Bangladesh

Cox’s Bazar District is hosting over 855,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. A plan for their voluntary and sustainable return is being explored, though past attempts have been unsuccessful. Two years into the crisis, with the support of the Government, donors and humanitarian partners, necessary infrastructure and basic services have been established and are generating substantial improvements in children’s well-being. Global acute malnutrition rates have dropped from 19 to 11 per cent, and 90 per cent of children aged 4 to 14 years have access to learning centres. However, significant challenges remain. The quality of education requires further improvement. Shelters made of bamboo and tarpaulin remain highly susceptible to fire and damage during monsoons and cyclones. While access to water has improved, there are persistent issues with quality – 70 per cent of household water samples are contaminated. Overall vulnerability and social tensions in host communities require additional investments and a district-wide approach. Families across Bangladesh are also extremely vulnerable to flooding due to cyclones and monsoons, a situation that is exacerbated by the growing effects of climate change. The July 2019 floods affected 7.6 million people across half of the country.

Humanitarian strategy

UNICEF’s humanitarian response in Bangladesh is aligned with the 2020 Joint Response Plan and the 2019 Humanitarian Response and Recovery Plan. In 2020, UNICEF will prioritize: 1) providing life-saving health and nutrition services for children and pregnant women; 2) operating water networks and improving sanitation infrastructure and technology and hygiene promotion; 3) improving access to integrated quality education and skills, including for adolescents and children with disabilities and piloting the Myanmar curriculum; 4) increasing access to protection services, including structured psychosocial support, and addressing violence, exploitation and abuse, including gender-based and sexual violence; 5) disseminating protection and peacebuilding messages through various media and household visits; and 6) strengthening feedback mechanisms for improved accountability to affected populations. UNICEF will strengthen the linkages between its humanitarian response and development programmes to achieve sustainable results in refugee camps and host communities. Integrated skills development for refugee and host community adolescents and youth will focus on resilience-building. UNICEF will invest in preparedness across the country, including in Cox’s Bazar, respond to the massive floods of 2019 and prepare for any new humanitarian needs. UNICEF leads the nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sectors/clusters and the child protection sub-sector/cluster and co-leads the education sector/cluster.

Results from 2019

As of 31 August 2019, UNICEF had US$84.5 million available against the US$152.2 million appeal (55 per cent funded). UNICEF and partner investments in prevention, social mobilization, service coverage and quality improvements in health, nutrition and water services helped prevent major disease outbreaks. The number of learning centres has nearly doubled, from 1,409 to 2,500, with more than 74,000 children in the centres in 2019. Integrated vocational and life-skills programmes have been introduced, reaching 12,500 adolescent boys and girls in camps and host communities. Reaching all targeted adolescents remains challenging due to technical and space limitations in centre construction and partner capacity limitations. To improve the quality and sustainability of drinking water, UNICEF constructed piped water networks that have reached 40 per cent of the population in its geographical area of responsibility. Additional water networks planned through the end of 2019 aim to reach 80 per cent of the population in UNICEF’s area of responsibility. Safe spaces are being expanded in camps and introduced in host communities to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. Awareness-raising for partners on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse has been scaled up and mechanisms for reporting on and supporting survivors are being established.

Humanitarian Action for Children

2020 programme targets

Nutrition
- 10,800 children aged 6 to 59 months affected by severe acute malnutrition who are admitted for treatment
- 172,854 children aged 6 to 59 months who received vitamin A

Health
- 104,900 children aged 0 to 11 months who received pentavalent 3 vaccine
- 5,000 sick newborns treated

WASH
- 338,034 people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene
- 377,604 people benefiting from functional latrines to agreed standards

Child protection
- 30,000 children accessing psychosocial support
- 16,500 children and women accessing gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention and response interventions

Education
- 293,750 children accessing quality education
- 32,000 adolescents aged 15 to 18 years accessing secondary education
- 16,500 adolescents aged 15 to 18 years and youth aged 19 to 24 years accessing vocational skills training

Communication for development
- 700,169 people reached through messaging and dialogue on key life-saving behaviours and referrals to services with a focus on health, nutrition, WASH, education and child protection
- 50,000 people accessing mechanisms for voicing their needs/concerns, including feedback and complaint mechanisms

2020

Total people in need
2 million

Total children (<18) in need
1.06 million

Total people to be reached
597,300

Total children to be reached
427,300
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### NUTRITION
- **Children aged 0 to 59 months treated for severe acute malnutrition**
  - 2019: 20,652
  - 2019 total: 18,092
  - UNICEF: 17,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 400
  - UNICEF total: 11,629

- **Children aged 6 to 59 months receiving vitamin A**
  - 2019: 191,074
  - 2019 total: 191,300
  - UNICEF: 148,324
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 42,750
  - UNICEF total: 191,300

### HEALTH
- **Children aged 0 to 11 months who have received pentavalent 3 vaccine**
  - 2019: 28,857
  - 2019 total: 76,295
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 73,442

- **Sick newborns treated in UNICEF-supported newborn stabilization units and special newborn care units**
  - 2019: 200
  - 2019 total: 3,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 3,114

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE
- **People benefiting from safe water to agreed standards that meets domestic demands**
  - 2019: 1,318,941
  - 2019 total: 1,005,718
  - UNICEF: 250,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 400
  - UNICEF total: 11,629

- **People benefiting from functional latrines to agreed standards**
  - 2019: 1,221,371
  - 2019 total: 858,363
  - UNICEF: 250,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 361,820
  - UNICEF total: 565,785

### CHILD PROTECTION
- **Children reached with psychosocial support services**
  - 2019: 343,206
  - 2019 total: 108,082
  - UNICEF: 76,629
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 13,676
  - UNICEF total: 57,665

- **Adolescents who received life skills**
  - 2019: 74,900
  - 2019 total: 65,810
  - UNICEF: 34,400
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 12,530
  - UNICEF total: 39,762

- **Adolescent girls and women provided with gender-based violence prevention and response services.**
  - 2019: 20,000
  - 2019 total: 3,500
  - UNICEF: 5,429

### EDUCATION
- **Children aged 4 to 14 years enrolled in emergency non-formal education, including early learning**
  - 2019: 396,184
  - 2019 total: 374,256
  - UNICEF: 221,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 63,750
  - UNICEF total: 212,707

- **Adolescents aged 15 to 18 years who have participated in skills development programmes for learning, personal empowerment and/or employability**
  - 2019: 54,864
  - 2019 total: 30,649
  - UNICEF: 28,000
  - Host communities and people affected by floods: 12,000
  - UNICEF total: 12,565

### COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS
- **People reached through messaging and dialogue (house-to-house) on key life-saving behaviours and referrals to services with a focus on health, nutrition, WASH, education and child protection**
  - 2019: 725,000
  - 2019 total: 100,000
  - UNICEF: 675,250

- **People accessing mechanisms to voice their needs/concerns, including feedback and complaint mechanisms**
  - 2019: 50,000
  - 2019 total: 10,000
  - UNICEF: 53,375

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**Funding requirements**

UNICEF is appealing for US$135.3 million to maintain life-saving basic services and mitigate the impact of protracted displacement on Rohingya refugees and host communities and respond to the 2020 floods/cyclone in the rest of the country. Nutrition, health, WASH, protection and education services will be provided at scale in the camps, with increased focus on quality, equity and linking humanitarian and development assistance. This appeal includes the US$111.3 million required under the 2020 Joint Response Plan for the Rohingya response, as well as additional funds to contribute to the Humanitarian Response Plan and emergency preparedness nationwide.

### Sectoral Funding Requirements (US$)

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