

### Key FSS messages:

- Monsoon/Cyclone preparedness and response: tracking and disaster risk reduction activities are ongoing;
- Round 12 of in-kind general food distribution by all the Food Security Sector Partners was completed on March 29 and reached a cumulative 104,645.00 families (approx. 470,900 people); round 12<sup>th</sup> excluded the family size 1-3 as per methodology;
- About 200,000 additional people are receiving food assistance through CBT/e-vouchers;
- Round 13 is ongoing (3-16 April) and has so far reached a cumulative 133,126 families (approx. 599,067 people) as of 12<sup>th</sup> April. Round 13 will include all family sizes (1-3, 4-7, 8+) and plans to reach 150,189 families.

### Update of Livelihoods for Host Communities Impacted by the Influx

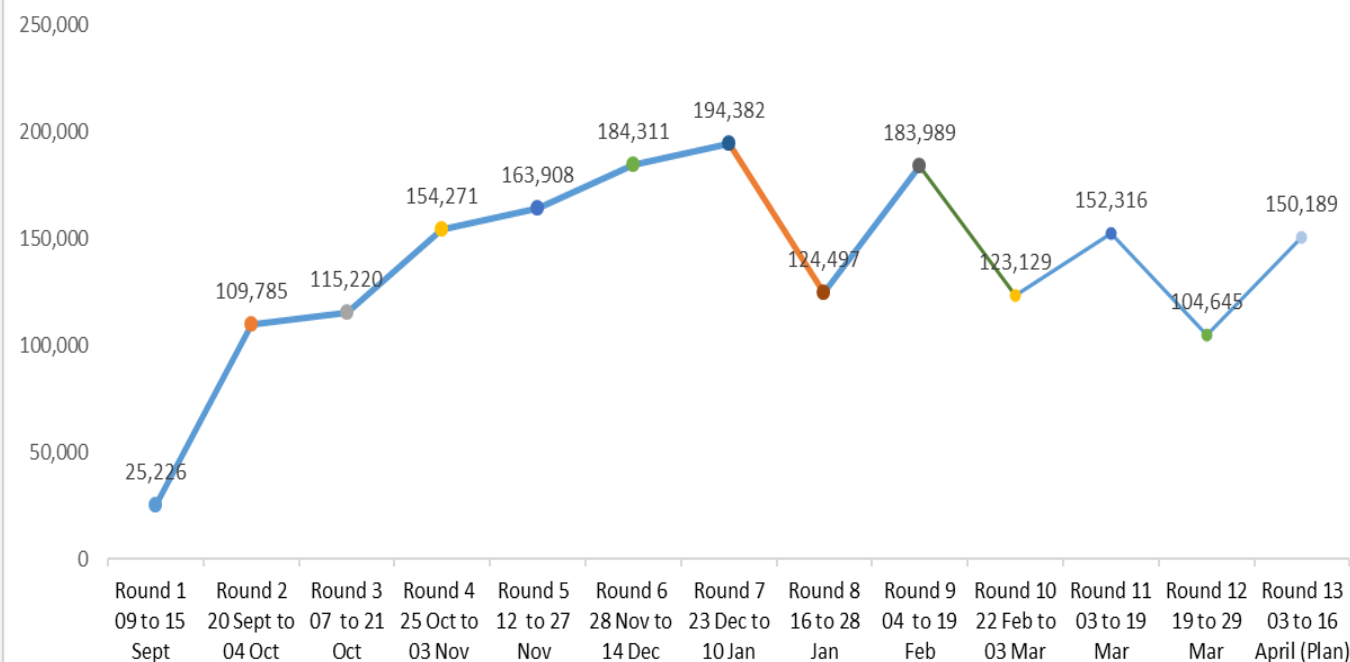
- On addressing livelihoods needs for host communities and resilience building for refugees in settlements and those living in host communities, for the current reporting period, a total of 49,841 families were reached, supported through the following modalities:
  - 21,244 families, with Income Generating Activities
  - 7,700 with agriculture inputs, training and resilience building for refugees
  - 3,216 individuals through incentives for DRR/FFA activities;
  - 360 with socio-economic empowerment initiatives;
  - 17,324 with micro-gardening

### **Sector Objective 1:**

*Ensure timely provision of emergency food assistance*



### Round 1 to 13 GFD HHs Reached

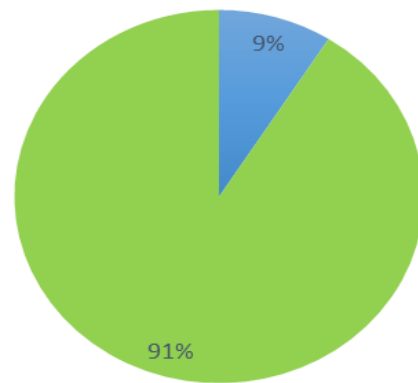


**N.B.:** The reduction in numbers of HHs at Rounds 8 & 10 is explained by the exclusion of size 1-3 HHs, while for Round 11, the reduction is explained by the use of new biometric system for counting HHs which have significantly reduced the duplication

### JOINT RESPONSE PLAN: MARCH-DECEMBER 2018:

*Resources are urgently needed to cover food assistance needs of Rohingya refugees and affected host communities*

### JRP Funding Status - Food Security Sector



■ Total Funded - April 2018    ■ Unfunded JRP - April 2018

*Total FSS/JRP partners: 22; FSS Total JRP Budget: 240 Mln; Total funded as April: 22,5 Mln (food assistance + livelihoods). Food Assistance and livelihoods, and resilience activities, under Strategic Objectives 1 and 2, include: in-kind Food Assistance; CBT/e-vouchers; cooked meals & HEBs, DRR/FFA; Livelihoods for host communities; socio-economic empowerment and resilience building initiatives for refugees; reforestation and environmental rehabilitation activities in and around camps areas*

### THE FOOD SECURITY SECTOR IN COX'S BAZAR

- The Food Security Sector (FSS) in Cox's Bazar is led by WFP and co-led by Mukti and its membership is made of 25 Partners (UN Agencies, INGOs, NNGOs and Red Crescent Society);
- The Livelihoods WG which sits under FSS, is focusing on Livelihoods activities for Bangladesh Host communities affected by the Rohingya crisis and on resilience and socio-economic initiatives for Rohingya refugees ;
- FSS meetings and Livelihoods WG meetings are held successively every other Tuesday 10:00 – 11:30 ( at IOM Meeting Room) and every other Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 (at WPF Conference Room);
- Fortnightly 4Ws matrix is reported to the FSS and a Monthly Bulletin is produced & circulated;
- The FSS JRP section includes 22 partners with a total amount request of 240 Mln USD for both strategic objectives (Food Assistance and Livelihoods). So far only 22,500 mln have been granted under FSS (See Graph at Page 4)
- The FS Sector closely coordinates with Nutrition, Shelter/NFI, Protection, Site Management and Cash WG;
- The main documents can be found at [http://fscluster.org/rohingya\\_crisis](http://fscluster.org/rohingya_crisis)



Photo: ACF (Action Contre la Faim), one of the FSS Partners, has several wet kitchens which prepare emergency hot meals for new arrivals and the most vulnerable categories of refugees. FSS continues to assess and track progress on disaster risk reduction activities as part of the Monsoon Preparedness and Response Planning.

### FOCUS: Monsoon/Cyclone Preparedness Planning - FSS

#### Ongoing Coordination Process: A Focus on ACF, WFP and TIKA, WVI, OXFAM, ICRC, IFRC

- **ACF (Action Contre la Faim)** has 10 wet kitchens (see map on page 4) and can scale up preparation from 15,000 to 60,000 meals per day, if needed (infrastructure reinforcement ongoing);
- **WFP has plans** to stockpile fortified biscuits in camps and at the new Log Hub (see map) to be placed in strategic locations as last resort; ACF and WFP have been holding bilateral discussions on planned transition of some strategic WFP Distribution Points into temporary wet kitchens for emergency hot meals;
- **WFP's Resilient infrastructure initiatives:** WFP e-voucher food shops and GFD centers are being evaluated for monsoon resilience: rehabilitation of access roads to major WFP food distribution sites; DRR/FFA programme is ongoing;
- **TIKA** has been operating a cooking centre since October 2017 and has been preparing 25,000 meals per day on average. Meals (incl chicken/beef) are prepared from midnight to 6am and distribution goes from 10 to 11:30 am. One big distribution point in **Camps 16**, may increase number of meals up to 60-80,000 meals a day. Additional hiring of cooks (to operate a 24/7 kitchen) will be needed;
- **WVI reported stocks** of fortified biscuits in child friendly spaces and in CXB warehouse;
- **OXFAM** is currently evaluating its capacity to scale up its fresh food paper vouchers programme in case of any emergency;
- **ICRC and IFRC** have reported availability of their food stocks in their warehouses in camp areas and in Chittagong.



[Photos: ACF wet kitchens and workers April 2018.]

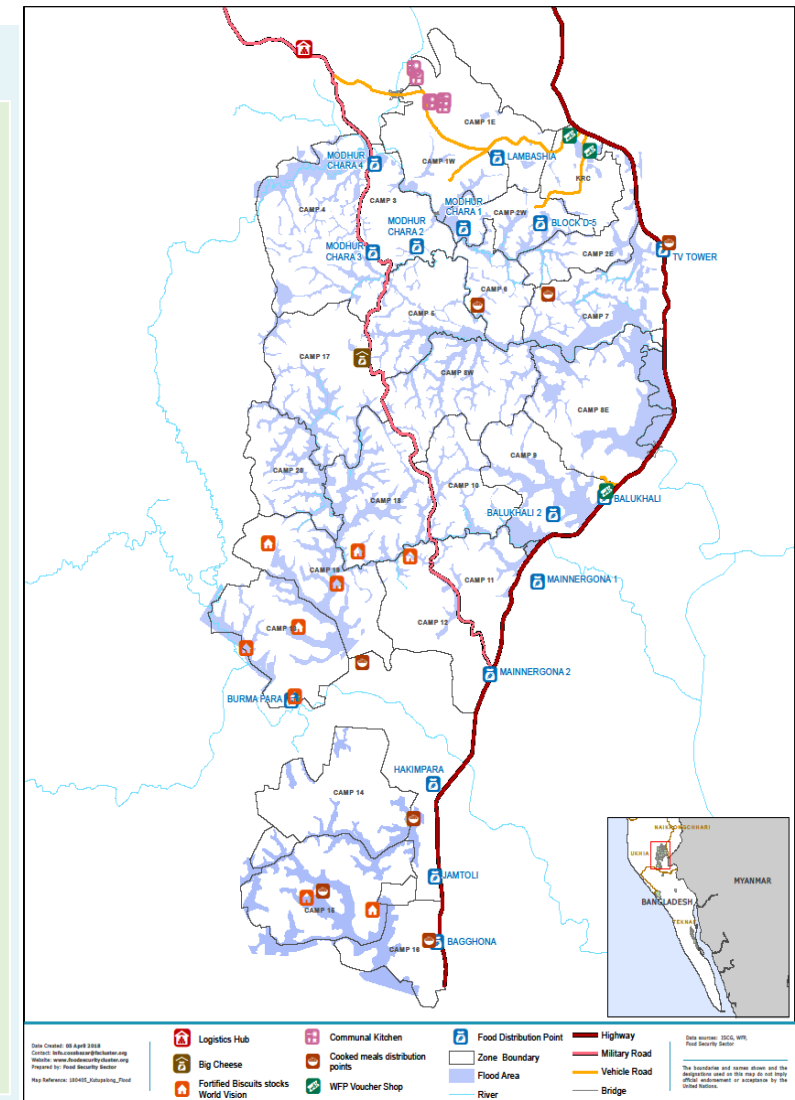
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MUKTI, a local NGO, co-lead agency of FSS in Cox's Bazar, is currently implementing an ECHO-funded livelihoods initiative for host communities, with the technical partnership of ACF. The initiative aims to reach 750 Families with cash grants of 8000Tks per family in Rajapalong, Jaliapalong near Kutupalong mega camp and in Ukhiya. Provision of seeds, livestock and agricultural technical training are part of the package. Beneficiaries have embarked on a series of small scale agricultural activities, homestead gardening, poultry, pigeon, cow rearing. The project will end in 31 May 2018.

(More details on the impact of this project in the Next Issue - May Bulletin)

[Photo below: Shahin Akter, one of the beneficiary women with her goats]



**Kutupalong GFD distribution points, voucher shops, wet kitchens for emergency cooked meals**