



**“Emergency food security and nutrition intervention for people affected by the refugee crisis in Cox’s Bazar”**

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<b>Objective:</b>	To improve the food security and nutrition of refugee and host populations living in Cox’s Bazar through farming inputs, training and stabilizing land for cultivation.
<b>Key partners:</b>	International Organization for Migration; Government of Bangladesh, Ministries of Agriculture, Disaster Management and Relief, and Environment, Forestry and Climate Change; Bangladesh Agricultural University; Bangladesh Bureau of Socio-economic Research and Training; Cox’s Bazar South Forest Department; Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation; Arannayk, local Non-governmental Organization.
<b>Beneficiaries reached:</b>	50 500 refugee and host community households (252 500 people), 84 farmers’ groups and eight plant nursery management teams.
<b>Activities implemented:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided micro-gardening starter kits (50 000 each of silos, watering cans and spades, 6.5 tonnes of vegetable seeds in total) and one 60-litre safe food storage drum per household to 25 000 refugee and 25 500 host community households.</li><li>• Procured 200 threshers, 122 power tillers, 72 water pumps and 72 sprayers to assist with harvesting and irrigation.</li><li>• Delivered farm-to-market business plans and post-harvest production training through farmer field schools for 84 farmers’ groups (1 680 farmers).</li><li>• Trained eight plant nursery management teams (80 staff) in best practices.</li><li>• Established 17 new tree and grass nurseries in and around host communities and provided storage drums, watering cans and spades to 104 existing nurseries.</li><li>• Trained 150 farmers on bamboo collection, planting and management and provided ten seedlings to each trainee.</li><li>• Procured planting material for a total of 223 000 mixed seedlings, 2 017 405 grass seedlings, 33 677 bamboo and rattan seedlings, 153 kg of leguminous shrub seeds, 35 100 sticks for staking, and 54 900 kg of organic manure to cover 100 ha in camps and host communities.</li><li>• Distributed LPG cooking fuel sets to 3 000 most-vulnerable households.</li><li>• Developed Forest Department Strategy and shared among partners to increase collaboration and cohesion.</li></ul>
<b>Results:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced home food production by an average of 1 735 kg of vegetables per host community household and 430 kg per refugee household.</li><li>• Increased household Food Consumption Score by an average of 22%.</li><li>• Increased income and employment through new plant nurseries and increased food production for famers.</li><li>• Strengthened existing reforestation and livelihood programmes.</li><li>• Improved capacity of Forest Department on landslide mitigation.</li></ul>