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“There is a need for further advocacy for continued humanitarian support to Rohingya refugees”

In conversation with Abdusattor Eshev, Chief of Mission, IOM in Bangladesh

The Daily Star (TDS): How will you evaluate the current status of Rohingya refugees?

Abdusattor Eshev (AE): For more than five years, the Government of Bangladesh has generously hosted nearly one million Rohingya refugees in camps in the Cox's Bazar District. More than half of them are children. From volunteering to support disaster responses to participating in door-to-door outreach to raise awareness of the COVID-19 prevention measures, the Rohingya refugee community has led efforts across the

camps to support each other. The Government of Bangladesh and the international community continue to provide immediate life-saving assistance. At the same time, Rohingya refugees face dangers related to natural hazards, disease outbreaks, and a deteriorating protection environment. As the crisis becomes protracted, Rohingya refugees living in the world's largest refugee settlement remain highly dependent on humanitarian assistance. IOM is one of the leading agencies responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis