Surviving only on rice and lentils

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Food Programme's (WFP) revised assistance system, down from $12.

"We cannot buy vegetables," Anowara, who fled Myanmar in 2017, told The Daily Star in Cox's Bazar's Rohingya camps last week.

Her husband has received treatment at a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital, while their children remain largely unaware of the family's hardship.

Despite his illness, the family receives the lowest assistance. It remains unclear whether his condition was considered during assessment.

Other refugees described surviving largely on rice and lentils, with fish, meat, eggs and vegetables increasingly unaffordable amid worsening child malnutrition and funding uncertainty.

Since April 1, WFP has replaced the uniform $12 monthly allocation with three tiers under its Targeting and Prioritisation Exercise.

The system assesses household composition and vulnerability, prioritising child-headed households, some female- and elderly-headed families, and households with persons with disabilities.

WFP said the changes were unrelated to funding shortages.

WFP's Andrey Shirkov told The Daily Star in writing that 33 percent of refugees were classified as extremely food-insecure, receiving $12 monthly, while 50 percent received $10 and 17 percent $7.

WFP monitoring found acceptable food consumption among 70 percent of surveyed households, against 73 percent in 2025.

"However, dietary quality remains a concern, particularly for women and young children, while households receiving the lowest level of assistance face greater difficulty making their assistance last through the month."

EVEN $12 IS A STRUGGLE

Ummul Qayes, widowed after her husband's death from illness, fled Myanmar in 2017. She receives $12 per person monthly for herself and her 13-year-old son.

They survive on rice and watery lentils, affording fish every three or four days. She longs to return to Myanmar, where they once had a home.

Shah Alam, who arrived on August 25, 2017, receives $10 per person for his family of five. An imam who did not specify whether he earns regularly, he cannot afford meat and other food his three children want.

A camp resident said the classification could overlook working-age adults without income.

"Some young adults continue studying, while others find only occasional, low-paid work," the source said.

Families previously sold food allocations to buy medicine, fuel, clothing and necessities, but now have less to sell, the source added.

Sayed Ullah, first president of the United Council of Rohingya, said refugees sold WFP-supplied oil and lentils for fish or meat to diversify their diets, not because they had surplus food.

"If someone cannot survive on $12, how can they survive on $7?" he asked.

Mohammad Habib, chief majhi of Camp 15, said food aid alone could not alleviate prolonged displacement's hardship.

CHILD MALNUTRITION ON THE RISE

The 2026 Nutrition SMART Survey, conducted by Action Against Hunger with UNICEF and WFP funding, found 14.6 percent of Rohingya children aged six to 59 months acutely malnourished, 42.6 percent stunted and 36.9 percent underweight.

Among children aged six to 23 months, only 37.3 percent received a minimum acceptable diet; 44.6 percent had eaten no vegetables the previous day, according to findings presented on October 28.

UNHCR figures show acute malnutrition rising from 8.6 percent in 2024 to 13.9 percent in 2025 and 14.6 percent in 2026. The survey does not establish whether April's assistance changes contributed.

Dr Md Sarwar Jahan, assistant health coordinator at the Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, said even $12 barely covered survival at current prices, let alone nutritious food.

He acknowledged the system prioritised vulnerable households but warned prolonged resource shortages could worsen malnutrition, stressing food and emergency healthcare priorities.

UNICEF's November 4 humanitarian report said 10,400 Rohingya children with severe acute malnutrition were treated between January and September 2026, while 177,100 were screened for wasting.

These are service figures, not the current malnutrition caseload.

FUNDING UNCERTAINTY

WFP funding is worsening as international support declines, Shirkov said.

Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Mohammed Mizanur Rahman warned dwindling assistance could drive refugees outside camps seeking food and work, pressuring surrounding communities. Families surviving on plain rice, particularly women and children, also faced nutritional risks.

"The existing three-tier system had funding available until April 2027, but no commitments beyond then. Further reductions were possible without new pledges in the next two or three months," he said.

He cited WFP's September warning of possible interruption to general food assistance from December 2026.

Separately, WFP also warned in its September country brief that resources for general food assistance could be exhausted by December 2026 without additional funding.

Rahman said his office urged the United States and European Union to increase support and suggested seeking Gulf countries' food assistance.

"The solution is repatriation, while an interim solution is for donors to increase their contributions," he said.

UNHCR Bangladesh spokesperson Shari Nijman said the 2026 Joint Response Plan sought $710.5 million for 1.56 million refugees and host community members, 26 percent below the 2025 appeal, prioritising urgent life-saving interventions.

"Scaling back the response to the bare minimum of life-saving support will bring inevitable risks and repercussions, including in food security, healthcare and nutrition," she told The Daily Star.

She urged predictable, multi-year support, warning service cuts could deepen vulnerability and harmful coping practices.

Dhaka-Delhi consular talks postponed

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disclose any details.

Ahead of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's probable visit to India later this year, the two countries have begun a series of bilateral engagements to prepare the ground for a high-level meeting.

A trade-related meeting was held last month, while the consular dialogue was also part of the broader preparations for the possible visit, the official added.

The dialogue, which began in 2017, provides a forum for discussing consular matters, visa procedures, and mutual legal assistance. The two countries have held four rounds so far, with the latest taking place in New Delhi in May 2024.

The upcoming talks were expected to cover a range of issues, including border management, alleged push-ins from India, visa services, the repatriation of detained nationals, the release of fishermen, the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, extradition cases and the renewal of the Revised Travel Arrangement, which has been extended every six months since its expiry in 2023.

Bangladesh had also prepared to press India for the extradition of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, and those accused of killing Sharif Osman Bin Hadi, spokesperson for Inqilab Moncho, according to foreign ministry officials.

Dhaka first sought the extradition of Hasina through diplomatic notes verbales in December 2024 and renewed the requests after the International Crimes Tribunal sentenced her to death in November 2025 in a case related to July uprising.

Hasina has been staying in India since August 5, 2024, after the Awami League government was toppled amid a student-led mass uprising.

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2	1371393	Construction Works of Semi-Pacca Tin shed Ghor (FY:2025-26) at Lez Sakina Darussananh Dakhil Madrasha, Lalmohan, Bhola (RMS No: 2015343).	NCT, LTM	29-Nov-2026 16:00:00	30-Nov-2026 12:00:00
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