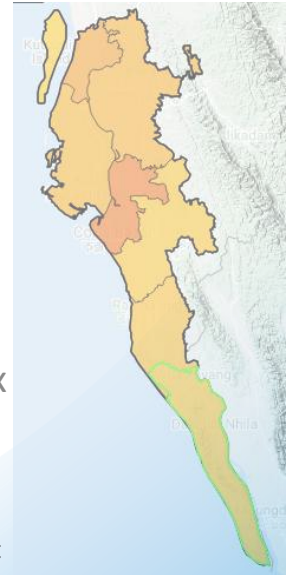


Sacrifice for humanity

Sufferings of the host community
in Ukhia and Teknaf due to FDMN influx



A qualitative research conducted by COAST Trust



Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals

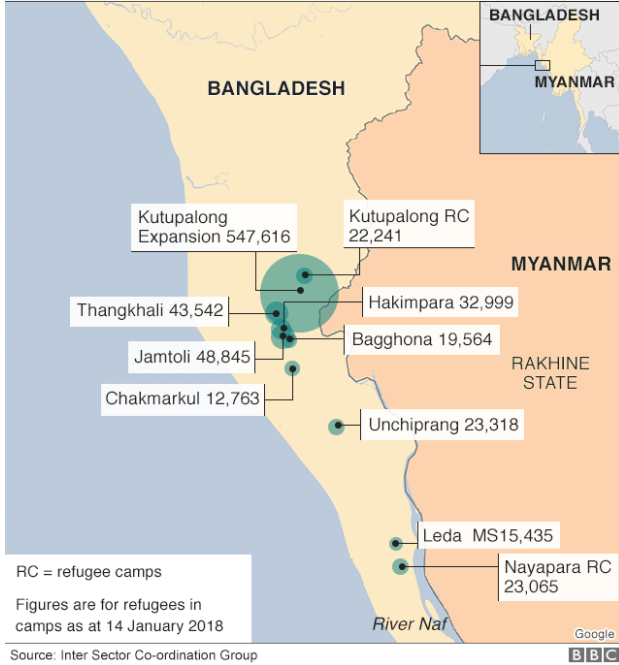
- To survive a massive genocide 655,000 Rohingya fled to Bangladesh since 25 August 2017
- At least 6,700 killed
730 children under 5, NY Times, Feb 13, 2018
- 307,500 before Aug 2017,
UNHCR, BBC
- Total FDMN 947,000
in Bangladesh, BBC



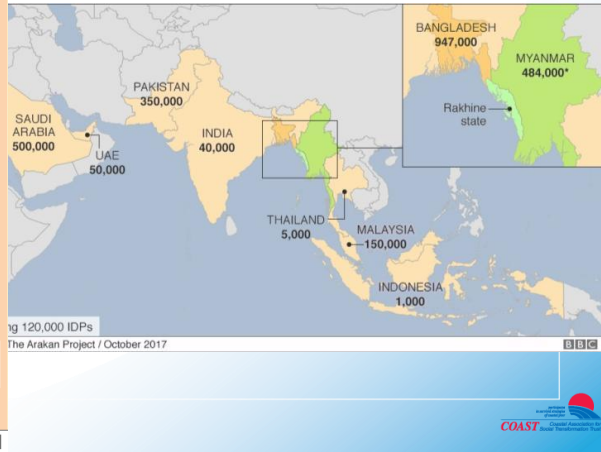
Photo: NY Times



Rohingya refugee sites in Bangladesh



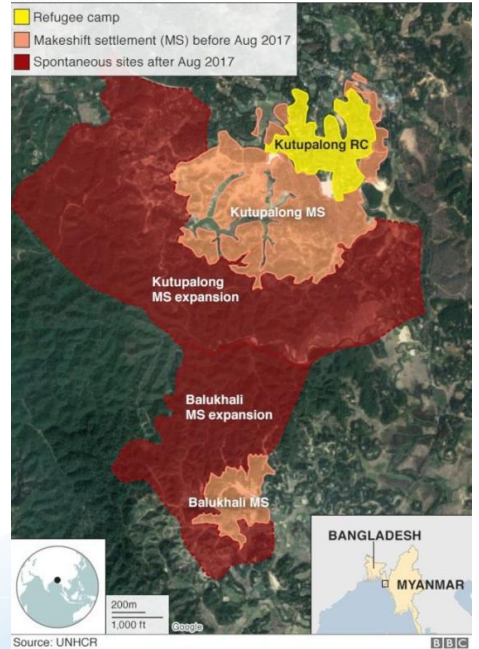
FDMN spread in Bangladesh and worldwide



Occupied land

- Old Refugee Camp
- Makeshift Settlement before 25 Aug 2017
- Spontaneous sites after 25 Aug 2018
- 3090 acre of forest land in Ukhia and 129.08 acre in Teknaf is occupied
 [Cox's Bazar Forest Office]

Expansion of existing refugee camps and settlements



Forest is being ruined

- **Daily 2,250 Ton firewood is burnt**
(150,000 families x min 15 kg firewood daily)
- **All the hills are treeless**
- **Entire Forestland at risk, 1485 Hect. encroached**
[Daily Star, 20 January 2018]



Photo: Shahinur Shohag



Impact on Environment

- The entire forest on the west bank is under serious threat to be plundered

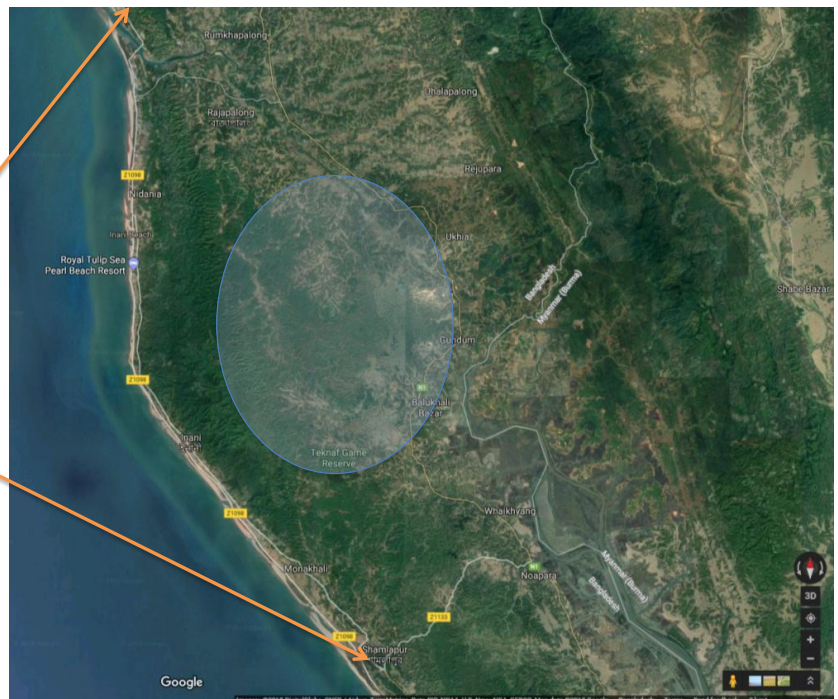


Photo: Google map

Water level drying up

- **70% shallow tube-well are running out of water**
[out of 169 in 8 blocks in 4 camps]
- **10 deep tube-well (680 feet) extended 30 feet deeper**
[COAST]
- **2 deep tube-well in Unchiprang camp failed to pull water even having 1000 feet deep**
[by Ganasasthya]



Photo: unknown

**We suspect 1st layer
of Water level is
already gone
Teknaf is in Danger**



Pollution

- **11 Canals and streams found fully polluted**
[Community says all]
- **100 tons** monthly waste, prev. was 60 tons
(Only Disposable waste)
[20 waste dealers, Bhangari business]
- Plastic packets, polythene **waste is countless**



Photo: Syed Aminul Haq, Maruf Barkat



Agriculture (Ukhia)

- No Agri on **130 Hectares** this season due to water crisis and pollution. (Agri. Officer, Ukhia)
- Crops of **100 Hectares** land is **ruined** due to the influx (60H Rice, 20H Vegetables, 10H Betel leaf and 10 others)
- **35 Hectares** cropland are **polluted**
- Crops are being stolen
- 12-15% price fall of rice
- **No source of Irrigation left**
- Donor/ NGO occupancy on East side of the road

Photo: Maruf Barkat



Case: Abul Al Helaly
290 HH, 1,500 Mango tree is ruined

Source: Upazila and Union Agri Officer, FGD,
in-person visit



Agriculture (Teknaf)

- 76 acres arable land is occupied (25 acres private)
- No Agri on 250 Hectares this season due to water crisis and pollution. (Agri. Officer, Teknaf)
- 58 Hectares cropland are polluted
- Crops are stolen
- Irrigation is hardly possible

Source: Upazila and Union Agri Officer, FGD,
in-person visit

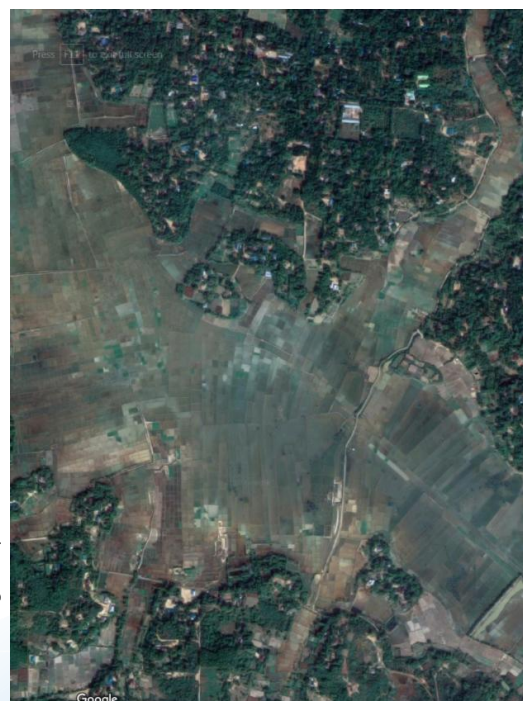


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Employment & Livelihood

- Directly affected 34 village, 58,000 people (Ukhia) **28% of total population** [Union Parishad]
- 40% of them are day-labor (23,000+) [estimated in FGD]
- Wage decreased from 400-500 to 200-250 (**50% decreased**)
- 600 fisher folk families in Ukhia, 76% income on fishing in Naf river (stopped for Myanmar military shooting)
- As a result, **poverty is increasing** among the host communities.
- 1200 families in Palangkhali in serious need [FGD]



Employment & Livelihood (indirect)

- Livestock grazing + firewood collection stopped in forest
- Cows and goats lost/ stolen
- Price of firewood increased from 250 to 400 Tk/Maund
- People started small business in camps, security people forced them to get out
- Transport cost increased 20% [compared to Aug 2017]
- House rent increased 30-40%



Price of Daily shop

Item ↑	Ukhia	Pekua	Aman Bazar, Chittagong
Small Fish	300	240	240 (25%)
Big fish	400	300	250 (60%)
Chicken	135	115	110 (22%)
Vegetable (Avg.)	40	28	30 (33%)

Item ↓	Ukhia	Pekua	Aman Bazar, Chittagong
Rice (big)	44	47	48 (8%)
Rice (fine)	52	55	58 (10%)
Masur Dal	105	110	115 (9%)
Soyabin oil	106	105	105

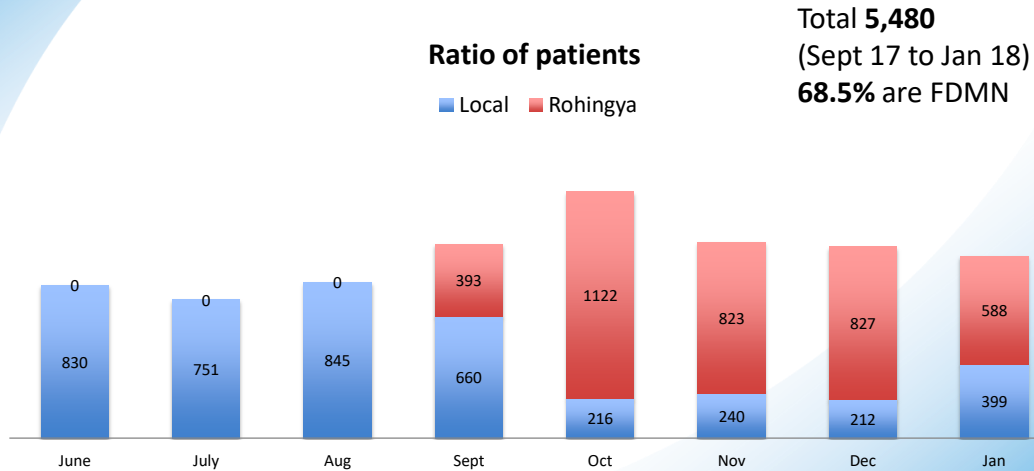
Health Issues

- **6,200 Diphtheria patients (susp)** in Rohingya, **38 death, 62 local patients identified** [Ukhia Sadar Hospital]
- Water for household works polluted (**60% people** depend on surface water) [FGD]
- Community Clinics are crowded by FDMN (**65%**) [Register]
- **15% villagers near camps yet to vaccinated** [FGD]



Photo: Ferdaus Ara Rume

Ukhia Health Complex



Education: **Generation Loss**

- 5 Govt. Primary school occupied. **3,000 students** affected
- **15% students are absent** since the FDMN influx [monthly attendance report]
- **25% girls are absent.** due to crowded transport. [Teacher FGD]
- 7 teachers out of 10 from 2 high schools left for relief job. **1,200 students are affected.**
- In Ukhia College, **60% students are absent** [Student FGD]

Photo: Enamul Haque



Kerontoli Govt. Primary School



Other effects

- Roads are damaged for heavy vehicles
- All relief trucks coming to DC Office: Town roads are affected
- Temporary roads block canals and sewerage system [Kutupalong]
- Not enough security (after 6.00 pm Rohingya mobility is hardly monitored) [FGD]
- Women Trafficking increased/ Prostitution [BBC]



Conclusion

- The host community suddenly become minority (Demographic Imbalance) (2:5)
- Environment (forest plundered and water level dried up) is affected as well as pollution.
- Agriculture is adversely affected: current harvest and next 3-4 years cropping
- Vegetable and betel leaf cultivation, livestock stopped for the fear of theft [FGD] Example- Roikyong: 400 HH left their agriculture and livestock
- Livestock is hampered, cost increased.
- Employment and Livelihood (farmers, fisher folks, day labors) is severely affected, Poor people's income decreased to avg. 45%
- Public Health and Education is affected



Recommendations

- **Alternative fuel supply to all FDMN families immediately to protect the environment/ forest**
- HH Assessment of the loss (Agriculture, Forest, Water, Irrigation) is needed
- Identify affected families and compensate
- IGA, Cow/Goat rearing, High Value crops could be the way of compensation, NO relief!
- Input and Agri-Technology should be supplied
- SSN special program for this case, instead of common/traditional
- **Pollution in canals to remove immediately, before monsoon**
- Irrigation from Reju Khal to canals, steps to increase surface water preservation
- **Security should be increased, police camps in each camps**



Thank you

