

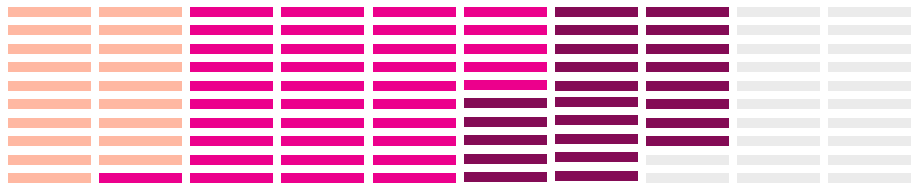


BRAC's Rohingya refugee response

November 2020 Update

Nearly one million Rohingya are living in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh at the largest refugee settlement in the world.

The majority are children.



19% under age 5

36% age 5-17

23% women 18-59





Bangladesh is our home. BRAC has operated education, health, financial inclusion, and other programs in Cox's Bazar for decades.

BRAC is the largest civil society responder to the Rohingya crisis, running a **holistic, multi-faceted suite of services** to support Rohingya families.



Mobilizing Strength and Knowledge

Shelter and food aid

From the outset of the crisis, BRAC has supported thousands of Rohingya families with direct aid targeting basic needs.

Shelter

Support nearly people with sustainable, disaster-resistant bamboo shelters

Food

Distribute food e-vouchers in partnership with WFP to ensure food security and dietary diversity

Essentials

Provide essential non-food items, including solar lamps, winter clothing, gas-equipped community kitchens





Health and Nutrition

We are the **largest primary health care provider in the camps**, providing a holistic suite of essential, life-saving services via a network of over dozens of health centers and hundreds of health providers and staff.

Focus areas

- Primary health care services
- Prenatal, neonatal, and child health
- Malnutrition screening and nutrition education
- Screening, prevention, and treatment for communicable diseases (TB, diphtheria, malaria, etc.)
- Mental health and psychosocial support

Water and Sanitation

We establish **integrated WASH interventions** through tube wells, piped water supply networks, latrines, handwashing stations and bathing cubicles.

We ensure sustainability through education and awareness-raising that **facilitates community ownership** of WASH systems.

700k people supported with integrated WASH services

20k latrines built across the camps

6k private bathing cubicles established to create safe spaces for women and children to bathe





Education

We promote education for Rohingya children and the host community through our play-based **Learning Centers** and **Humanitarian Play Labs (HPLs)**.

750+

Learning Centers for ages 4-14

300+

Humanitarian Play Labs for ages 0-14

60k

students attending Learning Centers

100k

students attending Humanitarian Play Labs

Shared elements of the models

- Rohingya and host community volunteers
- Rohingya architecture & heritage
- Psychosocial support and child protection measures
- Links to health, nutrition, and other services

Protection

In particular, women, children, and adolescents are vulnerable to abuse, violence, and trafficking. We incorporate protection measures into our work to ensure **every person is safe**.

Overview

- Women-friendly spaces, community centres, and community outreach network
- Awareness training on domestic violence, dowry, child marriage, etc.
- Psychosocial support and referral services
- Case management and legal aid

Child protection is also integrated into our education programs through parenting sessions, attendance records and hourly headcounts, and safety education and messages.





Livelihoods

We are empowering the Rohingya with livelihoods support that will **enable them to navigate their futures**, wherever they may go.

Spotlight: Artisan training

- BRAC is training hundreds of women as artisans, who learn tailoring or hand embroidery techniques
- Trainees receive a monthly stipend during training, and graduates are connected to Ayesha Abed Foundation, where they can sell goods to support their families

➡ **Solar installation**

➡ **Mobile phone servicing**

➡ **Agriculture and homestead gardening**

Environment

Our environment projects work to prevent environmental degradation, promote sustainable agriculture practices, and **restore the natural environment**.

Preventing degradation

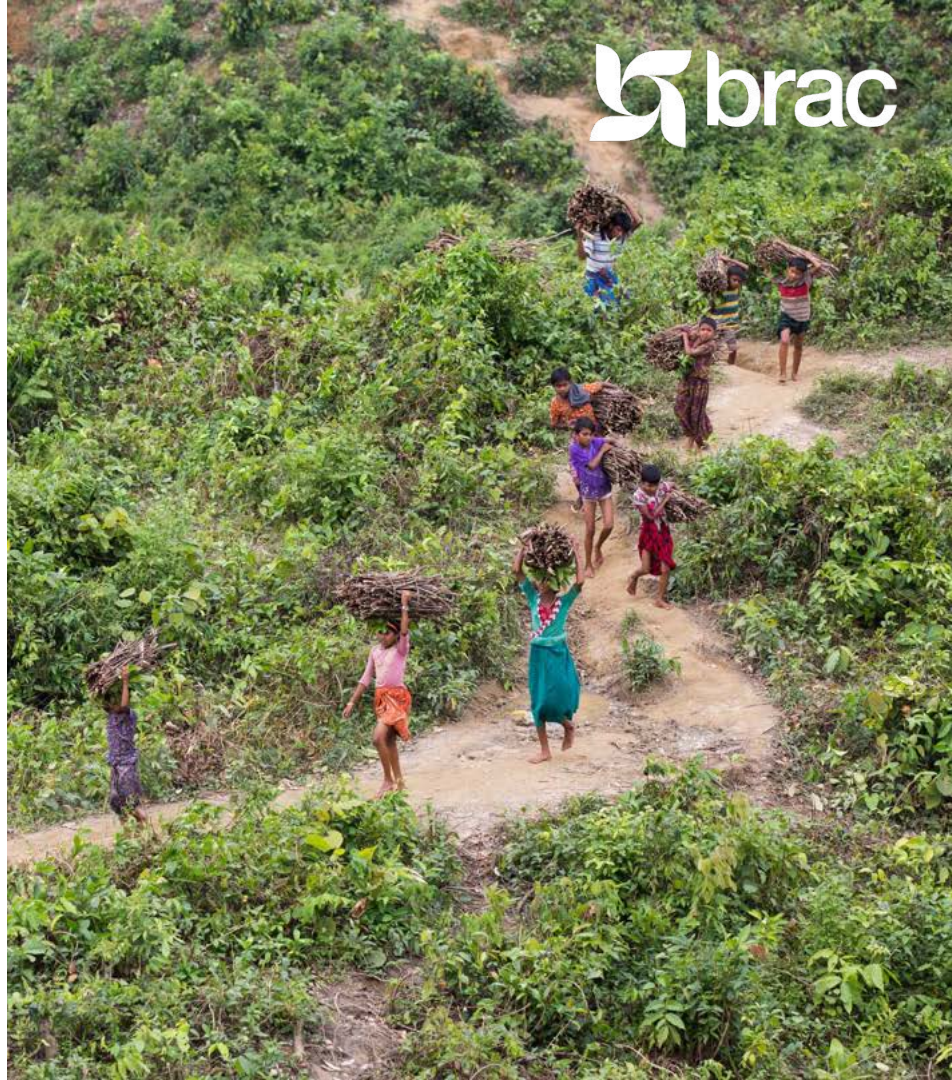
Establishing bamboo treatment centers to produce longer lasting, environmentally friendly building materials

Sustainable agriculture

Providing agricultural inputs and training to encourage home and community gardening and promote self-resilience

Restoring environment

Planting trees, shrubs, and grass slips to restore the natural environment





Disaster risk reduction

We conduct **comprehensive, multi-sectoral disaster reduction work** to prepare members of the Rohingya and host communities for monsoon, cyclones, and landslides.

Structural reinforcement

Relocating high-risk households, reinforcing shelters and other structures, building cyclone shelters, reducing soil erosion

Sanitation and hygiene

Maintain and upgrade latrines and tube wells to prevent disease outbreak

Community awareness

Delivering messages on monsoon and cyclone preparedness, door-to-door and through community meetings

Host Community

Concerns that the Rohingya are **competing for space, resources, and work** is fueling growing resentment.

Supporting host communities **promotes peaceful coexistence and tolerance**.



More than half of BRAC staff working on our Rohingya refugee response are **from the host community**.

Host community engagement

- Learning Centers and Humanitarian Play Labs
- Health and WASH
- Disaster preparedness
- Environmental support and planting trees
- Women-friendly spaces and engagement centers for men and boys
- Skills, livelihoods, and entrepreneurship training
- Microfinance services and cash transfers
- Ultra-Poor Graduation program





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