

# ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS New Zealand Humanitarian Snapshot BANGLADESH

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## Overview

Bangladesh is experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises in its history due to the unprecedented influx of refugees from Myanmar. Within a three-month span, more than 600,000 refugees have arrived, escaping horrific violence and coming with few possessions.

The needs of the Rohingya refugees are dire. They arrive hungry, exhausted and depleted of any resources. Boats cross the Naf river with families, children, the elderly, and people who have spent significant funds to pay for the crossing. Many have faced horrific torture and lost loved ones, including children, in the violence. Their escape often involved fleeing a direct attack, watching their houses burn, hiding in the brush as they walked over several days, going without food, and crossing streams filled with bodies. The human needs—emotional and physical—are immense.

Refugees are living in crowded, unsanitised camps, completely dependent on aid to meet their most basic needs. The needs are significant for shelter and sanitation support to live with safety and dignity. The lack of safe shelter in the increasingly crowded conditions leads to risks of abuse or violence, especially among women and girls.

Many families have experienced trauma and lost members, which has unsettled the family's structure. Around 19% are female-headed households, and the number of separated or unaccompanied children is growing. Children represent more than half of the Rohingya refugees.

## OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES



Humanitarian Access

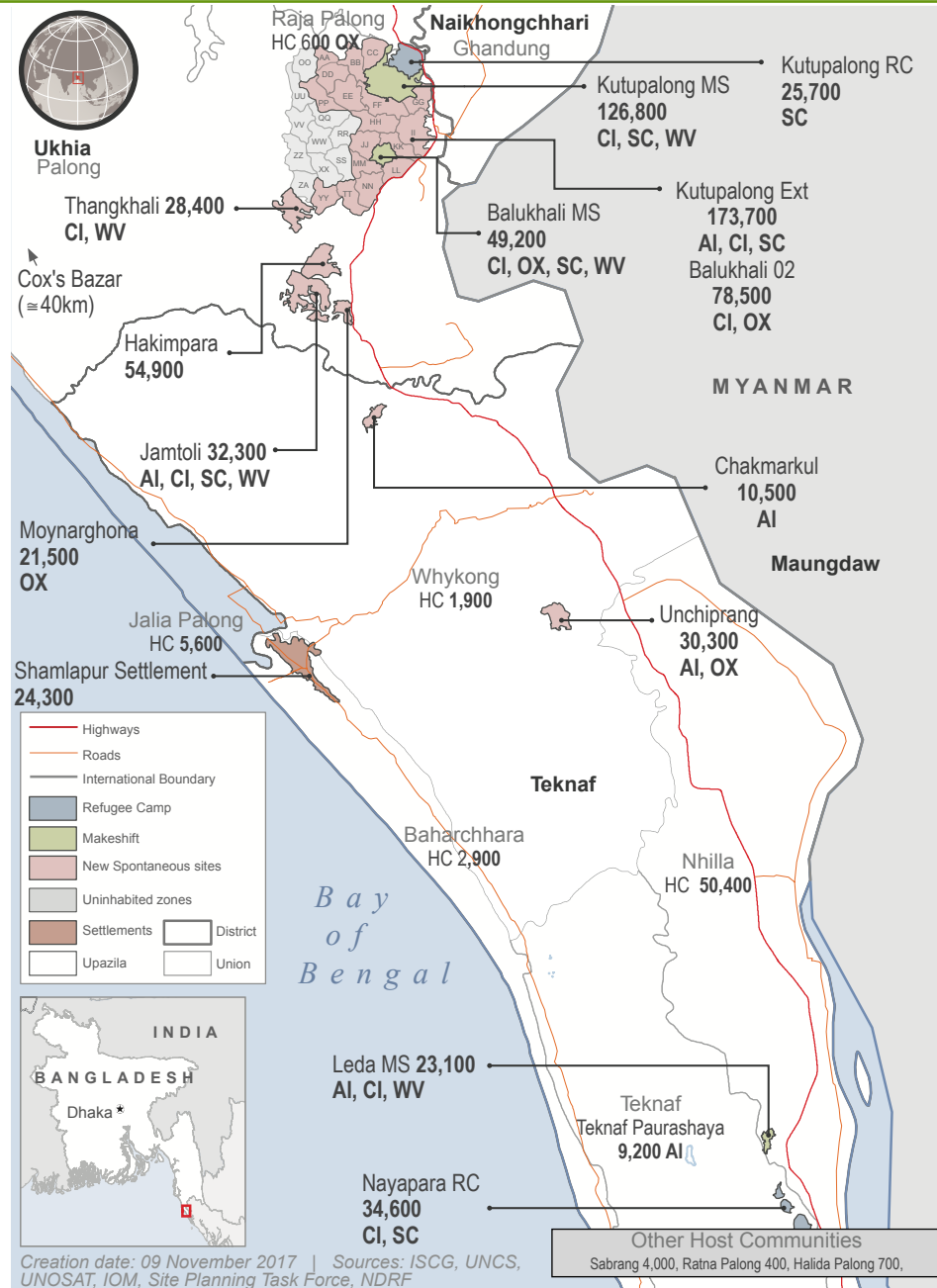


Insecurity



Resources

## Cox's Bazar Refugee Response



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## NDRF Member Presence



Education Save the Children (SC)



Food Security ADRA (AI), Caritas (CI), CBM, CWS, Save the Children (SC), World Vision (WV)



Health CBM, Save the Children (SC), UNICEF



Shelter / NFIs ADRA (AI), Caritas (CI), CWS, Save the Children (SC), TEARFund (TF), World Vision (WV)



Nutrition Save the Children (SC), UNICEF



WASH Caritas (CI), CWS, Oxfam (OX), Save the Children (SC), TEARFund (TF), UNICEF, World Vision (WV)



Site Management Caritas (CI), World Vision (WV)



Child Protection Save the Children (SC), UNICEF

## KEY FIGURES



New arrivals since 25 August



589,000  
Refugees need emergency food



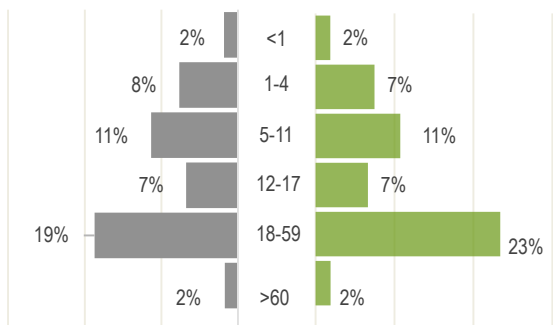
1.2M  
people need WASH assistance



412,000  
Children need access to safe learning spaces

Men 48%

Women 52%



Distribution of refugee population by sex and age