



SitRep 17 Dec 2017

Emergency Response to
**Displaced
Myanmar
Nationals**



A Rohingya family standing in front of new built toilets beside their hut.

Scenario as of 17 December 2017

- An estimated 655,000 Myanmar nationals have arrived in Bangladesh since August 2017.
- Since the last situation report, there have been 9,000* new arrivals.

WaterAid's Response

Since 28 September, we have provided:



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



20 Emergency faecal sludge management plant at the settlement built, using context specific technologies.
11 under operation treating **110,625 L** sludge and managing 125 toilets safely around the settlement.



2,614 hygiene promotion sessions to over 58,398 participants.



400 latrines serving 20,000 people.



145 Water Quality test and monitoring done, serving 43,500 people



50 bathing cubicles for 2,500 girls and women.



6,440 hygiene kits serving 32,200 people.



6,880 jerry cans serving 29,700 people. **1,131,750 water purification tablets** among 121,755 people.



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.

*The significant increase is not necessarily due to the influx across border but instead due to strengthened assessment by IOM.



Sector actors visit WaterAid FSM unit as part of knowledge sharing visit.

Story from the ground



Rashid Ahmed

Key Challenges

Time bound access to the camp till 4.00 pm hindering response.

Safety of ground staff as chances of diphtheria outbreak increases.

What is needed?

Response to host community in Ukhiya and Teknaf.

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

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

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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Rashid Ahmed (30) left Myanmar 7 years ago for Bangladesh to live in Kutupalong old camp. He used to work as day labor. He along with his wife, 3 daughters, 1 son now live in the new extended makeshift where WaterAid is responding to the humanitarian crisis post 25 August 2017 influx. In September he got involved with Faecal Sludge Management Plants' pit emptier group from the community. He with 5 other men from camp empties toilets so that human excreta can be treated properly in FSM unit built by WaterAid. Rashid and his team roam around blocks, searches to empty pits which are full. A service which is dire need in the camp crowded with people. Rashid said, "when we receive a call to empty pit, we go and observe the pit then connect our machine to the pit and empty the pit into the transfer station. From there all the sludge automatically goes into the nearest FSM plant." He enjoys what he does for living, at the beginning he hesitated and it was tough to handle the foul odor and working with human excreta, but now it is not a problem. He has got opportunities of working with different INGOs on ground and people in his community now appreciate him and respects him for his work. WaterAid is not only working to improve WASH situation but also engaging Rohingya men and women to be part of the solution.