



EMERGENCY SHELTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (ESPR)

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 and is separated only by a 400m wide corridor from Kutupalong mega camp with 600.000 Inhabitants.

Each Rohingya family received a tiny piece of land on the slopes of the hills. The international community provided bamboo and tarpaulins allowing Rohingya to construct very simple shelters, which need to protect them from the sun, the heavy monsoon rains and cyclones. First improvements of shelters were done in 2018 which included additional bamboo structures to strengthen the roof structures. In 2019 tie-down kits were distributed to better protect the shelters from heavy winds.

The current shelters are not a permanent solution, and tarpaulins break due to exposure to the sun. The very humid climate damages the bamboo structures risking shelters to collapse. Just for sustaining the shelters in the climatic conditions, continuous investments are required.

Objective

To improve the shelters of all families living in Jamtoli Camp.

Target groups

All 11,279 Rohingya refugee families (50,452 individuals) living in Jamtoli Camp.





Activities

Distribution of Tarpaulins to 11,279 Rohingya Families

All families in Jamtoli will receive new tarpaulins during the 2019 rainy season allowing them to replace damaged tarpaulins and keeping their shelters dry.

Transitional Shelter Assistance for 2,000 Rohingya Families

2,000 household 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.

After 2 years, a “one-fits all solution” is not appropriate anymore. Shelter needs differ by families depending on items that are still usable from previous distributions, the size of the shelter, previous individual investments, and land features, as the slope or exposure to flooding. HEKS/EPER, therefore, additionally distributes vouchers per household worth 100 USD. Based on their preference and need, beneficiaries can select from a list which includes among other items also tarpaulins (in case they need more than distributed), Cement (to improve the floor with a thin cement layer), woven bamboo screens (to stabilize the roof and improve fencing), sandbags (to prevent water entering the shelter and to stabilize shelters on steep slopes). Households will be trained on shelter construction and will build the shelters on their own. They will be provided tools during construction and the most vulnerable households will be supported by labor.

This component will cover the most vulnerable households in the camp. Future projects to cover the remaining camp population are in planning.



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