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By email

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World Food Programme food assistance for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

Dear Heidi

I was concerned to read about the situation of Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh as outlined in the recent New Humanitarian article titled "[Flipping the Narrative: What food ration cuts mean for Rohingya refugees](#)". Discussing the World Food Programme (WFP)'s support, the article stated that the value of WFP's food rations for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh had been cut by 30% earlier this year to \$8 per month. It stated that the quality of the food provided can be poor, with food sometimes having rotted or gone bad.

Considering this, could you please answer the following questions:

- What is the current value of the food vouchers for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh per person? How has this changed since the beginning of WFP's response to the crisis?
- What funding sources is the World Food Programme drawing upon to support current food assistance to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh? How well supported are these streams of funding? What has the UK contribution to these been since the WFP began responding to the crisis?
- Are there any concerns about the future viability of the WFP's work providing food assistance to the Rohingya living as refugees in Bangladesh?
- How does WFP monitor the quality of the food it provides to refugees? And how often do you undertake these checks?
- Are there issues with the quality of food being provided to Rohingya refugees? And, if so, what is causing these issues?

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by 2 October 2023. The Committee intends to publish your response.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Champion MP
Chair of the Committee