

The 2022 Joint Response Plan (JRP) for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis was launched on 29 March. To support approximately 1.4 million people, including over 918,000 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char, and around 540,000 Bangladeshis in neighbouring communities, humanitarian agencies are seeking more than US\$ 881 million. Under the leadership of the Bangladeshi authorities, the JRP brings together the activities of 136 partners, of which 74 are Bangladeshi organizations. It also recognizes the significant contributions of refugees themselves to the response. The full JRP text can be accessed [here](#).

A fire broke out in UNHCR-managed Camp 5 in the afternoon of 8 March. One four-year-old refugee child died in the fire. Refugee volunteers trained in firefighting were the first responders, along with UNHCR partner organizations, who started to extinguish the fire until the local fire department and authorities arrived and contained the blaze before it could spread to adjacent camps. Read press release [here](#). Coordinated by the camp-in-charge official (CiC), 418 shelters have been rebuilt, 18 latrines and 25 bathing cubicles installed and the water network fixed and operational. In close consultation with the community, the reconstruction of the primary health facility is in the planning phase, a structure is in place for temporary services. The building of the two learning centres that were destroyed are pending government approval.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management, visited the camps in Cox's Bazar. They also met with Government officials, including the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), to discuss possibilities to deal with eWaste (disposal of old and broken electronic goods) in the camps and surrounding areas. Schneider is collaborating with UNHCR and other organizations on plans for 2022 including vocational training.
- 31 UNHCR partner organizations came together for a strategic planning meeting to discuss implementation successes and challenges. Discussion topics included protection, basic rights, livelihoods, gender equality and durable solutions.
- The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) project, which delivers voice messages to refugees' phones, reached over 100,000 refugees. The awareness messages focused on drowning prevention, a risk particularly for children playing in bodies of water across the camps. The risk will significantly increase in the monsoon season which is approaching.
- 35 UNHCR staff, who form the First Onsite Response Team (FORT), took part in a disaster management response workshop. In addition to in-house experts, IFRC/BDRCS conducted a session on cyclone preparedness, and MOAS on fire prevention and response. FORT is a UNHCR multifunctional team, which includes staff with various backgrounds and experiences in emergency response, public health, child protection, mental health and psychosocial support and water, sanitation, and hygiene. When FORT is deployed, the team works to support partners, refugee volunteers and government counterparts as part of the wider emergency response.
- 240 refugee volunteers and 48 partner staff, across 12 camps, completed fire-fighting training. The two-day long workshop includes live-fire simulations utilizing three-wheeler vehicles equipped with water pump and hoses, as well as fire extinguisher drills.
- [World Wildlife Day](#) (3 March), [International Women's Day](#) (8 March), [International Day of Forests](#) (21 March) and [World Water Day](#) (22 March) were marked in the camps and surrounding areas with a wide range of events. Activities included art competitions, stage dramas, awareness raising sessions and photo exhibitions.
- 27 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) staff from UNHCR's partner OXFAM took part in a two day "Rapid Response Simulation" to enhance their knowledge and understanding of how to respond to emergencies and deal with damage to WASH services in the camps resulting from floods, landslides, cyclones, and fires.
- **BHASAN CHAR:** Over 4,000 children aged 6-59 months received Vitamin A supplement on Bhasan Char. Simultaneously, mid-arm upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening was conducted. 39 children were identified with severe acute malnutrition, and 256 with moderate acute malnutrition, and referred to relevant health and nutrition services.

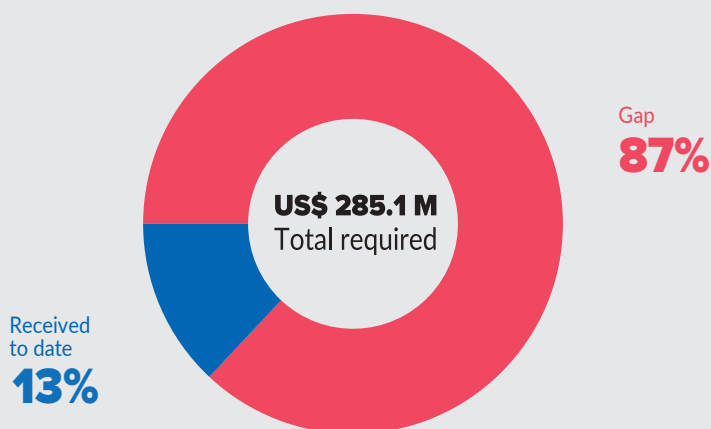
A management system for gender-based violence (GBV) cases on Bhasan Char was set up. UNHCR and its partner have established a service with dedicated case workers at a health facility on the island. Health facilities are a common entry point for GBV survivors to report their experience in a safe environment.



UNHCR staff member visits the Primary Health Clinic that was burned to ashes in Camp-5 in Kutupalong, Cox's Bazar. © UNHCR/Amos Halder

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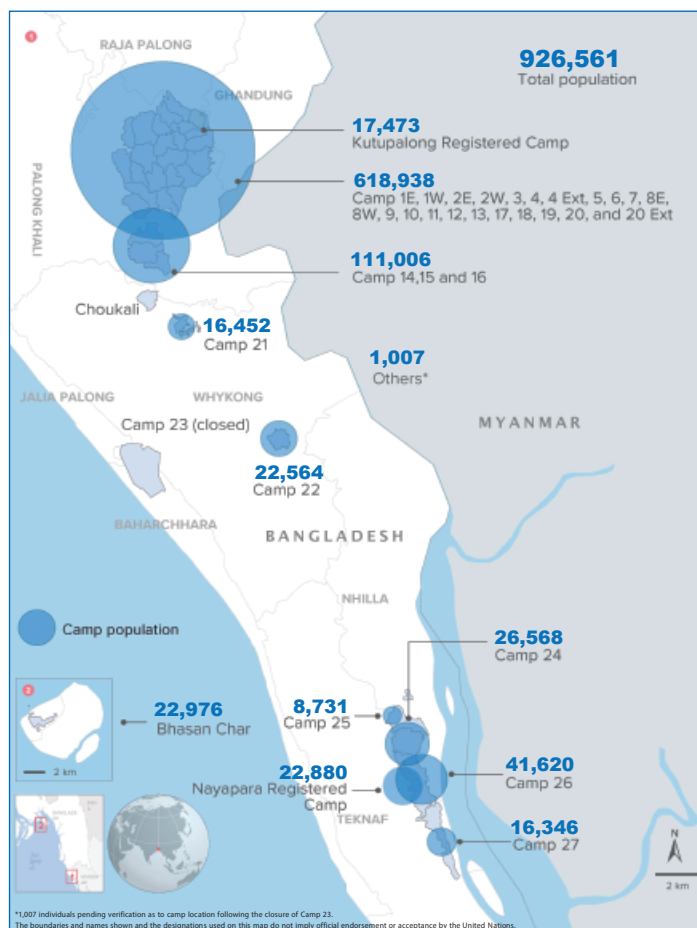
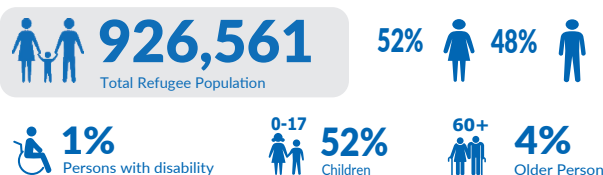
LINKS: [UNHCR data portal](#) – [Facebook](#) – [Twitter](#) – [Instagram](#)

In case you missed:

11 Ambassadors visited Bhasan Char by invitation of the Government of Bangladesh to learn about the response, needs and opportunities.

H.E. Mr. Peter Haas, the new US Ambassador to Bangladesh **visited the camps** in Cox's Bazar.

POPULATION UPDATE



⁴1,007 individuals pending verification as to camp location following the closure of Camp 23.
The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

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