

# Camp Situation Overview during Monsoon

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As heavy monsoon rainfall started since the very beginning of July, 2019 throughout the country and hilly region, a flow of water have been threatening of potential flood and land slide in Cox's Bazar area. The situation also affected the rohingya camps and created disturbance to their regular lives and as well as for all the humanitarian activities which are conducted by different INGOs and NGOs.



SARPV is currently working with 8 OTPs and 6 BFSCs centers in 7 camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf and activities of all the centers were affected during the natural calamity.

Cox's Bazar has a tropical climate. It has significant rainfall most of the months with short dry season. In a year, the average rainfall is 3972mm.

Intense heat of summer and deforestation caused Rohingya community to suffer a lot. They have considered the sudden rain as God's blessing. But excessive rainfall of first week of July brought misery to their lives. Since, there were heavy rainfall; it caused flood and landslides in various camps. Mud, water, traffic congestion had made the camp movement on foot or vehicles challenging. According to the Dhaka Tribune, three days of continuous rain, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> July, has destroyed some 273 shelters, created 26 landslides and injured 11 people in Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar. According to IMO report, 1,186 households affected by landslides, 216 households impacted by flooding, 1,840 households affected by wind, 15,534 people affected by flooding or other safety risks.



In Camp 18, 2E & 4, for overflow of rainy water and the soil erosion the walls of the OTP centers got wet and cracked. Water came inside into the OTP center. Floor has been severely damaged. In camp 2E, because of the landslide, the rain water flooded the keyhole garden; as a result all the seeds which were planted previously washed away and most of the vegetable plants got damaged. Due to not having proper drainage system in Unchiprang Camp 22, excessive rain caused the water flow from the drains. Thus, the environment inside

the camp became unhygienic. Hence, continually bad odor spreads all around the OTP. It's becoming really difficult to use the toilets for both the beneficiaries and the OTP employees. In Camp 2E, because of the landslide the draining system was blocked.

Sometimes overflow of rainy water flooded the OTP centers. The most of tarpaulin roof of OTP centers were leaked. Rain water fall inside OTPs through the roof, as regular rain caused roof shade's damage. It affected the regular activities of the OTPs center. Extreme rainfall caused muddy and slippery walk way inside the camps.



### **Effects on programmatic activities**

In all camps the outreach activities were being hampered due to heavy rain. Thus Beneficiaries could not come to the OTP centers to receive the services. SARPV OTP 3 is situated at camp 2E. This is a hilly area. Due to this, in rainy season it becomes very difficult for CNPs to go door to door for screening. Even beneficiaries did not want to come to OTP centers to take services. Sometimes the CNPs faced distraction while walking on the slippery hill.

Consequently, prevalence of waterborne diseases increased among the community children.

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