

Background

In the afternoon of 5 March 2023, a massive and devastating fire broke out in Rohingya refugee Camp 11 in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Flames blazed for some three hours starting at 2:50pm. Local fire fighters and local authorities managed to contain the fire around 5pm. Under the lead of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), humanitarian partners were onsite soon after the onset of the fire to assess the damage and establish a coordinated response. Rohingya community volunteers were among the first to respond to the fire and they continue responding to the needs in the camps. So far, no casualties have been reported. *(source: ISCG, Cox's Bazar)*



15,926
Individuals
affected



5,274
Individuals
displaced



2,805
Shelters
damaged or
destroyed



155
Facilities
damaged or
destroyed

CARE's Response to Fire Incident



- Five community outreach members mobilized in the field to support affected people in building their houses, and 39 people (11 families) benefited from an overnight emergency shelter at Community Outreach Group (COG) group member's house
- 60 people with different needs were referred to the help desk and provided information on protection issues.
- Eight GBV staff has mobilized for Rapid Gender Analysis at the fire response area at camp 9, 10 and 11.
- Currently, seven families from Camp 11 with 22 individuals (Male – 4, Female- 7, Boys- 5, Girls- 6) are staying with their relatives in camp 16.
- In camp 16, the SMS team ensured hot meal support for the displaced families with the support of WFP.
- SMS also assists the families by sharing key messages on General Assistance and PSEA, Food Assistance, Health Services, and Child Protection issues.
- CARE DRR team, including volunteers and Cash for Work workers, cleaned 65 cubic meters (CUM)/ 2283 sacks of debris, 589 linear meters (LM) of waste from drains, cleaned 953 square meters (SqM) from roads/pathways/stairs to ensure accessibility.
- DRR team also covered an area of 14 sub-blocks (B8, B10,D1, D2,D3,D4, D5,D6, D7, D8, D9, D13, D14,D15).

"This fire came as a curse for us. We have lost everything that we had. We are very worried, and I am especially tense about my grandchild, who is only two years old. We need urgent support with clothes and cooking pots."

- Affected Rohingya woman from the camp.