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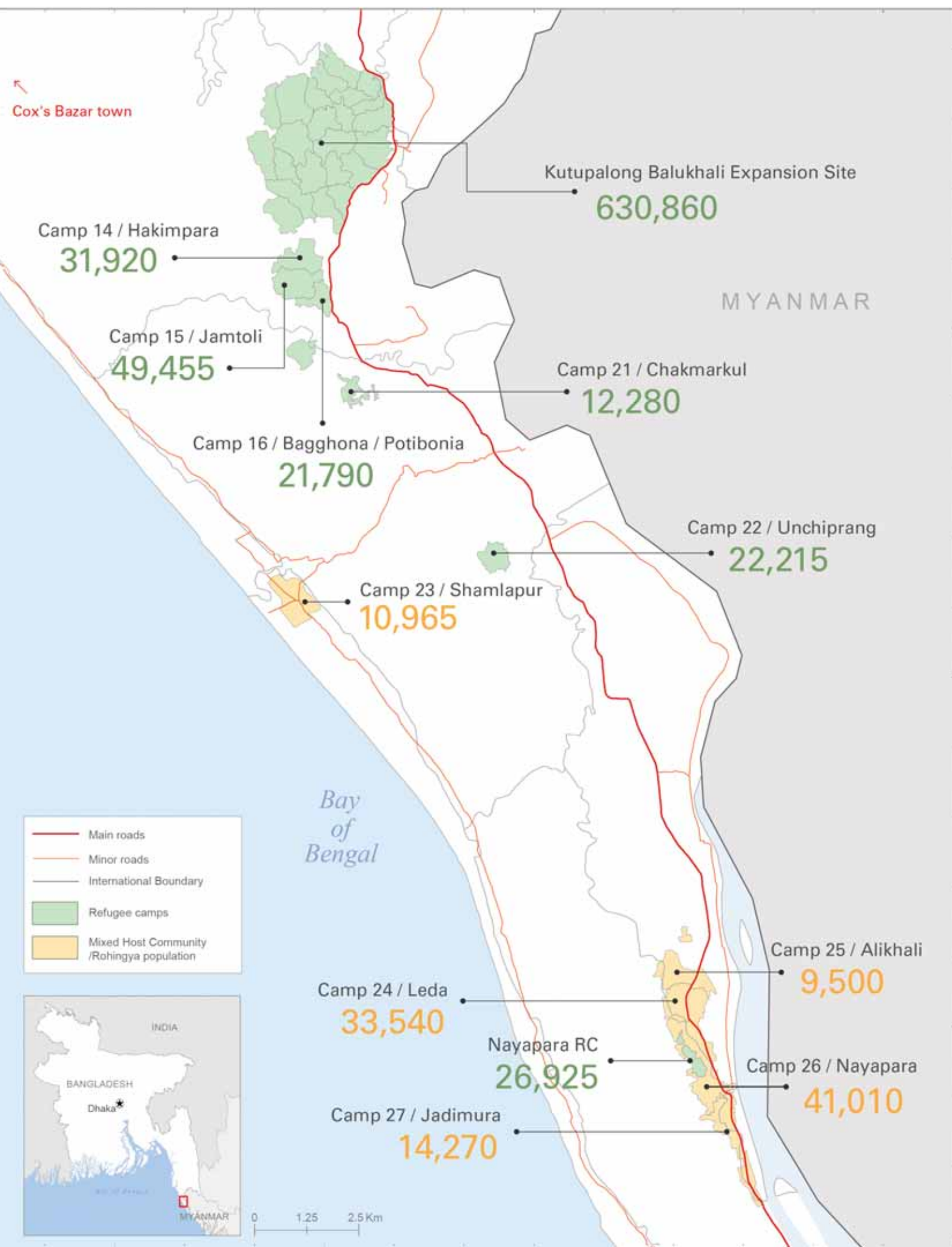
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# Refugee Population in Cox's Bazar District

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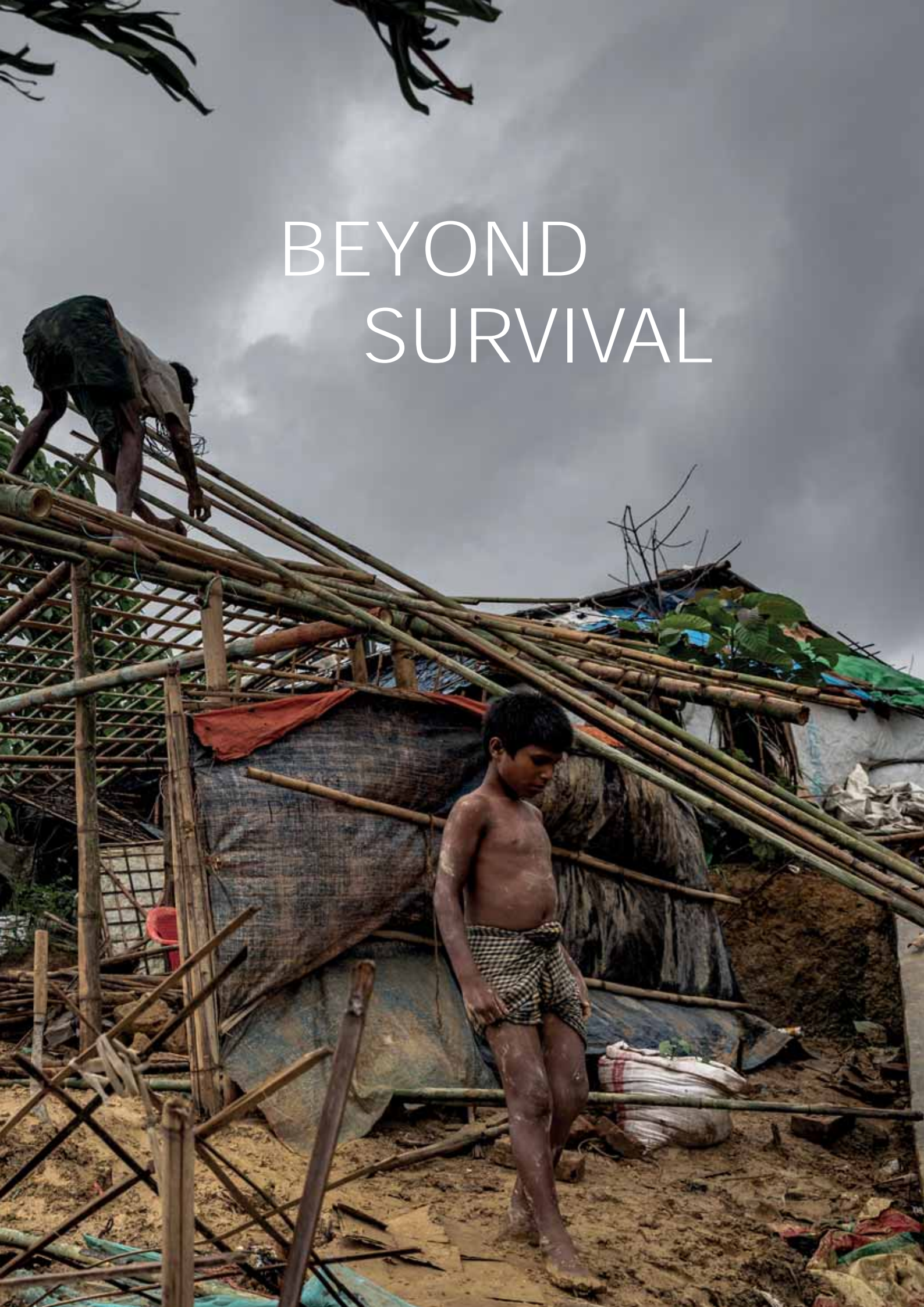


Monsoon rainclouds loom overhead as Mohamed Amin (facing camera centre) and other family members rebuild their shelter which was destroyed during heavy monsoon rains on the night of July 6 2019. In the space of 25 days in July, authorities in the vast Rohingya camps had to assist over 5,700 refugee households with damaged shelters.





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# FRUSTRATION IN A FRAGILE SETTING

For the last two years, more than 900,000 stateless Rohingya refugees living in the camps of southeast Bangladesh have focused on staying alive.

New infrastructure and efforts aimed at providing the basics of health care, nutrition, and water, sanitation and hygiene, have improved conditions for the children and families who fled persecution and violence in Myanmar.

But as the refugee crisis drags on, children

and young people are clamouring for more than survival; they want quality education that can provide a path to a more hopeful future.

“I studied six subjects back in Myanmar,” said Abdullah, 18, who lives in the Kutupalong refugee camp, the largest in the world. “But when I arrived here, there was no way I could continue.”

“If we do not get education in the camps, I think our situation is going to be dire,” he added.

Ruma Akter, 10, picks spinach leaves that her family grow on the roof of their shelter in Kutupalong refugee. Many families grow vegetables to supplement the rations of rice and dal that they receive from aid agencies.



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