

# HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME IN COX'S BAZAR

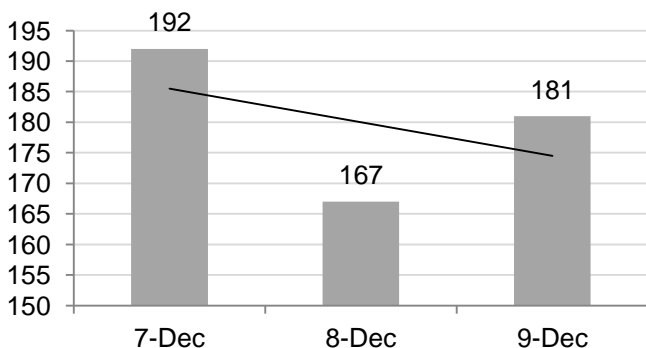
## ACTIVITY UPDATE:

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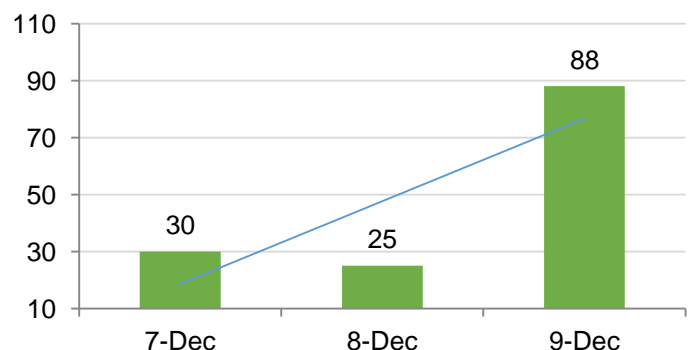
### What you need to know today

- A total of **646,000 forcibly-displaced** Myanmar nationals have entered Bangladesh since 25 August (Source: ISCG report, 7 December)
- BRAC's total coverage (based on sanitation) is **498,680 people** with installation of **12,467 latrines** (181 today). BRAC ensures access to safe water for **320,956 people** through **1,201 shallow tube wells**, 24 deep tube wells, three ring wells. **2,578 bathing cubicles** were set up (88 today) especially for women and adolescent girls.
- A total of **1,793 latrines have been de-sludged** (116 today) and made functional for reusing and 622 latrines have been decommissioned.
- A total of 460 waste bins has been distributed targeting 4,695 households at Unchiprang and three dumping stations have been built to dump the waste.
- BRAC's 10 primary health centers and 50 satellite clinics have provided **545,721 services** (7,648 patients today). **27,946 sachets of micronutrient powders** (64 sachets today) and **812,478 calcium tablets** (1,540 today) have been distributed to improve nutrition among displaced children.
- **66,522 cases of pneumonia** (1,186 today) and **69,653 cases of diarrhoea** have been treated (951 today). BRAC has tested **12,501 people for tuberculosis**, and initiated treatment for the 159 cases it identified (2 today). BRAC has helped to deliver **306 babies** so far and ten of them were born today.
- **40,554 sacks of briquettes** have been distributed (1,965 today) as alternative fuel source.
- **184,923 blankets** and **186,003 sets of clothes** have been distributed among children and elderly people for protection against cold.
- Some **32,350 children** received recreational support through **203 child friendly spaces (CFS)**.
- **9,240 children** have access to **88 learning centres** and 174 teachers have been assigned to guide them.
- A total of **5,348 trees** have been planted (340 today) in makeshift settlements and host community to contribute to afforestation. **34,075 households** have received vegetable seeds both in the settlements and host community to boost their food security.

Number of latrines constructed, daily



Number of bathing cubicles installed, daily





## KEY CHALLENGES

### **Lack of awareness and expertise on Diphtheria outbreak :**

A decade ago Bangladesh was successful in eliminating diphtheria. However, the recent outbreak of this highly infectious bacterial disease among FDMNs also poses a threat to host communities. Physicians and health workers on the ground, are unfamiliar with the nature of this diseases in order to accurately address it. Hence, proper training is required to orient these professionals to spread awareness against Diphtheria and build capacity to combat it effectively.

### **Sharp escalation in disease during winter**

The number of patients with [cold related illnesses](#) has increased five-fold in the last seven days, especially those suffering from pneumonia. In order to remain insulated, children of the FDMN collect dry straw to burn throughout the nights. However, the presence of such open fires raise the risk of fire hazards in the already over populated settlements.

## WHAT DO PEOPLE NEED MOST?

Shelter materials, such as high-quality tarpaulins; cold weather items, including blankets, floor mats, clothes for new born baby; fuel for stoves; water storage containers; and solar/flash lights.



## WORKING WITH OTHERS:

A coordination meeting was held with the Directorate General of Health Services and the Civil Surgeon's office including several stakeholders like Medicins Sans Frontiers, Save the Children, WFP, Gonoshasthaya, UNHCR, UNICEF and BRAC to discuss the coordinated efforts being conducted to combat diphtheria outbreak in the makeshift settlements. A government-led 3-month long diphtheria immunisation programme commenced on 9 December. BRAC has began its involvement in this immunisation campaign with the government. The programme will immunise both FDMN and host community children under 6 weeks to 6 years.

## WATCH:

[What do safe spaces in a humanitarian crisis look like?](#)



## READ: [brac blog](#)

[Inside Cox's Bazar's settlements where childhood and laughter still exist](#)

Almost each day these days, I wake up and make my way to the makeshift camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf in Cox's Bazar, the site of the world's biggest humanitarian crisis of recent times. Life in these settlements is brutal- I see the struggles of the women, men and children who have recently arrived, most exhausted and traumatised. [Read more.....](#)

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## PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP, TODAY.

While we have already reached over 495,000 new arrivals with at least one critical service, **we need your support to keep going.**



**\$ 19.8 million**

ESTIMATED TOTAL REQUIREMENT for six months

## PARTNERS

- Government of Bangladesh
- Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- World Food Programme (WFP)

**\$ 4.3 million**

Remaining assistance required

**\$ 15.5 million**

Committed so far

Many thanks to friends from around the world for over **\$480,000** in individual donations.

*BRAC has also dedicated some of its own funds to contribute to this response.*



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