# Half a Million Rohingya Children Seek Refuge

AMURT's response



## Rohingya Refugee Crisis

### Since 25 August, 2017:

- Intensification of targeted violence
- Serious human rights abuses

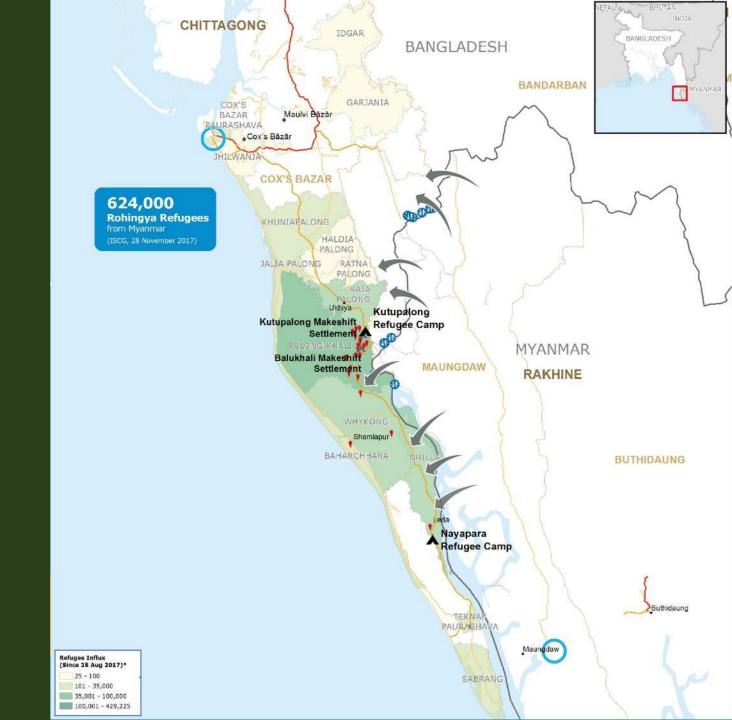


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### Since 25 August, 2017:

• over 671,000 Rohingya driven out of Myanmar have arrived in Bangladesh as refugees.

the world's fastest refugee influx in decades

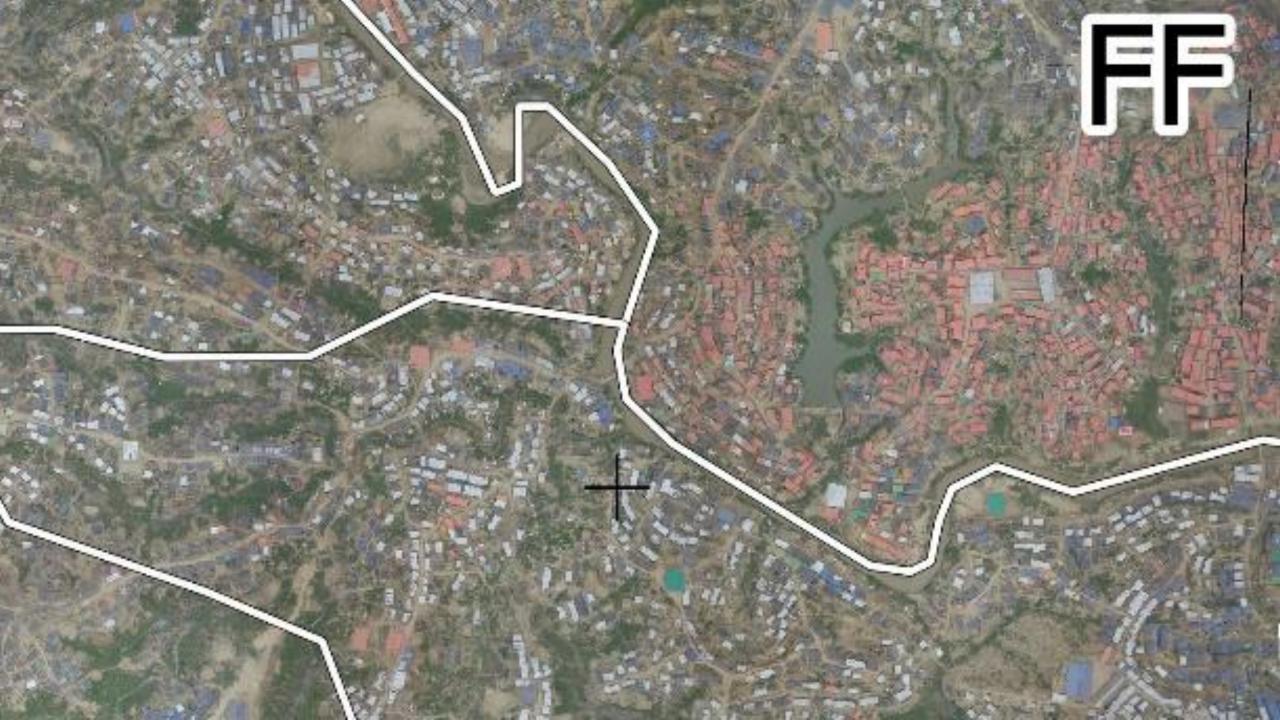




## Rohingya Refugee Crisis

By December 2017:

• 872,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

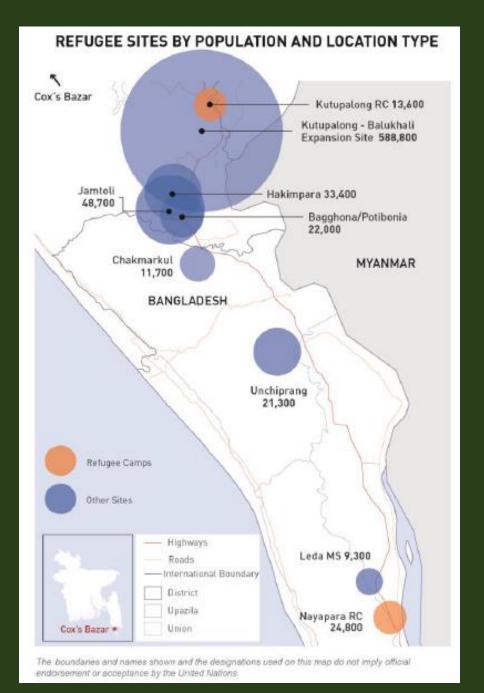






### Living conditions

- Makeshift Camps:
  - up to 95 thousand people per square kilometer



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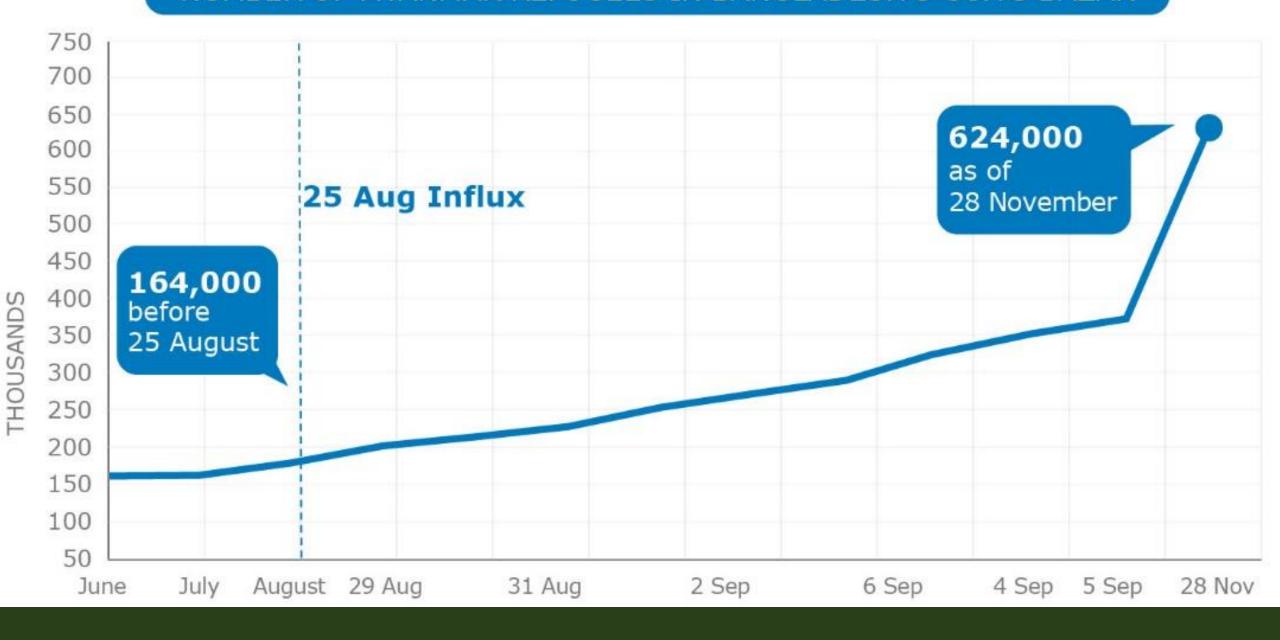
- Makeshift Camps:
  - lack of basic services
  - difficult living conditions.







#### NUMBER OF MYANMAR REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH'S COX'S BAZAR



# Most refugees are children

Half a million innocent minors







Vulnerability experienced in the camps is extreme for children





### Child Protection Concerns

- Lack Of Parental Care
- Child Labor
- Discrimination
- Neglect

### Child Protection Concerns

- Abuse
- Exploitation
- Child Trafficking
- HIV/AIDS
- Recruitment into Armed Forces

## Poor Sanitation





## Vaccination

AMURT assists
 Ministry of Health



Almost all children arriving into camp conditions are unprotected.

Rohingya had no citizenship or access to primary health careIn Myanmar.





### Vaccination

- Volunteers:
  - Announce program
  - Control refugee crowd
  - At yellow flag vaccination points
  - Data collection





### Vaccination

 AMURT teams has reached more than 173,000 children with basic vaccines and multiple doses of Diphtheria



### Diphtheria Outbreak in Camps:

- First documented in 6 Dec 2017, reported cases were soon in the thousands.
- Diphtheria infection: 10% mortality rate is normal
- Only vaccination can effectively control it
- AMURT is active in the Diphtheria vaccination campaign offering multiple doses to boost immunity





AMURT conducts child rights awareness sessions to health volunteers working in the vaccination campaign.

### Girls are particularly at risk

- Sexual and gender-based violence
- Child marriage.







# Security

- The Bangladesh military works to maintain order
- But camps remain dangerous
  - especially for the vulnerable







# Interviews with Rohingya







#### Rashida:

"If girls became 12 to 13 years old, they were abducted for rape.

If we opposed they assaulted us and tore off our clothes."



#### Rashida:

"If you want to send us there, better kill us here, because they will kill us"











Camp Deforestation

Wood cut for cooking

- Trees
- Tree roots





# Camp Deforestation

- Heavy Rains may bring:
  - Flooding
  - Mudslides





# Next Phase: Child-Friendly Spaces

- Effective for psycho-social support (PSS)
- Pathway to education



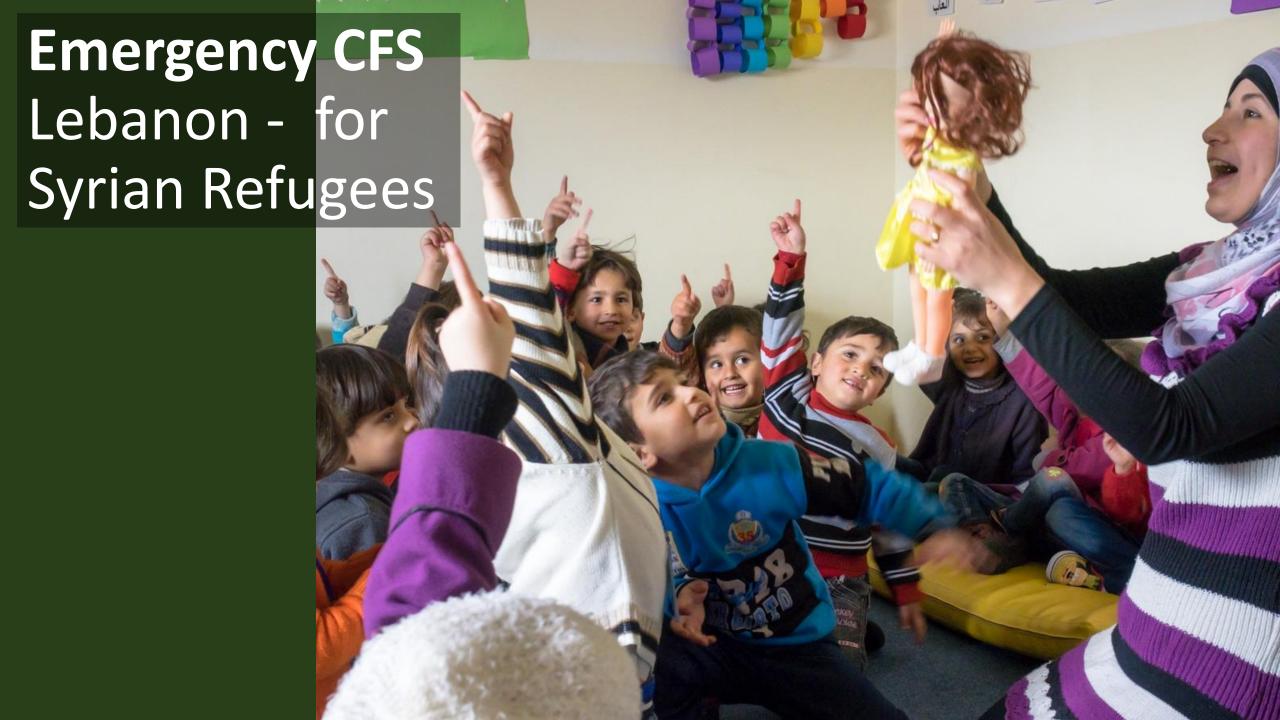


# Emergency CFS Haiti Earthquake

CFS's typically also feature:

- Supplemental Feeding
- Nutritional Support



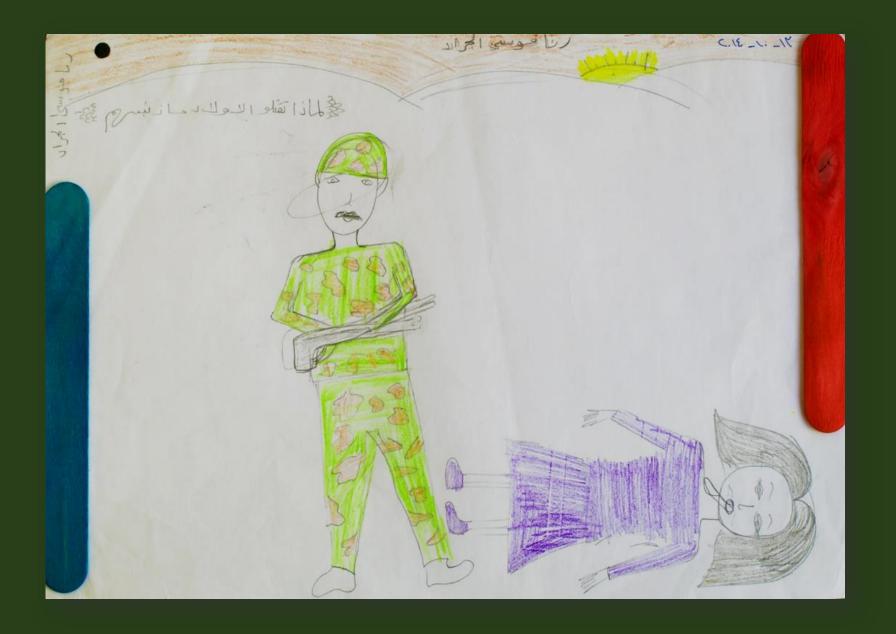


### AMURT Child-Friendly Spaces

Traumatized children gain a sense of stability:

- structured routine
- psychological support.

#### **Art Therapy**



### Art Therapy



Art Therapy



Breathing & Relaxation



Individual
Therapy
with
Psychologist



#### Positive Outcomes



### AMURT Child-Friendly Spaces

#### AMURT's unique CFS program:

- gradually stimulate a child's curiosity and love for learning
- prepare children non-formal education activities

### Temporary Learning Centers

- Non-Formal Education
- Semi-permanent structures







#### AMURT's Response Plan:

- 1. Vaccination program (current)
- 2. Child-friendly Spaces for 1000 Rohingya (from April 2018)
- 3. Temporary Learning Centers (from July 2018)

#### Children are Resilient

#### Timely support can:

- Expand their horizons
- Offer hope for the future



