

Background

In August 2017, within the space of a single month, 500,000 Rohingya people fled Myanmar's Rakhine state seeking safety in Bangladesh. After one year, it was estimated that the number of new arrivals had reached approximately 907,000. Humanitarian organisations operating in Cox's Bazar, in support of the government-led response, currently target 1.2 million people for humanitarian assistance, including host communities in the area.

The Logistics Sector response strategy continues to focus on coordinating and strengthening collaboration among partners, producing and sharing critical logistics information, and facilitating access to common logistics services to ensure the most efficient response. Moreover, efforts are also focused on capacity strengthening and preparedness, as well as increasing the provision of new information tools, which seek to improve and support decision-making in relation to local supply chain challenges.



Above: Dispatching NFIs at the Madhu Chara Logistics & Engineering hub.
Left: Participants assemble a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at a training held by the Logistics Sector.

Highlights

- During February, 3227m³ of relief items were stored on behalf of 11 organisations in the logistics hubs in Madhu Chara and Teknaf in Cox's Bazar district. Items stored included cement, hygiene kits and plastic mats.
- On 19-20 February, the Logistics Sector held a two-day MSU Erection and Cyclone Preparedness training at Madhu Chara Logistics and Engineering Hub for assistants and officer-level staff. 26 participants from 18 organisations attended the trainings, which are intended to equip national staff with the tools and knowledge to overcome logistics challenges and constraints ahead of the upcoming cyclone season.
- With support from the Global Logistics Cluster, an online access constraint mapping and data collection tool is being developed for the Cox's Bazar operational context as part of the global Preparedness Platform. It aims

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to enhance the Logistics Sector’s capacity to share timely information on roads access and improve data visualisation in preparation for the next monsoon season.

- Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCA) were conducted for fuel and telecommunication providers.
- To assess the traffic flow within the camps, a vehicle count exercise is ongoing. The exercise is being conducted with the support of enumerators.

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