID-19 have been distributed among the host community, to reach 200,000 people.
- Awareness messages on COVID-19 have been disseminated among 891 people from 209 households by Communicable Diseases Programme, HCMP.
- The HCMP WASH team has conducted household hygiene awareness sessions (one-to-one) for 2,781 people in 15 camps. A total of 1,058 sanitary latrines and 26 bathing cubicles have been cleaned under the WASH programme today, along with 937 new tippy taps installed at the household level in the assigned camps.
- The BRAC-WFP-ACF Nutrition Project trained 17 community nutrition workers in Kutubdia who are collecting data from households on COVID-19 based on the awareness reporting format. Community health workers conducted a training for 175 volunteers on COVID-19 in Ukhiya and Teknaf.
- Community health workers made visits to 5,333 households. Among them, 4,354 households were from the host community and 979 were from the FDMN community.
- Awareness message on COVID-19 has been delivered to 18,688 people. Among them 1,4581 were from the host community and 4,107 were from the FDMN community.

Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme

- HCMP is officially addressing the COVID-19 crisis. Work-from-home modality has not been enacted. Employees can obtain permission from their supervisors to work from home, should they feel the need to. The safety and security of the employees, especially at the frontlines is the top priority of the HCMP management during this crisis.
- HCMP has postponed all meetings that involve more than 10 people. Essential crisis management activities on health, food supply, WASH, awareness campaigns, site management and protection is on-going in the camps and host community.
- A total of 50,000 leaflets explaining the cautionary measures to prevent COVID-19 in Burmese language, will be printed and distributed among FDMN community in the camps.
- Hand sanitisation and disinfection items will be distributed to the branch offices for all the HCMP staff working on COVID-19 crisis.

PROFILE ONGROUND

HCMP STAFF: 2,361

VOLUNTEERS: 4,211

PEOPLE IN NEED: 1.3M

* 29 February 2020

KEY FIGURES (CAMPS)

Total Population: 859,161

60+ Age: 31,509

**Serious Medical Condition
0.3% Female 0.2% Male**

* UNHCR/ 15 March 2020



Handwashing station at a UNHCR-BRAC community centre in camp-15

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Community health workers visited	5,333 HH
Leaflets distributed to and reached	200,000
Handwashing station installed in camps	13
Awareness message on COVID-19 reached	18,688

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 outbreak has been declared pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). As of today IEDCR reported 33 confirmed COVID-19 cases and three deaths in Bangladesh. Like the other parts of the country, Cox's Bazar possesses a great risk as it is hosting the world's largest refugee camps.

OVERALL SUMMARY

HCMP has postponed all meetings involving more than 10 people. Essential crisis management activities around health, food supply, WASH, awareness campaigns, site management and protection in camps and host communities are being prioritised. HCMP is customising its priority on activities and plans targeting the frontline response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Let's spread awareness, not fear.

For details: www.iedcr.gov.bd; www.brac.net/covid19

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