



SitRep 10 Dec 2017

Emergency Response to  
**Displaced  
Myanmar  
Nationals**



Rohingya men and women attend hygiene session.

**Scenario as of 10 December 2017**

- An estimated 646,000 Myanmar nationals have arrived in Bangladesh since August 2017.
- Since the last situation report, there have been 20,000 new arrivals. The significant increase is not necessarily due to the influx across border but instead due to strengthened assessment by IOM.
- WHO official on ground fears deadly diphtheria outbreak among Rohingya people. WHO describes diphtheria as a widespread, severe infectious disease that has the potential for epidemics, with a mortality rate of up to 10 percent.

**WaterAid's Response**

Since 28 September, we have provided:



**47 deep tubewells** serving 14,100 people.  
**115 shallow tubewells** serving 34,500



**400 latrines** serving 20,000 people.



**6,440 hygiene kits** serving 32,200 people.



**6,880 jerry cans** serving 29,700 people.  
**1,047,700 water purification tablets** among 111,825 people.



**50 bathing cubicles** for 2,500 girls and women.



**2,263 hygiene promotion sessions** to over 51,738 participants.



**20 Emergency faecal sludge management plant** at the settlement built, using context specific technologies. 8 under operation 96,675 lt sludges treated



**11 latrines, 2 deep tubewells and 8 shallow tubewells** installed in 12 health camps established by DG-Health. 3 WASH facilitates in 3 Primary Health Centres of Unicef.

**1 tonne bleach** sprayed for environmental safety serving 5,000 people.



A recently installed deep tube-well in use by communities in the camp.

## Story from the ground



Hayer Hossein

### Key Challenges

Safety of ground staff as chances of diphtheria outbreak increases.

### What is needed?

There is a need for scaling up faecal sludge management plant operations.

Regular operational maintenance of the latrines, toilets, and tubewells.

### WaterAid's Engagement

Given our history in the area and our expertise in water, sanitation and hygiene provision, WaterAid is responding to the humanitarian crisis of displaced Myanmar nationals in selected camps in coordination with government and aid agencies.

We are aiming to reach over 75,000 people over the coming weeks and months through our intervention. These interventions are supported by WaterAid ground staff tirelessly working within the camps at this difficult time.

#### Partners & Coordination

Government of Bangladesh, Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) and UNICEF.

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Hayer Hossein (26) is a volunteer from the Rohingya people supporting the work of WaterAid to promote good hygiene practice among his own people. He studied till class 10 and could not study as Myanmar government banned all Rohingya pupil from higher studies. Hayer was a school teacher in his village in Myanmar, having the opportunities of volunteering he feels good as he is contributing in his community. He spends busy day with his community people conducting 3 sessions per day relating to hand wash, child feces management and menstrual hygiene. Men play strong role in the Rohingya communities and with their support girls, women and children can have healthy environment which is much needed in this crisis. Hayer and his family are happy despite their ongoing struggle. People around the camp now appreciate his contribution and respect him for his dedication. Like Hayer, WaterAid has 30 volunteers (male & female) in Kutupalong camp.

**WaterAid has launched an emergency appeal for its work with the displaced Myanmar nationals in Bangladesh.**

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