

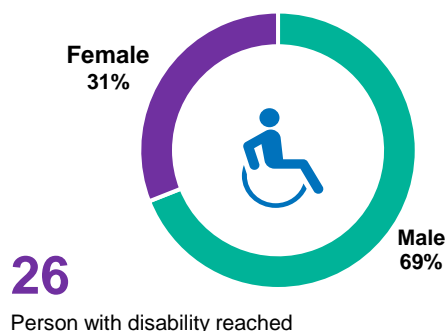


 **5,528**
Total Reached beneficiaries

 **2,490**
Male Reached

 **3,038**
Female Reached



Livelihoods & Skills Development key updates from (July-September)

- On 8 July, an **Orientation for Managers and Supervisors on Basic and Functional Literacy** was organized as part of the **Accelerated Adult Learning (AAL) Programme**. This initiative, led by UNESCO in collaboration with LSDS and UNHCR, was designed to enhance the capacity of AAL implementers in the camps. All LSDS partners engaged in AAL implementation participated, with the event formally inaugurated by the **Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC)**. Around 40 interested LSDS partners Staffs attended the orientation along with the partners from BRAC, IOM, Plan International, UN Women, UNFPA, NRC, Save the Children and UNHCR who are planning to implement the AAL as per JRP 2024.
- On 14 July, LSDS convened an **Ad-hoc Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting**, which saw the participation of the **President of the Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries**. The meeting featured a presentation on **market mapping** within the UNHCR Area of Responsibility (AoR) camps, discussions on the establishment of the **Host Community Technical Working Group (TWG)**, and presentations on the **ISEC Project**, funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and implemented by BRAC, ILO, IOM and UNHCR.



- During the **LSDS Coordination Meeting** held on 21 August, partners were briefed on the resumption of sector activities following the recent nationwide unrest. Updates from the **July SAG Meeting** were shared, alongside insights gathered from the Sectoral Workshop with the Office of RRRC on 31 July.
- The newly formed **Host Community Technical Working Group (HCTWG)** comprised of members from BRAC, IOM, ILO, WFP, Plan International, Save the Children, Prottiyashi, and Mukti, will provide technical guidance to LSDS partners working within host and local communities. **UNHCR** and Cox's **Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries** will serve as observers. The HCTWG got activated in August, yet to have its, first meeting.

- A presentation on the **Facility Mapping Survey** for LSDS-related facilities in both the host and camp communities was held, and the exercise was endorsed by partners on 21st August. The sector initiated the survey in September. Approximately 200 submissions were received, with nearly 50% originating from host/local communities. The sector is currently processing the data and will create a visualization to enhance the mapping of LSDS facilities.
- LSDS has also published the **Lessons Learned Exercise**, which outlines case studies, key achievements, and challenges faced by LSDS partners throughout 2023. The report is accessible, or partners seeking to understand the sector’s progress and was published in July 2024.
- Additionally, the first batch of **Disability-Inclusive Humanitarian Action Training** was organized On 1-2 July by the **Age and Disability Technical Working Group** in partnership with **Humanity & Inclusion**. This two-day training focused on enhancing inclusive programming and implementation within the Rohingya response. Around 30 sector Partner staffs were sensitized.
- On 19 September, the **PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) Network** conducted a training titled **‘Saying No to Sexual Misconduct’** for Livelihood and Skills Development (LSD) sector focal points. This training sensitized approximately 30 partner staff and camp focal points on their roles in preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse.



A seven-day Training of Trainers (ToT) from 18-26 September for national staff and Rohingya beneficiaries

- On 23 September, LSDS convened a **Coordination Meeting** to discuss the outcomes of the recent SAG meeting, focusing primarily on preparations for the **Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2025**. Key points included new initiatives such as expansion of Accelerated Adult Learning Packages and the promotion of **micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)** within the camps.
- A **field visit** was conducted on the first week of September to monitor the BRAC pool-funded projects implemented by **Shushilan** in Camp 2E and **Aman** in Camp 15. Monitoring activities included direct observation, data review, and discussions with facility focal points and beneficiaries to assess both opportunities and challenges.
- Lastly, LSDS, in collaboration with UNHCR and UNESCO, organized a seven-day **Training of Trainers (ToT)** from 18-26 September for national staff and Rohingya volunteers. The training aimed to develop master trainers with the necessary skills to teach **Accelerated Adult Learning (AAL)** courses. Participants from both the host and Rohingya communities were actively involved.
- The initial findings from the Inter-Sectoral Needs Assessment (ISNA) have been shared with the Sector on 15 September by ISCG, though a detailed analysis is still pending. The data collection took place in August and September 2024. A preliminary overview of these findings has been

presented to the SAG. The Sector's Information Management focal point is expected to provide a comprehensive analysis by mid-October.

Upcoming Sector activities:

- To evaluate the effectiveness of Vocational Training, non-formal technical training, and volunteer engagement initiatives in enhancing the livelihoods, skills, and overall well-being of refugee beneficiaries including persons with beneficiaries, the Sector will conduct an Impact Assessment from November- December 2024. The final report will be available in January 2025.
- A batch of proposal writing and reporting training will take place in October, where local and national NGO partners will be sensitized on the LSDS JRP proposal reporting mechanisms for better outcomes.
- A training on utilization of Washington Group of Questionnaire for identifying Persons with Disability will be conducted in partnership with CDD and CBM in October as well.

Useful links-

- [Livelihood and Skills development Sector page](#)
- [LSDS 5W Summary Dashboard](#)
- [Partner Presence mapping Rohingya Community \[September 2024\]](#)
- [Partner Presence mapping Host Community \[September 2024\]](#)
- [Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector SAG Meeting \[14 July 2024\]](#)
- [LSDS_Presentations-from-SAG-meeting-14-July-2024](#)
- [Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector SAG Meeting \[18 September 2024\]](#)
- [Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Coordination Meeting \[21 August 2024\]](#)
- [Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Coordination Meeting \[23 September 2024\]](#)
- [Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Coordination Presentation \[23 September 2024\]](#)