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# OBAT'S CLINIC FOR ROHINGYAREFUGEES



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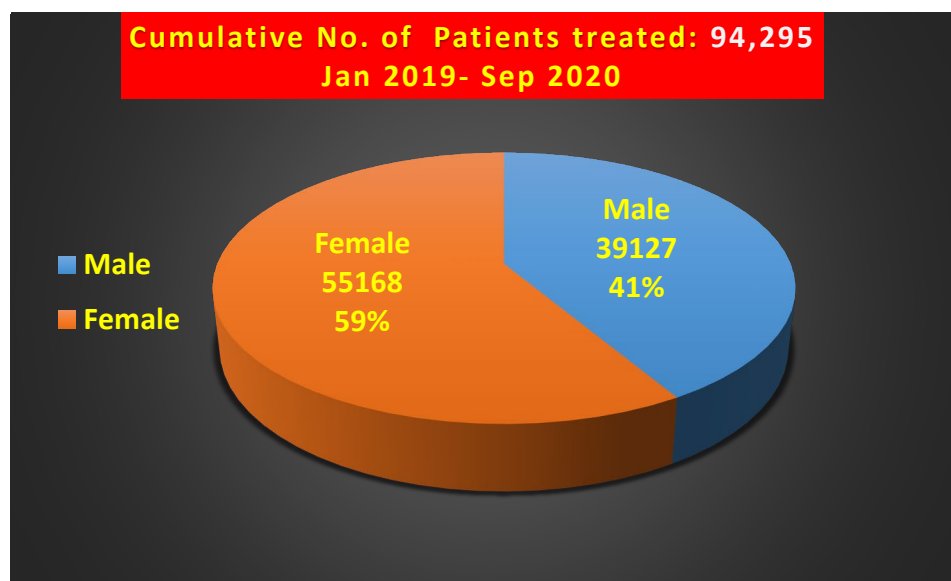
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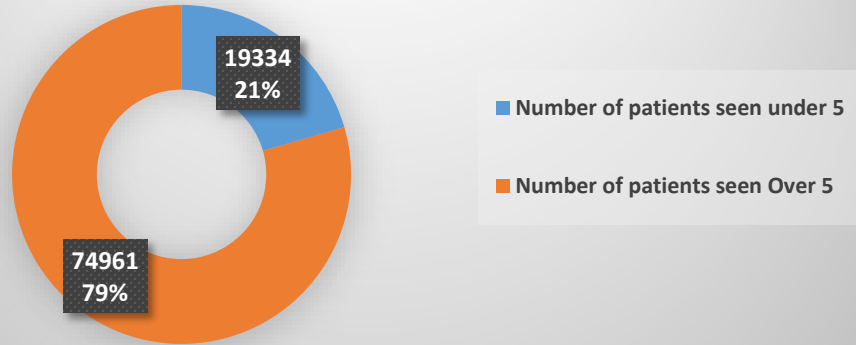
## UPDATES FROM THE ROHINGYA CLINIC!

Amid the challenges presented by the pandemic, OBAT is continuing to assist and support Rohingya refugees in the Kutupalong Camp on a daily basis, providing emergency healthcare services at its Health Post. All other projects in the camp have been halted by the Bangladesh Government, as Bangladesh entered a lockdown in March. Our clinic team, which enters the camp each day, is ensuring they are maintaining the highest standards of disease prevention and wears extensive personal protective equipment. Our Ukhiya-based office team is continuing to work safely in isolation. We are monitoring the situation as it develops and acting according to the advice of the Bangladesh Government, the World Health Organization, and relevant camp authorities.

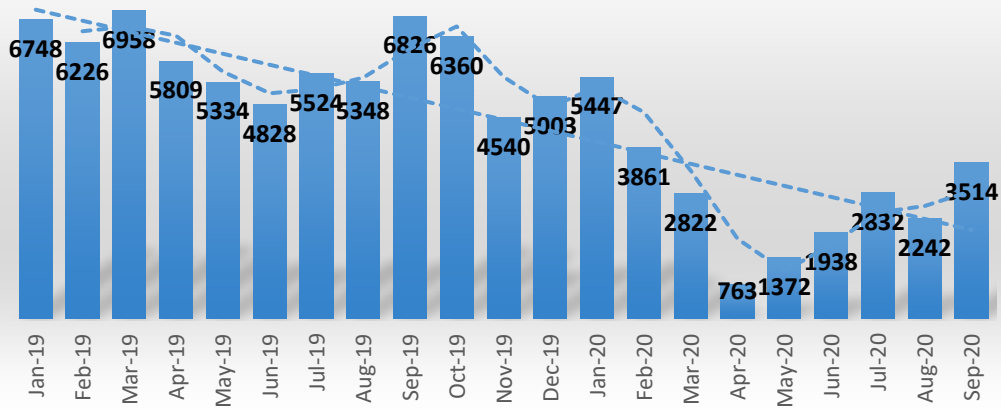
We are so proud of the medical team and laud their efforts for working hard in the field during these challenging times, with health partners, RCF and MedGlobal to provide emergency medical treatment to the Rohingya population. Due to the changes mandated by the Health Sector, we have been operating the clinic at a 50% capacity, and treating approximately 2,000 patients a month. In September, the clinic operated for 26 days. A total of 3,514 patients visited the clinic which was an increase of 1,272 patients from the previous month. The top 5 morbidities addressed in September were, Upper Respiratory Tract Infection, Diabetes Mellitus, Skin Diseases, Hypertension and other acute conditions.



## Breakdown of Patients Age Wise Under 5 years and Over 5 years



## Monthly Trend- No. of Patients



**In 2020, the following exciting events took place at the clinic!**



The clinic received a fully-equipped new dental chair set up for its facilities at the clinic. The dental chair was a generous donation from Refugee Crisis Foundation which has been partnering with OBAT since 2018 to provide much needed dental services for the refugees. OBAT's Clinic is the only clinic in the Kutupalong refugee camp to have this added facility for treatment of patients.

Our team is very excited about this addition! The dentists employed by RCF were already recognized all over the Rohingya camp as being the best dentists around, and this new addition will further improve the level of excellence of services provided. The dental unit is ready to go after addition of concrete flooring to the clinic to provide a stable surface to the clinic. Thank you to our partner, Refugee Crisis Foundation!



The clinic was also selected by WHO (World Health Organization) as one of the sites for hosting its immunization program. OBAT has now been offering an expanded Immunization program in collaboration with WHO since July 11th. At present, 8-10 children and pregnant women are being vaccinated daily. This number will be increasing gradually over time.





To strengthen the provision of health services for COVID 19 affected women, 20 hospital beds were gifted by OBAT to HOPE, a 100 bed field hospital for women, situated in Kutupalong Camp # 4.



September was also Baby Safety Month. OBAT celebrated the month by distributing 25 sets of baby kits to 25 FDMN (Forcefully Displaced Myanmar National) mothers of 0-5-month old babies. Each set comprised of a bamboo cot, cushion with pillows, katha (a local handmade blanket), mosquito net, feeder and a plastic bucket. All sewing items were created by Rohingya women who have earlier received training from OBAT's Women Empowerment Center. Dr. Shabnam, OBAT's resident physician, demonstrated the purpose and uses of distributed items. Emphasis was also placed by her on safe sleeping practice of the babies to encourage their healthy growth.

The distribution is the outcome of a pilot project funded by Bee Humble, Florida based organization, working jointly with OBAT Helpers. 25 units of the infant kits were made as a pilot program.

