



## WFP Bangladesh

### Influx of Undocumented Myanmar Nationals | Situation Report # 1

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## In Numbers

**164,000** people have arrived in Bangladesh

**53,195** people reached with high-energy biscuits to date

**52,000** people reached with hot meals to date

## Highlights

- Coordinated attacks on 25 August in Rakhine State, Myanmar, have led to widespread violence, causing 164,000 people to flee across the border to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- WFP is distributing high-energy biscuits to the most vulnerable populations in Cox's Bazar, reaching 53,195 to date.
- As of 09 September, WFP plans to start rice distribution to new arrivals.

## Situation Update

- Violence broke out in Northern Rakhine State, Myanmar, causing the displacement of a large number of people. In the early hours of 25 August, coordinated attacks were staged against multiple police posts and an army base. Military operations are ongoing.
- To date, unverified estimations based on consolidated field reports of the agencies working in Cox's Bazar are that 164,000 people have crossed the border into Bangladesh. Because the situation is so fluid, actual numbers are not available.
- There is a high degree of internal mobility as people search for space to make temporary shelters. Three new spontaneous settlements are expanding quickly, with many more people still searching for space.

## WFP Response

- WFP participated in the Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) Rapid Joint Needs Assessment on 06 September, where following its completion, a full response plan will be developed. ISCG projects that as many as 300,000 people will cross the border in to Bangladesh.
- Since 27 August, WFP has distributed 3-day rations of high-energy biscuits from its stock in Kutupalong registered camp, Kutupalong makeshift camp, and Nayapara to 53,195 people.
- 52,000 people have received hot meals — khichuri (rice and pulse porridge) — through community kitchens operated by *Action Contre La Faim* (ACF).
- To date, 2,966 children under 5 and pregnant and nursing women have received nutrition support.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP works with two national non-governmental organizations, SHED and MUKTI, as well as ACF, to distribute food in the camps. Red Crescent, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), and private donors are also providing assistance.
- WFP will continue to distribute one more round of high-energy biscuits as people arrive in Cox's Bazar. From 09 September 2017, WFP will start distributions of 50kg of rice per household in four rounds until December 2017. WFP will also continue providing hot meals in partnership with ACF.
- Most of the people crossing the border are women and children who are arriving hungry and malnourished. WFP is especially concerned about their health and is providing special, high-nutrient porridge made of wheat and soya flour. The food for new arrivals comes on top of the assistance that WFP provides to 34,000 registered refugees living in 'official' camps, through electronic vouchers. Another 72,500 undocumented people living in makeshift camps, who arrived after the last outbreak of violence in October 2016, receive rice and nutrition support, and will be transitioned to e-vouchers in coming months.



## Supply Chain

- The total rice requirement is 12,000 mt of which there is a current shortfall of 11,125 mt.
- The total requirement for micro-nutrient fortified biscuits is 225 mt of which there is a current shortfall of 74 mt.
- The micronutrient fortified biscuits are produced locally in Bangladesh increasing efficiency.



## Resourcing Update

WFP urgently requires USD14.8 million for its operations to cover the following needs in Cox's Bazar:

- USD10.3 million for rice and high-energy biscuits for new arrivals over the next four months
- USD3 million existing funding shortfall for the ongoing operation (106,000 registered and unregistered people in camps)
- USD1.5 million for nutrition support to women and children.

Through the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, WFP will participate in a joint Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) application.

Elsewhere in the country, monsoon flooding has affected 8 million people, and left 1.5 million people in need of food assistance. WFP has initiated a flood emergency response and so far has provided 150 mt of micronutrient fortified biscuits to 200,000 people in 4 of the worst affected districts. WFP is planning cash transfers for the second phase of this response.

- The total funding requirement for the ongoing flood response to reach 230,000 people for 4 months (Aug -Nov) is USD 4.5 million.



WFP staff member meets new arrivals in Kutupalong official camp. ©WFP/Muhammad Mohiuddin



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## Scale of influx of Unregistered Myanmar Nationals into Cox's Bazar—ISCG

