



SitRep 19 Nov 2017

Emergency Response to  
**Displaced  
Myanmar  
Nationals**



Hygiene session in Modhurchara area.

**Scenario as of 19 November 2017**

- An estimated **620,000** Myanmar nationals have arrived in Bangladesh since August 2017.
- There has been 5,500 new arrivals in the past week.

**WaterAid's Response**

Since 28 September, we have provided:



**12 deep tubewells** serving 3,600 people.  
**115 shallow tubewells** serving 34,500 people.



**342 latrines** serving 17,100 people.



**6,190 hygiene kits** serving 30,950 people.



**6,880 jerry cans** serving 29,700 people.  
**670,100 water purification tablets** among 65,210 people.



**33 safe shower places** for girls and women.



**922 hygiene promotion sessions** to over 23,800 participants.



**11 Emergency faecal sludge management plant** at the settlement built, using context specific technologies.



**11 latrines, 2 deep tubewells and 8 shallow tubewells** installed in 10 health camps established by DG-Health.  
**3 WASH facilities** in 3 Primary Health Centres of Unicef.

**58 latrines** are under construction.

**1 tonne bleach** sprayed for environmental safety serving 5,000 people.  
**38 deep tubewells** are under construction.

## Video

Experience moments from this crisis and WaterAid's response to it in 100 seconds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVtbjAOD4zM>



## What is needed?

Stronger capacity within sector actors in faecal sludge management in emergency context.

## Key Challenges

Availability of female volunteers and engaging women in hygiene sessions is becoming difficult due to the prevailing reservation in the communities.

Lack of desludging of filled latrines is polluting the environment.

## 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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## Story from the ground

Young Amina (18) has already seen more of life than most people at her age. She fled the violence in her village with her grandmother, Gulmaher (90). Since their arrival, Amina has been forced to contend with many of the difficulties of life in a camp, but her grandmother's struggles have always been the most painful for her to witness. Everyday activities like going to the toilet was an agony to Gulmaher at her advanced age, with the rocky terrain of the camp and long walk to distant toilets. Taking a shower was an unimaginable luxury, even with Amina's help, with no proper facilities available at an



accessible location. However, WaterAid has recently built emergency toilets, safe shower block

and a water point around their makeshift tent in the camp. Amina is relieved her grandmother no longer has to endure the pain and risk of walking the muddy, uneven paths of the camp in her weakened condition to use the toilet or shower. Even with all their troubles, Amina and Gulmaher's close bond shine through in the simple, familial act of a granddaughter helping her grandmother to bathe in clean, private facilities.

Every family has a heartbreaking story to tell. We are working tirelessly to provide access to basic needs for people like Gulmaher and Amina to bring some measure of relief in the midst of one of the largest humanitarian crisis the world has seen.

**WaterAid has launched an emergency appeal for its work with the displaced Myanmar nationals in Bangladesh. To donate, go to [www.wateraid.org/se/Rohingya](http://www.wateraid.org/se/Rohingya)**