

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



- CARE GBV team provided 35 Solar lights (male-16 and female-19) at fire incidents to follow the daily protection need assessments report.
- Psychosocial support is provided to 279 individuals by deployed staff to the fire-affected people and provided snack items during the support.
- The rapid Gender Analysis process is ongoing in the field.
- Community outreach members continue their support to refereeing the people to health facilities and carrying water in their shelter.
- Six families from Camp 11 with 15 individuals (Male-1, Female- 5, Boys- 3, Girls-6) 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.

"It's a nightmare for us how the fire has burned my house just blink of my eyes. From the top of the hill, I saw that my wife and children were running from home and crossing the road to save their lives.

This is my second time losing my home in a fire incident. Every time I tried to build a house with new hope, I felt very disappointed and lost the strength of sustainability this time."

- Affected Rohingya male from camp 11.