

Improving Shelter and Settlement of Rohingya in Jamtoli Camp

Context

With the August 2017 wave of Rohingya fleeing from Myanmar to Bangladesh, huge refugee camps emerged within weeks. HEKS/EPER is working in Jamtoli Camp (Camp 15) which has 50,000 inhabitants.

The Rohingya shelters are no permanent solution. The tarpaulins break due to exposure to the sun and the very humid climate damages the bamboo structures. To sustain the shelters in these climatic conditions, continuous investments are required. In a previous project, HEKS/EPER has provided new tarpaulins to all 11,279 households in Jamtoli and supported 2,000 households to repair and upgrade their shelter. This project will provide this support to the remaining 9,279 households to repair and upgrade their shelters.

Shelters in Jamtoli are constructed on hills that were previously covered by forest. During the monsoon, living and moving in the camp becomes very difficult, as heavy rains turn the soil into mud. Unpaved paths and the damaged bamboo stairs become slippery and lead to accidents. Houses on the steepest slopes are at serious risk of landslides. HEKS/EPER will address these challenges by various settlement improvement interventions.

Objective

Ensure adequate living condition for Rohingya families through more durable solutions for shelter and settlement



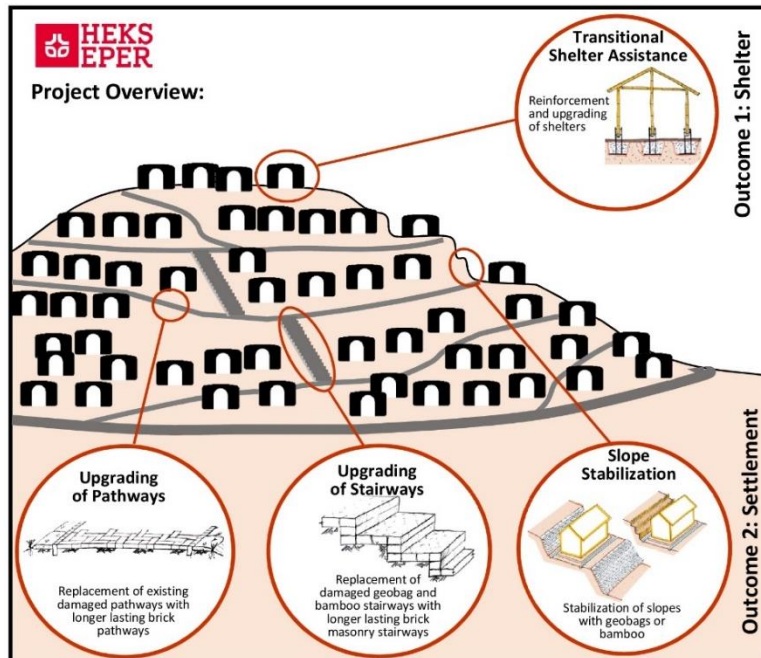
Target groups

9,279 Rohingya refugee families (41,587 individuals) living in Jamtoli Camp.





Activities



Country: Bangladesh

Duration: 11/2019 – 2/2020

Project Budget: USD 2,500,000

HEKS/EPER No.: 610.431

Responsibility:

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Outcome 1: Transitional Shelter Assistance for 9,108 Rohingya Families:

8,000 households will receive essential shelter items worth 135 USD which will allow them constructing a new bamboo frame. This frame will better sustain the climatic conditions than the previous one, as the bamboo is treated to make it more resistant to moisture and footings will keep bamboo out of the wet soil. Additionally, each household will receive 100 USD in vouchers to obtain additional material to improve their shelter. They can choose from a list of material which includes tarpaulins, cement, woven bamboo screens, sandbags, etc. The approach is owner-driven as each household can address safety and comfort, as per their needs.

Outcome 2: Improved Settlement infrastructure in Jamtoli

HEKS/EPER will improve the settlement infrastructure in the camp. 2.5km pathways and 1.6km stairways will be constructed mostly from bricks. This improved infrastructure will strongly facilitate the movement in the camps, especially during the monsoon season. Additionally, the risk of landslides and erosion of households on risky slopes will be reduced by 3 km retention structures made from bamboo or geobags.

Project Implementation Modality

The project is implemented directly by HEKS/EPER

This project is supported by



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