Maintaining Access to WaSH in Nayapara and Kutupalong REFUGEE CAMPS in BANGLADESH
The Project seeks to ensure water supply, sanitation, hygiene practices and waste management in official camps of Nayapara & Kutupalong and their extensions, focusing on meeting the UNHCR standards of the services.

Background Incorporating Present Context

Since the beginning of Rohingya influx in Bangladesh in 1991/1992, the UNHCR has been providing basic humanitarian supports in the official camps of Nayapara and Kutupalong for over 33,542 refugees in cooperation with the government, UN agencies and NGOs. Since March 2016 NGO Forum for Public Health has been involved in the implementation of this project that brings comprehensive WASH support to presently new arrivals Rohingya refugees sheltered in these camps contributing to their improved Public Health.

At the outbreak of fresh attacks on Rohingya population in the Rakhine State of Myanmar since 25 August 2017, Bangladesh has hosted approximately 628,978 refugee population in different location of Ukhia and Teknaf upazilla of Cox’s Bazar district. (Source: UNHCR Family counting fact sheet; 05 December 2017). Considering the severity of the crisis, the Project has extended its emergency WASH assistance based on the joint need assessment leaded by UNHCR. It accommodates challenges such as minimizing risks of diseases outbreak, women and girls’ protection, secondary contamination of drinking water, lack of space, environment conservation, along with waste management in the new extension areas of Kutupalong.
Objective(s) and Intended Impact

The Project objective is to provide maintenance of sanitation facilities, fecal sludge and solid waste management and promote alternative renewable energy to ensure that sanitation standards are met for the camp population. The Project seeks to achieve the following two goals and objectives for each goal:

**Goal:** Protection and Mixed Solution

**Objective-1**
- Population living in satisfactory conditions of sanitation and hygiene
- Output 1.1: Community sanitary facilities/latrines constructed
- Output 1.2: Household sanitary facilities/latrines constructed

**Objective-2**
- Supply of potable water increased or maintained
- Output 2.1: Water system constructed, expanded and/or upgraded
Project’s Population of Concern

Registered Rohingya refugees in Nayapara and Kutuplaong camps, new arrivals of Rohingya refugees in the surroundings area of Nayapara camp and new arrivals of Rohingya refugees in the 07 zones (AA, BB, DD, EE, PP, OO & UU) of Kutupalong extension camp are the population for this project.

Implementation Approach

- Reaching and maintaining UNHCR’s standard of WaSH
- Ensuring necessary environmental and personal safety measures
- Application of UNHCR WASH Emergency Tools in refugee settings
- Intervention run by camp based offices and coordinated by Project Management Unit in Cox’s Bazar
- Getting community involved and maintaining joint monitoring system
- Coordination among district and upazila level stakeholders (like DPHE, LGIs), national and international actors like Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, UNCHR, RRRC, international NGOs and local/national NGOs

Major SERVICES under NGOF-UNHCR WaSH Project

Construction Work including Repairing

- Safe Water Options
- Community latrines
- HH & shared latrines
- Bathing Cubicles
- Bio-gas Plants
- Community kitchen
- Garbage Bins
- Drainage
- Incinerator
Solid Waste Management Services

- Distribution of buckets to ensure source separation method at HH level.
- Regular cleaning and maintenance of garbage bins.
- Transporting degradable waste from garbage bins to landfill sites.
- Transporting non-degradable waste from garbage bins to burning units or incinerators.

Fecal Sludge Management Services

- Transportation or emptying of liquid sludge from holding tank/septic tank to dislodging ponds.
- Maintaining environment friendly sludge treatment facilities
- Taking necessary safety measures to minimize pollution.
- Ensuring community involvement for effective sludge management.

Bio-gas related Services

- Regular repairing and maintenance of Bio-gas plants.
- Regular repairing and maintenance of bio-gas run community kitchens.
- Capacity building of Bio-gas user committees.
Mass Awareness through Promotional Activities

- Hygiene promotion sessions with women, men and children.
- Promotional activities for increasing the uses of Retained Heat Cooker (RHC).
- Documentary film development on RHC.
- National/international day observance programmes related to WaSH.
- Popular theatre, rally, film show & demonstration sessions.
- Development of camp specific hygiene promotion materials.
- Mass awareness through billboard, poster, massage board, etc.
Capacity Development to

- Bio-gas user groups
- Latrine user groups
- Tube well caretaker groups
- WaSH Committee
- Camp Committee
- Volunteer- Disludging groups, Cleaning groups, Repair & Maintenance group, Hygiene promotion groups, etc.
The Implementing Organization-

NGO Forum for Public Health

Being launched as the UN-brainchild in 1982, NGO Forum has been involved as the apex networking and service delivery body of NGOs, CBOs and private sector operators in the WaSH sector of Bangladesh. Upholding the vision “everyone is living quality life in a healthy society”, it has been contributing to the improvement of Public Health situation by reducing mortality and morbidity, and conserving sound environment. Throughout its long experience of working with different government, national and international development partners, NGO Forum is involved in different development arena ranging from healthcare, WaSH, nutrition to relief, rehabilitation and humanitarian responses related activities keeping governance as core approach.

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