

Summary of Humanitarian Access and Service Delivery

Daily Updates – 21 July 2024

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



Situation Overview

Since the evening of Thursday, 18 July 2024, **access to internet and communications has been restricted** across Bangladesh, including Cox's Bazar. A **nationwide curfew was declared** on Friday, 19 July, with a few hours break during daytime. As a result, services in the Rohingya refugee camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf have been hampered and only essential lifesaving activities have been authorized to proceed. During curfew, **only critical/lifesaving missions were authorized** by the RRRC's Office with a convoy by the APBn. The Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), in close coordination with the Sectors, developed daily Inter-Sector situation updates. Below are updates by sector as of **21 July 2024**.

Inter-Sector Updates: 21 July



Shelter-CCCM Sector Lead Agencies: IOM and UNHCR

- On 21 July, 14 minor landslides were reported in the camps.
- 172 shelters experienced minor damage (including 60 shelters in camp 13).
- Due to the disruptions, no shelter distribution could take place on 21 July in any camps.
- Four pathways were reported as damaged.
- One family was relocated due to shelter damage.
- Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) distribution took place in some Ukhiya camps.
- Severe movement restrictions were in effect, including access restrictions to Teknaf.
- Shelter and NFI distribution were subsequently unable to take place as planned.



Food Security Sector Lead Agencies: FAO and WFP

- Operations were on standby with no WFP food assistance distribution on 21 July; To be determined whether distribution will take place on 22 July (80% of the July e-voucher distribution is already completed).
- Camp in Charges (CiC) were not present in the camps and regular activities were not allowed. All partners contacted by the Sector reported that they were unable to provide services and staff stayed at home.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Sector Lead Agency: UNICEF

- Although few partner staff were able to supervise or confirm, most WASH volunteers were reportedly working to ensure key WASH activities continue, including: 1) collection of household waste, 2) desludging and maintaining latrines, and 3) water production.
- Many beneficiaries are reporting they are collecting rainwater as a coping mechanism due to the

limited operation of the 298 water networks, which jeopardizes the fight against cholera.



Health Sector Lead Agency: WHO

- All 46 Primary Healthcare Clinics (PHCs) remained open, among them 32 have full health service capacities. Fourteen PHCs have limited services with basic emergency and existing in-patient department care.
- Among 58 Health Posts, only nine were functional on 21 July.
- The Turkish Field Hospital was providing emergency services only.
- Friendship Maternity remained fully functional.
- As of 18 July, there were 73 Cholera cases recorded (63 culture confirmed Cholera cases and 10 RDT positive AWD cases/Cholera suspected cases). The 10 suspected cases are pending culture confirmation. 16 camps have been affected so far and there are no fatalities (CFR-0%).
- Updates for 19 July and 20 July were not available on 21 July given the current situation affecting partners and the response.



Protection (including CP and GBV) Sector Lead Agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA

Protection:

- Protection partners continue to monitor volunteers' safety and protection responses closely via SMS and phone calls and most protection facilities, including safe shelters and protection desks, continue to work.
- Paralegal volunteers were referring refugees with urgent cases for phone counselling.
- BRAC closed its office but deployed an emergency team to support any urgent cases.
- Given the shrinking space for monitoring, there is a risk that organized groups may take advantage of the situation. There is also less surveillance across the border and some reports of new arrivals.
- If the countrywide situation continues, the price of daily commodities may increase, and host community-refugee tensions could rise.
- Movement restrictions may pose challenges in completing post-mortem, One-stop Crisis Centre activities, or filing cases to the police.
- 39 people were recorded as injured and one person killed in the clashes in Cox's Bazar city, following the protests in Dhaka on 18 July (Source: RMO). Three individuals were also arrested in front of Cox's Bazar College on 20 July (Source: local journalist).
- There were no clashes reported on the way to the camps via Marine Drive, with the route observed to be normal.

Child Protection (CP):

- Yesterday one child was found dead in Camp 13 with signs of torture and organ removal, after the child was kidnapped on 15 July and the family failed to pay the ransom.
- Child Protection Sub-Sector (CPSS) partner volunteers expressed concerns that national tensions could extend into the camps.
- All CPSS in-person facilities are closed. Only two partners have social workers operating in a few camps; One partner is conducting CP case management over the phone.
- A child aged 7 was shot during gunfire on 20 July and died shortly afterwards in camp 1W.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- Most GBV Sub-Sector (GBVSS) service facilities remained closed, but the volunteers were stationed outside to support survivors seeking assistance and emergency referrals.
- Volunteers shall communicate with the GBV case managers should they need to make referrals.
- The GBV case workers deployed at Health Facilities continue to work so clinical management of rape and psychosocial support services remain operational.
- GBVSS has urged the case managers and facility managers to stay in close communication with volunteers, so service seekers receive timely referrals.



Nutrition Sector Lead Agency: UNICEF

- Nutrition staff were not able to work on 21 July, so there was no provision of food to Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) children who were due to receive assistance. Outreach volunteers are making household visits to ensure SAM children are stable and that they come on 22 July for services pending security support from the government.
- Stabilization Centres are open to provide support to SAM children with complications. The Nutrition Sector and partners are communicating with the RRRC office before taking decisions in these critical cases.



Education Sector Lead Agencies: UNICEF and Save the Children

- Education facilities were closed during the two days of public holiday announced (21 and 22 July) in the camps and host communities.



Livelihoods and Skill Development Sector Lead Agency: UNHCR

- In the camps, vocational trainings for 3,500 beneficiaries have been halted due to the current situation as partner staff cannot go to the camps. If the training is delayed, volunteer engagement and income generation opportunities will be reduced.
- In the host community, in-kind distributions to assist 300 beneficiaries to start their own businesses have been disrupted.

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