

# Improving Shelter and Settlement of Rohingya in Camp 14, 15 and 16

## Context

With the August 2017 wave of Rohingya fleeing from Myanmar to Bangladesh, huge refugee camps emerged within weeks. The Rohingya are living in conditions of hardship, crammed together in tiny shelters of some 17m<sup>2</sup> per family made from bamboo and tarpaulins, on hills that were previously covered by forests. In absence of the right to work, Rohingya remain dependent support including to ensure their shelter needs.

During the monsoon, living and moving in the camp becomes very difficult, as heavy rains turn the soil into mud. Unpaved paths and the damaged bamboo stairs become slippery and lead to accidents. Houses on the steepest slopes are at serious risk of landslides.

## Project Overview

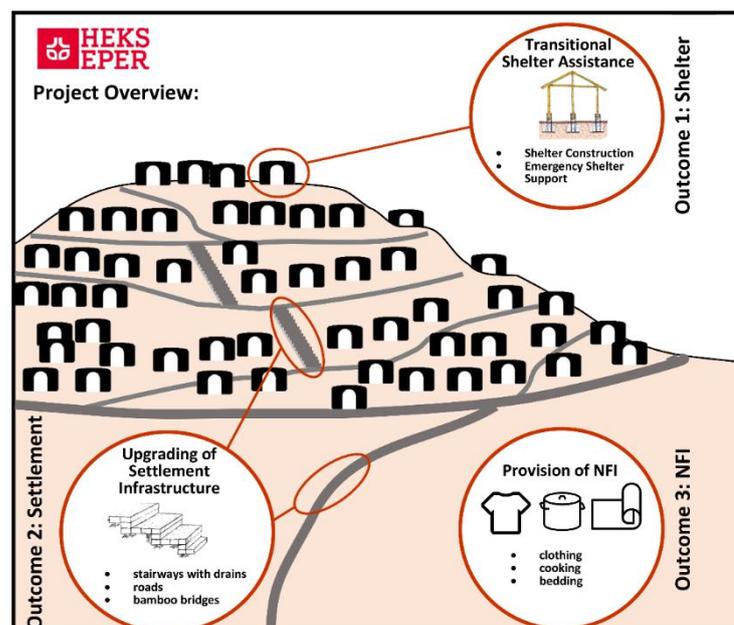
Since 2019 HEKS/EPER is the shelter focal organization for Camp 15 and leads since 2020 also all shelter interventions in Camps 14 and 16.

In the first project phase from mid-2019 to mid-2020, HEKS/EPER upgraded all Emergency Shelters in Camp 15 to Transitional Shelters (TSA I). Bamboo infested by insects and tarpaulins damaged by sun and wind were replaced. The quality of the shelters was improved by installing metal footings, provision of treated bamboo, and reinforcing of cyclone safety features like bracings.

In line with the Shelter/NFI Sector plans and in-kind support by IOM, HEKS/EPER continues this engagement in Camps 14, 15, and 16. One year after receiving TSA I support, HEKS/EPER will again provide households new construction material for regular maintenance and to further upgrade their shelters to TSA II.

In the successive phases of shelter support, the individual needs of households became more diversified, linked to the particular state of their shelter, the size of their family, the exposure of their plot to landslides, winds, and flooding, the own investments made by the household. In the second project phase except for little safety-relevant material, each household can choose freely from a list of construction items.

HEKS/EPER distributes in this project also NFI and constructs settlement infrastructure that increases safety in the camps and the host community.





## Objective

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To ensure adequate living conditions for Rohingya and Host Community through more durable solutions for shelter and settlement, and access to NFI.

## Target groups

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102'000 Rohingya Refugees living in Camp 14, 15, and 16 will benefit from Shelter, Settlement, and NFI Interventions.

3'000 Bangladeshi Households living close to the camps will benefit from Settlement activities.

## Activities in Phase II of this project

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### Outcome 1: Transitional Shelter Assistance (TSA II)

20'500 Rohingya households will receive shelter items in two installments. Except for some safety-relevant items, households can flexibly select from a list of construction materials, which gives them more ownership of their shelters and reduces the reselling of distributed material. HEKS/EPER will train people on shelter construction, laborers will support vulnerable households to implement the works, and project engineers counsel households throughout the planning and construction process. Only households that ensure safety features will receive the second installment.

Households in the camps that experience damage to their shelters due to small-scale natural hazards like strong winds, landslides, fires, or that need to be relocated within the camp, will be supported to rebuild their shelters. For larger emergencies, HEKS operates 5 containers with emergency shelter material which can be immediately distributed.





### Outcome 2: Improved Settlement Infrastructure



HEKS/EPER will continue to improve settlement in the Rohingya Camps already started in Phase I of the project. In Phase II additionally, 400m stairways with drains will be constructed. The focus of Phase II will be on the rehabilitation of 6 km earthen and brick soled roads, mostly in the host community. With a labor-intensive approach,

substantial employment will be generated for Bangladeshis, in a time when livelihoods have been strongly affected by changing dynamics in the labor market due to the presence of Rohingya as well as the impact of COVID-19.

**Country:** Bangladesh

**Duration:** 5/2019 – 12/2021

**Project Budget:**

Phase I: USD 2.9 Million

Phase II: USD 4.3 Million

HEKS/EPER No.: 610.431

**Responsibility:**

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### Outcome 3: Distribution of Non-Food Items.

HEKS/EPER will provide Non-food items (clothing, bedding, and cooking) to all 21'500 households living in camp 14, 15, and 16 in line with the standards of the Shelter/NFI Sector.



## **Earlier Activities in Phase I of this project**

Outcome 1: Upgrading of 10'500 Shelters to TSA I

Outcome 2: Construction of 2.5 km pathways, 1.6 km stairways, and stabilization of 3 km risky slopes

## **Project Implementation Modality**

The project is implemented directly by HEKS/EPER

## **This project is supported by**



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