WHO ARE WE?

Food Security Sector (FSS) is led by WFP and FAO. Within the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) in Cox’s Bazar, the FSS is a platform to strengthen the food security response through operational coordination, information sharing, and identifying food security related priorities and solutions (blanket unconditional general food assistance to refugees, transition from in-kind food distribution to e-voucher assistance, complementary food voucher assistance in line with phase out of in-kind food distribution, and supporting dietary diversity).

Livelihoods Working Group (LHWG): Under the FSS, the LHWG is working to strengthen coordination and technical support of the livelihood activities in the host Community and Rohingya refugee camps.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

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FOOD SECURITY SECTOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Strategic Objective 1 - Ensure and sustain timely provision of life saving food assistance for Rohingya refugees
- Strategic Objective 2 - Promote portable skills development opportunities for Rohingya and enhance the livelihood and resilience of host communities
- Strategic Objective 3 - Support peaceful co-existence through enhancement and restoration of natural resources

KEY HIGHLIGHTS | JANUARY

- Increase of eVoucher value from 770 to 840 BDT based on Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) revision (see MEB brief [here](#)).
- Reduction of Complementary Food Voucher (CFV) assistance to complement in-kind rations in line with e-voucher rollout. By March 2020, it is expected for the refugees in Camp 3, 4, and 5 to be under the e-voucher assistance.
- Expansion of farmers market. Pilot project implemented by Relief International is linking smallholder farmers around Camp 7 and 2E.
- Guidelines to implement micro gardening* and plantation activities were developed with Energy and Environment Technical Working Group (EETWG), FSS, and Site Management and Site Development Sector (SMSD) with partner inputs (see the guidelines [here](#)). The final version will be shared with implementing partners and messaging will be developed in collaboration with Communications with Communities Working Group (CwCWG).
- The Education, Protection and Food Security Sectors collaborated to add narrative to the 2020 JRP on how sectors will engage in a coordinated approach for skills development activities.

OUTPUT LINKS | JANUARY

- For all January output files, presentations, and meeting minutes please click [here](#).
- For further disaggregated dashboards, please click [here](#).

*Micro gardening was termed homestead gardening in previous reporting. Micro gardening refers to gardening in spaces between 10-20 square meters or less whereas homestead gardening can be in spaces between 300-1,000 square meters. The current kits distributed throughout the camps more closely align with micro gardening size - therefore, the term homestead gardening has been replaced with micro gardening throughout FSS reporting.
**FSS Strategic Objective 1 - Ensure and sustain timely provision of life saving food assistance for Rohingya refugees**

WFP through its partners (BRAC, Save the Children, Resource Integration Center, and World Vision) provide general food assistance to Rohingya refugees in the camps. ICRC provides food assistance to refugees in Konopara, also known as No Man’s Land.

**eVoucher 108k households reached by WFP**

eVoucher beneficiaries receive BDT 840 per individual to purchase food items at 14 outlets which are currently operational to ensure diversified diet and enhanced nutritional status. They are provided with diverse food choices with over 20 food commodities to ensure nutritional intake. 11k households transitioned from receiving in-kind rations to purchasing food items through eVoucher in January. Capping of rice purchases to up to BDT 440 aims at both addressing reselling of rice and improving dietary diversity. The amount of rice beneficiaries can access is more than the amount provided through in-kind food distribution. This is complemented with the recently piloted fresh food corners in 5 e-voucher outlets. These corners allow for beneficiaries to access fresh vegetables and fruits, even poultry and fish by local vendors and farmers directly.

**In-kind food distribution 83k households reached by WFP**

In-kind food distribution beneficiaries receive three food items: rice, pulses and vegetable oil. The ration provided to beneficiaries is dependent on the household size. Every month, households with 1-3 members receive 30 kgs or rice, 9 kgs of pulses, and 3 litres of cooking oil once a month, households with 4-7 members receive 60 kgs of rice, 18 kgs of pulses, and 6 lt of vegetable oil, households with 8-10 members receive 90kgs of rice, 27 kgs of pulses, and 9 litres of vegetable oil, and households with 11 or more members receive 120 kgs of rice, 36 kgs of pulses, and 12 litres of vegetable oil. In-kind food distribution is expected to phase out in mid-2020.

**Complementary food voucher (CFV) 56k households reached by World Vision**

CFV assistance modality is a top up to in-kind food distribution for enhancing diet diversity. World Vision is distributing a voucher valued BDT 805 (households with 6 or less members) and BDT 1,170 (households with 7 members or more) to purchase fresh food items by selected local vendors.

**Farmers market 6k refugees reached by WFP (implementing partner is Relief International)**

Farmers market is being piloted by Relief International and funded by WFP for refugees in Camp 7. In January, 6,274 refugees received a top-up of BDT 250 per individual per month to purchase their products or from consumers coming directly to them.

The next stages of the project will take into consideration challenges faced such as pottery production during the rainy season, further skill trainings such as working with pottery glazes, and adjusting supply to the demand of the local market. WFP and RIC also plan to support the women to understand profit and loss and to negotiate prices.

For further information on this project and other FSS, livelihoods, and self-reliance projects, or to reach out for an opportunity to be highlighted in next month's spotlight, please contact FSS through: info.coxsbazar@fscluster.org

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**POTTERY PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**Donor:** WFP  
**Implementing Partner:** Resource Integration Centre (RIC)  
**Location:** Raja Palong Union, Ukhiya Upazila  
**Beneficiaries involved as group business:** 12 females  
**Beneficiaries involved as individual businesses:** 11 females

As of February 2020, through WFP livelihoods programme in Raja Palong Union, 12 women were trained in pottery. They came together thereafter to start their own business of selling their products to individual customers as well as to retailers and traders. They received a series of trainings on technical production, financial management, literacy and behavioural change. The trainings were aimed at enhancing their abilities at building independent and group businesses. These women have received positive feedback from the customers which prompted them to engage more in the market. Additionally, they make an income from traders and retailers from Ukhiya and Teknaf coming to their homes to purchase their products or from consumers coming directly to them.

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**School Feeding**

400,370 children (261,136 refugees in 4,050 learning centers in 34 camps, 139,234 host community children in schools in 5 sub-districts of Cox’s Bazar) received high energy biscuits under WFP’s school feeding programme.
**FSS Strategic Objective 2: Promote portable skills development opportunities for Rohingya and enhance the livelihoods and resilience of host communities**

- **21k Rohingya households assisted**
  - *Reflects unique individuals, as same beneficiaries receive assistance through multiple activities*
  - Technical Skills Training 13k households reached by AAB, ACF, FiVDB, HEKS/EPER, HSI, and Plan
  - 13,804 households received training in micro gardening, 200 households received training in tailoring, and 89 households received training in block printing
  - Household Inputs and Assets 11k households reached by FiVDB, HSI, Mukti and Plan
  - 10,864 households received inputs and assets for micro gardening
  - Life Skills / Awareness Training 4k households reached by AAB, ACF, BRAC and CAID
  - 1,264 households received awareness session on nutrition, 1,244 households received awareness session on hygiene, 859 households received training in business development, 109 households received awareness session on counter trafficking, 100 households received training in functional literacy, 53 households received awareness session on early marriage, 50 households received awareness session on gender-based violence, 30 households received training in leadership and 24 households received awareness session on reproductive health
  - Service 49 households reached by AAB
  - 49 households received gas burner repairs and maintenance services for food preparation

For more details on self-reliance activities and partner’s coverage in the camps, please click [here](#).

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**FSS Strategic Objective 3: Support peaceful co-existence through enhancement and restoration of natural resources**

- **33K host community households assisted**
  - *Reflects unique individuals, as same beneficiaries receive assistance through multiple activities*
  - Stipend 20k households reached by RIC and Shushilan
  - 19,896 households received stipends of BDT 1,050 per month for food preparation
  - Life Skills / Awareness Training 7k households reached by BRAC, CAID, CARITAS, FAO, and RIC
  - 6,268 households received training in gender, 323 households received training in business development, and 100 households received training in leadership
  - Technical Skills Training 7k households reached by BRAC, FAO, HSI, ICCO, Plan, SI, and Solidar Suisse
  - 4,182 households received training in micro gardening, 1,205 households received training in livestock, and 1,272 households received training in horticulture
  - Household Inputs and Assets 7k households reached by BRAC, FAO, Mukti, Plan, and Solidar Suisse
  - 5,657 households received inputs for micro gardening, 884 households received assets for livestock, 220 households received inputs for horticulture, 400 households received inputs for poultry raising, 50 households received inputs for aquaculture, and 45 households received assets for business development
  - Service 3k households reached by CARITAS, RIC, and Shushilan
  - 3,055 households received vaccination services for livestock, and 76 households received assistive devices and rehabilitation services for disability inclusion
  - Investment Grant 2k households reached by ACF and CARITAS
  - 1,900 households received grants for off-farm income generating activities, 123 households received grants for livestock, 21 households received grants for poultry raising and 19 households received grants for business development
  - Community Assets 15 households reached by BRAC
  - 15 households received community assets for micro gardening

For more details on livelihood activities and partners’ coverage in the host communities, please click [here](#)

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**Hectares Planted by Partner (as of February 2020)**

- **175 hectares planted in 2019**
  - Programme and implementing partners for SO3 are: Arannyak Foundation, BRAC, CNRS, DCA, FAO, FiVDB, IOM, IUCN, and UNHCR

- **Hectares targeted in 2020 150 ha**
  - Number of hectares targeted will be finalized in March

- **Hectares planted in 2020 N/A**
  - Planting activities in 2020 are currently in planning stage

To view the map of plantation activities in 2019, please click [here](#)