

DRC BANGLADESH

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is formally registered NGO with the Government of Bangladesh since 2013. DRC was present in the country witnessing a large-scale humanitarian crisis unfolding in Myanmar and spilling into Bangladesh in August 2017 and the months following. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya men, women and children from neighbouring Myanmar's Rakhine State crossed the border into Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar district in search of refuge and protection – a displacement crisis that immediately created what to this day remains known as 'the world's largest refugee camp'. More than 1.1 million displaced Myanmar nationals are hosted here, among already vulnerable communities with additional nearly 600,000 people in need.

DRC Bangladesh has its main country office in Cox's Bazar to support programme design and implementation, and with a Liaison Office in Dhaka to ensure coordination with Bangladesh government ministries and the NGO Affairs Bureau. DRC invests in its relationships with Bangladesh government authorities, ISCG, UN and other humanitarian partners at national and local level as well as programming acceptance with the host communities and in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar District.

The mission is represented by the Country Director, and currently employs 232 staff, of which 95% are Bangladeshi nationals, mostly recruited locally from Cox's Bazar and Chittagong Hill Tracts, and 5% international staff. DRC Bangladesh's 2021 budget amounted approximately USD 10 million.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

A five-year Country Strategy (2021- 2025) informs tangible interventions to enhance protection, resilience and self-reliance among the displaced populations and their host communities, through effective integrated programming. Till now, DRC has concentrated interventions in Cox's Bazar district responding to what has evolved into a protracted displacement crisis and with recurring shocks including from natural hazards during the monsoon season as well as multiple catastrophic fire incidents in the densely populated camp complex.

In 2022, DRC aims to expand the geographic scope of its interventions beyond Cox's Bazar, adopting a whole-of-operation improvement strategy and maintaining current core sectors: **Protection - Economic Recovery - Shelter & Settlements**, as well as **Camp Coordination & Camp Management**.

KEY INTERVENTION AREAS

DRC currently operates in 10 (of 31) camps and 4 host community locations in Cox's Bazar district. Services are provided through comprehensive and integrated programming with an Age, Gender and Diversity focus, and encompassing direct and supporting activities. DRC's **Protection** programme builds on three core elements: General Protection (Case Management, Protection Monitoring, Community-Based Protection), Child Protection, and responses to Gender-Based Violence. DRC's **Economic Recovery** programme focuses on green livelihoods, skills and employment, income generation and business enterprises, disaster risk reduction, environment, and climate change adaptation. Through its **Shelter & Settlements** programme, DRC provides shelter, constructs and repairs infrastructures, and controls soil erosion. DRC via the **Camp Coordination & Camp Management** sector supports capacity building of government officials, camp management and emergency preparedness, facilitation of household relocations from high-risk areas, conducting risk assessments, and sharing information with service providers. DRC advocates for community needs and equitable, safe access to humanitarian assistance by operating a complaints and feedback mechanism.

IMPACT

2021 reach: **341,851 people** (52% female, 48% male)

Protection: 27% ● **Economic Recovery:** 5% ● **Shelter & Settlements:** 25% ● **Camp Coordination & Camp Management:** 43%

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