The crisis caused by escalating violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine State since 25 August is causing suffering on a catastrophic scale. The speed and scale of the influx have made it the world’s fastest growing refugee crisis. Approximately 1.2 million people — new refugees, prior refugees and host communities — in Bangladesh are in urgent need of assistance. In September, CERF allocated US$7 million to assist the most vulnerable people fleeing violence in Myanmar and their host communities in Bangladesh. In October, CERF released an additional $12 million to scale up life-saving response efforts, bringing total CERF support for the Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh to $19 million in 2017. This support covers activities in the following sectors: food security; water, sanitation and hygiene; shelter; protection; health; and multi-sector assistance for refugees.

Since 2007, CERF has provided nearly $61 million for life-saving humanitarian assistance to people affected in the border of Bangladesh and Myanmar.

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