

DAILY UPDATE

Cox's Bazar

- RRRC authorised a special sticker to limit the number of vehicles to enter into the refugee camps.
- DC office announced that they would cancel passports of returnees from abroad who hide information and do not maintain home quarantine properly. Bangladeshi government has decided to accommodate Covid19-affected Bangladeshis who are living in poverty and/or homeless to the Bashan Char. DC, Cox's Bazar asked interested candidates to apply for access to the housing scheme. They are also seeking volunteers to assist humanitarian works carried out by the administration.
- The condition of the 4-year-old who was first exposed to coronavirus in Cox's Bazar is improving, said District Civil Surgeon Mahbubur Rahman.

Host Community and Camp

- Site Management Sector (SMS) has scaled down the number of staff from 9 to 3 in the camps. The SMS sector decided to work on rotation. All the staff is asked to be on the base and not to leave the workstation.
- 2,079 households have been visited by community mobilisation volunteers in the camps to disseminate life-saving messages.
- WASH sector is requested to provide handwashing stations at the community level outside their official areas of operation if needed.

Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme

- HCMP management introduced the 'Call Tree' system to ensure smooth communication among the staff.
- PPE and other safety gears would be distributed in coordination with all the sectors of HCMP considering the emergency priority for the technical experts and frontline service providers.
- Proper safety gear will be provided to the frontlines who are distributing food. Handwashing stations will be installed for the beneficiaries who are coming to receive food.
- HCMP will prioritise and monitor the vehicle movement for staff.
- Line managers are requested to keep regular contact with the field staff and keep them motivated in this critical situation.

PROFILE ONGROUND

2,361 4,211 1.3 M



HCMP STAFF



VOLUNTEERS



PEOPLE IN NEED

* 29 February 2020

KEY FIGURES (CAMPS)

0.5% 31,509 859,161



SERIOUS MEDICAL
CONDITION



60+ AGE



TOTAL POPULATION

* UNHCR/ 15 March 2020



Banner hoisted to raise awareness on COVID-19 in front of the area office in Teknaf

BACKGROUND

World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The organisation reported 423,121 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 18,917 deaths in the affected 196 countries as of 26 March. The number of cases in Bangladesh is also rising. IEDCR, Bangladesh found 44 positive cases of whom 11 recovered and 5 died. Cox's Bazar hosts few of the world's largest refugee camps and possess a potential risk of a COVID-19 outbreak. Immediate targeted actions can only prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Rohingya camps and its surroundings where hundreds of humanitarian workers from all around the globe are in response and management of the Rohingya refugee crisis.

OVERALL SUMMARY

Necessary protection gear and other tools are being distributed among the technical teams and frontline workers in coordination with all the sectors. Management is monitoring vehicle movements to ensure the safety and security of the staff. Number of vehicles moving to camps is also minimised. HCMP senior management asked the line managers to keep regular contact with the field staff and keep them motivated in this critical situation. Sector leads are also requested to share the updates of the initiatives on COVID-19 with the communication department every day by 3:30 pm.

Let's spread awareness, not fear.

*ALL THE INFORMATIONS UPDATED DAILY AT 4 PM