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The UAE has provided aid to countries suffering from natural disasters and is amongst the leading aid providers in the world. The UAE has spent over AED 30 billion in the past 2 years and has climbed up to the 14th position on the global happiness index. The GDP per capita is USD 37,622 and about 1.09% of the GNI (gross national income) is spent to provide aid. In this fastest growing refugee emergency, more than 600,000 Rohingya's have migrated since 25th August 2017. This population included a vast majority of women and children. The UAE has been extremely disturbed by the act of injustice against the Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar. The country has actively participated in all meetings held by the organizers to provide comforts to the affected impacted by the injustice. Amongst them were The OIC meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, UN meeting in Geneva and others to name. The UAE has emphasized the need for the international community to react to the increasing humanitarian crisis and to find ideal solutions to them. It has also donated about AED 7 million for this crisis.

The UAE has condemned the event and has asked the Myanmar government to shoulder their responsibilities and duties by stopping violence. The ministry has also spoken about the consistency of the tragedy regarding it as a completely unacceptable event. With such a slow response from the government, the UAE believes that the crisis may never end. It also praises Bangladesh for its humanitarian stance in which about half a million people have fled to the country. The Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed has also commanded for the construction of an open air bridge from Dubai to Bangladesh to provide the refugees with aid and relief material. There have been six successful airlifts of aid supplies to Dhaka.

Over 550 metric tons of relief material worth US\$ 2, 308, 600 (Dh8, 479, 718) has been transported in the six shipments of Air Bridge. The material provided in the aid include food, family tents, safety kits, utensils, sanitary napkins and others as the priority items were meant to reduce the physical hardships of the refugees. About 230, 000 Rohingya refugees who fled the war torn Myanmar were benefitted by these relief supplies. They all currently live in dreadful humanitarian conditions in tents and temporary houses and lack all the basic necessities such as food and shelter. Another shipment was sent to Bangladesh providing relief supplies worth AED 1. 22 million to the Rohingya refugees.

Utensils, cooking supplies and tents were the priority supplies in this shipment. AED 26 million worth of goods weighing 1, 541 metric tonnes has been transported only from Dubai alone. These shipments have supported about 350, 000 refugees seeking refuge in Bangladesh's Cox Bazar. To provide food, medical supplies and logistic support there are many relief efforts organized in UAE with World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO) and Emirates Red Crescent being the major contributors. UAE's contribution to the refugees is not restricted to this only as the use of his private 747 aircraft with additional air transport missions being conducted through C130s and 757s as needed has been authorized by Sheikh Mohammed. UAE has completely allowed the refugees to take shelter in the UAE and close to 50, 000 Rohingya live all around UAE.

The country has also made a perfect surrounding for these refugees by various acts such as The Burma Islamic centre where there are 8000 registered members who all meet occasionally. " We feel safe and secure

here. There is no racism or intolerance against any community.” said Yusuf Khan who calls Dubai his new homes.

UAE government has also realised the attempts made by Myanmar’s government and supports its initiative to promote harmony among all the people of different races and segments. UAE needs more support and cooperation from other countries to accept policies to deal with these refugees and for a humanitarian cause as it is to benefit these people suffering in the dire conditions. The delegate would further like to discuss about this in the committee sessions.