Background:
RTMI is a nationally recognized non-profit resource organization registered as an NGO in 1994 with the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) providing technical, managerial and support services in health, education, nutrition, post disaster management, humanitarian response and other development program.

RTMI-IOM ESP Project

Description of the Project:
RTMI has been working with IOM in Camps 17, 19 and Camp 20 since January 2018 establishing one PHC in camp 19 and two HPs in Camps 17 and 20. It was providing lifesaving primary health care services among the FDMNs. Under the current agreement, the PHC in Camp 19 managed by RTMI is continuing to function smoothly preventing the COVID 19 Pandemic and it is providing quality services in meeting the needs of the FDMN population and the objectives of providing equitable access focusing on SRH and improving their health seeking behavior which is obvious from significantly higher number of clients per day.

Coverage and implementation approaches:
Primary objective of the project is to reduce morbidity and excess mortality from common diseases through provision of PHC services and by improving the quality PHC services delivered through the existing PHC in camp 19 and strengthening health systems and clinical support of local MoHFW structures. The main focus of the project was on quality of services, especially those related to general clinical services, child Health services, sexual and Reproductive Health, mental health and psychosocial screening and referrals and palliative care.

RTM International is working closely with the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) departments for logistics support for family planning, MCH, COVID 19, GBV and referral services in implementing the project activities. Technical assistance and collaboration from GOB (DDFP, CS) and other concerned stakeholders UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, and Pathfinder International has been mobilized based on project needs. RTMI also attended routine coordination meetings organized by different government departments (RRRC, DC, CS, and DDFP Offices in Cox’s Bazar) and Health Sector Coordination groups as they play the regulatory/monitoring roles. During implementation of the project, efforts have been made to ensure capacity building of the project staff, team spirit among all staffs, particularly CHVs and their Supervisor for successful planning, conduction of household visits.

For achieving the project outcome, RTMI taken into consideration the policies and guidelines of GOB and IOM relating to national minimum standards and guidelines, the Health Sector Minimum Essential Service Package, Sphere Standards, Gender and age equity, disabilities, social inclusion, and COVID-19 guidelines.