

# Myanmar Refugee Crisis

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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.



## OVERVIEW



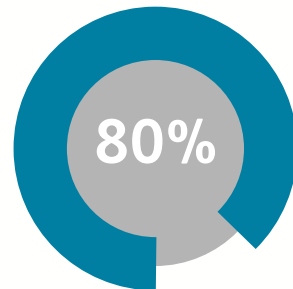
Most families only eat 1 meal per day, often just plain rice. There are already signs of severe malnutrition.



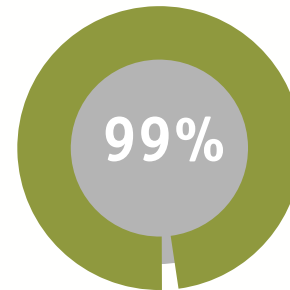
In some of the camps more than 6,000 people are sharing 3 toilets. Many refugees could not wash themselves for over 1 week.



Less than half of the preliminary appeal is so far funded.



80%  
of the refugees are women, children and babies.



99%  
of women and girls are survivors or eye-witnesses of multiple incidents of sexual violence

**“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**

## 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 preparing to distribute hygiene and safe delivery kits and provide health services focused on women.
- is planning to provide water and sanitation support along with basic health services.