As of 8 October, a total of 519,000 people have fled to Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh following an escalation of violence in Myanmar. (Source: ISCG Report, 8 Oct). They need shelter, food, clothes, clean water, sanitation and health services.

The majority of refugees – 80% - are women and children. More than 150,000 children have taken shelter in Cox’s Bazar. A large number of children suffer from malnutrition and need immediate health services. More than 100,000 children require support to continue with their education. On the other hand, more than 24,000 pregnant women need maternity care and 55,000 pregnant women require emergency nutrition support.

CARE’s Response
CARE is planning to reach over 75,000 people and has appealed for 10 million USD for the initial response. CARE:

- is distributing food items (rice, potato, pulse, oil, onion, sugar salt) to over 2500 families.
- is also distributing food items (peas, vegetable oil, sugar, salt) to 8600 families under another initiative.
- is treating children under five with severe acute malnutrition.
- has distributed cooked food to over 3500 people,
- has distributed non-food items e.g. 2,300 rice bowls and 2,300 umbrellas to protect people from the heavy rains.
- has offered treatment and counseling for survivors of sexual violence.
- is planning to provide water and sanitation support along with basic health services.

“In the scale of things this is a great number of people needing a great number of services, and we can provide that. What we need is money because everything is available in this country to purchase. We then need to go out and deliver.”

- Zia Choudhury CARE Bangladesh Country Director

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