

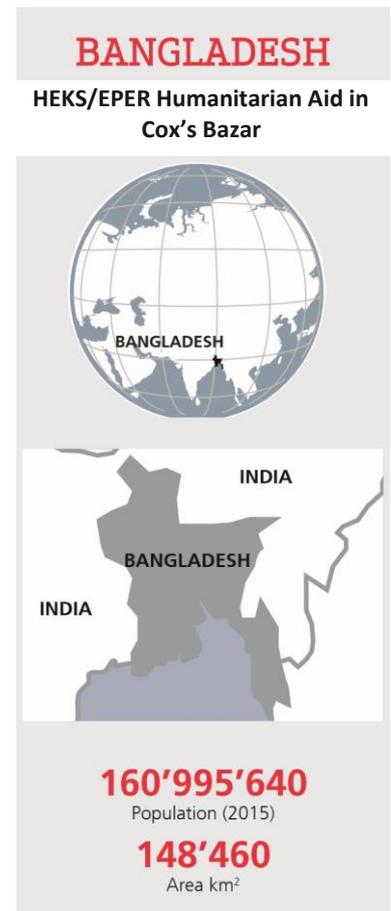


Improving the Environment in and around Jamtoli Camp – HEKS/EPER Rohingya Response Phase 3

Context

The 900.000 Rohingya that live mostly in camps in Cox’s Bazar are likely to stay for several more years, with no clear perspective of a safe return to Myanmar. In the absence of access to sustainable livelihoods, they will remain dependent on humanitarian support. Jamtoli Camp is in constant transition, with important achievements made for example in the WASH sector, where water supply was shifted from shallow to deep tubewells and emergency latrines have been replaced by more sustainable latrines along with faecal sludge management. The stabilization of the camp in several sectors and the share of responsibilities between different actors allows addressing needs which were earlier not at the center of programming, but which are important for the transformation of the camps into a more decent living environment. This includes for example more permanent systems to discharge rainwater from the camps, to prevent that shelters are washed away after heavy monsoon rains, and that the paths and roads in the camp transfer into rivers of mud.

In Phalongkhali Union, where besides Jamtoli camp also most other camps are located, Rohingya outnumber the host community by more than 10 times. The rapid arrival of Rohingya refugees has been a significant shock to the host community which already experienced underemployment, under-investment and poor access to services. Already prior to the 2017 influx, Ukhaia belonged to the 10% most socially deprived Upazilas of Bangladesh. While some host community households can benefit from increased income opportunities like jobs in NGOs and trade, the big group of households living from agricultural day labor can hardly compete with Rohingya for jobs. Coupled with increased food costs, the host community’s situation has become difficult.





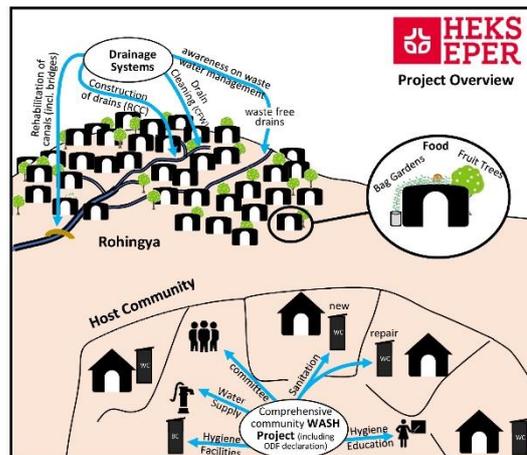
Objective

To improve the environment of Rohingya and host communities in Jamtoli and its adjacent host community village Mosarkhola.

Target groups

19,000 Rohingya living in Jamtoli Camp and 2,000 individuals from the host community village Mosarkhola

Activities



Country: Bangladesh

Duration: 3/2019 – 2/2020

Project Budget: USD 940,000

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In line with the Government Guidelines, HEKS/EPER addresses not only the needs of Rohingya in Jamtoli Camp but also of in the neighboring host community village Mosarkhola

In Jamtoli camp, HEKS/EPER constructs drainage systems, which will allow water to discharge from the camp. Combined with construction of paths along the drains and bridges, as well as cleaning campaign for drains and sensibilization activities on wastewater management, HEKS/EPER will improve the situation in the camps, especially during the monsoon season.

- Excavation of 2 km canals that discharge water from the camp including bamboo bridges
- Construction of 2.5 km RCC drains in the camp, partially covered to also serve as footpaths

Planting of fruit trees between the Rohingya shelters as well as training and supporting Rohingya on establishing vegetable gardening is diversifying the Rohingya's food intake while making the camps a more decent place to live.

- 3000 Families plant and manage one guava, one lemon, and one moringa tree
- 1000 Families are supported to cultivate vegetables on their roofs using a portable bag garden technology

In the host community in Mosarkhola Village, HEKS/EPER will implement a comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project.

- Construction of 240 and rehabilitation of 104 latrines, and declaring the village as "open defecation free"
- Construction of 20 tubewells with bathing cubicles.
- Hygiene Promotion and community empowerment to manage the water and sanitation infrastructure in a sustainable way

Project Partner

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