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Race Against Time (UNOCHA, 29 October 2017)

Mental health first aid on the frontlines of the Rohingya crisis (UNHCR, 26 October 2017)

Rohingya Emergency: "Appalling... Inhuman Living Conditions" (Handicap International, 24 October 2017)

Rohingya crisis: Caritas urges rapid aid delivery as global donors pledge \$344 million at UN (Caritas, 24 October 2017)

Myanmar crisis: "Why are we here? We don't know" (British Red Cross, 23 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: Voices from the Violence (MSF, 23 October 2017)

The Rohingya Crisis in Numbers (UNOCHA, 23 October 2017)

Rohingya crisis: Expanding our emergency response (Handicap International, 20 October 2017)

Sexual violence devastating, humanitarian needs mounting in Rohingya crisis (UNFPA, 20 October 2017)

Protection of Rohingya children must be top priority (Plan International, 20 October 2017)

Rohingya Camps a "Child Protection Disaster Waiting to Happen," With More Than 450,000 Children Out of School (Save the Children, 19 October 2017)

Feeding Rohingya refugees (DanChurch Aid, 18 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: Scaling Up Response to an Escalating Humanitarian Crisis (MSF, 18 October 2017)

Bangladesh: At least 448,000 refugees from Myanmar witnessed or experienced gender-based violence, warns CARE (CARE, 17 October 2017)

Bangladeshis race to save Rohingya refugees in need (UNHCR, 17 October 2017)

Red Cross emergency hospital opens in Cox's Bazar (IFRC, 16 October 2017)

"You showed us respect." Rohingya in Bangladesh receive aid (Caritas, 16 October 2017)

Family count gives shape to refugee population in Bangladesh (UNHCR, 13 October 2017)

EmPOWER Girls: International Day of the Girl 2017 (UNFPA, 11 October 2017)

Empowering Rohingya girls seeking refuge in Bangladesh (UNFPA, 11 October 2017)

Moving refugees out of the rain in Bangladesh (UNHCR, 10 October 2017)

Bangladesh: Keeping an Eye on Zibon (Handicap International, 10 October 2017)

Racing to prevent cholera in Rohingya refugee camps (UNICEF, 9 October 2017)

Mobile health teams treat thousands in Cox's Bazar (IFRC, 7 October 2017)

Caritas to give aid in Rohingya refugee crisis (Caritas, 6 October 2017)

Alarming lack of assistance to people in Myanmar's Northern Rakhine (NRC, 6 October 2017)

78,000 new clothes to children from Rakhine State of Myanmar (BRAC, 5 October 2017)

Urgent response and long-term planning needed in Myanmar crisis (Islamic Relief, 5 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugee Crisis – A test of our humanity (ACT Alliance, 4 October 2017)

Myanmar refugee crisis: CARE distributes hot food (CARE, 4 October 2017)

UNHCR tackles diarrhea outbreaks in Bangladesh camps (UNHCR, 4 October 2017)

CAFOD joins forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to respond to the world's fastest growing refugee crisis in Bangladesh (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, 4 October 2017)

Rohingya Hindus find welcome in Bangladesh (UNHCR, 3 October 2017)

"We Badly Need Food" (Handicap International, 2 October 2017)

Escalating humanitarian needs after massive Rohingya refugees influx into Bangladesh (ACTED, 2 October 2017)

Life-saving essential medicines, supplies on the ground at District Hospital, Cox's Bazar (WHO, 2 October 2017)

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Rohingya Refugee Crisis Needs and Response Infographic (22 October 2017) (IOM, Inter Sector Coordination Group, 24 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugee Crisis: CERF allocation overview (2007-2017) as of 19 October 2017 (UNOCHA, 19 October 2017)

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Bangladesh and Burma: The Border of a Humanitarian Crisis (US Department of State – Humanitarian Information Unit, 3 October 2017)

Myanmar: Destroyed buildings in Maungdaw and Buthindaung townships, Maungdaw District, Myanmar (Imagery analysis: 1 October | Published 3 October 2017 | Version 1.0) (UNOSAT, 3 October 2017)

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Two Months on from Outbreak of Violence, Number of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh Reaches 817,000 (IOM, 27 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugee Update: Malnutrition among Rohingya child refugees (IOM, 27 October 2017)

Experts of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar conclude visit to Bangladesh (UNOHCHR, 27 October 2017)

Myanmar: UN Security Council must act on Rohingya crisis - UN expert (UN Human Rights Council, 26 October 2017)

IFRC Secretary General announces dramatic expansion of Red Cross Red Crescent relief operation in Cox's Bazar (IFRC, 26 October 2017)

Christian Aid response to Rohingya pledging conference (Christian Aid, 24 October 2017)

UN Migration Agency Delivers Hygiene Kits to Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh (IOM, 24 October 2017)

Two months since outbreak of violence in Myanmar, Rohingya refugee children still at acute risk (UNICEF, 23 October 2017)

Infant and young child feeding in emergencies: Joint statement on action (IOM, WHO, WFP, ACF USA, UNICEF, Save the Children, UNHCR, World Vision, Nutrition Cluster, Food Security Cluster, 23 October 2017)

Donors pledge over \$344 million in response to Rohingya refugee crisis (IOM, UNOCHA, UNHCR, 23 October 2017)

The EU pledges additional €30 million for the Rohingya crisis at Geneva donors' conference (European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, 23 October 2017)

USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Mark Lowcock: Remarks at the Pledging Conference for the Rohingya Refugee Crisis (UNOCHA, 23 October 2017)

More funds needed to help Rohingya women who have fled rape and violence (Oxfam, 23 October 2017)

Norway to increase humanitarian aid for Rohingya crisis (Government of Norway, 23 October 2017)

Accountability for Human Rights Abuses in Rakhine State, Burma (US Department of State, 23 October 2017)

UK leads international support for Rohingya crisis at landmark conference (Government of the United Kingdom, 23 October 2017)

Switzerland increases aid for Rohingya refugees to CHF 8 million (Government of Switzerland, 23 October 2017)

Further humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh and Myanmar (Government of Australia, 23 October 2017)

Ongoing U.S. Humanitarian Assistance in Response to the Rakhine State Crisis, Burma (US Department of State, 22 October 2017)

UN Migration Chief Ends Visit to Bangladesh as Bleak Picture Emerges of Rohingya Settlements (IOM, 20 October 2017)

Over 700 000 people vaccinated against cholera in Cox's Bazar (WHO, 20 October 2017)

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Red Cross Red Crescent medical clinics provide life-saving help to people fleeing Myanmar (IFRC, 19 October 2017)

Myanmar/Rakhine: Red Cross reaches tens of thousands despite challenges (IFRC, 19 October 2017)

Indonesia Tithe Distributes Donation through PMI (Indonesian Red Cross, 19 October 2017)

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Note to Correspondents: Visit of the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs to Myanmar (17 October 2017) (United Nations, 17 October 2017)

Up to 15,000 refugees stranded near Bangladesh-Myanmar border (UNHCR, 17 October 2017)

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Mark Lowcock Remarks at Member States briefing following his mission to Bangladesh (2-4 October 2017) (UNOCHA, 16 October 2017)

Joint Statement on the Rohingya Refugee Crisis (IOM, UNOCHA, UNHCR, 16 October 2017)

Humanitarian Needs Spike as Rohingya Arrivals in Cox's Bazar Top 536,000 (IOM, 13 October 2017)

In Bangladesh, focus turns to family counting as refugee help needs mount (UNHCR, 13 October 2017)

More than a thousand children alone and at risk in Bangladesh camps, warns DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee, 13 October 2017)

Bangladesh: 150,000 refugee children under 5 acutely malnourished, warns CARE (CARE, 13 October 2017)

UNICEF and Bangladesh Authorities tie up to construct 10,000 latrines for Rohingya (UNICEF, 13 October 2017)

World Bank Group response to the situation in Myanmar (World Bank, 12 October 2017)

Government will match further £2 million of public donations as DEC emergency appeal reaches £9 million (Disasters Emergency Committee, 12 October 2017)

Humanitarian situation of the Rohingya people (Council of Europe, 12 October 2017)

Dire living conditions hamper potential of Myanmar's children and youth (UNFPA, 11 October 2017)

Race to prevent disease as thousands more Rohingya arrive daily in Bangladesh (Oxfam, 11 October 2017)

World Bank Stands with Bangladesh to Support Rohingya Refugees (World Bank, 11 October 2017)

Rohingya crisis: Less than 20 percent of refugees have received food aid (Handicap International, 11 October 2017)

Brutal attacks on Rohingya meant to make their return almost impossible – UN human rights report (OHCHR, 11 October 2017)

UN Migration Agency, Health Partners Launch Massive Cholera Vaccination Campaign in Cox's Bazar (IOM, 10 October 2017)

World's second largest oral cholera vaccination campaign kicks off at Rohingya camps in Bangladesh (WHO, UNICEF, 10 October 2017)Preparations underway for new larger influx to Bangladesh, as Myanmar arrivals surge (UNHCR, 10 October 2017)

Thailand's Humanitarian Assistance to Those Affected from the Situation in Rakhine State (Government of Thailand, 10 October 2017)Singapore Red Cross sends humanitarian aid to communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (Singapore Red Cross, 9 October 2017)

UNHCR readies aid amid fresh refugee surge in Bangladesh (UNHCR, 9 October 2017)

Children in urgent need of psychological support after fleeing Myanmar, say DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee, 9 October 2017)

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal raises £7 million for people fleeing Myanmar (Disasters Emergency Committee, 9 October 2017)

UN's global emergency response fund reaches annual funding goal of \$450 million (UNOCHA, 9 October 2017)

Rohingya Children Drown Fleeing Myanmar Violence: IOM (IOM, 9 October 2017)

Rohingya Refugees Continue to Flood into Packed Cox's Bazar Settlements (IOM, 6 October 2017)

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WHO appeals for USD 10.2 million to support critical health interventions in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (WHO, 6 October 2017)

UNHCR in US\$84 million appeal for refugee crisis in Bangladesh (UNHCR, 6 October 2017)

Refugees in Bangladesh: "If This is the Better Option, the Other Must Have Been a Living Hell" (MSF, 5 October 2017)

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Myanmar Refugee Crisis: Women and children in urgent need of assistance, warns CARE (CARE, 5 October 2017)

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal raises £3 million overnight for people fleeing Myanmar (Disasters Emergency Committee, 5 October 2017)

145,000 children under five at risk of malnutrition after fleeing Myanmar (Disasters Emergency Committee, 4 October 2017)

Myanmar refugee children exhibiting signs of trauma, says World Vision, as it scales up response in Bangladesh (World Vision, 4 October 2017)

Joint statement by Emergency Relief Coordinator and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mark Lowcock and UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake (UNOCHA, UNICEF, 4 October 2017)

Myanmar Rohingya abuses may be crimes against humanity, UN rights experts warn (UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, 4 October 2017)

Why We Must Intervene to End the Suffering of Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar (IOM, 4 October 2017)

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UNHCR and Qatar Charity formalize cooperation agreement to support global refugee programmes (UNHCR, 3 October 2017)

DFID Airlifts Vital Humanitarian Aid to Bangladesh for People Fleeing Violence in Myanmar (IOM, 3 October 2017)

Government gives more aid to Rohingya refugees (Government of Netherlands, 3 October 2017)

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Opening statement at the 68th session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme by Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR, 2 October 2017)

UNICEF appeals for US\$76.1 million to assist children in Bangladesh affected by the Rohingya crisis (UNICEF, 2 October 2017)

QRCS Distributes Aid to 1000 Rohingya Families in Bangladesh (Qatar Red Crescent Society, 2 October 2017)

WFP Chief: International Community Must Continue to Support Growing Humanitarian Crisis in Bangladesh (WFP, 1 October 2017)

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