

### **Agenda**

- History of UNICEF
- UNICEF USA
- Unfolding of Rohingya Crisis
- Dining for Women's Support and Role
- UNICEF and Advocacy
- Power of Partnership
- Q+A







### **UNICEF History and Mission**

UNICEF's mission is to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

UNICEF was **founded in 1946** to help children in the aftermath of World War II.

Today, UNICEF is active in **190 countries and territories**. The organization's vast network means it can take successful approaches from one place in the world and adapt them to meet challenges elsewhere, helping drive results for children at a global scale.







#### **UNICEF USA**

UNICEF USA secures crucial private financial support, advocates for government funding for UNICEF and is dedicated to increasing the engagement of all Americans who care about the well-being of children.

Our vision is a better world for children everywhere.









### **UNICEF's Programs**

















Health

Nutrition

HIV/AIDS

**Education** 

Child Protection

WASH

Safe & Healthy Environments

Social Inclusion

## Humanitarian Action Gender Equality / Girls' Empowerment Adolescents







#### **Situation Overview**

- Two and half years after the initial influx began, nearly 855,000 Rohingya refugees remain in Cox's Bazar District of Bangladesh.
- The impacts of the Rohingya crisis are creating tensions between the host communities and Rohingya communities.
- Major equity gaps persist in the response.







### **Situation Overview: Health**

- Health facilities are available across the Rohingya camps.
- Rohingya refugee children continue to be at risk of disease outbreaks, partly as a result of suboptimal camp-wide immunization rates.
- Households in the camps feel they lack access to healthcare.







#### **Situation Overview: Education**

- While considerable progress has been made in expanding access to education particularly for children 4-14 years, substantial challenges remain, especially with regards to access to education and skills development for adolescents aged 15 to 18 years.
- While there are serval factors that contribute to poor learning outcomes, the availability of qualified and effective teachers is a critical concern.







# Situation and impacts on women, girls and other vulnerable groups

**95 percent** of refugee households have had to engage in at least **one** coping mechanism due to a lack of money to cover basic needs.

Within the current context, girls, women, adolescents and people with disabilities are particularly affected.





## **UNICEF in Action: Health and WASH**

- Sustained provision of safe water and sanitation for all 241,754 Rohingya refugees (52 percent women) in the eight camps of UNICEF WASH accountability.
- Massive multisectoral cholera response contributing to ending the outbreak within four months.







## UNICEF in Action: Education

- Provision of learning opportunities to 219,763 Rohingya children aged 4 to 14 (48 per cent girls).
- Introduction of the integrated adolescent program which extended life and vocational skills opportunities to 25,740 adolescents aged 15 to 18 in camps and host communities.





### **The Way Forward**

- UNICEF will continue providing health care services, including immunization, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health care to the Rohingya population and the affected host communities.
- In host communities, UNICEF will continue to strengthen health systems in partnership with the Civil Surgeon's Office.
- UNICEF will further emphasize inclusive access and learning opportunities for children with disabilities and adolescent girls
- The Myanmar curriculum pilot starting with Grades 6 to 9 is a key priority in 2020





# **Boots and Suits:**Value of UNICEF's Advocacy

- UNICEF participated in the successful advocacy for the resumption of birth registration for host community children.
- UNICEF has been advocating with government authorities to develop more resilient Learning Centers.
   As result of these efforts, the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner has granted approval for construction of 52 double-story LCs on a pilot basis
- In 2020, UNICEF will pilot the Myanmar curriculum for Grades 6-9 for 10,000 students after extensive advocacy by UNICEF



### **Maternal & Newborn Health Program**

- Improve the quality of care in 14 primary and 3 secondary health facilities.
- Train 17 medical staff, 240 Community Health Volunteers and 20 service providers.
- Provide quality assurance activities on maternal and newborn health.







### Impact for Rohingya refugees, 2019

- 42,594 pregnant and lactating women counseled on infant and young child feeding practices.
- 56,500 adolescent girls and 38,978 pregnant and lactating women received Iron Folic Acid.
- 157,956 children aged 6-59 months received Vitamin A supplementation.
- 339,164 primary health consultations were provided.
- 37,698 children aged 0-11 months received three doses of pentavalent vaccine.
- 284 sick Rohingya newborns received specialized neonatal care.
- 8,777 pregnant Rohingya women received HIV testing and counseling.





## Impact of Dining for Women's support, January – May 2020

- 6,928 antenatal care visits
- 430 deliveries
- 2,181 postnatal care visits
- 30,819 referrals were made for women and children under-5
- 1,970 children received vaccinations
- 14,721 household visits were conducted by community health volunteers







#### **Maternal Health**

- Network of 17 public health centers
- Persuading mothers to use expanded services
- Kangaroo Mother Care









#### **COVID-19 Response in Cox's Bazar**

- 11% of Rohingya children under 5 suffer from acute malnutrition, increasing the risk of medical complications if they contract COVID-19.
- 210-bed Severe Acute Respiratory Infection Isolation and Treatment Center.
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Staff in health facilities have been trained on infection prevention and control.
- 229 Community Health Volunteers have been trained on COVID-19 contact tracing.
- Hygiene and sanitation improvements to prevent the spread of infection.
- Communication to inform people on how to prevent the spread of the virus.





### **COVID-19 Impact on Women & Girls**

- Globally, quarantine brings fear of increased domestic violence, including gender-based violence, especially in the home.
- 5 core program and advocacy actions are being prioritized to address gender issues within the pandemic.
- Lockdown in Bangladesh began in mid-March.
- 15 UNICEF-supported Safe Spaces in Cox's Bazar District continue operating under new restrictions during virus response.
- UNICEF continues to monitor protection issues affecting Rohingya and Bangladeshi women and girls.





### **The Power of Partnership**

Importance of continued partnership

Impact of support







