



Food Security & Livelihoods Coordination Meeting

17 May 2022

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



**COX'S BAZAR
FOOD SECURITY
SECTOR**

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Action Points

FSS PARTNERS ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

- Partners are requested to share Partner Activity Highlight information for NFI production and Livestock activities during the 2nd quarter, April-June 2022 by 5 June 2022

FSS JOINT FIELD VISIT

- FSS to organize joint field visit - Livestock Activities in the Host Communities| Ukhiya by 18 May 2022

26 organizations (35 individuals) in attendance ;		
AAB	IVY Japan	SHUSHILAN
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CODEC	NGO PF	UNHCR
CWW	NRC	VSO
DRC	OXFAM	Welthungerhilfe
FAO	PIB	WR
FIA	Prantic	
HAP	REACH	
HELVETAS	SCI	
IOM	SDTWG	

Action Points

FSS PARTNERS CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

- FSS partners to register for the Climate Smart Agriculture Training by 19 May 2022
- FSS to send invitation mail to selected CSA training participants by 19 May 2022
- Participants to confirm their participation in the training by 23 May 2022
- Training on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) to take place – venue TBD on 25-26 May 2022

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FSS LESSON LEARNT WORKSHOP

- FSS to share registration link for Lessons Learned workshop for Livestock Field Visit **by 23 May 2022**
- FSS partners to register for the workshop by 25 May 2022
- Livestock activities Lessons Learned workshop to be held on 30 May 2022

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

FSS partners to provide organization's activities for considering World Environment Day by 3 June 2022

PARTNER UPDATE

FAO plans to distribute 100 metric ton of rice AMON seed supported by CANADA in first week of June to the Cox's Bazar Sadar, Ramu, Ukhiya and Teknaf host community, variety name Biri dhan 49, this is foundation seeds for farmers, and can be preserved for next seasons.

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AOB

- JICA will present their new project in Cox's Bazar during next FSS coordination meeting.
- FSS coordinator ended her assignment in Cox's Bazar and joined the WFP operation in Yemen for a new role. Recruitment process is ongoing for Cox's Bazar FSS coordinator, until then FSS deputy coordinator will be leading the Food Security Sector.
- Update on FSS files: all files from 2021 have been archived [here](#)
- Next FSS coordination meeting modality is hybrid, (in-person in ISCG conference room or online) and will take place on 31 May 2022

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Agenda

Meeting agenda

- FSS Updates
- Presentations:
 - NGO Platform
 - WFP
- Partners' Updates
- AOB

FSS updates

Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting



Date: 10 May 2022

Agenda

- Remarks by the chairs (lead agencies, WFP and FAO)
- SAG TOR presentation (FSS) and endorsement
- FSS workplan presentation (FSS) and endorsement
- AOB

Participants:

18 participants representing from 8 organizations (WFP, FAO, MUKTI, BRAC, CWW, HELVETAS, IOM, UNHCR), 2 working groups (EETWG, SDTWG) and FSS.

Composition of SAG

5 Permanent members (Voting)

- 1 member - World Food Programme
- 1 member - Food and Agriculture Organization
- 1 member – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- 1 member – International Organization for Migration
- 1 member – Food Security Sector Coordinator (alternate: Deputy Coordinator or Co-coordinator)

4 Elected members (Voting)

- 2 members from NNGOs BRAC, Mukti CXB
- 2 members from INGOs CWW, Helvetas

Observers (non-voting)

- Members from donor community
- Members from the other United Nations agencies
- Coordinator -Energy and Environment Technical Working Group
- Coordinator- Skill Development Technical Working Group
- Sector leads from other sectors

+ Transfer Working Group

FAO and WFP - Sector Lead Agencies

Action Points

- Identify needs and gaps – to implement rationalization for FSS partners to avoid duplications
- Encourage more partners to engage in the FSS joint response plan
- Rationalize and maximize the efficiency of the funding for the food security sector
- Capacity building of partners and the government counterparts through systematic training
- Coordination with ISCG, government and other local authorities to inform of sector achievements and plans
- Strengthen Information management and sharing to support better coordination. Update and develop different livelihood, self-reliance, agricultural information product and maps (as needed) with indicating services, achievements, gaps and overlaps
- Develop beneficiaries/HHs profile database especially for the host community - beneficiaries level information, intervention's coverage, and impact. (NID Deduplication)

Climate-Smart Agriculture Training



- **Training Modality:** in person training
- **Training dates:** 2 days, May 25 – May 26
- **Number of participants per organization:** 1-2 (max.)
- **Qualification of participants:**
 - Currently engaged with agricultural extension works in Cox's Bazar, [Completion of online training](#) as pre-requisite of the in person training (you must register in the FAO e-learning academy – then the online training may take 1-2 hours)
- **Tentative Venue:** Cox's Bazar Sadar
- **Registration:** 60 participants (selected participants will be notified CoB 18 May 2022)

5 June – World Environment Day



Sharing good practices and lessons learnt:

- CSA training (25 – 26 May)
- Field visit (9 June)
- FSS coordination meeting (14 June)

If you would like to highlight your organization's activities, please reach out to anna.rzym@wfp.org

Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

Q1 Partner Activity Highlight

FSS Partner Activity Highlight Q1, January – March 2022:

I. Food Assistance in the camps

II. Homestead gardening and farming activities in the camps and host communities

Highlight of Partners' Activities

I. Food assistance in the camps (strategic objective 1)

General Food Assistance:

WFP together with its implementing partners (**BRAC, CODEC, RIC, SCI, YPSA, WVI**) delivers food assistance to the entire refugee population in 33 camps through General Food Assistance (GFA) programme. Each month all households receive an electronic voucher with a top up value of 12\$ per person to be redeemed across 21 e-voucher outlets and 20 Fresh Food Corners (FFCs). Further, 30% of the beneficiaries who are most vulnerable based on specific criteria are targeted with a top-up of 3\$ for the FFCs. In the 1st quarter of 2022, beneficiaries could purchase up to 26 food items at e-voucher outlets (10 fixed items and 16 flexible items) and up to 20 items at Fresh Food Corners (FFCs). Households that meet vulnerability criteria are supported with porter services to help carry heavy loads from e-voucher outlet to their homes. WFP uses Building Blocks, humanitarian platform for coordinated assistance delivery, based on blockchain technology to facilitate transactions at e-voucher outlets.

For further information contact: rokibul.alam@wfp.org



E-voucher Outlet

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Q1 Partner Activity Highlight



Sector Objectives as per [2022 Joint Response Plan, Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis JRP](#)

1. Ensure and sustain the timely provision of life-saving food assistance for Rohingya Refugees/ FDMNs

Partners: 1 JRP appealing partner (WFP) and 6 implementing partners (BRAC, CODEC, RIC, SCI, YPSA, WVI)

2. Support skills and capacity building of Rohingya Refugees/FDMN that can support their sustainable reintegration in Myanmar.

Partners: 7 JRP appealing partners (AMAN, CAID, DRC, UNHCR, UN Women, WFP, WVI) and 8 implementing partners (AAB, BRAC, CODEC, Cordaid, DSK, HelpAge, Mukti, NGO Forum) 1 non-JRP programme partner (CWW) and 1 implementing partner (SARPV)

3. Enhance livelihoods and resilience of vulnerable host communities in cooperation with the Government of Bangladesh, while supporting social protection interventions and promoting climate resilient practices to help address the impacts of climate change.

Partners: 10 JRP appealing partners (BRAC, FAO, UNHCR, WFP, DRC, IOM, Oxfam, PIB, UN Women, WVI) and 11 implementing partners (Shushilan, CNRS, Mukti, CB, CODEC, RIC, Cordaid, Prottiyashi, YPSA, AAB, SHED)

4 non-JRP programme partners (CWW, GIZ, Solidar Suisse, Tdh) and 2 implementing partners (VSO, SARPV)

If your organization is implementing FSS programs and is not included in the list please reach out to zolboo.bold-erdene@wfp.org

Q2 Partner Activity Highlight



Topics:

- NFI Production
- Livestock

Please, contact anna.rzym@wfp.org and hossain.raiyan@brac.net to include your organization's description.

1. January: Homestead gardening in the camps
2. February: Farmer groups and Aggregation Centers (Host communities: Teknaf, Ukhiya, Ramu)
3. March: NFI production in the camps
4. April: NFI production (Host communities: Ukhiya)
5. May: Livestock programs (Host communities: Ukhiya)

Next joint field visits:

June (9): Climate-Smart Agriculture good practices: hosting sites facilitation registration [link](#)

July: Food Assistance in the camps (e-voucher outlets, Fresh Food Corner, emergency food assistance modalities)

Livestock

Joint field visit | 18 May 2022 | Livestock programs in Ukhiya



Schedule

Schedule for the visit
Date (DD/MM/YYYY): 18/05/2022

Time	Location	Activity type (e.g. handicraft production)	Organization	Implementing Partner	Person in charge
7:45 AM	WFP Shaibal Luxury Cottage	Travel to Ukhiya	FSS		Hossain Rahman Raiyan +8801844-559309 hossain.raihan@brac.net
8:45 – 9:45	Ratna Palong Union, Ukhiya. Latitude : 21.2798943 Longitude : 92.1170634	Livestock Intervention: Goat Rearing	BPRM/ Concern Worldwide	SARPV	Zillur Rahman Chowdhury 01730-044375 Zillur.rahman@concern.net
9:45- 10:15		Transit (30')			
10:15-11:00	Middle Khairatipara, Rajapalong, Ukhiya Latitude: 21.2371 Longitude: 92.1233	UPGM* Graduation Model, Cattle rearing and Management	GAC	BRAC	Md. Palash Mahmud 01716-568606 Palash.mahmud@brac.net
11:00 – 11:15		Transit (15')			
11:15 – 12:00	Lambagona, Rajapalong, Ukhiya. Latitude: 21.240053 Longitude: 92.165325	EFSP: Livestock Intervention: Indigenous Chicken rearing	USAID	World Vision	Mohammad Asaduzaman 01823-128639 Mohammad_asaduzzaman@wvi.org
12:00 – 12:15		Transit (15')			
12:15 – 12:50	Raja Palong, W-1, Ukhiya.	SHARIP Project: Cattle Shed, Fodder Cultivation, Farm Yard Manure.	UNDP	Practical Action	Nirmal Chandra Bepary 01741-170407 Nirmal.chandra@practicalaction.org.bd
12:50 – 13:00		Closing/wrap-up	FSS		
13:00 – 14:30		Travel back to CXB			

FSS would like to organize a workshop on 30 May 2022 to share and discuss lessons learned and good practices from the thematic field visit on 18th May. The field visit comprised of Livestock interventions in Ukhiya upazila host community area by various FSS partners (BRAC, World Vision, Practical Action and Concern Worldwide).

FSS would share registration link after the completion of the field visit (19 May).

- Recap previous minutes of livestock meeting
- Message from DLO informed to the partners to make close collaboration with the departmental officials at upazila level.
- FSS will organize livestock activity field visit at host community on 18 May, 2022.
- A presentation has conducted by Concern Worldwide on their livestock activities.
- Next Monthly Meeting: 24 May, Tuesday, 2022 at 11-12 PM

Information Management Update

April 5W and CfW/Volunteer information received from:

- **5W:**

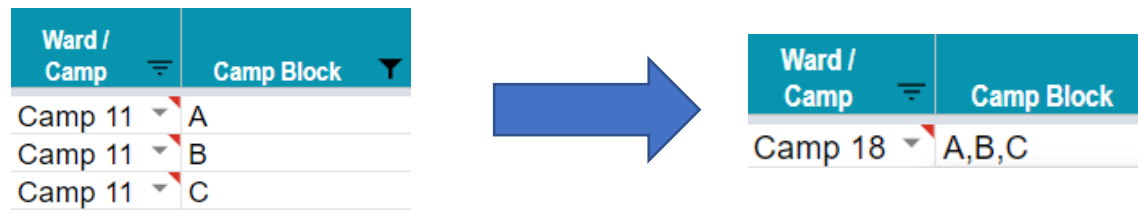
Programme Partners: AMAN, BRAC, CWW, DRC, FAO, GIZ, IOM, Oxfam, PIB, PRANTIC, Solidar Suisse, Tdh, UN Women, UNHCR, WFP, WVI

Implementing Partners: AAB, ACF, AMAN, BRAC, CNRS, Cordaid, DRC, FIVDB, Mukti, NGO Forum, Oxfam, PRANTIC, PROTTYASHI, RIC, SARPV, SCI, Shushilan, VSO, WVI, YPSA

- **CfW:** AMAN, BRAC(GFA), DCA, DRC, IVY Japan, Oxfam, Prantic, RIC, Solidar Suisse, WVI

5W REMINDER: Reverting back to previous block level information

- Camp blocks can be all included in one row, not as separate rows



Ward / Camp	Camp Block
Camp 11	A
Camp 11	B
Camp 11	C

Ward / Camp	Camp Block
Camp 18	A,B,C

* But please provide *accurate* **block presence** information!

Funding status update needed from FSS JRP partners on the **Financial Tracking Service** (FTS – UN OCHA):

- WFP and HELVETAS funding information currently reflected on the FTS
- All FSS JRP partners need to reflect current funding status accurately for donors to see the current funding gap
- 2 ways of submitting this info:
 - Use the **excel template** we circulated and submit to fts@un.org, or
 - Report directly on the **online reporting form**

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General Food Assistance (GFA)

Food assistance

- GFA support is continuing through 21 e-voucher outlets (10 Fixed and 18 Flexible item), (54+% Reached as of 17.05.2022) 12\$=1032.22/individual and 30% vulnerable HHs* are receiving FFC Voucher support (16 items), top-up 3\$=258.05/individual (end 28 May 2022).
- 20 FFC in 19 Outlet are now available with live fish and chicken.
- Ramadan Items- Chickpeas, Vermichilli, Lassa-Semai, Mustered Oil, Puffed-Rice, Flatted-Rice will be available in outlets as flexible items. Stock will be closed gradually in this month.

* Vulnerability criteria:

- Elderly headed HHs, Age 60+
- Child headed 1-17 yrs old,
- HHs with disabled people
- Women headed HHs without abled male member

General Food Assistance updates



Covid-19 risk Mitigation:

- Covid-19 compliances and risk minimization activities is continuing through the camp - Normal EV operation is continuing in 9 outlets (KRC, NRC and Camp 20Ex, MC4, KMS, 8W, BMS, JMTL, UCPR - Multiple Visits to be allowed)
- Total 2,618 HHs excluded temporarily from Building Block reload – primarily those who didn't redeem their voucher for the last 3 months consistently (January to March)

EETWG updates

Energy & Environment Technical Working Group updates



About:

The EETWG is a multi-sectoral technical working group which aims to build synergies amongst stakeholder efforts and initiatives across all sectors with a special focus on identified linkages between the Food Security, Site Management and Shelter/NFI Sectors. The group is currently made up of 37 partner organizations implementing energy and environmental programmes in the Rohingya Refugee Camps and Host Communities of Cox's Bazar.

Key activities include solar lighting, lightning protection, cleaner cooking, solid waste management initiatives including up/recycling, plantation/reforestation, land stabilization through nature-based solutions, tree nursery management/establishment, watershed management, eco-friendly construction and wildlife management. EETWG members are also active in conducting environmental and energy impact assessments and research.

Resources:

- EETWG google drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1RC6UPbss3tYTZ1etWbqZwRhU6iltNcap>
- Old EETWG google drive (pre-2021): https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1c3tSPMk8cEI-F_OOOy7oo9EnxcLZEuON

Contact person: Fenella Henderson-Howat, Interim Coordinator, Fenella.Hendersonhowat@wfp.org

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7 June at 15:30



EETWG Updates – Upcoming events

- » IM and 4/5W Reporting Orientation for EETWG Partners | 19 May (online)
- » 2021 Plantation Assessment | field work to start in mid-May
- » Watershed Management Learning Field Visit - interested partners to get in touch with Fenella
- » Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Training with FSS | 25-26 May
- » 2022 Plantation Practical Training | 30 May (full day)| Open to all EETWG 2022 Plantation Partners
- » World Environment Day - Plantation Season Kick-off | 5 June | Open to all EETWG 2022 Plantation Partners
- » CSA Field Visit (with FSS) | 9 June – invitation to follow training
- » ISCG Photo Mission for energy & environment activities – interested partners to get in touch with Fenella
- » Nature-based Solutions (NbS) two-day training workshop | Early August– invitation to follow

SDTWG updates

SDTWG Updates



New Co-Chairs:

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- Aliya Noor, NRC | aliya.noor@nrc.no | +8801877-947567

Last SDTWG meeting – April 25th, 3-4pm

- ToR for the WG is being reviewed – what has been done / what needs to be done – led by Subrata (UNHCR) and Tamara (IOM)
- Minimum standards for skills development is being finalized as a guidance note
- Advocacy strategy – Population Council with support from Khoka, the President of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will arrange meetings with CiCs and RRRC to discuss skills development in camps

Presentation: NGO Platform



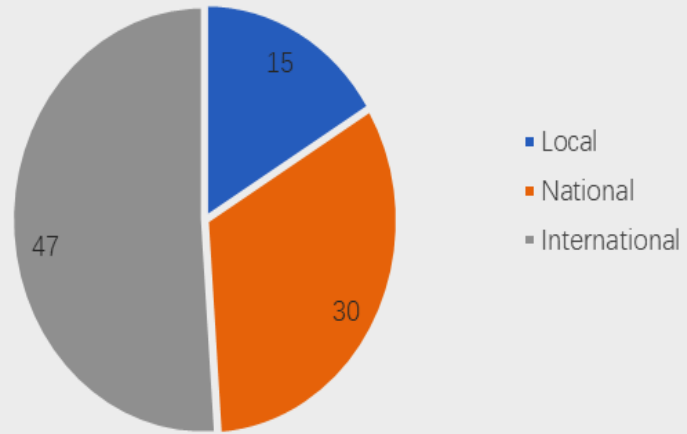
NGO

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Roadmap 2022

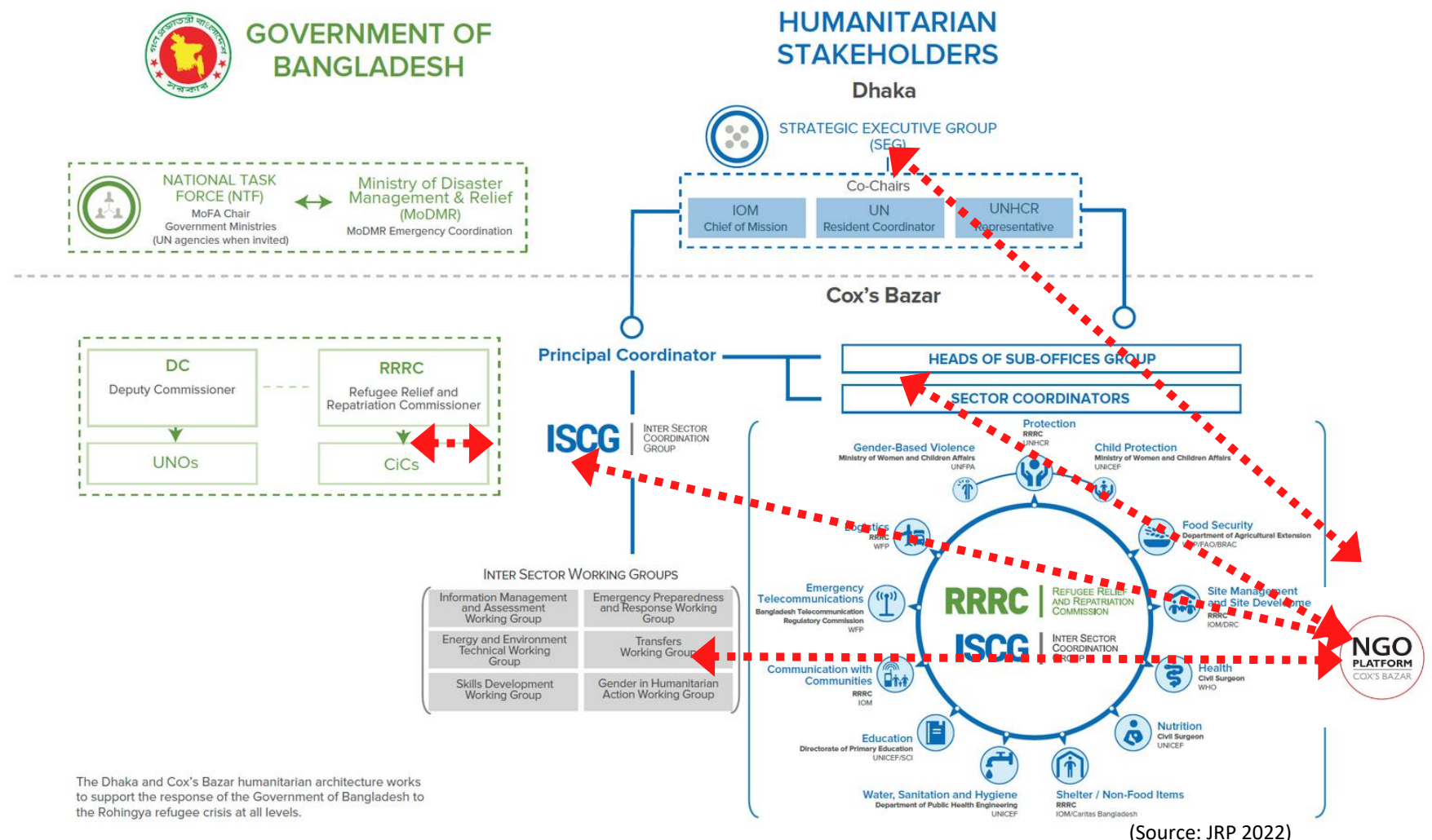
Roadmap/ Context

**Overview of current NGOP member organizations
Apr 2022**



Roadmap/ Positioning

Figure 1: Coordination mechanisms for the Rohingya humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar



The Dhaka and Cox's Bazar humanitarian architecture works to support the response of the Government of Bangladesh to the Rohingya refugee crisis at all levels.

(Source: JRP 2022)

Roadmap/ Positioning

Positioning

- Trusted sources of information for partners
- Platform of the NGO community to access information, capacity building and consultation
- Access to humanitarian coordination structure, including ISCG, SEG and Sectors/WGs
- Linkage with ISCG, in the areas of humanitarian access, rationalization, policy development and implementation, and external relations
- Facilitator of meetings between the NGO community and the Sectors/WGs on technical issues that need to be addressed

Roadmap/ Vision

Objectives

To provide a joint platform to support NGO members' interventions, increase their access/space in operations and information

To raise the voice of NGO Community in humanitarian responses

To promote a collective approach to address key issues of common interest, including needs assessments, mapping activities, etc

To enhance connections with the ISCG, SEG, and the UN partners

Roadmap/ Vision

Voice

- Represent & advocate, vis-a-vis partners, to increase the participation and impact of NGO Community
- Enhance the power of collective negotiation with external stakeholders, i.e. ISCG, SEG, HoSOG
- Liaison between NGOs in Cox's Bazar and stakeholders in Dhaka
- Indirectly raise the voice of the refugees and hosting communities

Resource Hub

- Share & exchange information between members and external stakeholders
- Support members to organize joint activities i.e. assessments, surveys, etc
- Share technical information, best practices and lessons learned on programmatic/ operational issues



Community

- Reinforce the cohesion/collaboration among NGOs in operations and advocacy
- Consult with member NGOs to identify challenges, opportunities and seek common solutions
- Strengthen the overall capacity and presence of members, particularly smaller local NGOs
- Facilitate regular meetings with members and partners

Partnerships

- Bridge the perception, language and cultural gaps, between international/national coordination mechanisms and locally-led responses
- Support operational collaboration and the localization process in humanitarian responses
- Strengthen local leadership in the response to ensure long-term sustainability

Roadmap/ Contact information



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*[NGO Platform official website: ngoplatform.net](http://ngoplatform.net) (to be launched in June)

Presentation:
WFP VAM - April Market
Monitor



Market Monitor April 2022

WFP VAM Cox's Bazar

17 May 2022



World Food
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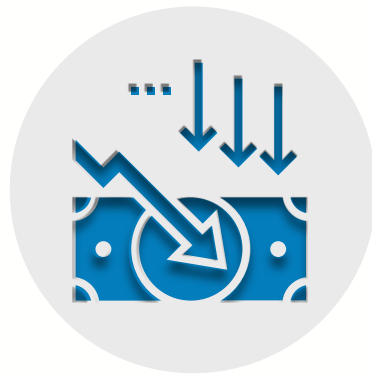
Ukraine Crisis And How It's Affecting Global and Bangladesh Markets

A crisis that isn't happening in a vacuum

A deep dive into the economic context



Food inflation is now over **15%** in **31** countries



22 currencies now a hotspot or in alert



Full-time job losses:
258M in **2020**
125M in **2021**
52M in **2022**



60% of low-income countries at high risk or already in debt distress, up from **30%** in 2015

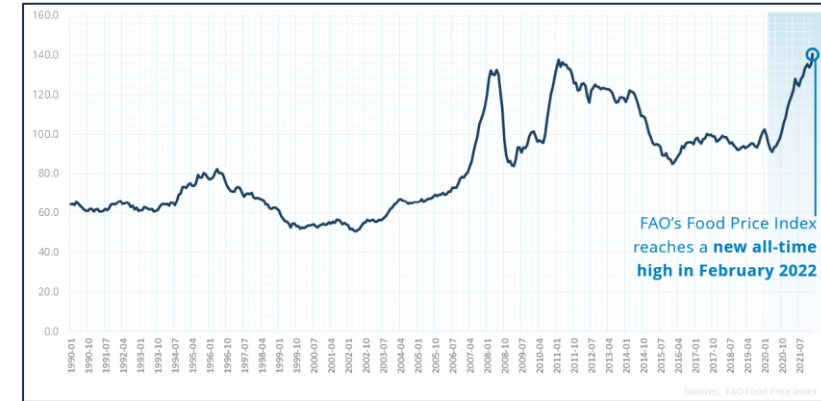


US\$ 26 Trillion spent to avoid economic collapse in the **first 18 months of the pandemic**

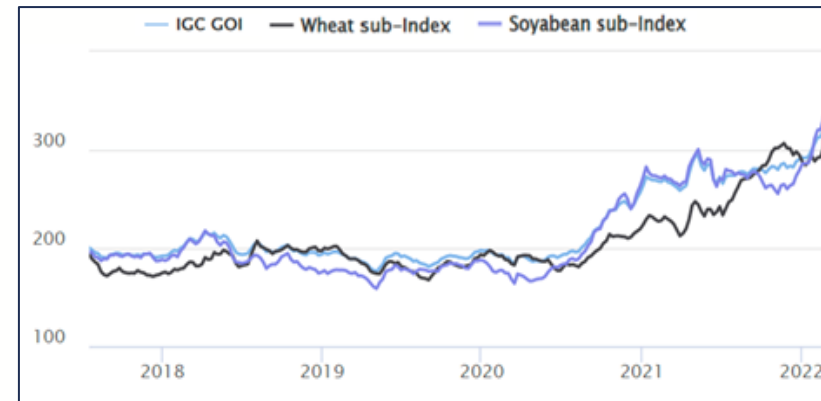
Global Markets

- The FAO Food Price Index, reached a record high in February 2022, exceeding the previous peak set in February 2011.
- The International Grains Council (IGC)'s Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI) - rose by 34 percent compared to March 2021.
- Global Crude oil prices are up 76% in March 2022 compared to March 2021.
- Major grain exporters have recently ramped up trade protectionist measures to counter domestic inflation – at the expense of tightening supplies on international markets
- If global food prices continue to rise WFP will be affected in two ways- it will cost more to buy food for the hungry, and the number of people needing food assistance will increase.
- The prices of food procured by WFP for its operations are on average 50 percent higher than they were in 2019, resulting in additional costs of USD 71 million per month, compared to 2019

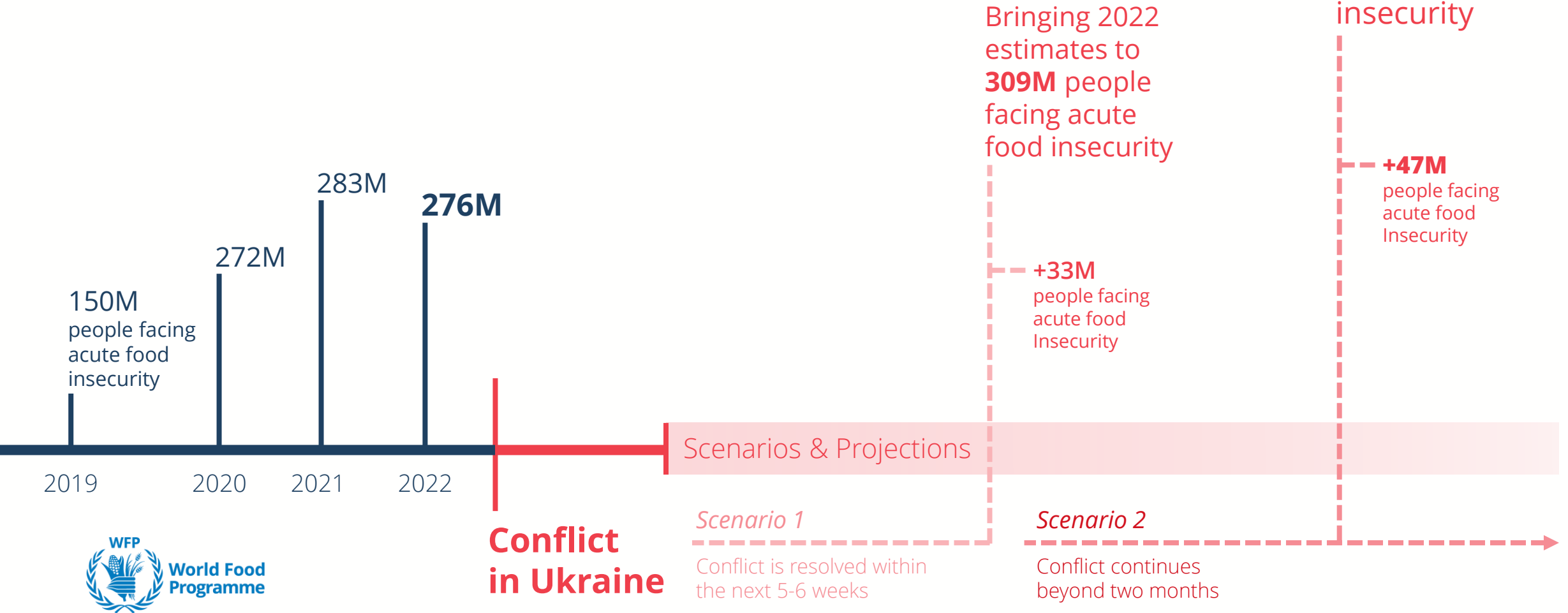
FAO Food Price Index



IGC's Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI)



Global acute food insecurity numbers



Food price pressure since the outbreak of Ukraine conflict



FOOD INFLATION

(Rate for most recent period)

Bangladesh	6%
Bhutan	4%
India	8%
Indonesia	5%
Kyrgyz Republic	16%
Laos	6%
Pakistan	17%
Philippines	4%
Sri Lanka	30%
Timor-Leste	7%
Fiji	8%

Source: tradingeconomics.com

Impact on Bangladesh Markets

- Scarcity and back to back increase on Vegetable oil Prices. The recent embargo on exporting palm oil from Indonesia on 28th April keeps the vegetable oil market unpredictable.
- Recent ban on the export of wheat and onion by India on 13 May already spiralling up local market prices.
- The agricultural input subsidies are likely to be a burden on govt if the volatility in global fertilizer markets continues, eventually lowering the capacity to finance other stimulus measures.
- Sanctions against Russian banks cutting them off from the SWIFT payment system created challenges for Bangladeshi exporters specially in RMG sector.
- The disruption in the supply chain of scrap metal pushed the price of construction steel rods by 36 percent compared to previous year according to Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).
- Increase of LNG price and LPG price.
- Gradual depreciation of exchange rates against US dollars by the Bangladesh Bank to discourage imports and accelerate exports. Although this initiative is appreciated by expert this might further exacerbate cost of food prices.

High exposure to Wheat imports for Bangladesh.

- In FY 21/22 Bangladesh's domestic Wheat consumption was 6.5 million mt out of which the country has the capacity to produce around 1 million and the rest comes from import
- Bangladesh Imported 24 percent of it's total Wheat from India, 22 percent from Russia and 17 percent from Ukraine and the rest from USA, Canada, Australia and Brazil.
- Ukraine Conflict and ban from India might create volatility in the domestic market although the govt is saying it has sufficient reserve upto August 2021.

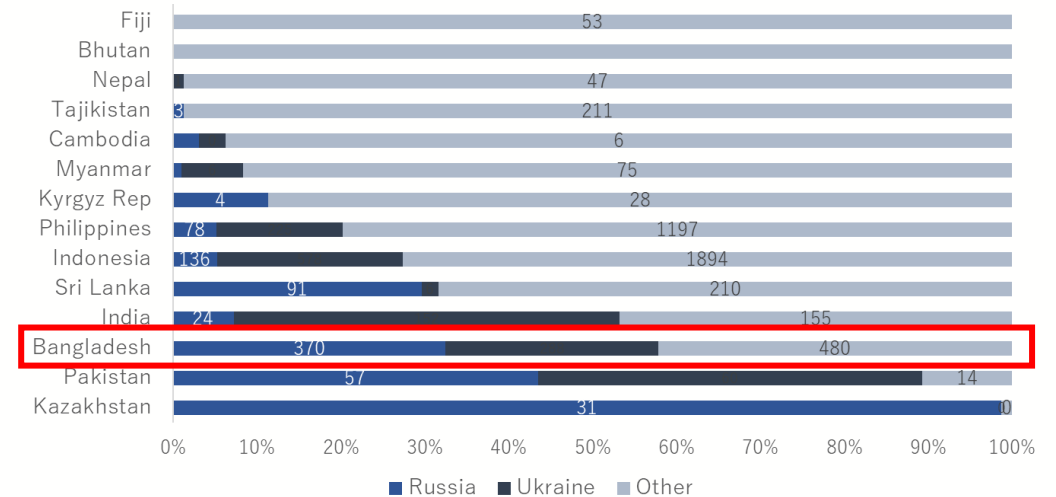


TABLE 1: Top 15 importers of Ukrainian wheat (left) and Russian wheat (right) in 2020

COUNTRY	IMPORTS (million tons)	COUNTRY	IMPORTS (million tons)
Egypt	3.08	Egypt	8.25
Indonesia	2.72	Turkey	7.90
Bangladesh	1.51	Bangladesh	1.94
Pakistan	1.24	Azerbaijan	1.39
Turkey	1.00	Sudan	1.33
Tunisia	0.98	Pakistan	1.17
Morocco	0.95	Nigeria	1.00
Yemen	0.71	Yemen	0.80
Lebanon	0.67	Tanzania	0.70
Philippines	0.63	United Arab Emirates	0.67
Thailand	0.56	Kenya	0.60
Libya	0.55	Georgia	0.59
Malaysia	0.40	Philippines	0.55
Spain	0.37	South Africa	0.55
Republic of Korea	0.32	Israel	0.54

Source: FAOSTAT

Wheat imports from Russia and Ukraine out of total imports in million USD. Five-year average (2016-2020).



Data source: UN comtrade

Things to Look Out For

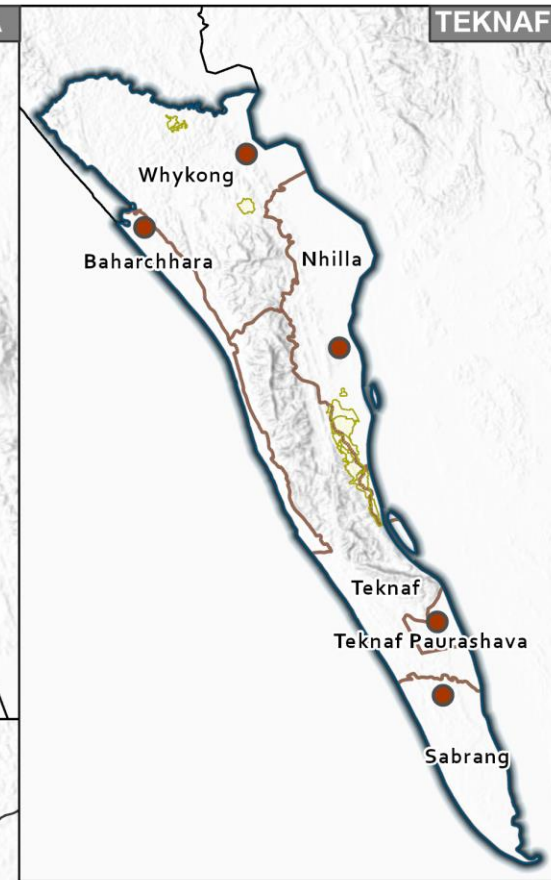
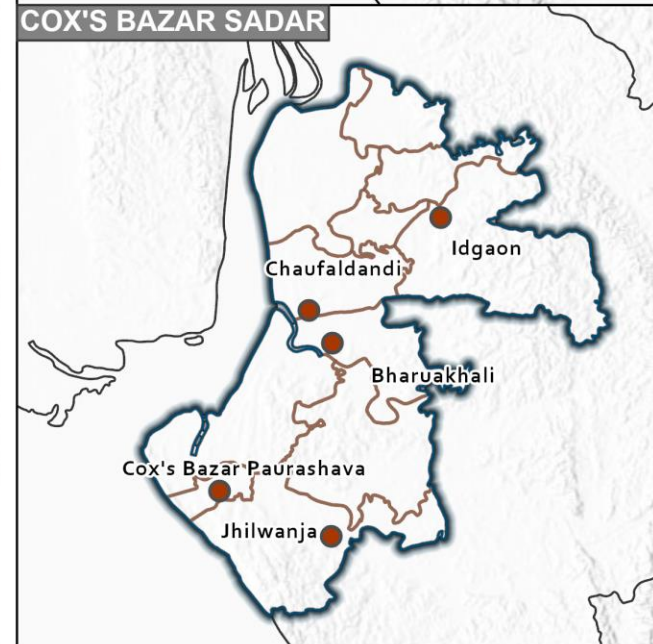
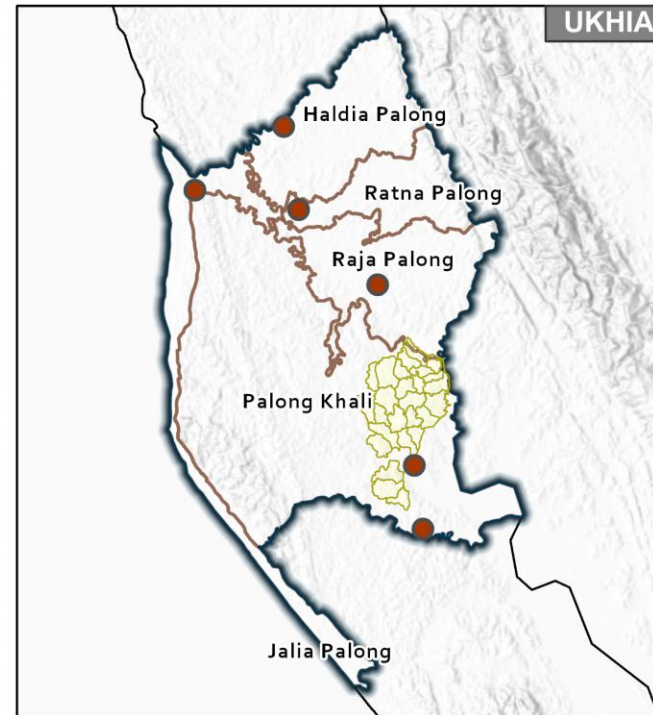
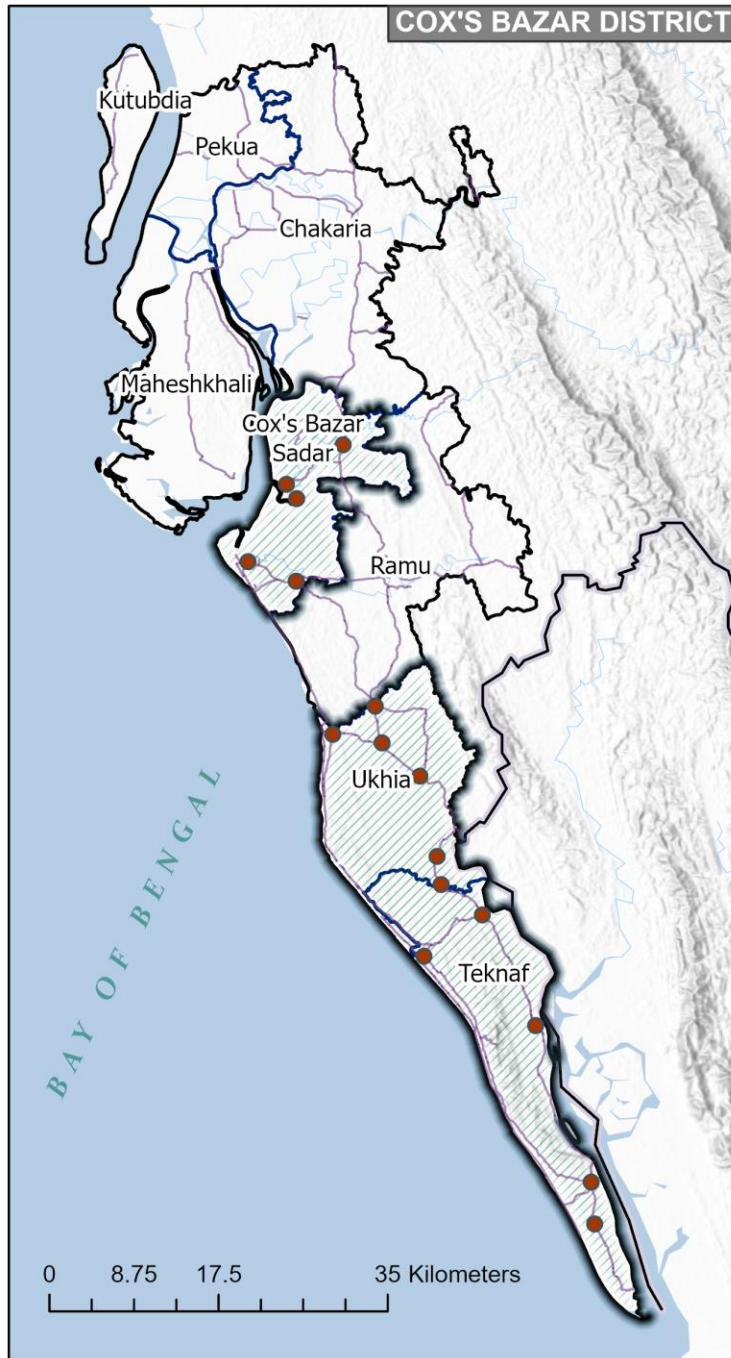
- Consumer goods and food price inflation could result into increased poverty with the group of new poor could increase in size. Food insecurity is likely to increase.
- Supply chain disruption, increased cost in shipping services due to oil price rise, and sanctions on Russian banks could result in a fall in export revenues.
- The Ukrainian refugee inflow will likely create a labour surplus in the European labour market. This in turn might impact the demand for Bangladeshi migrant labourers in Europe and subsequently the volume of remittances to Bangladesh from Europe.
- Several mega energy projects supported by Russia could be delayed due to disruption in resources and technology transfer.
- Aid inflows into Bangladesh might be further reduced due to the increased demand in humanitarian funding in Ukraine and the associated refugee crisis in neighbouring countries.

INTRODUCTION TO VAM MARKET MONITORING IN COX'S BAZAR

- WFP Cox's Bazar VAM unit have been collecting price information from key markets in Cox's Bazar district since March 2018.
- The key markets were selected based on their importance to the local economy and accessibility to the refugees and Bangladeshi host communities. Currently, 15 markets from 3 different subdistricts (Ukhia, Teknaf, and Cox's Bazar Sadar) are being monitored.
- In each market, both wholesalers and retailers are interviewed depending on the size and type of the market. At present, a total of 57 commodities including 45 food and 12 NFI commodities are being monitored.
- 3 dedicated market enumerators are collecting the price information from the market by conducting Face to Face interviews.
- The surveys are conducted fortnightly (twice a month) and a dashboard is updated at the end of each data collection round.

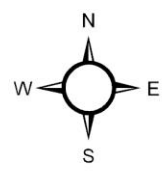
METHODOLOGY

Selection of Markets



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- Monitored Markets
- Road Network
- Camp Boundary
- Union Boundary
- Upazila Boundary
- District Boundary



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Commodity Trends in Cox's Bazar

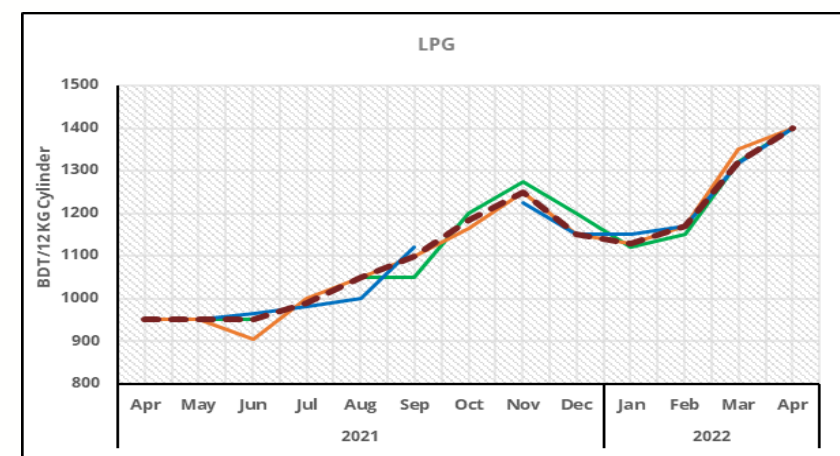
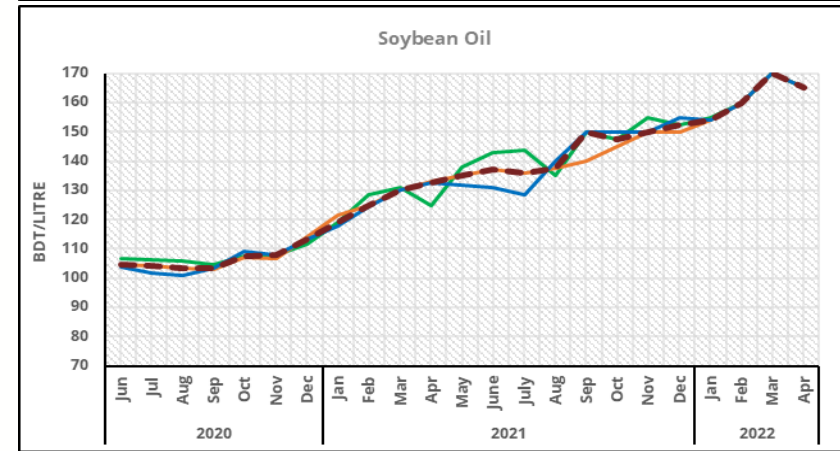
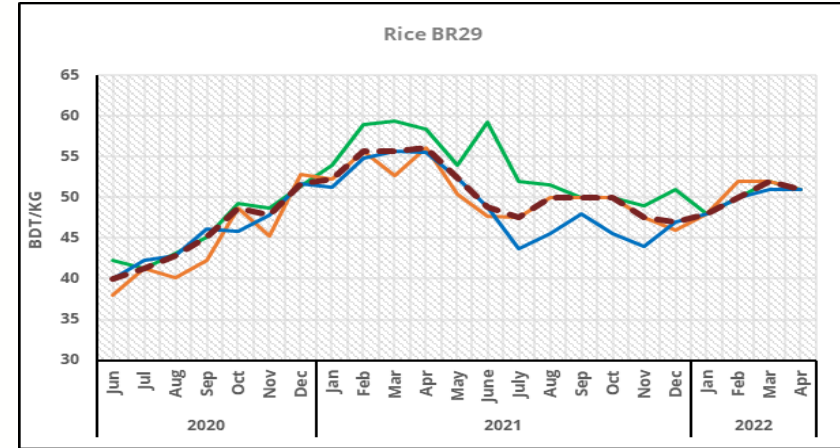
Rice: In April 2022 the retail price of rice BR29 remained somewhat similar to March 2022, about **1.9 percent** lower compared to previous month .

Soybean oil: Median soyabean oil price faced **2.9 percent** decrease from March 2022 which is **24.5 percent** higher compared to the last year (April 2021). Shortage of supply and price gouging was observed in the market mainly because of the hoarding tendency of big traders to increase profit margins.

Wheat Flour: Flour prices remained steady at **45 BDT** per kg in April 2022. However, according to TCB (Trading Corporation of Bangladesh) in April 2022, the price of packaged wheat flour increased **47 percent** compared to the same time last year.

Poultry and Eggs: Broiler chicken prices increased by **13.3 percent** from April 2022. Traders reported this upsurge in price was due to the high demand during the Eid season. On the other hand, the cost of farm eggs decreased by 11 percent (8 BDT).

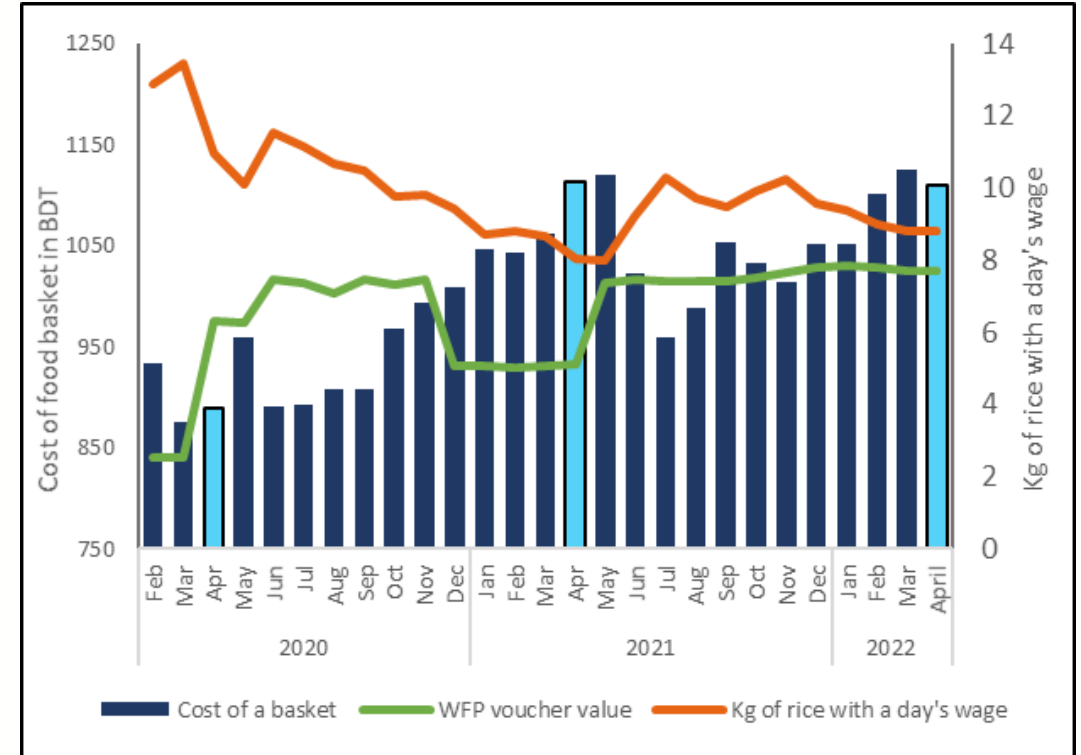
LPG: The price of a 12 kg LPG cylinder faced an increase of **6.1 percent** in April 2022 compared to March 2022. Compared to the same time last year (April 2022) prices of LPG increased **47.4 percent** in April 2022. Volatility in the global energy market and the Russia Ukraine crisis prompted the government to raise the LPG price.



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Food Basket and Purchasing Power

- The cost of a typical food basket in April 2022 (1,110 BDT) remained the same level from March 2022 (1,124 BDT). However, when compared to the pre-Covid-19 level (839 BDT, February 2020), the April 2022 basket was significantly higher (+32 percent), putting a strain on a household's purchasing capacity in Cox's Bazar.



VAM Market Publications



WFP-VAM Market Monitor

Cox's Bazar, March 2022

Key highlights

- The Ukraine crisis, which started on 24 February 2022, not only has major implications for global food security, with both Ukraine and Russia being key players in global food markets and Russia's role in global energy markets, the conflict also risks increasing food insecurity in the world's current hunger hotspots, such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syria, Yemen, and Egypt.
- Although the immediate impact of the conflict in Ukraine on Bangladesh markets is still minimal in March 2022, if the conflict continues, volatility in international markets is likely to trickle down to domestic markets, with implications for access to food for the most vulnerable.
- Mixed retail price trends were observed across the Cox's Bazar district markets, with most essential commodities exerting an upward trend. Prices of rice, vegetable oil, salt, potatoes, garlic, and LPG increased, while onion, broiler chicken, eggs, tomatoes, and soybean oil prices declined or remained stable.
- The cost of a typical food basket in March 2022 (1,124 BDT) remained considerably higher than the previous month (1,101 BDT, February 2022) and the pre-Covid-19 level (839 BDT, February 2020) challenging the purchasing power of a household in Cox's Bazar District.
- The current market characteristics may be threatened by the unstable prices of key commodities plausibly driven by multiple factors like the month of Ramadan, hoarding and price gouging, ongoing lean period, higher transportation costs, and international price hikes.

Russia Ukraine crisis, Global and Bangladesh Markets:

The consequences of the conflict in Ukraine are radiating outwards, triggering a wave of collateral hunger that is spreading across the globe. The conflict comes at a time of unprecedented humanitarian needs, as climate shocks, conflict, COVID-19, and rising costs driving millions closer to starvation. In 81 countries where WFP works, acute hunger is expected to rise by 47 million people if the conflict in Ukraine continues past April 2022 – this is a staggering 17 percent jump on top of the 276 million people who already face acute hunger worldwide.¹ Food and oil price hikes are driving up WFP's global monthly operational costs by up to USD 71 million a month. Global food and fuel prices have increased sharply since the onset of the conflict – reaching an all-time high in February 2022, according to FAO's Food Price Index. The wheat sub-index of the International Grains Council (IGC)'s Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI) – a measure of changes in major export quotations for wheat around the world – rose by 90 percent since mid-2020, by 24 percent since the start of 2022 and by 21 percent since 21 February.²



Figure 1: FAO Food Price Index (top) and IGC Grains and Oilseeds (GOI) Index(bottom)

¹ <https://www.unhcr.org/refugees/article/2022/02/2022-02-14-110>
² <https://www.igc.org/news/press-releases/2022/02/14>
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ASSESSING THE FUNCTIONALITY OF MARKETPLACES SERVING ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH

A market assessment in Cox's Bazar

July 2020



Market Assessment in Bhasan Char, Bangladesh

Assessing the functionality of emerging marketplaces serving Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

February 2022



Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)

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Partners' Update

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FAO plans to distribute 100 metric ton of rice AMON seed supported by CANADA in first week of June to the Cox's Bazar Sadar, Ramu, Ukhiya and Teknaf host community, variety name Biri dhan 49, this is foundation seeds for farmers, and can be preserved for next seasons.

AOB

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- JICA will present their new project in Cox's Bazar during next FSS coordination meeting.
- FSS coordinator ended her assignment in Cox's Bazar and joined the WFP operation in Yemen for a new role. Recruitment process is ongoing for Cox's Bazar FSS coordinator, until then FSS deputy coordinator will be leading the Food Security Sector.
- Update on FSS files: all files from 2021 have been archived [here](#)
- Next FSS coordination meeting modality is hybrid, (in-person in ISCG conference room or online) and will take place on 31 May 2022

Thank you all!

Next FSS coordination meeting

31 May 2022, 11:00-12:30

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