

Bangladesh Refugee Response

- Just over **500,000** recent refugee arrivals, including 21% pregnant and lactating women, 7% infants under one year, and 21% young children under five years
- **90%** of arrivals report eating one meal a day, mostly rice with salt
- There are an unknown number of unaccompanied children, with only **1,350** officially registered.
- More than **100,000** refugees are without any shelter, in the open air.

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Current Response

World Vision is distributing emergency food packages that have reached some **3,050** households (**15,250** people) since 24 September in Cox's Bazar.

The aim is to reach a total of **61,250** people with a two-week supply of rice, lentils, salt, cooking oil, and sugar to try and prevent worsening malnutrition.

Relief plans until March 2018

We are seeking government permission and fundraising to implement a six-month programme that aims to reach **115,250** refugees through expanded relief to cover more needs, including:

- * **Shelter kits**, including bamboo, ropes and tarpaulins
- * **Psychological First Aid (PFA)**. Support adolescent girls and women to access support services through education and referral, plus distribute protection kits for women and girls in the camps, which include a torch, whistle, and culturally appropriate clothing for women. World Vision has 25 in-country staff trained on PFA.
- * **Child-friendly spaces**. These are places where children can go through supervised healing play routines, a safe space to distance them from the brutality they've witnessed. It is a way to mobilize both refugees and responders to protect children, especially the most vulnerable. The goal is protect children from the worst outcomes of displacement, which include trafficking, trauma, and violence.
- * **Women Adolescent and Young Child spaces** to provide counseling about infant and young child feeding (IYCF), and screen children under age five for acute malnutrition.
- * **Emergency latrines, gender-sensitive hygiene kits** and more than 300 accessible bathing spaces for women and girls to improve hygiene and sanitation conditions
- * **Targeted food assistance** for pregnant and lactating women, and young children
- * **Cooking utensils, clothing, blankets, and mosquito nets**
- * **Information, education communication (IEC)**. There are rumours circulating in the camps, sparking refugee fears of forced repatriation. To help educate refugees about services and their rights, World Vision will provide language and culturally appropriate information.
- * **Rehabilitate and construct tube wells, and provide resources to collect, purify, and store drinking water**. Before construction is complete, World Vision will provide water trucking and rationing (20 liters/family/day) for one month. World Vision will conduct regular water quality testing.
- * **Baby kits** (nappies, breastfeeding cover, and zinc cream) for women with infants, and post-natal/incontinence kits
- * **Train and support refugees to promote nutrition and hygiene messages**. World Vision will support these community promoters with gender-sensitive IEC suitable for illiterate, visually and/or hearing impaired individuals.