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Almost 600 tons

of solid waste recycled or disposed of safely to date

Nearly 10 million litres

of fecal sludge collected, treated and disposed of to date

Objective of our WASH programme in the Rohingya Refugee Camps

To improve access to quality WASH services and promote positive hygiene practices, thereby reducing the prevalence of waterborne and communicable diseases amongst the targeted Rohingya refugees and vulnerable host communities.

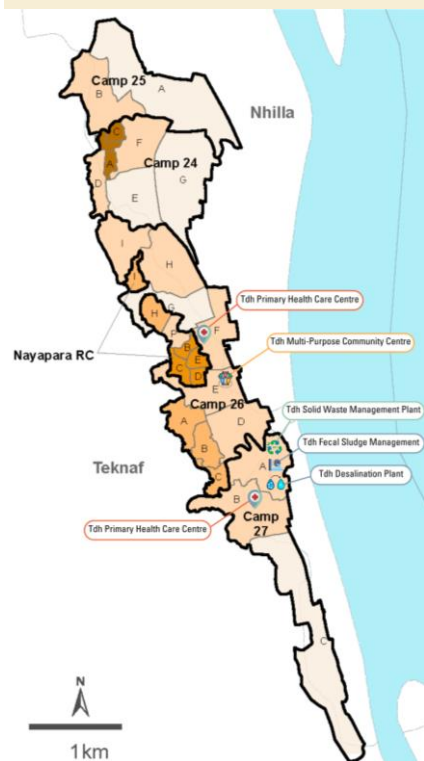
Urgent funding is required to keep water flowing in the world's largest refugee camp (Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh)



Terre des hommes' (Tdh) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme has been delivering essential, life-saving WASH services to nearly **68,000 Rohingya refugees and adjacent host community members** in Camps 26 and 27 in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar since 2017. With **US funding set to end in November 2025**, we require approximately **USD \$576,715 per year** to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of these life-saving WASH services.

Tdh's WASH services are structured around three key approaches, namely the provision of (1) safe water supply; (2) sanitation and hygiene services; and (3) community-based hygiene promotion. Clean drinking water is provided through Rainwater Catchment Systems and a large-scale Desalination Plant and proper waste management is ensured through two key facilities: a Fecal Sludge Management Plant and a Solid Waste Management Plant.

Tdh also promotes improved sanitation and hygiene in the community through campaigns and the distribution of menstrual hygiene and household hygiene kits, as well as the construction and maintenance of latrines, drainage systems, bathing cubicles, community waste bins and women's hygiene centres. These services are critical to protecting the health and dignity of both the Rohingya refugees and the neighbouring host communities.



Achievements in 2024

- **442 communal latrines and bathing cubicles** were built or renovated
- **Nearly 9 million litres of human excreta** were removed from latrines and treated at Tdh's Fecal Sludge Management Plant, as well as almost **840 tons of solid, non-organic waste**
- **Over 7,300 individuals** receive safe drinking water daily
- **Over 4,000 women and girls** receive menstrual hygiene kits yearly
- **3,165 households** benefit from waste collection services monthly
- **600 households** receive latrine desludging and disinfection services monthly



These essential services will come to an end in November 2025 unless we can secure new funding!

Desalination Plant

To address severe water scarcity in Teknaf, Tdh established a desalination plant in October 2024, capable of processing 110,000 liters of saline water daily from the Naf River into safe drinking water. This system currently serves just over 7,300 people (1,466 families) in Camps 26 and 27 and the neighbouring host communities. Tdh regularly tests the water to ensure it is safe for consumption. The project is implemented in close collaboration with the WASH sector and the camp authorities.

Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) Plant

To ensure proper sanitation and public health in Camps 26 and 27, Tdh's FSM Plant safely processes up to 70,000 litres of human excreta daily—helping to prevent water and soil contamination and reducing the incidence of water-borne and sanitation-related diseases such as Acute Watery Diarrhea, Scabies, Cholera, Dysentery, Typhoid and Hepatitis A.

Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plant

Tdh's SWM Plant focusses on recycling non-organic waste in Camps 26 and 27 – notably plastic, which is transformed into practical items such as buckets, shovels, baby potties, children's learning and recreational materials (alphabet cubes and balls) and drainage and latrine slabs. This project reduces pollution, whilst promoting environmental awareness.



Financial support required

Our WASH budget for a 12-month period is:

Personnel costs	\$65,197
Activity costs	\$231,480
Total direct costs	\$227,609
Indirect cost (10%)	\$52,429
Total costs	\$576,715

USD \$576,715 ensures nearly **68,000 people** in Camps 26 and 27 and the surrounding host communities receive **access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services for 12 months**, preventing disease outbreaks, reducing waterborne illnesses, and improving overall public health.

Your support is critical!



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