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197,355

consultations delivered at our two primary healthcare centres in 2023

23,250

children, adolescents and caregivers were supported in emergency context in 2023

18,037

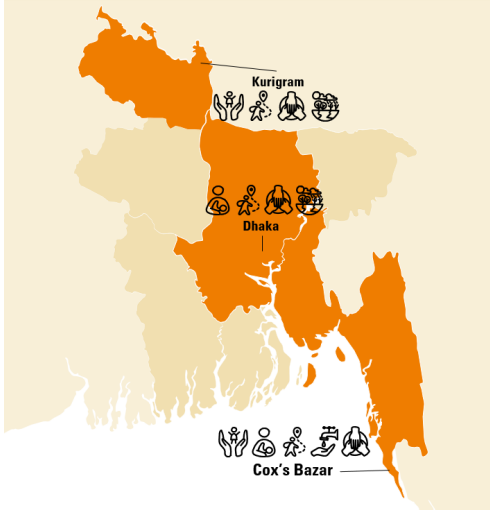
individuals accessed water, sanitation and hygiene services and facilities in 2023

Context

In 2023, Bangladesh's economy has recovered from the economic damage caused by the impact of COVID-19 and the Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, although the recent slowdown in the global economy has adversely affected the country's economic growth.

The extreme vulnerabilities of 969,719 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char were exacerbated in 2023 because of the decline in funding, which impacted access to basic services.


Intervention map





General overview


Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been working in Bangladesh since 1974, initially implementing relief, recovery and development projects in flood-affected areas, before expanding to respond to the Rohingya refugee crisis in 2017. Tdh now operates four field offices in Kurigram, Dhaka, Teknaf and Ukhiya, with the delegation head office in Dhaka, implementing responses in child protection, child labour, health, nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and social cohesion. Our team works in both the host and refugee communities to improve the health of children and their mothers, alleviate child protection risks, prevent exploitative child labour, and provide emergency aid services.

Thematic priorities

 **Child protection** programming aims to enhance the protective environment for the most vulnerable children, adolescents, family units, and communities, including those affected by the **Rohingya refugee crisis and climate-induced displacement**, through the provision of comprehensive community-based activities, psychological support, case management, and formal systems strengthening.

 **Health** programmes seek to strengthen access to quality healthcare services and facilities, including mother and child health, for both host and refugee communities by providing direct services, systems strengthening and increasing the skills of healthcare workers.

 **WASH** programming aims to increase access to quality water, sanitation and hygiene services, whilst strengthening the inclusiveness of facilities, through community empowerment and awareness raising.

 Our **social cohesion** work aims to increase feelings of acceptance between migrant or refugee communities with the communities at their destination, by developing livelihoods, conflict mitigation tools, and empowering women and youth.

Our impact in 2023

Child protection

- 23,250 children, adolescents and caregivers were supported through child protection activities under our Rohingya crisis response in Cox's Bazar.
- We operated 16 Multi-Purpose Children's Centres across seven refugee camps in Cox's Bazar District.
- 1691 children received case management services.
- 10,477 children and adolescents received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.

Mother and child health

- 158,301 outpatient (OPD) consultations delivered at our two primary healthcare centres (PHCs).
- We ensured 768 safe facility deliveries at both PHCs.
- 8049 patients received non-communicable disease services.
- 4175 children received services of the expanded programme of immunization (EPI).

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

- 18,037 people accessed WASH services and facilities.
- 34 toilets & 29 bathing cubicles were built or rehabilitated.
- 6,922,780 liters of human excreta desludged and treated at the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant & 422,663 kilograms of waste managed by the Solid Waste Management Plant.
- 500 women/girls received Menstrual Health Management kits.

Social cohesion

- 8 cases of conflict moderated/mediated between Rohingyas, and host communities & 25 community-led initiatives carried out
- 20 youths trained in social and leadership skills to lead community-level initiatives for reducing social tensions in their locality.

Supporting refugees and host communities in the Cox's Bazar district

In the BPRM-funded programme titled – Kalyana, we continue our efforts to enhance the safety and dignity of refugees and host communities in the Cox's Bazar district through an integrated, multi-sectorial humanitarian response. We improve access to child protection services, essential health and nutrition services through integrated clinic- and community-based services, focusing on women and children, and to increase access to quality WASH services by means of expanding facilities and strengthening community.

Outlook

Tdh will continue its operations in Cox's Bazar, but increasingly integrate peacebuilding and development activities with its emergency response for refugees, as well as expand its assistance to the local host communities. Tdh will also expand its development programmes to other geographical locations in Bangladesh. Tdh will continue to ensure its programmes are aligned with the Government's priorities and national development plans.

Advocacy

Our advocacy efforts focus on improving child protection services, as well as on addressing the impact of climate change on children and families.

Tdh is collaborating with the Government and other key stakeholders in order to promote its integrated Nexus approach, comprising emergency, peacebuilding and development activities.

Main donors

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency; U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM); U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO); Olympic Refugee Foundation; German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ); AAR Japan (Association for Aid and Relief, Japan).



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