

MONSOON EMERGENCY RESPONSE



As of 25 September 2019

- The refugee camp in Bangladesh is now the biggest in the world, home to almost a million Rohingya refugees in temporary shelters.
- The monsoon season in this region runs from May to September, with most acute conditions for two months from mid-June, bringing risks of flooding, landslides and wind. The effect of the weather is multiplied by building restrictions in the camps, which mean that shelters must be basic and temporary, so they are extremely vulnerable to inclement weather.
- The shelter/non-food item sector of the joint response plan is just 25% funded.¹ 20% households in need have received shelter support since the beginning of the last monsoon,² leaving two thirds of families (618,939 refugees in 142,917 households) extremely vulnerable to average weather for the season in this part of the world.
- Across the camps this season, 81,580 people in 18,388 households have been affected by the bad weather.



See **this video** (<http://bit.ly/2SDNBTf>) of CARE Bangladesh's monsoon preparation work
See **this video** (<http://bit.ly/2Z9XESv>) from 17 July on the monsoon and CARE's response



- CARE supported households to protect themselves from the adverse weather with 14,000 tie-down kits. These tie-down kits were also distributed among 93 mosques.
- 14,000 households received materials like tarpaulin, rope and bamboo to recover from damage.
- 84 households were supported with relocation after their shelters were damaged.
- 9,426 linear meters of drainage were cleared.
- 107 slopes were stabilized to prevent landslides.
- 2,143 linear meters of stairway developed and 12 bridges were constructed to ensure ongoing access across the camps, even in adverse weather.
- Organized three mock drills to ensure communities and disaster management units were aware of issues and ready to respond to disasters like landslides.
- Alongside shelter and site management, CARE is working hard to ensure ongoing delivery of quality water, sanitation and hygiene, sexual and reproductive health and protection services throughout the monsoon.

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¹JRP funding update, 30 August 2019 <https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/rohingya-humanitarian-crisis-joint-response-plan-2019-funding-update-20190831>

²Shelter/NFI dashboard, 12 September 2019 <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/shelternfi-4w-dashboard>