



Humanitarian Needs for Rohingya Refugees

Since August 2017, more than 671,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar's Rakhine State to escape the military's large-scale campaign of ethnic cleansing. Today, over 1 million Rohingya refugees are residing in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

United Purpose joined the international humanitarian response in January 2018. Partnering with Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra (SMKK), United Purpose has been

providing women and child protection, healthcare, WASH infrastructure and essential supplies, including hygiene kits and water jars, as emergency humanitarian assistance in Balukhali camp, Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar. The key objective of the Rohingya response is to provide life-saving basic assistance inside the settlements, camps and also within the host communities.

Improved primary healthcare services for vulnerable Rohingya refugees	Enhanced psychosocial support for over 1,774 Rohingya women and children	Developed gender-sensitive WASH facilities and personal hygiene	Improved living conditions and safety of Rohingya refugees	Improved livelihood support through non-food item (NFI) distribution
<p>UP have constructed five health centres funded by Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), Islamic Relief Worldwide and Penny Appeal. Accessing medicine and treatment through trained community health workers. 10,862 people are receiving health services and medicine through these centres.</p>	<p>30 Women and Child Friendly Spaces are providing psychosocial support on a regular basis to 1,774 children and women through qualified and trained counselors and facilitators.</p>	<p>61 gender-segregated WASH blocks, including latrines and bathing spaces, have been constructed for Rohingya communities within the camps. Promoting safe and hygienic practices, 27,130 Rohingya refugees have received hygiene kits and are engaged in community-led infrastructure maintenance to ensure WASH facilities or safely functioning.</p>	<p>100 solar lights and four mini-grids have been installed in the camps to improve safety and security for the Rohingya communities, particularly vulnerable women and girls. 11,500 Rohingya are benefitting from these services</p>	<p>UP have constructed 500 shelters supporting 2,678 people; distributed 2,000 blankets during the winter months; distributed 1,500 fuel efficient cookstoves; and provided 100 people living with disabilities with assistance devices.</p>

Since the influx began in 2017, the needs of the Rohingya community have changed significantly. To monitor the shifting context, United Purpose have conducted various needs assessments to ensure the projects are delivering services relevant to and required by the Rohingya, as well as host communities. As the monsoon season began, shelter strengthening and infrastructure maintenance was prioritized with 1,000 inerrable households receiving assistance to strengthen their homes.

Over the past few months it is becoming ever-more apparent that mounting tensions between the host communities and the Rohingya are a growing concern. Livelihood opportunities for the host communities are greatly needed and youth engagement is a priority. In 2019, United Purpose began implementing a social cohesion project funded by the IOM to address these changing needs and to reduce conflict through citizen, specifically youth, engagement to build community resilience and collaboration.



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**Saleha,
32 year old Rohingya widow**

