



**Summary Screening Report – Issue 4**  
Emergency Multi-Sector Rohingya Crisis Response Project  
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**Executive Summary:** WFP has continued to screen proposed sub-projects under the Emergency Multi-Sector Rohingya Crisis Response Project (EMRCRP) using Appendix II of the Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF). Since the summary report submitted on 26 January 2021, WFP has completed 48 screenings of Community Workfare sub-projects. A detailed breakdown of these projects is provided below, in addition the raw data for the site-specific screenings (Annex A) and a summarized screening tool for each camp and type of activity (Annex B). All proposed sub-projects have been classified as low risk. Thus, WFP has endorsed these sub-projects for implementation.<sup>1</sup>

Type of Activity	# of sites	Camps	Description
Slope stabilization	8	8E, 9, 13, 18, 21	Establishing mechanical or biological structures on slopes to reduce soil erosion and landslide risk
Pedestrian pathways, stairs and guide wall construction	14	4 Ext, 7, 8E, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22	Building or rehabilitating pathways, stairs and guide walls using bricks and mortar beddings and joints. Stairs and guide walls are plastered with cement mortar, in addition to having a cement concrete foundation base (substructure).
Bridge construction	1	4	Constructing bridges with rope and bamboo, with cement concrete foundation base (substructure).
Road improvement	5	14, 16, 25	Laying brick on access roads
Drainage improvement	8	13, 15, 18	Lining natural drainage with bricks and cement mortar plaster on the interior (sides and bottom) of drainage to improve water flow and prevent leaching into the groundwater
Drainage cleaning		-	Rubbish and silt removal from the drains
Combination projects	12	1E, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 16	Mixed pathway, bridge, stair, culvert and guide wall construction, in addition to drainage improvement (see above).
Tree maintenance	-	Ongoing, but screened and reported in Issue 1	Weeding, removing rubbish, pruning and watering the saplings. Occasionally, new seedlings will be planted to replace saplings that died in the previous season.
Centre construction	-		Building of basic bamboo structures to host community service activities.
Centre renovation	-		Improving or expanding existing centres to host community service activities.

The following report captures information required in Appendix I of the ESMF. The same information was presented in the earlier issues/reports, with slight modifications based on the types of projects screened during this period and the results from the screenings.

<sup>1</sup> Sub-projects rated as medium and high risk will have a site-specific management plan developed. WFP will continue screening proposed sub-projects and the results will be shared accordingly. Note that not all the screened activities will be funded under the EMRCR Project; however, by conducting the screenings, they are eligible per the World Bank requirements.



**Name of Sub-Project:** Community Workfare

**Implementing Agency/Agencies<sup>2</sup>:** Helvetas Swiss InterCooperation Inc. (Helvetas), Save the Children, Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS), World Vision International, CARE, ICC Cooperation (ICCO), Shushilan, Christian Aid (CAID) and Nabolok

**Estimated total cost of the sub-projects (in Taka):** The total cost of the proposed sub-projects will be shared in upcoming progress reports.

**Estimated construction, operation and maintenance period (life of sub-project):** These projects will be maintained by the cooperating partners (CPs) until the Field Level Agreement (FLA) expires.

**District:** Cox's Bazar

**Sub-District:** Ukhiya and Teknaf

**Name of Community/Local Area:** This screening report covers sub-projects proposed in camps 1E, 3, 4, 4Ext, 5, 7, 8E, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25 and 26

**Brief description of sub-project site:** All screened sub-projects will be implemented on land that has already been converted from forested area into camp dwellings. There are three government protected forest areas in the hill ranges of Ukhiya and Teknaf, Himchari National Park, Sheikh Jamal Inani Wildlife Sanctuary and the Teknaf Wildlife Sanctuary; however, these are not within the 1km of identified sub-projects.

**Brief description of the demographics:** The Bangladeshi population of Cox's Bazar district is around 3.3 million, with the sub-districts of Ukhiya and Teknaf, where the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) camps are located, have a population of roughly 456,732 people. There are approximately 35,000 registered Rohingya refugees residing in two camps and over 854,000 million unregistered FDMNs reside in 32 unregistered camps.

**Type of materials required during construction and operation:** Sub-projects will require a mixture of bamboo, bricks, brick chips, cement, rope, rubber, jute/geo bags and sand. Cooperating partners (CPs) reported that they will source these items from the local market, and thus will not impact the natural resources within or near the camps. Additionally, structures will be semi-permanent, and will not result in long-term soil sealing or degradation.

**Type of waste generated during construction and operation:** Waste management within the camps collected and transported by partners of the Site Management and Site Development Sector, and handled and processed by the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Sector. WFP is coordinating with SMSD and WASH to ensure that waste is properly disposed of and recycled, whenever possible. Waste generated from these sub-projects will be minimal during construction and operation; however, broken or unusable construction material will be removed per WFP's Construction Waste Management Procedures. For drain improvement and cleaning activities, waste generation will be higher than other sub-projects. When feasible, WFP has requested that CPs report the amount of waste produced to ensure that the WASH sector is able to manage the amount generated. Beyond construction and pre-existing solid waste, CPs do not anticipate other types of waste as workers will return home for meals and will use pre-existing toilets and other amenities that are managed by other partners in the camps.

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<sup>2</sup> WFP refers to implementing agencies as cooperating partners



**Sensitive environmental, cultural, archaeological, religious sites near (within 1km) of site including elephant migration routes and remaining forests:** A review of the social safeguards revealed that no sensitive cultural, archaeological or religious sites were identified within 1km of the site. Certain sub-projects will occur within proximity to pre-existing mosques; however, these are new structures (since 2017) and none of the projects will impact those locations. For environmental safeguards, the screenings confirmed that the community and CPs confirmed that projects did not occur near the migration routes nor protected areas. Additionally, remaining forests within the camps will not be affected by the activity.

**State of the forests and wildlife:** During the FDMN influx, swathes of forests were cleared for shelters, cultivation and firewood. Thanks to concerted efforts from the Bangladeshi government and the international community, tree planting activities have increased vegetation cover within the camp, and the distribution of LPG has reduced demand for firewood sourced from the local area. Thus, remaining forests have remained and the tree cover within the camp has increased. Despite the positive trends, the ecosystems within the camps remain highly degraded compared to the forest areas that existed prior to the influx, thus displacing wildlife and harming biodiversity. Indeed, during the screenings FDMNs shared that they do not see any wildlife in the area beyond small lizards and a few birds, although there have occasionally been incidents with elephants entering the camps.

**Impact on land and natural resources:** Land will not be acquired nor voluntarily given for any of the community workfare proposed sub-projects. None of the proposed sub-projects will negatively affect natural resources, and most activities will positively influence natural management. For example, drainage improvement activities will reduce the risk of stagnant water forming, preventing infiltration of polluted water into the groundwater supply. Furthermore, slope stabilization projects will stabilize the soil, preventing soil erosion and siltation of surface water bodies.

**Impact on structures:** Shelters or other structures will not be disturbed during construction. Some sub-projects will temporarily shift fences around garden areas and shelters during construction (i.e. the drainage improvement projects in camp 4); however, the CPs guaranteed that all boundaries would be replaced and that those households have been properly consulted about the work. During the screenings, the WFP staff engaged with local community members to confirm that consultation occurred, and all stated that they were aware and felt positively about the planned works. Thus, resettlement will not be required for any of the proposed sub-projects; however, if this changes during the life of the project, all appropriate measures will be developed and enforced in alignment with the ESMF.

**Impact on trees:** Trees and the remaining forests will not be negatively affected by the sub-projects. All sub-projects are occurring on land that has already been converted from forests to settlements and none of the identified sub-projects intend to remove remaining trees during construction.

**Impact caused by construction:** Construction-induced impacts are not anticipated for any of the screened sub-projects; however, if any unforeseen adverse impacts are identified during implementation, appropriate mitigation measures will be developed and enforced in alignment with the ESMF.

**Labour management:** All workers will be FDMNs residing in the camp. No outside nor host community workers will be employed, thus reducing the risk that labour influxes will increase social tensions. Cooperating partners will be required to follow the occupational health and safety measures outlined in the Site Management and Site Development (SMSD) guidelines. All staff and



participants must also adhere to the COVID-19 Transmission Prevention Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), which has been reviewed and approved by the World Bank. WFP has trained cooperating partners on occupational health and safety measures (including COVID-19), along with other safeguard measures.

Each participant will be eligible to work 15 days per month, equivalent to three working weeks, in alignment with the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Group (ISCG). No work will be done on weekends, apart from exceptional cases (e.g. natural disaster). Each participant will be eligible to work for a total of 90 days. In exchange for work, each participant will receive the following remuneration:

- **Unskilled labour:** 50 BDT/ hour for 7 hours per day, 15 days per month. 90 days per participant allowed.
- **Skilled labour:** 75 BDT/hour, for 7 hours per day, 15 days per month. 90 days per participant allowed.

Payment will be paid as a combination of food voucher and cash. Skilled and unskilled labour will be based on an assessment of their experience or their participation in a vocational training.

Cooperating partners will share the COVID-19 guidance, health and safety information, entitlement details and introduce environmental and social safeguards to new participants at the beginning of each sub-project and worker rotation. In order to facilitate this process, WFP has developed Key Messages that captures all the required information that cooperating partners should share with participants.

**Status of gender-based violence:** Sub-projects will help reduce the incidence of gender-based violence (GBV) by offering individuals an opportunity to pursue income-generating activities outside of the home. A [Rapid Gender Analysis](#) by UN Women in October 2020 reported that key informants observed an increase in GBV, citing containment measures, movement restrictions and increased stress as the reason for increased domestic tensions that often culminated in physical and emotional violence. Many key informants indicated that men being confined at home as a source of this tension. Based on those findings, offering individuals employment opportunities that reduce the financial burden and provide a safe place for people to work should reduce GBV incidence. Post-distribution monitoring will capture how participants spent their entitlement, if participants felt safe during the activity (and in the movement to and from the site), and if they were treated with dignity and respect, among other protection indicators. This will ensure that sub-projects do not inadvertently increase the incidence of GBV in the camps.

**Community engagement:** Cooperating partners have consulted with communities about proposed sub-projects and informed them of the participant selection process. Community members will be engaged in the project through the project-specific committees, including the Camp-based Implementation Committees (CBICs) and the Rohingya Food Security Committees (RFSCs). The CBICs will include the Camp in Charge as the Chair, at least two FDMNs (one male and one female – RFSC members should be included), and a representative from WFP or the cooperating partners. CBICs will review and endorse sub-projects. Inclusion of RFSC members in the CBICs will facilitate exchange of information between the communities, cooperating partners, camp management and WFP by providing feedback on identified sub-projects and gathering feedback. RFSCs will comprise of 9 to 15 people (with an average membership of 13 people), with a minimum of 30% females and at least one person with a disability. This composition will ensure that diverse perspectives are included in decision making processes and information reaches all demographic groups.



**Conclusion: Currently, all sub-projects have been identified as low risk, and thus no additional assessment or environmental management plan is required. The proposed mitigation measures will be monitored throughout the project life cycle.**

**Summary of Annexes:**

- A. Site-specific Screening Results - see Excel attachment for 48 sub-projects
- B. Screening summaries by activity type and camp – see Zip file attached
- C. Screening Data Collection Tool (see attachment)

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