Field Update on Emergencies:
Highlights of 2017 and Priorities for 2018
Bangladesh: Rohingya Crisis
“We had to swim across two or three canals in neck-high waters. The canals were so deep I couldn’t touch the bottom. I gave my children sweets to keep them quiet. I warned them, if you cry, they will come and kill us. In that escape, I lost the only treasured item I was able to bring with me: the contact numbers of my other relatives. They are lost in the waters.”

- Dildar, pictured
“We just came here to save our soul.”
- Zahura Khatun, pictured, in Thankgkali camp
“My cousin was killed because she was pregnant – she couldn’t run fast enough. They first poured the petrol and then set her house alight. I cry for her son because I took care of him. I delivered him. I named him. I still dream of him.” – Shetara, pictured, in Moynarghona camp.
“There are a lot of people like me who couldn’t afford the boat fare, and were very hungry. I think many must have died there from hunger.”

- Sanamula, 20, in Thangkhali camp
“We are in an identity crisis. We have no identity card, no citizenship. Right now, we are in between. Relief is our only way of survival.”

– Roshida, Thangkhali camp
“I’m thinking about how to go back. That’s my only wish but, at the same time, it’s not only about going back. It’s about going back in peace.”

- Zahura Khatun, Thangkhali camp
Other Notable 2017 Highlights
Hurricanes Irma and Maria

CRS/Caritas Programs Across Region

- Food & living supplies
- Hygiene kits, buckets; water filters; water tanks for schools, clinics, centers
- Shelter repair
70% of population needs aid
462,000 children acutely malnourished
Widespread cholera - 924,000 cases, 2,200 deaths

*With Islamic Relief, CRS is supporting food and nutrition, cholera prevention and treatment, health & hygiene*
South Sudan & Uganda

- 1 million South Sudanese refugees
- Bidibid world’s largest refugee settlement

**CRS focus on shelter, WASH, cash-for-work**
Venezuela

- 82% Venezuelans live in poverty
- Health infrastructure is collapsing

**CRS and Caritas VZ are supporting health care, medical supplies, children nutrition, family hygiene and community meals**
Comprehensive Responses Across Globe

- Boko Haram Response in West & Central Africa
- East Africa drought (Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia)
- Mexico Earthquake
- Ukraine conflict
2018:
Key Themes: Integration and Return
Iraq

Expanded CRS/Caritas Support to Reach 300,000 people
Priority 1: Assistance to the Displaced
Essential living supplies
Building Upgrades
5,019 buildings supporting 70,184 people
Education
Supporting 9,000 children in 26 schools
Priority 2: Support for Return to Formerly-ISIS-Controlled Areas
Piloting home repair in Nineveh Plains; Plan to support education and livelihoods
Priority 3: Support to Caritas and the Iraqi Church
Context of Uncertainty