

Decision to Launch the “Emergency Response to Cox’s Bazar Refugee Camp Fire” Program: More than 10,000 shelters burned down, affecting more than 40,000 people

On 8 April, Japan Platform (JPF) decided to launch its emergency response in Bangladesh to the massive fire that broke out in a refugee camp for people who have fled Myanmar.

Program Overview

Term	6 months
Budget	100 million yen (government subsidies)
Location	Refugee camp in Bangladesh for people who have fled Myanmar
Content	Food, NFIs (non-food items)/daily essential items, healthcare, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), protection of women and children

*The program period and budget will be re-examined as needed depending on the local situation.

◆ Overview

On the afternoon of 22 March, a fire broke out in the Kutupalong-Balukhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh, where about 600,000 of the 860,000 displaced persons from Myanmar live^{*1}. The fire spread to dwellings made of highly flammable bamboo and burned several sections of the camp while also damaging the surrounding host community. It killed 13 people, injured 563, destroyed more than 10,000 shelters and 1,600 public facilities, and left about 45,000 people homeless. In addition to the homes, more than 1,500 water supply facilities, 50 educational facilities, and 16 child-friendly spaces have also been rendered unusable due to burning or damage (as of 2 April)^{*2}.



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The government of Bangladesh is working with international organizations to coordinate relief efforts among aid groups. Assistance to the affected people includes rebuilding and repairing burned or damaged infrastructure and shelters, distribution of drinking water and food, healthcare, protection of women and children, and prevention of the spread of the new coronavirus. As the cyclone and monsoon seasons are approaching in the area, a prompt response will be required.

Considering the severity of the fire damages at the refugee camp for people who have fled Myanmar and the impact on the humanitarian crisis, JPF will implement necessary support activities in cooperation with member NGOs and local partner organizations. After the completion of this program, we plan to supplement our relief efforts within the framework of the ongoing Emergency Response for People Fleeing Myanmar.

New coronavirus cases have been reported in Cox’s Bazar. We will keep ourselves up to date on the local countermeasures against the spread through exchanging information with local governments and international organizations, and promptly provide emergency assistance while taking thorough infection prevention measures in our activities. We will be posting regular updates on the JPF website and our [Facebook](#) page.

*1 : OCHA, [2020 Joint Response Plan for Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis - Mid Term Review- \(30 November 2020\)](#)

*2 : BRAC, [Situation Report #10: Fire Incident Across Rohingya Camps 2-3 April 2021 \(4 April 2021\)](#)

◆ **Donating to the JPF Emergency Response for People Fleeing Myanmar**

In the ongoing "Emergency Response for People Fleeing Myanmar" program, we continue to accept donations.

*Given the urgency of the situation, severity of the destruction, and the impact on the humanitarian crisis, the “Emergency Response to Cox’s Bazar Refugee Camp Fire” program will be utilizing Japanese government subsidies for its relief activities. After the completion of this program, we plan to continue our support activities within the ongoing "Emergency Response for People Fleeing Myanmar" program. We would be grateful if you could support us with your donations.

Domestic Remittance

Name of bank	MUFG Bank, Ltd
Branch	Head Office
Type of account	Saving
Account number	1732850
Name of account holder	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

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*When making a donation through Japan Post, please write "people fleeing Myanmar" in the memo column.

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Account name	TOKUHI JAPAN PLATFORM (Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform)
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*10% of donations from corporate and organizational supporters and 15% of donations from individual supporters will be used for overhead administrative costs, and the rest will be used locally for projects at the activity sites.

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◆ **About Japan Platform (JPF)**

JPF was established in 2000 as a new mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. JPF provides various forms of support to Japanese member NGOs to provide rapid and efficient emergency assistance abroad as well as within Japan. Over the years, JPF has built trust by providing assistance through more than 1,650 projects in more than 50 countries and regions of the world with a total amount of more than 67 billion yen as we promoted cooperation between businesses and NGOs and provided solid activity reports. Information is shared among more than 40 JPF member NGOs in various fields of expertise to create assistance projects together. In the Great East Japan Earthquake relief efforts, which received a total of more than 7 billion yen from the private sector, we worked together with regional cooperation and intermediary support organizations in the affected prefectures in supporting local NGOs and contributed to the development of reconstruction frameworks.

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