

FIRE IN THE ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP

#1 | Progress Report (Three Months On)

OVERVIEW OF DISASTER

Thousands of vulnerable people were affected after a fire broke out in the Balukhali Mega camp on March 22, 2021 in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The fire quickly spread across camps 08E, 08W and 9, destroying shelters, personal belongings and burning down essential facilities like Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure components, healthcare centres and food distribution centre etc.

This has left thousands of Rohingyas without clean water, food and a roof over their head amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



WORLD VISION'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE

With the support of international and local donors as well as supporters, and in coordination with the Government of Bangladesh and other aid agencies, World Vision has been providing life-saving assistance to thousands of Rohingya refugees affected by the fire, including but not limited to:

- 50,000 fire affected Rohingya refugees received 1.2 million food packets in partnership with World Food Programme, with 10,031 cartons of high-energy biscuits provided on the incident day
- 563,000 litres of chlorinated emergency water supplied through temporary tanks
- 86 latrines, 48 tube wells and 44 bathing spaces repaired, with 700kg of solid waste collected
- 1,614 family and dignity kits (for women and adolescent girls) distributed
- 41,750 aqua tabs distributed
- 6,190 face masks distributed
- 52 affected women and girls received clothes
- 84 people received psychosocial services



"The food pack is very beneficial for us. We haven't eaten since morning, and we don't have an oven or cooking pot to cook. So, we were waiting for this food from the morning,"

says 65-year-old Nur a survivor of the fire.



World Vision staff and volunteers repairing damaged water networks to provide emergency water supply to the vulnerable people who need immediate WASH facilities.

More photos showing some of the emergency aid provided:



MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for Rohingya children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries affected by the massive fire in the Rohingya refugee camps who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help.

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