Food Security & Livelihoods Coordination Meeting
May 6th
Cox’s Bazar | 2020

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Action Points

- Partners to contact the Cox’s Bazar Health Sector team at coord_cxb@who.int to receive daily COVID-19 update – FSS will discontinue sharing this update to avoid cross posting.
- Partners requested to provide feedback on FAO/DAE agriculture activity SOP in context of COVID-19 by Monday, 11 May COB.
- Partners with agriculture projects are encouraged attend agriculture coordination meeting on Tuesday, 12 May (tentative).
- Partners’ IM focal points requested to attend FSS IM webinar on Monday, 11 May at 11am-12pm in Bangla, 12pm-1pm in English (tentative).
- Partners planning distribution of milk products are requested to strictly adhere to guidelines by UNHCR and by WFP.
- Partners to visit Emergency Preparedness and Response section of Shelter/NFI Sector website.
- Partners planning to distribute unconditional cash grant to beneficiaries in Ukhiya and Teknaf requested to send national identification number of target beneficiaries to coxsazar.fss@wfp.org for cross-checking – please share NID numbers only.

45 organizations (65 individuals) in attendance;

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Agenda

- FSS/LHWG updates
  - COVID-19 updates and Response Plan/JRP prioritization
  - Information management updates
  - Livelihood initiatives for health response
- Presentation by the Department of Agricultural Extension
- Cyclone preparedness presentations by:
  - Emergency Preparedness and Response WG
  - IFRC
  - Shelter/NFI Sector
- AOB
COVID-19 UPDATES

• There are currently **39 COVID-19 positive cases reported in Cox’s Bazar**. Additionally, six cases from Bandarban district have been confirmed positive. The first laboratory confirmed case was identified in Cox’s Bazar on 23 March.

• **No confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported to date in the Rohingya camps.** A total of 55 persons are in institutional quarantine in the camps as of 4 May 2020.

• For further information please find [here](#)
COVID-19 UPDATES

• Holiday extended till 16 May
• SARI construction ongoing
• Critical services in the camps ongoing. Food distribution ongoing
• Commodity voucher – new basket WFP messages (English) (Bangla)
• Health sector /inter-sectoral discussion on how to protect from risk elderly 31,500 over 59 and how to provide support to people in home-care (potentially 340,000 over 9 months).
• CwC is drafting messaging and Shelter/NFI/WASH drafted guidelines on elderly and home
• PSEA tools and training – psea@iscq.org
• Volunteers stipends – discussion. Suggestion to increase rates by 30% for COVID-19
• National Cash Working Group guidance for COVID -19 : 4,500 taka per household
• Operational cash coordination in Ukhia and Teknaf – WFP, UNHCR, WVI – FSS to cross-check NID
• WFP/VAM Market Monitoring Update
• Assessment Mapping – please share info with coxsbazar.fss@wfp.org
14 FSS partner organizations submitted projects to the HPC tool for JRP Covid-19 Specific Appeal

FSS SAG members met twice over the last week to review and finalize all proposed projects - the final total FSS Cox’s Bazar appeal amount was USD 49.7 million

All projects are in line with the below Covid-19 specific strategic objectives:

1. **Expand support to improve food security and compensate for loss of livelihoods** of the most vulnerable Bangladeshis in Cox’s Bazar whose livelihoods are impacted by the pandemic, through food, cash support according to need

2. **Secure the continuity of the food supply chain by supporting the food production system**, aligning with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MoFL) policies and directives in order to ensure continuity of crop, fish and livestock production and marketing throughout the year in all Cox’s Bazar District (beyond Ukhia and Teknaf included in JRP 2020)

3. **Support the District health response in coordination with the Health Sector** – provide support to existing and planned isolation, treatment, and quarantine facilities in Cox’s Bazar District and support cross-sectoral home care packages for vulnerable groups (i.e. elderly or patient and family of home care patients) and livelihoods initiatives in support of the health response.
# JRP COVID-19 ADDENDUM - PIN

## Overall people in need of Sector assistance

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<td>Rohingya Refugees and Bangladeshi host community members in need of food assistance at health facilities</td>
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<td>Target to be confirmed by Health Sector (1,500 quarantine, 1,000 isolation, potentially 340,000 people in home-care, 31,500 elderly, etc.)</td>
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<td><strong>948,714 vulnerable Bangladeshis</strong> - 50% population in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazila, 30% population in Chakaria, Cox’s Bazar Sadar, Kutubdia, Maheshkhali, Pekua, and Ramu in need of assistance</td>
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## Overall People targeted

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## Explanation of overall PIN and target calculations: how did you reach these numbers?

860,000 refugees remain in need of life-saving food assistance

As per JRP 2020, at least 50% of population of Ukhiya and Teknaf are vulnerable.

Measures to contain spread of COVID-19 have impacted heavily poor Bangladeshis (as per BRAC&PPRC survey 70% drop in income for all extreme poor, moderate poor and vulnerable non-poor alike at national level).

**948,714 vulnerable Bangladeshis** in Cox’s Bazar District.
## JRP COVID-19 ADDENDUM – Next Steps

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<td>26 April</td>
<td>Sectors submit response plan narrative and monitoring framework, including a description of the impact on the JRP 2020 (identification of which activities must go ahead, perhaps with modifications).</td>
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<td>30 April</td>
<td>Deadline for partner submission of any new COVID-19 response projects in excel to Sector Coordinators. Peer review processes within each Sector will then review any new projects, as well as flag priority JRP 2020 projects.</td>
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<td>5 May</td>
<td>Deadline for upload of approved new COVID-19 projects to the HPC module. Sectors submit project portfolios (new COVID-19 projects, and prioritised JRP 2020 projects) and final Sector targets and requirements.</td>
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<td>Mid-May</td>
<td>Input to Global Humanitarian Response Plan Finalisation and release</td>
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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UPDATES

• Cross-checking of beneficiary lists for partners planning to distribute multi-purpose cash grants in Ukhiya and Teknaf – please send the national identification number of target beneficiaries to coxsbazar.fss@wfp.org to avoid duplication (only national IDs for data protection)

• Changes to reporting of 4Ws (WHO does WHAT WHERE and WHEN)
  • FSS Response Tracker will be used for activities from April to December
  • 1 sheet for total beneficiaries reached in April – December (planned and actual)
  • 1 sheet for 4W reporting by month (actual only)
  • IM meeting on Monday, 11 May in Bangla (11am – 12 pm) and English (12pm – 1pm), IM focal points from all organization are highly encouraged to attend

• Online interactive dashboard (planned and actual) which pulls data from the Response Tracker is online for coordination and harmonization
LIVELIHOODS UPDATES
LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH RESPONSE

- FSS/L hosted workshop for partners engaging in mask making initiative – ISCG and WHO colleagues also participated to provide further contextual support. For further information on the workshop or initiative kindly find the link to the mask initiative google drive [here](#).

- LHWG is supporting ISCG / the response in coordinating mask distribution - if any questions related to masks (local tailor made or factory made) kindly reach out to the LHWG team.

- Nitol Dewan (nitol.dewan@wfp.org) is supporting the LHWG with IM coordination on this mask making initiative, kindly ensure that she is kept in CC for any queries sent to LHWG on this initiative.
LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH RESPONSE

- Current proposed amounts of local tailor made masks:

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<th>Implementing Organization</th>
<th>Item: Reusable Cloth Mask/One-use Disposable mask</th>
<th>Planned Production/Distribution Amount (2 masks for 1 individual)</th>
<th>Total Number of Beneficiaries Targeted</th>
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<td>Reusable cloth mask</td>
<td>600,000</td>
<td>Host: 200,000 Camp: 100,000</td>
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<td>Nongor/MOAS</td>
<td>Reusable cloth mask</td>
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<td>UN Women</td>
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<td><strong>Grand Total</strong></td>
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<td>1,484,000</td>
<td>375,000 Camp: 417,000</td>
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PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATIONS
Status of **Monsoon Preparedness**

**UPDATES**

- Monsoon preparedness embedded in regular programing
- Pre-defined checklist of activities, ready to be activated
- Mitigation for sites and shelters at risk taken into account
- Incident reporting mechanism in place
- Adjusted distribution modalities, including social distancing

**GAPS**

- Site development repairs
- Drainage cleaning of the water systems
Status of Cyclone Preparedness

WEATHER FORECAST

• Update on weather forecast

STATUS

• Checklist of measures taken prior to cyclone season
• Distribution of tie down kits ongoing
• Prepositioning of Emergency Kits (Food, Shelter and Wash)
• Assistance available for 40% within first 72 hours
• Relocation of patients with chronic diseases
• Protection Emergency Response Unit teams
• Orientation of CPP/BDRCS camp volunteers on cyclone response during COVID-19

UPDATE

• Social distancing modalities
• Awareness raising on hygiene practices
• Expansion of warehousing capacity
• Additional stockpile of food for 2 months in anticipation of supply chain disruption
• Sites being identified for safe and dignified burials
• Distribution of PPE to CPP volunteers in each camp ongoing
• Volunteers being given basic IPC training on how to handle COVID-19-infected people
• Sectors exploring home delivery of materials and food to estimated 75,000 HHs
• SOPs under development with AFD on joint response in case of outbreak in camps
Assumptions and factors to be taken into consideration

UPDATE

- Lack of 3G/4G connectivity remains a key challenge.
- Lack of cyclone shelter for refugees available in the camps.
- Assumption that host community hospitals may not accept transfers of any Rohingya patients
- No current plans for evacuation / relocation of refugees or safe havens within camps.
Advocacy

KEY ADVOCACY POINTS & AREAS FOR FOCUS

• Activation of 3G/4G (permanent or at least temporary during emergencies)
• Access to VHF radio channels for I/NNGOs
• Strengthened and formalized engagement with the Army for better joint response
• Continued engagement with local authorities (DC/UNOs, RRRC/CICs, Police)
• Evacuation / relocation of refugees and safe havens within camps.
• Safety plans for staff and volunteers
• Funding is critical
Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP)

Making the ‘last mile’ the ‘first mile’ in early warning and early action
Introduction

- Introduced following Bhola cyclone in 1970
- Joint programme of Government of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) since 1972
- Internationally renowned for its cyclone preparedness activities in the **13 coastal districts** of Bangladesh **covering over 20 million at risk people**
- Being expanded in 6 more riverine districts
- Early warning message dissemination, early action, evacuation, search & rescue, primary health support and assisting the relief & rehab works
- Has **reduced cyclone related death toll from 1 million in 1970 to single digit** in recent time.
CPP Operational and Early Warning Structure

- **CPP HQ Dhaka**
  - Zone (7)
  - Upazilla (41)
  - Union (355)
  - Units (3701)
  - Volunteers (55,515)

- **Wireless base station (HF) Dhaka**
  - Zone (HF)
  - Upazilla (HF & VHF)
  - Wireless station (146 Nos)
  - Messages pass through volunteers to community

*Image of a map showing the CPP Operational and Early Warning Structure.*
CPP Early warning system – Revised in 2018

§ Based on warning messages issued by Bangladesh Metrological Department (BMD)

§ 1 to 10 signals issued with incremental early warning action at each stage

**Signals 1 – 3**
No flag. Verbal discussion on formation of depression/cyclone.

**Signal 4**
One flag. Raise awareness on formation of cyclone and possibility of impact. Public address through megaphones and loudspeakers.

**Signals 5 – 7**
Two flags. Public address through megaphones and loudspeakers. Preparation for evacuation.

**Signals 8 – 10**
Three flags. Public address through megaphones and loudspeakers and use of static and hand sirens. Ensure evacuation (not for Cox's Bazar camp settlements).

§ Signal 1 – 3 = 0 Flag
§ Signal 4 = 1 Flag
§ Signal 5 – 7 = 2 Flags
§ Signal 8 – 10 = 3 Flags
National DRR mechanisms extended to Camp Settlements

- Macro level disaster preparedness system set up in camp settlements since 2018 by extending Bangladesh national cyclone early warning system (CPP) into the camp settlements of Cox’s Bazar.

- Enabled camp residents to be organized, prepared, equipped, recognized as CPP volunteers and responsible for early warning dissemination and trigger early action for over 900,000 camp settlement residents.

- Camp residents trained as Community First Responders to support their own camp settlement communities and assist in managing internal displacement issues with site management sector partners.

- Macro level disaster management structure set up in camp settlements through government led camp administration and ISCG coordination systems (DMCs and DMUs).

- Collective action through a multi-agency approach to address key disaster risks in the camps including camp settlement site planning, development, embankment protection and heavy infrastructure.
EW + EA system in place in all 34 camp settlements covering 850,000+ residents

§ 3,400 CPP camp volunteer network formed in all 34 camps covering all 850,000+ camp residents since 2018

§ Early warning system in line with Bangladesh flag based early warning system with incremental levels of early warning (implemented over a number of days) shared through flags, person to person, radio, megaphone use and sirens

§ Early Warning system to help communities be informed and take Early Action in line with Government led Administrative and Management system in camp settlements under RRRC and ISCG

§ System introduced to camp residents through practical drill exercises in camps and person to person communication
Multi-Hazard Preparedness and Response Trainings

§ Disaster preparedness trainings covered vulnerability assessing, multi hazard preparedness and orientation on CPP early warning system and roles/responsibilities during cyclone season

§ Intensive first aid trainings provided to CPP camp volunteers by the BDRCS

§ Fire Safety trainings provided by Bangladesh Fire Service and Site Management Partners

§ Water rescue trainings provided in targeted camps by MOAS with BDRCS

§ CPP camp volunteers have been equipped with personal protective gear, early warning equipment, search and rescue kits
Communicators at work: Bridging the language challenge

- To ensure 850,000+ camp residents and camp volunteers understand the early warning messages developed in line with CPP, camp level field communicators are oriented on the early warning and early action messages in Rohingya language.

- Language experts engaged and material developed to communicate through means that relate and understandable to communities.

- Conducting orientations on cyclone and early warning and early action system for humanitarian actor in camps to ensure collective impact in saving lives.
CPP Coordination Structure – Host and Camps

CPP Deputy Director – Cox’s Bazar

**Host Community CPP Structure**
- **Upazila Team Leader**
- **Union Team Leader**
- **Unit Team Leader**
- **CPP Volunteers**

**Camp Settlement CPP Structure**
- **CPP Camp Coordinator from host CPP volunteers**
- **CPP Camp Focal Points from host CPP volunteers**
- **CPP Camp Volunteer Team Leaders**
- **CPP Camp Volunteers**

- Works from district to strengthen coordination and communication with camp settlement and district
- Each works in clustered approach
- Each works from each of the camps
- 1 team leader representing each of the five CPP camp volunteer units in each camp

Trained and equipped camp level volunteers
Volunteer and Early Warning System

CPP Camp Volunteer/SUV

ISCG
UNHCR/IOM
Camp management agencies

RRRC
CiC

CPP, Cox’s Bazar
CPP, Cox’s Bazar
CPP host community camp focal points

UNHCR/IOM
Camp management agencies

EMERGENCY
CPP camp volunteers
Protocol for sharing EW trigger to camps and verification

BMD to CPP

Early Warning

CPP

BDRCS/IFRC

R R R C

E-mail+Phone msg

CiCs

AFD

I S C G

E-mail+Phone msg

Sector Leads

AFD

ISCG SMS

E-mail+Phone msg

Site Management Agencies (SMA)

CwC/EC

E-mail+Phone msg

Emergency Comms Teams

Physical Verification

At camps+visits

CPP

CiC

SMA

BDRCS/IFRC
Cyclone Preparedness Lessons Learnt

- March 2019: Cyclone Preparedness Lessons Learnt report released, produced jointly by UNDP, BDRCS, American Red Cross and IFRC.

- 13th and 14th 2019: Joint ISCG/GoB workshop stakeholder workshop on “Cyclone and Monsoon Preparedness” in Cox’s Bazaar, supported by UNDP, BDRCS, American Red Cross, IFRC, with support from ECHO, SDC and US Gov/PRM.

Cyclone and Monsoon Preparedness and Response:
Stakeholder Workshop Report

Disaster risk reduction measures undertaken by site management partners
Working together for collective action on disaster preparedness and readiness
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION