

# Half a Million Rohingya Children Seek Refuge

AMURT's response



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# Rohingya Refugee Crisis

Since 25 August, 2017 in Myanmar:

- Intensification of targeted violence
- Serious human rights abuses

As of March 2019

- over 876,828 Rohingya driven out of Myanmar have arrived in Bangladesh as refugees since 25 August, 2017. Together with the 34,172 that were already in Cox's Bazaar the total now stands at

911,000 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar district.



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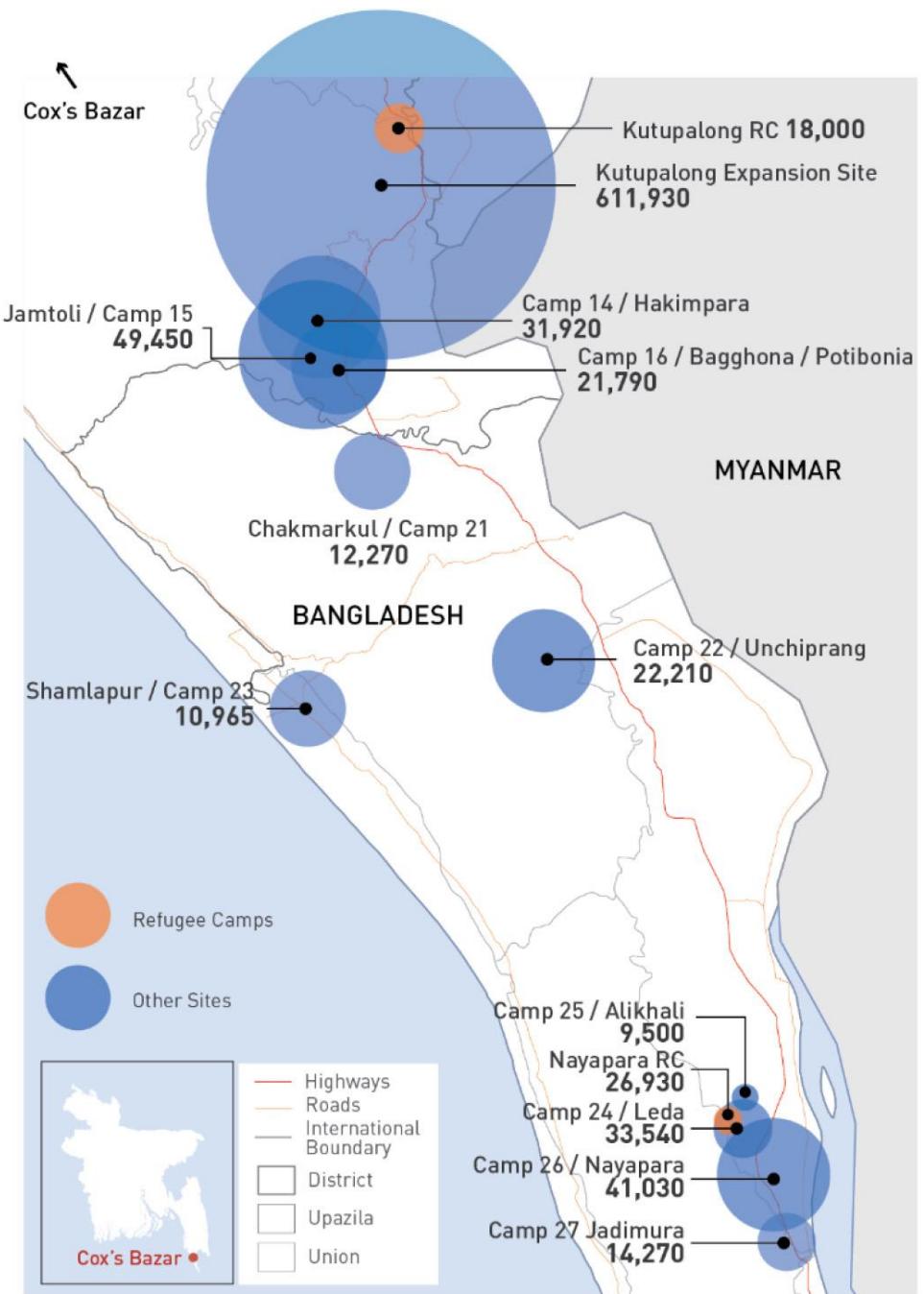


- Makeshift Camps:
  - up to 95 thousand people per square kilometer





## REFUGEE SITES BY POPULATION AND LOCATION TYPE



Most refugees are  
children

Half a million innocent minors







Vulnerability experienced in the camps is extreme for children



# Child Protection Concerns

- Violence
- Child Labor
- Discrimination
- Neglect
- Abuse
- Exploitation
- Child Trafficking
- Disease

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# First Response

(November 2017 –  
May 2018)

- AMURT assists  
Ministry of Health



Almost all children arriving into camp conditions are unprotected.

Rohingya had no citizenship or access to primary health care in Myanmar.





# Vaccination

- Volunteers:
  - Announce program
  - Control refugee crowd
  - At yellow flag vaccination points
  - Data collection





# Vaccination

- AMURT teams reached more than 150,000 children with basic vaccines and multiple doses of Diphtheria





AMURT conducted child rights awareness sessions to health volunteers working in the vaccination campaign.







# Security

- The Bangladesh military works to maintain order
- But camps remain dangerous
  - especially for the vulnerable







# Interviews with Rohingya







Rashida:

*“If girls became 12 to 13 years old, they were abducted for rape.*

*If we opposed they assaulted us and tore off our clothes.”*



Rashida:

*“If you want to send us  
there, better kill us here,  
because they will kill us”*









# Camp Deforestation

- Wood cut for cooking
  - Trees
  - Tree roots





# Camp Deforestation

- Heavy Rains may bring:
  - Flooding
  - Mudslides





## Second phase (May – December 2018) Child-Friendly Spaces

- Effective for psycho-social support (PSS)
- structured routine
- Pathway to education

### AMURT's CFS program:

- gradually stimulate a child's curiosity and love for learning
- prepare children non-formal education activities





# Third phase (2019): Learning Centers

- Competency based Non-Formal Education
- Semi-permanent structures

## Subjects

- English Language
- Myanmar Language
- Mathematics
- Life Skills



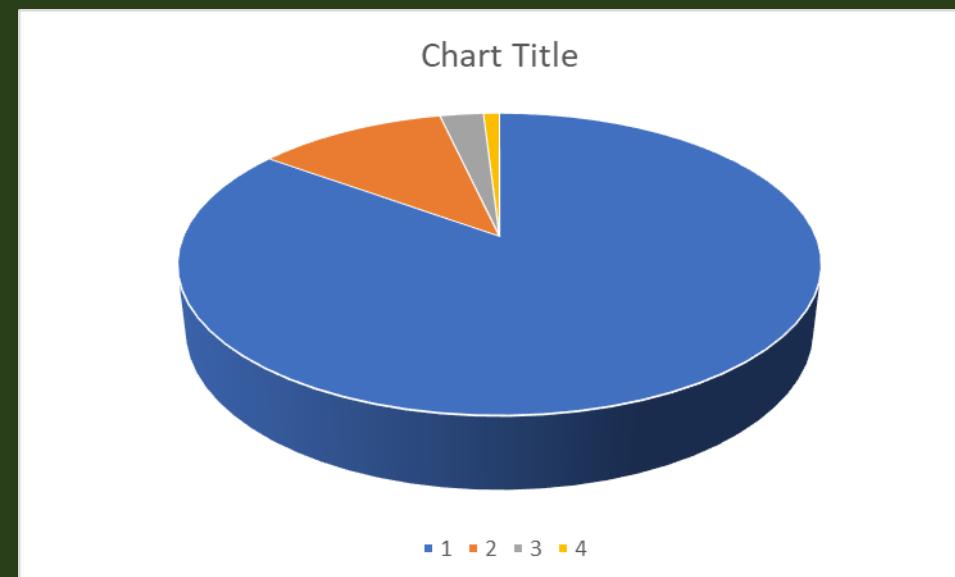
# Learning competency baseline (January 2019)

Level 1 (numeracy: 0-9, literacy: letters): 85%

Level 2 (numeracy : 10-99, literacy: short words): 11.4%

Level 3: (numeracy: + - , literacy: paragraph) 2.6%

Level 4: (numeracy: \* / , literacy: comprehension) 1.0%



# Community Participation:

- Community Based Child Protection
- Learning Center Committees



# Children are Resilient

Timely support can:

- Expand their horizons
- Offer hope and education for the future
- Give children a chance to participate in shaping the programs and their own future.





Help AMURT protect children  
affected by this crisis



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