

OBAT Helpers' Rohingya Relief Program
2022 Program Summary

OBAT Helpers Inc. USA has been working in the Rohingya camp in Bangladesh since 2018. The exodus of more than half a million Rohingya population referred to as FDMN (Forcefully Displaced Myanmar Nationals) and settlement in Bangladesh has posed a tremendous health hazard for them. Due to congested living conditions and poor nutrition, various health problems such as communicable diseases (including water-borne diseases and vaccine preventive diseases), injuries, gender-based violence, non-communicable diseases, and mental health issues abound. Through its health post, OBAT has been addressing the health issues faced by Rohingya refugees.

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Health Program



OBAT's health project specifically aims to provide:

- a) Primary health care, medical treatment and free medicines
- b) Dental treatment, dental surgery and free medicines to the target Rohingya Community through the dental unit of the OBAT Health Post
- c) Maternal treatment, neo-natal and post-natal services with proper attention to malnutrition and acute malnutrition to the target mothers of Rohingya Community through maternity unit of the OBAT Health Post
- d) Extend emergency health care to the target Rohingya Community in case there is health crisis
- e) Extend referral services as and when required
- f) Required health services to the host community in Rajapalong through health camps maintaining COVID-19 preventive measures



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Health Services



1. Out-patient department

2. Emergency

3. Maternity with SRH services

4. Dental unit

5. Lab facility

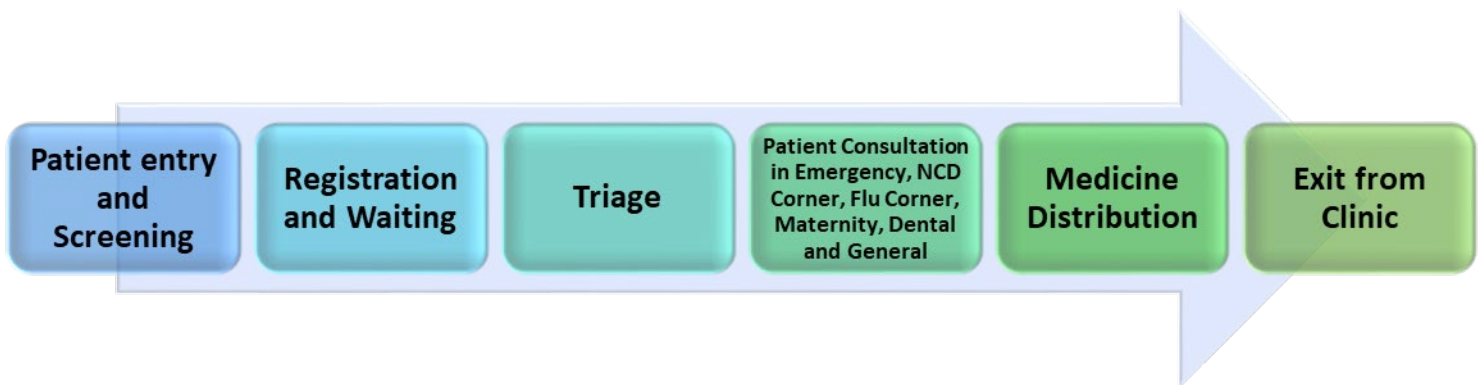
6. Pharmacy

7. MHPSS and GBV referral services

8. Vaccination center

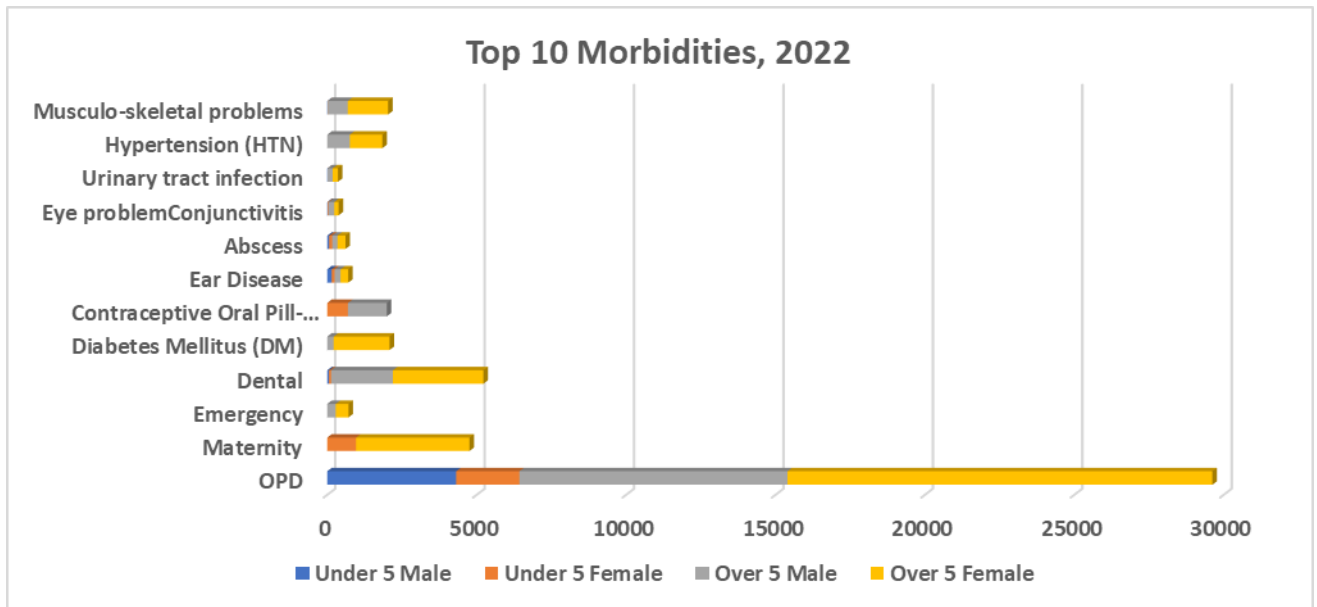
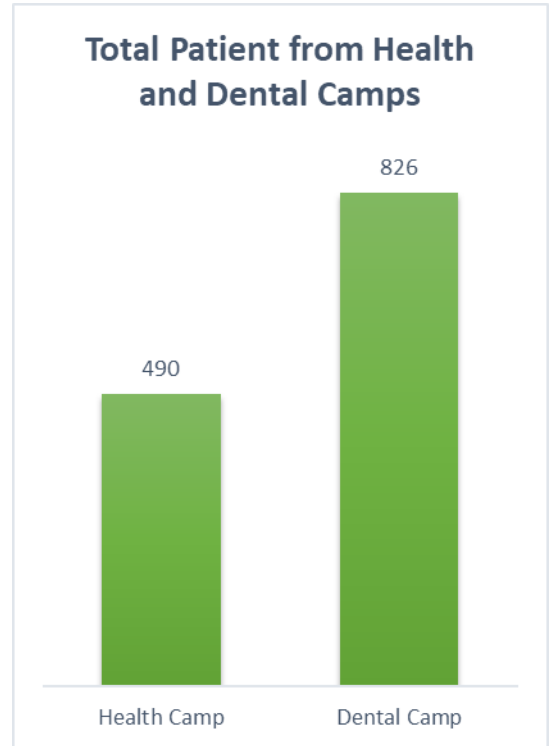
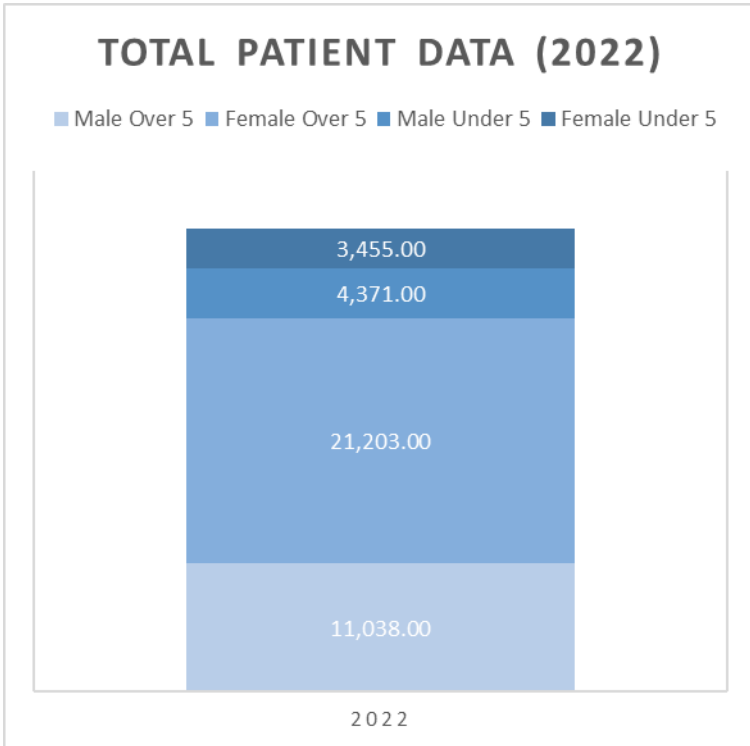
9. Active surge MMT in Emergency

The Service flow chart of OBAT Health Post





2022 Health Data





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Health Program at a Glance



Total 40067 Patients
M: 15409
F: 24658

6 Health Camps (HC) (490)



16 Dental Camps (RC) (826)

**Training on Tympanoplasty &
Operation (30 Participants & 50 plus
patients seen)**



ENT Camp by foreign Experts



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Photos from Free Health and Dental Camps in the Rohingya and the Host Communities



RCF and OBAT visit- October 2022

In collaboration with OBAT's main partner in dental care, Refugee Crisis Foundation (RCF), OBAT organized a workshop to discuss in-community tympanoplasty for chronic suppurative otitis media. A team of ENT Surgeons and Audiologists from United Kingdom and Czech Republic were hosted by PRANTIC (OBAT's implementation partner), RCF, OBAT and the UNHCR at Ukhiya Specialized Hospital (USH). The ENT team conducted the tympanoplasty surgeries on 32 patients over the period of 3rd October to 5th October 2022. In addition, the team conducted a training cum workshop to 30 local physicians on primary care management to resolve common ENT problems and conducting hearing tests at USH.



Picture-1: A patient is responding to the hearing machine operated by an audio expert from Czech Republic



Picture-2: The ENT Professor is describing the procedure to the team

OBAT also conducted three mobile dental camps at Red Crescent Field Hospital. A total of 162 patients received necessary services from these three dental camps. During the treatment, the dental team provided toothbrush, toothpaste and oral health promotional awareness among the patients.

Education Program

Education plays a key role in every child’s development, but it becomes even more so in a humanitarian context. Rohingya children face an uncertain future which can lead to frustration and despair. Without adequate opportunities for learning, they are more exposed to dangers of trafficking, child marriage, exploitation and abuse. Education helps to empower, builds confidence and equips children with appropriate skills they need for the future. With the right investment in education, Rohingya children can begin to chart their own destinies and contribute more to their communities.

In collaboration with the government of Bangladesh, OBAT is implementing education programs for the children and adolescents in the Rohingya Camp as well as for the children in the host community to help them develop to their fullest potential. OBAT is operating 8 learning centers and one adolescent and youth center in camp 4 with 793 students, as of December 2022. Among them, 375 boys and 418 girls are studying in different levels. In addition, there are 2 digital learning centers, where learners of age 3-4 years learn basic literacy and numeracy through gamified applications in tablets. This enhances their development and strengthens the learning process from a very early stage.

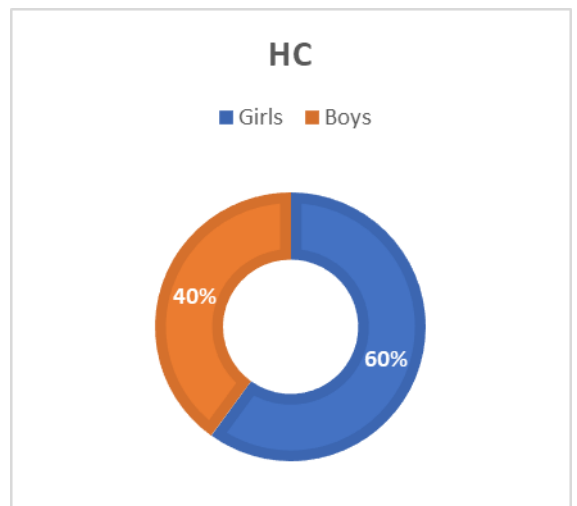
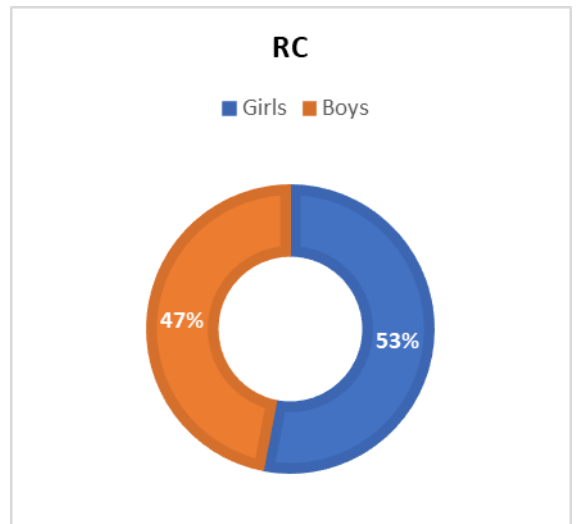
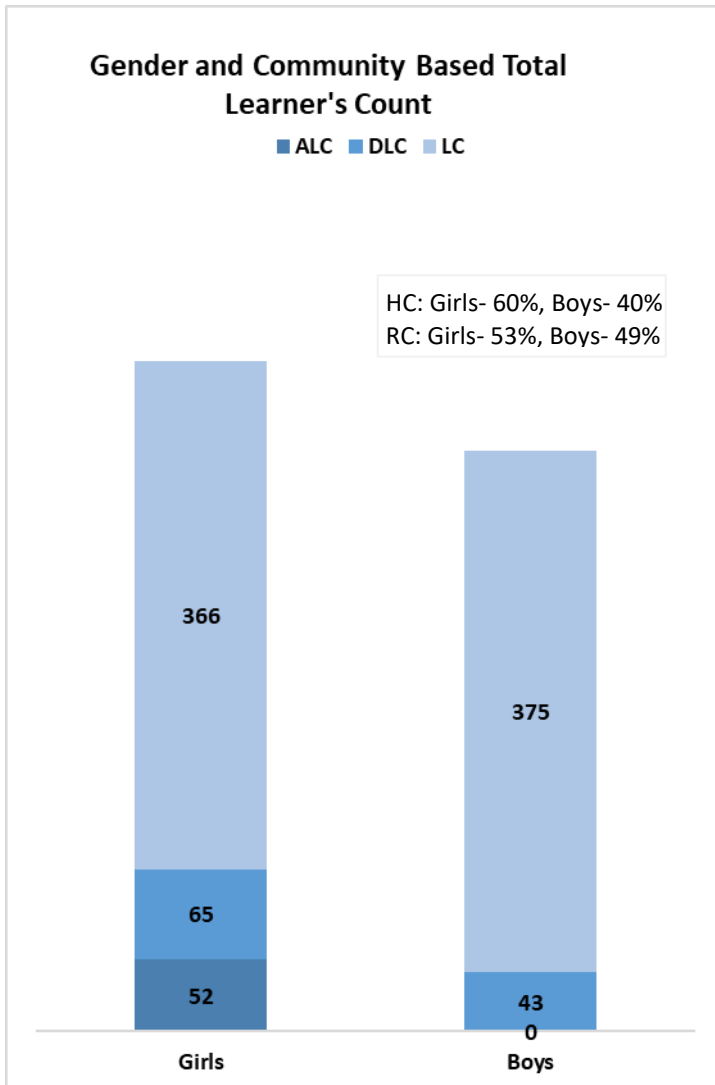
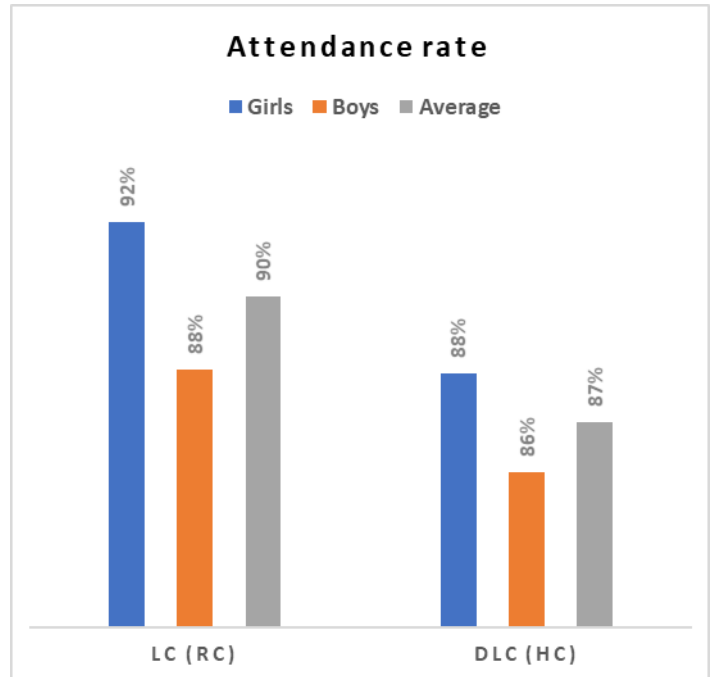
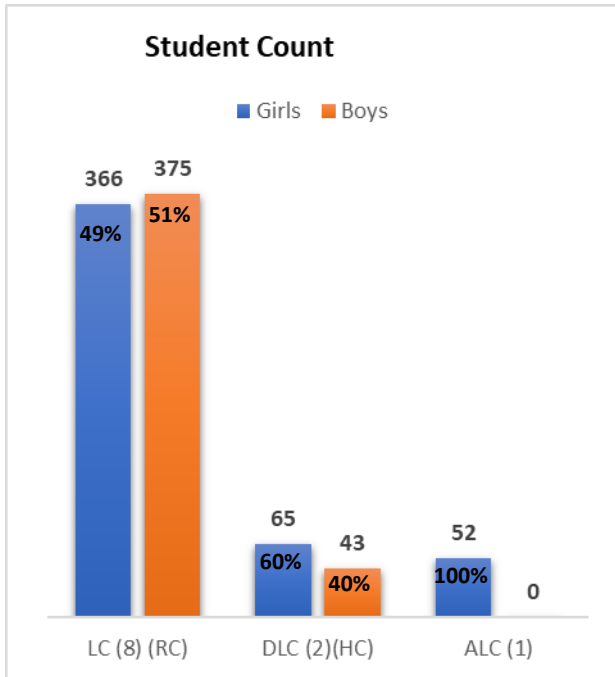
Some Facts about OBAT’s Education Program

Item	Present Status	Comments
No. of students	901	Rohingya Community (RC)- 793 (418 Girls, 375 Boys) Host community (HC)- 108 (65 Girls, 43 Boys)
No. of Learning Centers	11	8 Learning Centers (LC) (RC) 1 Adolescent Center (RC) 3 Digital LC (HC)
No. of Levels	5	Pre-primary (DLC) Grade 1 and 2 (Myanmar Curricular Program-MCP) Grade 3 (Learning Competency Framework and Approach -LCFA)
No. of Teachers	20	9 Rohingya Volunteers 11 Bangladeshi Nationals
Location	Camp 4 and Rajapalong	
Attendance rate LC (RC)	90.1%	
Attendance rate of DLC (HC)	87.0%	



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Photos from Education Program



Meeting with the parents in the field



Education team visiting a student at home



Digital learners are studying using tablets



Digital learners are studying using tablets



President and Founder of OBAT, Anwar Khan, with a student at the Adolescent Center



US Team visiting learning center



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Adolescent Learning Center Activities





Livelihood Program

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The activities of the Rohingya female community are implemented under the association formed by the women titled as “Rohingya Women and Adolescent Empowerment Association (RWAEA)” which consists of 47 adolescent girls and women. An association of the host community was formed as well under the name of “Hilful Women Cooperation” and it comprises of 37 members. The activities of the project are planned to build the women’s capacities through rigorous trainings in tailoring, gardening, livestock rearing, horticulture and handicrafts, with particular emphasis on coping with COVID-19 in Rohingya Camp as well as in host communities. Initially, 32 women from the Rohingya community and 10 women from the host community received training on tailoring and handicraft activities. These, trained women further provided training to the other members of the association. Also, 15 women of both the Rohingya community and host community got trained on chicken, duck and pigeon rearing. Through these trainings, women are encouraged to engage in self-reliant activities. The project aims to solidify economic and social conditions of the women by ensuring sustainable economic growth through trainings, counseling, innovation and entrepreneurship among the women.

Starting 2018 till December 2022, OBAT has provided sewing training to 112 members of RWAEA and 10 members of Hilful Women Association. At present, RWAEA has 78, Hilful Women Association has 48 and Momota Women Association has 52 active members. The members of the association are provided with capacity building training in order to build leadership qualities and empower them to be self-reliant. In order to achieve these objectives, various activities are planned throughout the project period.

As a result of this project, most families are growing vegetables for their everyday food intake. The eggs from the poultry are being sold and consumed as well, ensuring the daily nutrition of the family members. They are also selling the vegetables and eggs to earn extra income for household expenses. The trained members are now stitching clothes and selling them through their stall at the women market in camp 5. They sell a variety of items such as frocks, palazzo pants, tops and pillow covers. Similarly, in the host communities, the women are participating in local festivals and carnival stalls in the marketplaces-they promote and sell their handmade products. Hence, this project is helping them build their capacity. A part of this project also creates awareness against child marriage, girls’ education, GBV, domestic violence, and other social issues that are relevant to the lives of the women.



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Some photos from the livelihood project





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Momota Women Association meeting at Taipalong



Hilful Women Association Meeting at Rajapalong



Hosne Ara with her pigeons



Rohingya member with her homestead garden



Livestock of the host community



Stall at the women market at Camp 5





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Home-based member meeting

Association meeting at Rajapalong