

## Rohingya Refugee Crisis FY19 Annual Report

### Project Profile

<b>Project location(s)</b>	Camp 13 and 15, Ukhiya Sub District, Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh
<b>Project Goal and Outcomes</b>	<p><b>Project Goal:</b> Improved access to Maternal and Child Health Care (MMCH) through the enhanced referral pathways and improved dietary diversity</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Affected Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) of refugee communities have improved access to Ante Natal Care (ANC) and Post Natal Care (PNC) check-ups through referral pathways and access to food through Fresh Food Voucher (FFV)</p>
<b>Number of direct beneficiaries</b>	4,954 pregnant and lactating women and 300 children
<b>Number of indirect beneficiaries</b>	24,770 people
<b>Reporting Period</b>	Dec 2018 to Oct 2019

### Programme Impact

#### Progress in Food Security

- **4,954 pregnant and lactating women** received fresh food vouchers, enabling them to shop for a wider range of foods, including rice, lentils, fresh vegetables, eggs and dried fish.
  - **24,770 people** within their families are able to now enjoy diverse diets as a result of the fresh food vouchers



Item	Unit Price
100 gm Chili Powder	34/₹
1 kg Dried Fish	350/₹
100 gm Dried Red Chili	25/₹
1 Egg	80/₹
1 kg Garlic	80/₹
1 kg Green Chili	100/₹
1 kg Iodize Salt	40/₹
1 Lemon	5/₹
1 kg Onion	40/₹
1 kg Potato	30/₹
1 kg Pumpkin	35/₹
1 bunch Spinach	64/₹
1 kg Sugar	30/₹
100 gm Turmeric Powder	30/₹

*In a male dominated society, Rohingya women are often side-lined when making decisions – even for their food intake, as male persons are the main decision makers and they are also responsible for buying food from grocery shops. Providing fresh food vouchers to pregnant and lactating women thus not only promotes having nutritious diets, but it also empowers women to partake in decision making.*

*(Right) Prices of different fresh food items. World Vision began a fresh food voucher project to provide mothers with more diverse nutritious foods, including dried fish, eggs, iodized salt, vegetables (onion, potatoes, pumpkins and spinach), as well as spices, such as chilis and turmeric powder.*

### Progress in Health

- **300 children between 0-23 months** were monitored through regular visits to ensure that they are growing up healthy
  - **300 baby kits** – baby soap, baby towel, small cup with spoon, small spoon, tooth brush, baby oil, Lotion, plastic sheet, bedsheets, antiseptic, baby net, baby sandal, a pair of cotton cloth, and bag – were procured for distribution to mothers of babies attending growth monitoring.
- **3,924 pregnant mothers** received antenatal care services while **1,030 lactating mothers** received postnatal care services
  - Door-to-door counselling was provided to pregnant and lactating women, including providing referrals to health and nutrition centres for those that required further review and treatment.
  - Pregnant and lactating mothers received messaging sessions on food preparation and hygiene practices, through demonstrations conducted at the nutrition centres.



*Rohingya mothers visiting a health centre following referrals from World Vision*

### Impact Story: Healthy moms mean healthy families

“Back home in Myanmar, my husband often caught many fish from a nearby canal, but we don’t get those here,” recalls Minara, 18, mother of two-month-old Sofait. She says her family also grew vegetables on their small plot of land. However, here in the squalid, overcrowded refugee camp where available land is scarce, gardening is difficult to do.

Minara shares how she went without nutritious food when she needed it most—during her pregnancy. “When I was pregnant, I wanted to eat many things,” says Minara, “I craved beef curry and sour chutney, a sauce made from fruit, but I could not afford to buy them.”



*Minara, a Rohingya refugee mother, and her two-month-old son.*

To help improve the diets of pregnant and lactating women, World Vision began a fresh food voucher project in December 2018 in two refugee camps. “I received my first fresh food voucher from World Vision when I was in my third trimester,” says Minara. “We purchased eggs, dried fish, sugar, potatoes and many other things from the shop. I had good meals for a few days after many months.”

Minara believes the food she was able to purchase thanks to support from the voucher project contributed to her having a healthy pregnancy and delivery. She now understands the importance of nutritious food for pregnant and nursing mothers. **“If I can eat well, then my son gets the breast milk he needs. If I don’t get enough food, then my baby doesn’t get enough either. World Vision helped me when I needed it most,”** she shares.