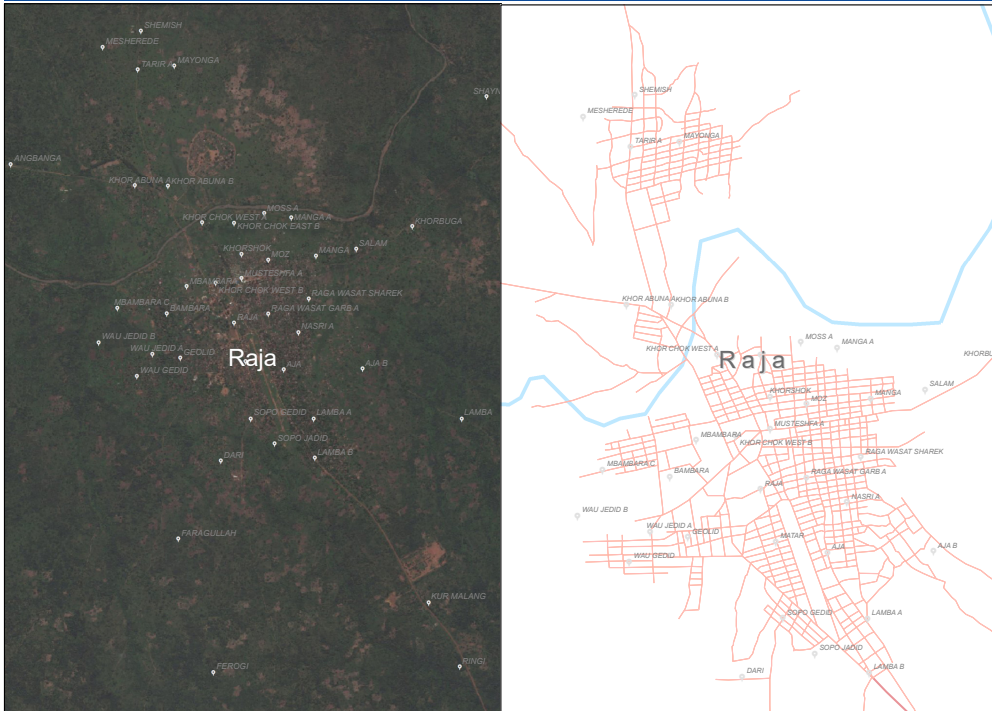


Biometric Registration and Cash Assistance

Raja overview



Biometric Registration and Cash Assistance in Raja Town

The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) and Shelter and Settlement teams visited Raja Town's IDP, returnee and host populations in July 2021 in order enable humanitarian access through registration and to respond to immediate shelter needs of returning, displaced and local communities.

IOM DTM maintains a biometric registration database in Raja Town. During maintenance IOM carries out registrations of new born babies, the replacements of lost cards, merging of households that have requested to be included as one unit and the handling of referred protection cases from protection partners. In July 2021, IOM registered 6,827 individuals (2,000 households) categorized as 3,741 returnees (55%), 2,773 host community members (41%) and 313 IDPs (5%).

More than half of the registered population was found to be youths under the age of 18 years (55%). Women between the ages of 18 and 59 were overrepresented in each population category while women and girls overall constituted 52 per cent of the registered population.



IOM Shelter and Settlement, in coordination with DTM, provided multipurpose cash assistance to 1,986 targeted returnee, IDP and host community households (6,803 individuals). Many households had returned to their area of origin after more than four years of displacement and found their shelters damaged. The Shelter and Settlement team conducted a detailed needs and market assessment in the area. Due to limited resources, the majority of the families settled under the trees and in public places. Based on the needs and market assessment findings, cash assistance was deemed the most suitable assistance modality for the population. Shelter and Settlement, along with IOM Protection, developed targeting criteria and identified deserving households for assistance.

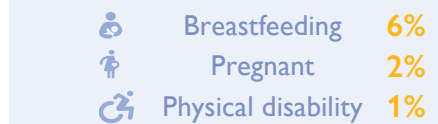
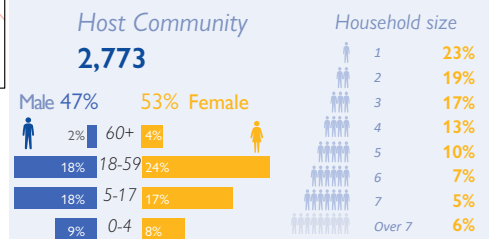
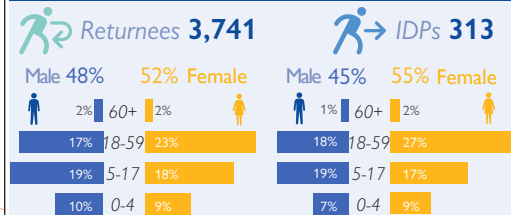
Through DTM's biometric registration of eligible household members, the Shelter and Settlement team was able to reach these and avoid duplication. The transfer amount was calculated based on the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) depending on household size with a minimum amount of USD 45 and a maximum of USD 110. Through the Financial Service Provider (FSP), IOM provided electronic cards to each participating family to redeem their cash grant at distribution points. In addition, to encourage mobile cash, the FSP provided mobile phones to 40 beneficiaries free of charge. The FSP team trained beneficiaries on how to use the mobile for their communication and electronic cash transactions. The beneficiaries shared that they will use the cash to construct their shelters, purchase food and non-food items.

Population profile

2,000 Households  **6,827** Individuals

Male **1,927** Female **1,792**
 0-17 years  1,792
 1,331 18+ years  1,777

Male **3,258** Female **3,569**
 



Percentage calculated based on the overall population