

Situation Report #44

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WFP livelihoods beneficiary, Fatema Begum, in her restaurant | © WFP/Nalifa Mehelin

WFP Programme Updates

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- WFP assisted 856,028 Rohingya refugees in 34 camps. Ninety-seven percent (831,694 Rohingya refugees) received e-vouchers offering 12 items at 20 outlets. Over USD 8.6 million worth of food was sold by 12 locally contracted retailers. In-kind distribution reached 24,334 Rohingya refugees at two distribution points.
- Building Blocks, WFP's blockchain-based digital ledger, was operational in 14 outlets, serving 76 percent of the total refugee population, while the remaining 6 outlets used the SCOPE platform.
- WFP reopened five Fresh Food Corners, bringing the total number of operational Fresh Food Corners to nine.
- WFP provided rapid response support (general food distribution, high energy biscuits and hot meals) to 3,657 Rohingya refugees displaced due to natural calamities or fire, planned relocation, referrals and new arrivals.

Nutrition Assistance

- WFP provided malnutrition prevention and treatment services to 42,862 pregnant and nursing mothers and 188,456 children under 5 at 45 camp nutrition sites and 123 host community clinics.
- Results from the joint mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening for children under 5 (conducted in October) were released and found that almost 10 percent of children had moderate acute malnutrition. WFP is using this information to inform nutrition programming.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- WFP engaged 4,509 Rohingya refugees in DRR activities.
- WFP started using the mobile operational data acquisition system to digitally track attendance of DRR participants. Payments will be conducted using the same system from December.

In Numbers || November 2020

864,281 Rohingya refugees in the camps*

(**52%** children, **45%** adult, **3%** older persons and **1%** persons with disability)

113,157 household (**570,000** people) in the host community received assistance through the COVID-19 special support programme from April to November 2020.

Highlights

- WFP currently has nine operational Fresh Food Corners at e-voucher outlets and in-kind distribution points and provided fresh vegetables to over 99,000 vulnerable Rohingya refugees in November.
- WFP conducted environment and social safeguard screenings of 115 community workfare schemes and 18 camp-wide tree maintenance sites to ensure that planned activities will not have an adverse impact on ecosystems and communities.
- WFP livelihoods beneficiaries saved almost USD 50,000 in 240 group accounts in November.
- WFP completed all cash disbursements for the COVID-19 special support programme. Since April more than USD 7 million was disbursed, over 5,500 mt of food distributed and almost 1,400 hot meals provided.

Situation Update

- Following the Myanmar general elections on 8 November, the Government of Bangladesh continues to work on building international support for Rohingya repatriation.

*As per the most updated Government/[UNHCR figures](#).

WFP Programme Updates Continued

Self-Reliance programme in the camps

- WFP engaged 22,211 refugees, 96 percent of whom are women.
- The 22,000 Rohingya refugees engaged in agriculture activities have produced over 21,000 kg of vegetables since March 2020. Almost 10 percent of these beneficiaries have produced enough to sell their excess production and over 20 percent have managed to preserve seeds for future use.
- WFP has reached almost 75 percent of the target to produce 850,000 facemasks by the end of the year.

Livelihoods programme in the host community

- WFP distributed growth grants (of USD 59) to 1,853 women to expand their businesses.
- WFP provided entrepreneurship development training to 1,875 women, skills training to 695 women and basic literacy training to 1,656 women.
- In preparation for the 16-Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (GBV), beneficiaries produced 1,300 orange coloured masks which were provided to the humanitarian community.
- WFP linked four women with disabilities to the social service department to receive their disability card allowance. To date, WFP has engaged 740 women with disabilities in the livelihoods programme and has three self-help groups (SHG) dedicated to women with disabilities.
- Women from 240 SHGs in Ukhiya sold their products in the market making a profit of over USD 53,000.

Strengthening Community Resilience in the camps¹

- Communications with Community volunteers visited almost 160,000 households to gather complaints and feedback and disseminate information on specific topics, such as COVID-19 prevention and nutrition.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed 233 mt of high energy biscuits (HEB) at GFA sites, reaching 186,163 households across 34 camps. Each household received 25 HEB packets.
- In the host community, 115,952 students (60,832 girls and 55,120 boys) in five sub-districts received HEBs through door-to-door distribution (367 mt of HEB was distributed).
- WFP provided school bags and stationery to 37,458 students and trained 509 teachers on supplementary reading material.

Gender and Protection

- As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, WFP organized online workshops and discussions with

gender experts raising awareness on the root causes and consequences of different forms of violence.

- WFP trained more than 200 cooperating partner staff on gender, protection and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

WFP Engineering

- WFP engaged 9,436 Rohingya refugees and host community members in the workforce.
- WFP finished the construction of speed bumps in two camps and hill side protection works to prevent landslides in another camp.
- WFP completed the renovation of nutrition centers in four camps.

Common Services

Food Security Sector (FSS)

- FSS guided partners in preparing their profiles for the 2021 Joint Response Plan.

Logistics Sector (LS)

- LS stored 6,039 m³ of relief items for 20 organisations across five warehouses in Madhuchara, Balukhali, Unchiprang, Teknaf and the COVID-19 Special Hub in Cox's Bazar.
- In partnership with Humanity & Inclusion-Atlas Logistique, LS transported 6,817 m³ of relief items for 19 organisations using 704 trucks.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- ETS is providing data connectivity to 339 users in 31 sites, including e-voucher outlets, logistic and residential hubs and severe acute respiratory infection treatment centres.
- Results from the ETS annual user satisfaction survey indicated an overall satisfaction rate of 89 percent.

Funding Outlook

Operational requirement (December 2020 – May 2021):

USD 152.6 million

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