




# Myanmar Refugee Crisis



## OVERVIEW

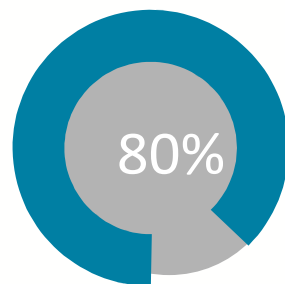
 Most families only eat 1 meal per day, often just plain rice. There are signs of severe malnutrition.

 In some of the camps more than 6,000 people are sharing 3 toilets. Many refugees could not wash themselves for over 1 week.

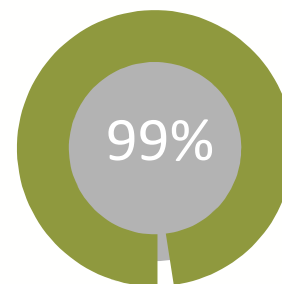
 Only 1/3 of the preliminary appeal is funded so far.

After an escalation of violence in Myanmar more than 436,000 people have fled to Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh as of 24 Sept (Source: ISCG Report 24 Sept). They are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance (shelter, food, clean water, sanitation and health services).

More than **1,000 children** have arrived in Bangladesh without either of their parents. CARE's rapid assessment in Balukhali Camp indicates that more than half of all new arrivals are living in the open or under basic and fragile shelters, often made out of sticks and plastic bags.



of the refugees are women, children and babies.



Of women CARE spoke to had witnessed or survived violence in the past few months.

**“I met a boy, perhaps 3 or 4 years old, standing in a muddy puddle, shaking with fever and quietly weeping. He did not know where his mother was.”**

- Zia Choudhury CARE Bangladesh Country Director



## CARE's Response:

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

- CARE provided food to over 3,500 people for an initial period of 15 days.
- CARE distributed high quality umbrellas to more than 2,000 people, many of whom have no other protection from the heavy rains.
- CARE is helping to identify and treat cases of acute malnutrition.
- CARE prepares to distribute hygiene and safe delivery kits and provide health services focused on women.
- CARE offers treatment and counseling for survivors of sexual violence.
- CARE distributes building material like bamboo, rope and tarpaulin to help build basic shelters as well as kitchen sets.