



Till now no casualties reported except client flow reduction



“We cannot sit quiet and only OBSERVE this situation. At this time of crisis we have to swing into action to help the sufferers particularly with their health and GBV needs – to render medical support and help for family reunification” *said Rear Admiral Harunur Rashid (Retd.), Director- Field Operations, RTMI*

Introduction

Due to torrential rainfall in the earlier week particularly in the Rohingya camps caused the subsequent flooding and land slide. It also deteriorated the living condition of refugees in their sheds. Many of the RTMI catchment working areas (under PHCs and HPs) of different donor funded projects have also been affected in a similar fashion. RTMI was receiving widespread reports of various effects (blockage by the uprooted trees over the main road, staff being late in arriving at health centers, water logging inside the facilities, structural damage of some health facilities, partial damage of small bridges, reduced client flow, etc.) on health service delivery due to the heavy rainfall.





Initiatives undertaken by RTMI

In addition to regular activities, RTMI has taken some emergency measures/initiatives to support the affected refugee communities, which are stated below:

- ❖ **Situation report shared to respective donors:** RTMI senior management instructed for convening an emergency meeting (right now on “whats up”) to have quick plan of action in this regard. All PMs were also instructed for preparing a situation report to share with their respective donors, which should include some photographic evidence as well. Most of the donors responded instantly with appreciation.
- ❖ **Formation of Emergency Response Team (ERT):** RTMI formed an Emergency Response Team (ERT) in all facilities under different donor funded projects. The ERT has visited the affected areas, tried to find out their needs, made them aware regarding AWD, provided mental support, given medical support as needed and refer to nearest health facility as required.



- ❖ **Continuous communication with different stakeholders:** Respective Clinic in-Charges led the teams maintaining a continuous communication with different stakeholders & keeping them updated. RTMI management also communicated with the service providers continuously to guide and support the ERT in the flooded areas and those in facilities.
- ❖ **Get ready outreach team:** RTMI outreach team visited households in the camps and updated the facilities regarding any emergency and communicated the EDD about the women, and condition of sick and pregnant mothers. If an emergency arises, outreach team will refer the concerned pregnant mothers and accompany them to the PHC/HP/IWC/CWC/nearest facility using ambulance. They also disseminated messages on GBV, and other SRHR issues etc.
- ❖ **Arrangement of emergency medicines:** RTMI kept emergency medicines and other logistics like Mama kit & Clean delivery kit for the ERT ready so that they go to the spot anytime and render the required services.

¹Visited by Dr. Yulia (UNICEF) with her team in RTMI-UNICEF facility- PHC (Camp 18)



Glimpse of stunning damages (RTMI Health Facilities, Roads and Bridges of Refugee Camp) due to heavy rainfall

Photo Credit (Left to Right-RTMI PMs and Field Staff): 1. অফিস (RTM Field Office) এর কাছে কোটবাজার 2. উখিয়া থেকে ফলিমাপাড়া হয়ে ক্যাম্পে যাওয়ার রাস্তায় পাহাড় ধসের একাংশ 3-7. Flood, landslides, health facility submerged into water etc 8. Prompt action from IOM site management helped temporary repair of the damaged area (Camp-19: Ladder and small bridge) 9.Services are provided by RTMI-UNFPA project team members 10. Joint Monitoring Visit of RTMI Hnila Union Sub Center by UH&FPO (Teknaf), FPO (Teknaf), MOHFW CC and RTM team. 11. Households visit performed by CHWs/CHVs of RTMI -UNFPA project

Thanks for your informative updates. Much appreciated

- **Dr. OKELLO James Charles, Programme Coordinator (IOM-MHD), IOM UN Migration Bangladesh**

“Thank you for your hard work and please do not hesitate to contact your UNFPA focal person if any additional support is needed”

Kind regards and please stay safe

- **Steph Marriott, Midwife Mentor, on behalf of the Cox's Bazar UNFPA SRH Unit**

“Hope you & your team is safe in Corona situation & recent heavy rainfall for few days. In news it has been reporting that, some of the areas in Ukha & Teknaf have been flooded inside Rohingya camps. UNFPA is mapping the affected SRH centers and planning accordingly for the best management of SRH in the emerging situation. Tomorrow have an important meeting (Virtual) of SRH group by UNFPA, please be present for further information. If RTMI-PI SRH center, Camp 22 affected by any means, let me know urgently & other concerns. Please feel free to reach me anytime.”

Thank you & stay safe.

- **Mst. Monira Hossain, Project Manager, CSRHR, Pathfinder International**

Immediate response and appreciation from respective Donors

“Thank you very much for sharing the situation update of RTMI facilities. Well noted. Please keep continue updating and major difficulties as well as service interruption due to the heavy rainfall”

- **Anamul Haque, UNHCR Bangladesh**

for details and other images (see RTMI website)

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