

# **WFP SCALES UP FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN MYANMAR**

**TRT 2:50**

**Teknaf/Cox's Bazar Bangladesh/Rome, Italy**

**Shot: 5 - 14 Sep, 2017**

**0:00 - 0:05**

**Myanmar/Bangladesh border area near Teknaf, Bangladesh**

Plumes of smoke from Rohingya houses burning near Teknaf border.

**Shot: 10 Sep 2017**

**0:05 - 0:20**

**Teknaf**

Rohingya arriving in Bangladesh

**Shot: 05 Sep 2017**

**0:20 - 0:25**

**Balukhali**

Rohingya making their way to a newly setup camp. A new space of 50 acres given by the Bangladeshi government for new arrivals at Balukhali village

**Shot: 09 Sep 2017**

**0:25 - 0:47**

**Myanmar/Bangladesh border area near Teknaf, Bangladesh**

**SOT: Arefa Begum, (Rohingya)**

*"They burned our houses and killed any Rohingya they found. They came with helicopters and guns and they bombed and shot at us."*

**Shot: 08 Sep 2017**

**0:47 - 1:02**

**Kutupalong camp at Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar**

Refugees walking through the mud and taking shelter at the Kutupalong registered camp.

**Shot: 10 Sep 2017**

**1:02 - 1:22**

**Kutupalong, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar**

newly arrived Rohingya refugees receive a hot meal every day provided by WFP at ACF

**Shot: 11 Sep 2017**

**1:22 - 1:40**

**Rome, Italy**

**SOT David Beasley, WFP Executive Director (English)**

*"We're talking about 20 to 25,000 people per day fleeing for their lives, crossing the border into Bangladesh. We're scaling up from 25 / 35,000 people to 400,000 people and we're talking about even more - so we're on the ground getting it done."*

**Shot: 14 Sep2017**

**1:40 - 2:10**

**Kutupalong camp Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar**

New arrivals receive high energy biscuits provided by WFP Bangladesh at Kutupalong registered camp.

**Shot: 08 Sep2017**

**2:10 - 2:30**

**Teknaf**

Rice distribution by WFP for new arrivals at Nayapara WFP food distribution.

**Shot: 10 Sep2017**

**2:30 - 2:50**

**Cox's Bazar**

Rohingya cooking rice, infant eating fortified WFP semolina.

**Shot: 10 Sep2017**

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**DHAKA** – The United Nations World Food Programme is responding to the urgent food needs of almost 100,000 hungry people arriving in the Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh as they flee violence and unrest in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

- An estimated 400,000 people have crossed the border into Bangladesh.
- Since 27 August, WFP has provided more than 83,500 people with high-energy biscuits as they arrive seeking shelter in already overcrowded settlements in Cox's Bazar.
- Around 95,000 people have received warm meals – khichuri, a kind of rice and lentil porridge – through community kitchens operated by Action Contre la Faim, where WFP provides rice. These kitchens continue to provide meals for about 5,300 people per day.
- WFP is especially concerned about the health of women and children arriving hungry and malnourished. Nearly 3,500 pregnant women, new mothers and children under the age of five have received a special, high-nutrient porridge made of wheat and soya flour.

- On 9 September, WFP began distributing 25 kilograms of rice to newly arrived families both in registered camps and makeshift settlements. More than 91,000 people so far.
- Going forward WFP plans to continue providing high-energy biscuits to families as they arrive, followed by 50kg of rice per month for four months.
- WFP needs at least \$US 14.8 million to scale up assistance to those seeking shelter in the camps for the next four months. The financial needs may increase as the number of people needing assistance increases. The current planning figure includes:
  - WFP works with two national NGOs, SHED and MUKTI, as well as ACF, to distribute food in the camps. Red Crescent, IFRC and private donors are also providing assistance.
  - The food for new arrivals comes on top of the assistance that WFP provides to 34,000 registered refugees living in 'official' camps, through e-vouchers. Another 72,500 undocumented people living in makeshift camps, who arrived after the last outbreak of violence in October 2016, receive rice and nutrition support.

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