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Bangladesh



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Context

Following the July 2024 Revolution, Bangladesh underwent an 18-month interim period, concluding with general elections on 12 February 2026. This political stability is expected to strengthen programme continuity, donor confidence, and operational predictability. However, the extreme vulnerabilities of 1,184,864 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar were significantly worsened in 2025 due to a critical 54% funding gap in the Joint Response Plan. This shortfall resulted from declining U.S. humanitarian funding and the Global North's diversion of resources to address humanitarian crises in Ukraine and Gaza.

Intervention map



General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been operational in Bangladesh since 1974, delivering successful relief, recovery, and development projects, and since 2017, has been responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis in Cox's Bazar. In Bangladesh, child protection is at the core of Tdh's work as a transversal area of expertise ensuring the protection and promotion of child rights and the well-being of their family members and communities.

In 2025, Tdh reached 240,038 beneficiaries in Bangladesh with a total budget of CHF 5.2 million. Tdh currently has five offices in Kurigram, Satkhira, Dhaka, Ukhiya, and Teknaf.

Thematic priorities

Child protection programming seeks to enhance the protective environment for the most vulnerable children and young people – including those at risk of commercial sexual exploitation or climatic stresses, as well as for their families and communities, through the provision of community-based activities, psychological support, case management, and formal systems strengthening.

Health programmes aim to improve access to quality healthcare services and facilities – including mother and child health, through direct service provision, systems strengthening and capacity building for 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 **climate-focused programmes** address the growing impact of climate change on vulnerable communities. Through sustainable climate-resilient healthcare and WASH infrastructure, we work to mitigate risks and strengthens adaptation strategies and community resilience.

Our reach in 2025-2026

Supporting refugees and host communities in the Cox's Bazar

We continue our efforts to support refugees and host communities in Cox's Bazar through an integrated, multi-sectoral humanitarian response. Our interventions focuses on improving access to child protection, health, and WASH services, particularly for children and women. We also continue to strengthen health systems by supporting government-run health care facilities to improve service delivery.

Health programme in Cox's Bazar

- **226,835** outpatient (OPD) consultations were delivered at our two primary healthcare centres (PHCs).
- We ensured **1160** safe facility deliveries at both PHCs.
- **14,314** patients received non-communicable disease services.
- **2,573** children received services of the expanded programme of immunization (EPI).

Child protection programme in Cox's Bazar

- **42,148** children, adolescents and caregivers were supported through child protection activities.
- **3,192** children received case management services.
- **27,769** children and adolescents received structured mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.

WASH programme in Cox's Bazar

- **121,334** people accessed WASH services and facilities.
- We are running one desalination plant (**100,000** liters/day), one plastic recycling plant (**120** pieces/hour), and one faecal sludge management plant (**100,000** liters/day)
- Vulnerability assessment conducted for **15** Health Care Facilities.
- A total of **5** safe water points, **20** rainwater harvesting systems, and **87** solar lights have been installed.
- **442** toilets and **353** bathing cubicles were built or rehabilitated.

Breaking the Cycle of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Dhaka's Daulatdia Brothel

- **6,062** children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation received MHPSS services.

Sports for Protection, Resilience and Transformation (SPiRiT)

- **17,000** children and adolescents who are displaced or at risk of climate-induced displacement developed psychosocial wellbeing, life skills, and resilience through participation in structured Sports for Protection sessions.

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub

- This project will strengthen safeguarding capacity among **nine local organisations**, focusing on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) standards.

Support for the Vulnerable – Transnational Social Protection for the Families of Migrants from Bangladesh in the EU (CASTLE 2)

- The project aims to provide transnational social protection support to **families of Bangladeshi migrants in the EU.** The project will be implemented collaboratively by Tdh Bangladesh, Tdh Romania, and Tdh Greece, led by Babes Bolyai University in Romania.

Climate Bridge Fund

- The project will benefit **1,964** children, women, and community members through safe water supply provision, WASH facility construction, livelihood support, community waste management, and youth resilience-building through sports for climate action.



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"My youngest child is now two years old, and we have been coming here since birth for regular check-ups and vaccinations. Whenever my child has fever or any health problems, the health workers here provide proper treatment and medicines. They also taught me about nutrition and how to keep my child healthy. Because of the care we received here, my child is growing well and staying healthy," says a 28-year-old caregiver receiving care at the Tdh primary healthcare centre in Camp 27, Teknaf.

Advocacy

Our advocacy efforts focus on improving child protection services, as well as on addressing the impact of climate change on children and families through child protection and safeguarding networks in Bangladesh e.g., Child Labour Elimination Platform, SRH Working Group, Climate Justice Alliance-Bangladesh, CANSA, PSEAH Network, and CHS Alliance.

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

Main current donors

UNHCR, UNICEF, European Union (EU)-ICMPD, AAR Japan (Association for Aid and Relief, Japan), U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM), the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation), Swiss Solidarity, Canton of Zurich, Canton Basel-Landschaft, Fondation Philanthropic Famille Sandoz, Olympic Refuge Foundation (ORF), Novo Nordisk, and KfW Germany.

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