

Summary of Humanitarian Access and Service Delivery Daily Updates – 24 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. The curfew break in Cox’s Bazar was extended to 0900 to 1800hrs on Wednesday 24 July, facilitating movements within Cox’s Bazar and to the camps.

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. From 21 to 23 July, service delivery in the camps focused on essential lifesaving activities. On 24 July, with the eased curfew, normal services have gradually resumed. Below are updates by Sector as of **24 July 2024**.

Inter-Sector Updates: 24 July



Shelter-CCCM Sector Lead Agencies: IOM and UNHCR

Impact/Response

- 313 shelters have been reported as partially damaged and 4 shelters as majorly damaged.
- 35 minor landslides have been reported, with no casualties.
- Two slope protection walls have been damaged. Additionally, five pathways, five stairs, three drainages and one bridge have all been reported as damaged.
- On 24 July, LPG distribution was carried out in most camps with 7,309 families served.
- Joint rapid damage verification (shelter + site management) is now ongoing in some camps.
- Site development has started mitigation works (e.g. drainage cleaning and pathway clearing) in some camps.
- Key messaging on monsoon and landslides through volunteers is taking place.
- 100 households were supported for temporary relocation either to relatives/friends or to identified communal shelters.
- Complaint Feedback and Response Mechanisms (CFRMs) and on-site service monitoring referrals are taking place in some camps for shelter and development responses.
- Coordination with Camp in Charge (CiCs) and CiC teams is ongoing.

Challenges

- Communication/coordination is currently reliant on voice calls and text messages with poor signal strength in the camps.
- Restricted movement to camps continues.

- Emergency shelter kits distribution has delayed due to lack of access.
- Refugees' have resistance around temporary relocation from hazardous areas to safer locations.
- Solar street light interruptions are occurring in some camps due to rain.



Food Security Sector Lead Agencies: FAO and WFP

Impact/Response

- WFP is targeting 25,000 individuals for food assistance in 17 camps through 8 outlets. All 19 outlets are open and being operated by cooperating partners: SHED, CODEC, RIC, WVI, and YPSA.
- WFP plans to complete July's food allocation to all households by the end of the month.
- Rainfall and manual transactions have slowed the food distribution process.
- Food security resilience activities in the camps and livelihood activities with the host community have partially resumed.



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

Impact/Response

- In some camps, WASH partners are resuming non-food item (soap + menstrual hygiene management kit) distribution which was put on hold.
- The Joint Assessment and Response Team for cholera resumed activities.
- Some WASH agencies have sent limited staff who live near to the camps (mostly to provide repairing materials, fuel, etc.).

Challenges

- Water is being supplied as usual in Teknaf area (20L/Person/Day) but remains challenging in Ukhiya, where one quarter of the water-networks are still facing challenges.
- Partners are concerned about the ongoing cholera outbreak as no monitoring/response was carried out over recent days.



Health Sector Lead Agency: WHO

Impact/Response

- All 46 Primary Healthcare Clinics (PHCs) remained open, of which 22 have full health service capacities and 24 have limited services (i.e. emergency department and existing in-patient department with basic emergency obstetrics and neonatal care services).
- Of the 58 Health Posts, only 14 are currently functional.
- The Turkish Field Hospital is providing emergency services/in-patient department only.
- The Friendship Maternity remains fully functional.
- All MSF camp facilities are operating with almost 100% staff. Over the weekend, Ukhiya-based staff worked double shifts.

Challenges

- Fuel shipments have not come to Cox's Bazar, so fuel reserves for ambulances are getting low.
- Some NGO movements have been possible using public transportation.



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

Protection:

Impact/Response

- Due to the disruption in LPG support in some camps, refugees are going outside the camps to refill.
- Due to the rains, more landslide prone areas are being identified.
- Camp volunteers are responding with referrals in the case management process.
- Community-based protection activities are ongoing with awareness activities in the camps.
- Volunteers are visiting landslide prone areas to support, where possible.

Challenges

- The security conditions on the ground are worsening.
- Trauma is being experienced by some refugees given similar experiences in Myanmar.

Child Protection (CP):

Impact/Response

- All Multi-Purpose Child & Adolescent Centres (MPCACs) are open as of 24 July. Staff are available to provide both prevention and response support during the curfew break.
- Partners are back to work and following up with community volunteers.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

Impact/Response

- Women and girls initially faced challenges accessing referrals and case management services due to service closures/limited services.
- Heavy rain and fear of dengue fever have discouraged people from attending outdoor sessions.
- Most of the integrated GBV and sexual and reproductive health service activities resumed from today, 24 July. In-person individual psychosocial support, case management by case workers (as well as via phone), sexual and reproductive health and family planning services, and awareness sessions by volunteers through home visits are ongoing.
- Information on service availability to beneficiaries is being disseminated.
- Emergency referrals for health/medical services and basic needs are ongoing even though the regular referral service has faced challenges during the curfew period.
- Volunteers are continuing to conduct community outreach sessions, even though structured sessions are yet to start.

Challenges

- Increased movement of organized groups due to the minimal presence of security and humanitarian actors is contributing to refugees' safety and security concerns.

- Refugees are reporting a lack of timely access to basic services such as gas, fresh foods (vegetables) and clothes.
- Limited local transport options are available with high costs.
- Poor network connections are impeding communication with multi-sectoral focal points (particularly at camp level).



Nutrition Sector Lead Agency: UNICEF

Impact/Response

- All 45 Integrated Nutrition Facilities (INFs) and four Stabilization Centres (SCs) were operational as of 24 July, providing lifesaving services.
- Supply chain management of critical nutrition supplies is being ensured based on identified needs and given service gaps.

Challenges

- The reduced working hours in recent days are having an impact on service delivery due to the currently high caseload.
- There have been delays in getting food commodities at camp level due to transportation issues.
- Poor network connectivity at INFs is leading to difficulties in communication.



Education Sector Lead Agencies: UNICEF and Save the Children

Impact/Response

- Education facilities are open in all camps as of 24 July without any disturbances.



Livelihoods and Skill Development Sector Lead Agency: UNHCR

Impact/Response

- Partner staff went to the field on 24 July following their respective agency guidelines.
- LSDS partners plan to resume the trainings and in-kind distributions that have been on hold from next Sunday (28 July).

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