Extremely Severe Cyclone Mocha made landfall on 14 May, crossing the coast between Kyaukpyu township in Myanmar and Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh with stronger than expected winds. The cyclone approached the coast with maximum sustained wind speeds of roughly 250 kmph. Storm surge estimated at 3.5 meters has inundated low lying areas in Rakhine and the adjoining southeast Bangladesh coast, with significant water entering Sittwe. Extremely strong winds have knocked down power lines, uprooted trees, and damaged and destroyed houses.

**BANGLADESH**

A total of US$42.16 million is urgently required to support refugee and Bangladeshi communities affected by Cyclone Mocha, including US$36.5 million under the Rohingya Refugee Response (in addition to the prioritized needs in the 2023 HRP) and US$5.63 million for the Humanitarian Country Task Team (HCTT) in support of Bangladeshi communities in Teknaf, including Saint Martin’s Island, which was the most severely impacted area in Bangladesh. This appeal outlines the urgent needs to replenish contingency stocks, reinforce preparedness capacity ahead of the monsoon season, as well as to build back better with weather- and fire-resistant material that is so critical in saving lives. It covers the period May to December 2023. An urgent injection of funds is desperately needed to facilitate a full-scale response to the impacts of the cyclone. The 2023 Appeal for the Rohingya Refugee Response is only 24% funded.

The total areas covered by Cyclone Mocha include the counties of Sittwe, Maungdaw, Myanmar, and in Bangladesh, Cox’s Bazar and Ukhiya.

**MYANMAR**

This multi-sectoral response targets approximately 1.6 million people affected by Cyclone Mocha and its aftermath across five areas of Myanmar – Rakhine, Chin, Sagaing, Magway and Kachin. A total of US$333 million is urgently required for this response plan to address needs in all communities affected by the cyclone and its aftermath. The cyclone and the flooding that followed hit an area of high pre-existing vulnerability, with large numbers of displaced, returned, stateless and crisis-affected people who were already targeted for support under the existing 2023 Myanmar Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). Thus, the financial requirement for this Flash Appeal includes some activities originally costed under the 2023 HRP that can now be pivoted to support people affected by the cyclone. It also identifies completely new or scaled-up activities that will support the cyclone response to the existing HRP target populations, as well as costing support to entirely new people with needs as a result of the disaster across all communities.

The Myanmar Humanitarian Response Plan is only 9% funded. The 2023 Appeal for the Rohingya Refugee Response is only 24% funded.

**Data sources:** GDACS, JTWC, Humanitarian partners

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