Awareness campaigns on COVID-19 prevention continued to take place by the child protection sector. Staff and volunteers conducted door-to-door visits across the Rohingya camps and host community, providing crucial information while keeping a safe distance. 191,686 people have been reached through 36,134 interpersonal communication sessions with key COVID-19 messages in November 2020. Among them, 56,607 were children (29,570 girls and 27,037 boys). The sector also distributed drawing materials among the children to make their time at home more engaging and enjoyable, particularly as they spend more time at home during these critical days.

The shelter sector constructed 6,409 metres of retaining wall in 11 camps to reduce soil erosion from the shelter plinth and protect the shelters from landslides. The team constructed 1,207 metres of stairs in 11 camps to improve the communication from hill to plain land and make mobility easy for women, children, the elderly and persons with disability. Additionally, they distributed 15,084 Upgrade Shelter Kits (USK) to 15,084 families in 11 camps to help them repair and maintain their existing shelters.

HCMP organised a workshop on 3 and 4 November at Cox’s Bazar to review existing interventions and plan for the coming year. Sajedul Hasan, Director of Humanitarian Programme at BRAC and BRAC International, KAM Morshed, Senior Director, Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC Migration, Erum Mariam, Executive Director of BRAC Institute of Educational Development, Anna Minj, Director of the Community Empowerment Programme and Integrated Development Programme and Nabanita Chowdhury, Director, Preventing Violence Against Women Initiative spoke at the two-day event and discussed key strategic priorities - localisation, social cohesion, gender and disability inclusion, and how these should be incorporated in the HCMP activities.
The community group has been working in Camp 22 since 2018, to support the community in their needs. BRAC Community-based Protection (CBP) sectors is aiming to ensure peaceful coexistence between the Rohingya and host communities in 2021.

Community groups have already started to think about the people living in the border areas beside them. The community men’s group of Camp 22 took the very first step to develop social cohesion by doing the right thing for their host community neighbours.

Camp 22, Unchiprang

Mohammad Salam, a Rohingya member of the community men’s group, was taking a walk around Block B-2. He noticed a partially damaged house that belongs to a member of the host community. Out of curiosity and a sense of shared responsibility, Mohammad went close to the house and talked to the owner of the house, Jashim. Upon learning that Jashim did not have the financial capacity to fix the house, Salam invited him to the next meeting of the community men’s group.

Jashim joined the meeting with little expectation. He believed that the community men group only worked inside the camp.

The group discussed the issue at the meeting and decided to repair the house. “If our community needs help, the people living beside the camp need help as well”, one of them said. Jashim’s house was repaired soon after, and he has expressed interest in joining the community group.
Ensuring education

BRAC HCMP’s education sector is working to provide education to the refugee community. According to the regulation by the Government of Bangladesh, all educational activities are temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A home-based tele-learning system was introduced by BRAC, where students are being taught lessons over the phone, by both Rohingya and host community teachers, to provide uninterrupted education.

Since host community teachers are not allowed to enter the camp, the tele-learning system is being conducted where students gather at a place maintaining social distance, and teachers conduct lessons over the phone. Rohingya teachers visit houses on rotational basis. All students attend these classes once a week.

Children are continuing their lessons at home. The education sector is also working with the help of community mobilisers inside the camps to make people aware on prevention of COVID-19. The sector is distributing hygiene kits with soap, masks and hand wash.

Continuing food assistance

In November, the General Food Assistance (GFA) sector provided diversified food assistance to 27,867 families in six camps through five e-voucher outlets. They also provided in-kind food assistance to 2,400 families in Camp 23. Special support has been provided to 970 families with family members aged above 60 with porter service at the household level. Meanwhile, all GFA staff were oriented on gender, protection and inclusion in this month.

Supporting the most vulnerable through partnership

BRAC HCMP, in partnership with a local organisation SHED, took up the initiative to help the most vulnerable host community groups under the HRHC project. Five women who have been divorced, were each given one goat and opportunity to engage in income generating activities. On 12 November, a distribution ceremony was held at Thimchori village in this regard.

HELP Cox’s Bazar, with support from HCMP, started a disability leadership and learning centre (DLLC) in Jaliapalong union. A total of 150 persons with disability (PWD) received psychosocial support, awareness, treatment, training and referral service and support from this centre. 13 groups have been formed and different sessions are being conducted for these groups.

Health service continues

The health and nutrition sector provided 24,926 out-patient consultations through 11 health facilities in November. 1,749 new pregnant women were identified and 3,879 ANC and 1,202 PNC services were provided in both communities. 26 normal deliveries were conducted in the health centres this month. A total of 2,232 clients were served with family planning counselling and services, and 2,023 children and women received immunisation service. Community health workers and volunteers visited 110,640 households to disseminate preventive messages on COVID-19 this month.

People receive specific services from this centre including disability leadership, communication and life skills training, health support services, referral services, counselling, refreshments and entertainment. Children with special needs enjoy different indoor and outdoor sports and share their problems. The duty staff tries to address the problems the participants bring up.

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Training for community’s first responders on intensive disaster response and rescue

BRAC HCMP, in partnership with Bangladesh Fire Service & Civil Defence (FSCD), organised a five-day long comprehensive, advance training course for community volunteers, especially CPP (Cyclone Preparedness Programme) volunteers from Ukhiya and Teknaf, including Fire Service and Civil Defense Urban volunteers from the nearest local fire service stations around Cox’s Bazar and Bandarban districts. The objectives of the training was to provide hands-on practice and realistic exercises to increase knowledge and capacity of the locals, so they can minimise loss of life, injury, and property loss and damage, and maximise use of local resources in conducting search and rescue operations in an emergency, focusing on multi-hazard issues such as cyclone, fire, landslides.

The course included topics on search and rescue, personal protective equipment, landslide survey, light search & rescue, extinguishing fire/fighting methods, safe evacuation, and types of services required during an incident.

32 (14 women and 18 men) participants attended and completed the course. FSCD Director General, Brigadier General Md Sazzad Hussain, Director (Training, Planning & Development) Lt Col S M Zulfiker Rahman and Hasina Akter Huq, Area Director were present at the closing ceremony.

For a safer road

“After receiving this training I realised that my driving knowledge was not adequate. Though it is very difficult to practice the rules in the road, I will try my best to maintain them, especially in the risky areas such as turning and crossroads. I thank BRAC and WFP for this initiative”, expressed Md Amanullah, a bus driver by profession, after completing a three-day training on road safety and defensive driving. BRAC Road Safety Programme organised this training on 8-10 November to sensitive local drivers on safety and conduct, share the importance of safe driving, and elaborate on post-road accident accountabilities, as well as rapport building with the sector.

A total of 16 bus drivers successfully took part in the training at the BRAC Learning Centre in Cox’s Bazar. The participants were male and their driving route was Cox’s Bazar to Teknaf road.

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to address violence against women and girls. The campaign starts every year from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women, and ends on 10 December. This campaign is marked with a theme focusing on one particular area of gender inequality, and works to bring attention to these issues and make changes that will have an impact. This year’s theme was ‘Child marriage and violence against women and children.’

BRAC HCMP’s protection sector carried out a number of activities throughout the days across the host community and Rohingya camps including video sessions, open discussion, community-led discussion, short film projection and drama performing. Women and men’s community groups, girls and boys’ community youth groups took part in those events across 12 camps. All the events were organised keeping COVID-19 safety measures in place.

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SECTOR-WISE SNAPSHOT: NOVEMBER 2020

Host communities

2,130 fruit saplings distributed among selected low-income families
2,459 women received maternal health services
1,253 families received family planning services
945 mothers and children referred for immunisation
14,045 people received tele-counselling services
7,441 poultry vaccinations were provided in host community

Camps

WASH

109 latrines constructed
60 bathing cubicles built
37 hand-washing stations built

Shelter and non-food

103 shelter repair and maintenance
76 shelter material distributed

Education

N/A No children and adolescents registered in learning centres in November due to COVID-19
N/A Learning centres’ operations is suspended in November due to COVID-19
N/A No management committees meeting held in November due to COVID-19

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## Camps

### Health and communicable diseases

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<td>Normal birth deliveries</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>TB presumptive tests done</td>
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### Site management

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<td>CIC coordination meetings held</td>
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<td>Meetings between Emergency Preparedness and Response Officers and Safety Unit Volunteers</td>
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### Livelihoods and food security

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<td>Tele-counselling services provided</td>
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### Protection

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<td>Community groups functional</td>
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PROFILE ON THE GROUND

2,506 staff providing critical services in camps and host communities
6,116 volunteers from both camps and communities
39% of BRAC HCMP staff are women

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