



CHILD PROTECTION AND EDUCATION

World Vision strengthens child protection systems within families and communities, while preventing and responding to abuse. We provide psycho-social support for girls and boys of all ages in safe spaces. We assist families by offering training on positive parenting skills. Working closely with partner agencies, we refer children in need to case management services. Children, parents, faith leaders and government officials are engaged in ending violence against children, including child marriage, through camp-level awareness campaigns.

Rohingya refugee children and adolescents have been out of school for more than two years. They need and deserve access to quality, inclusive formal education. In partnership with UNICEF, we provide informal education for 3,156 children age 3-14 who are enrolled in our 12 learning centres. Up to 8,400 adolescents age 15-18 also benefit from pre-vocational training, including classes in literacy, numeracy and life skills, at our 21 new multi-purpose centres.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION

World Vision is working to prevent and address GBV in three camps. At our Women's Peace Centres, women and girls build trusted relationships, enhancing their social network and creating a sustainable psycho-social support network. We train families, including men and boys, to identify and prevent GBV, and to access professional case management services when needed. Skills training classes at the centre, such as tailoring, empower women and girls economically and socially.



WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

World Vision has installed 219 deep-tube wells, 1,900 gender-sensitive latrines, 2,381 handwashing stations and 675 bathing cubicles, benefiting 219,550 refugees in 11 camps. In our hygiene promotion sessions, families learn how to maintain good health and prevent disease. We also support more than 1,000 WASH committees that manage and maintain camp facilities.



“Without education people are blind. We have been attacked for so long in Myanmar because we are uneducated. We do not want this for our children.”

-Rohingya refugee father



FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS AND CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

World Vision supports the World Food Programme's e-voucher shops that supply over 17,000 households in four camps with fresh food monthly. Supported by USAID's Food for Peace, we also provide supplementary fresh food to up to 34,000 refugees each month. Families receive food vouchers that they exchange for products of their choice supplied by Bangladeshi vendors, which supports the local economy. Our micro gardening initiatives enable families to grow vegetables in their limited spaces. As part of our disaster-risk reduction plan, we engaged over 15,000 refugee men and women in construction projects to prepare the camps for the annual monsoons.



NUTRITION

World Vision helped prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition in children under age 5 through our three blanket and targeted supplementary feeding programme centres. Almost 17,000 children and mothers on average received supplemental food each month. This successful project concluded in December 2019. With UNICEF, we operate the largest nutrition education programme, benefitting adolescent girls across 19 camps.

More than 1,000 women a day cook for their families in our 42 community kitchen and learning centres. While there, they learn about healthy meal preparation and rooftop vegetable gardening. Classes also include advice on maternal nutrition practices (exclusive breastfeeding, personal hygiene promotion). The centres provide a safe space for women to share their challenges and find solutions together.



HOST COMMUNITIES

The influx of almost 1 million Rohingya profoundly affected host communities economically, environmentally and socially. The refugee population is now almost triple that of local residents. Our integrated projects include income-generating activities, disaster-risk reduction, WASH facilities, livelihoods opportunities and savings groups benefitting the most vulnerable households. World Vision Bangladesh recently launched a new 15-year community-led, multi-sectoral development programme focused on education, literacy and nutrition that will reach 35,000 people.

Who We Are

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

World Vision's strong capacity and extensive global experience enables us to effectively serve thousands of families living in the world's largest refugee settlement.

Demonstrated track record: World Vision has served in Bangladesh for almost 50 years, including long-term development programmes in the Cox's Bazar area.

Staff capacity: Our diverse team of 520 highly skilled national and international staff and 1,100 part-time field facilitators deliver top-notch programmes.

Broad reach: We operate in 24 of the 34 Rohingya camps.

Proven partners: We are currently entrusted with funds from six donor governments and several UN agencies.

Innovative, integrated interventions: Working across seven sectors, we deliver life-saving support and durable solutions, remaining accountable to the refugee community.

Leadership: World Vision remains WFP's largest partner for disaster risk reduction and cash-for-work interventions. We are the focal point agency in three camps for WASH, child protection and gender-based violence.

Funding Partners



Accomplishments



391,762

refugees reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance.

3,156

children enrolled in our 12 learning centres.

8,400

adolescents benefit from our 21 pre-vocational skills training centres.

640

men and boys participated in GVB-prevention and awareness training.

320,000

people reached with clean water and sanitation facilities.

17,000

children and mothers received monthly nutrition support.

247,415

refugees reached through our food assistance programmes in partnership with WFP.

5,250

family members who enjoy daily meals prepared by 1,000 mothers in our 42 cooking and learning centres.

16,828

refugees and host community residents engaged in cash-for-work disaster-mitigation construction.

920,000 Rohingya

We are advocating for the protection and rights of all refugees, including their voluntary, safe and dignified repatriation to Myanmar.

Advocating for Refugee Rights and Protection

Child protection urgent: Children comprise more than half of the 1 million Rohingya refugees. They face critical issues, including physical violence, sexual violence and exploitation, child marriage, psycho-social distress and mental health concerns, child trafficking and abduction, child labour, and dangers and injuries. Donors and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) should invest in strengthening prevention and mitigation mechanisms, and more services for refugee children.

Refugee status lacking: Without official refugee status, the Rohingya do not have basic rights, access to services and international protection. The GoB should grant refugee status to ensure their protection and rights until they can return home in a safe, voluntary and dignified manner.

Education disrupted: Nearly half of the 540,000 children ages 3-14 living in the camp do not have access to education. A reported 97 percent of all adolescents and youth age 15-24 lack any kind of education or vocational training opportunities. The international community should support the GoB and provide increased funding to enable all children to access to high-quality, relevant formal education.

Livelihood support critical: Refugees need livelihood opportunities that enable them to earn incomes while gaining new skills and experience. Donors and the UN should encourage the GoB to allow humanitarian agencies to develop and implement sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Gender-based violence widespread: Donors, the GoB and the UN should support interventions to protect women, men, girls and boys from all forms of gender-based violence.

Disaster risk reduction a must: Many refugee families face life-threatening risks from monsoons, cyclones, landslides, collapsing shelters and other hazards. More investment must be made in effective emergency mitigation and preparedness.

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