Supporting Resilience for a Better Future
Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response
In 2017, when the mass influx of Rohingya refugees arrived in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila the speed and scale of the influx resulted in a critical humanitarian emergency. An estimated 80 per-cent of the total refugee population (existing refugees and new arrivals) rely on lifesaving assistance almost entirely to meet their basic needs. Having left with few possessions and used up their money to cross the border, refugees became extremely vulnerable and in need of life-saving supports.

The extremely high density of the refugee camps and settlements, along with poor sanitation and hygiene conditions, increases the risk of disease outbreaks (including cholera and acute watery diarrhea) and significant protection concerns.

World Vision Bangladesh started rapid response in September 2017. Since then, WVBRCR is working to the crisis with multi-sectoral approach to ensure that the response is updated on the current humanitarian needs and to lay the foundation for a relevant and effective humanitarian response.

This book captures the photo that demonstrates WVBRCR’s contribution towards a better tomorrow.
Five Years on: Supporting Resilience for a Better Tomorrow

The influx of more than 740,000 Rohingya people who fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh starting in 2017 due to atrocities and human rights abuses has led to a major crisis and has become the largest response globally. Supporting the resilience of these stateless people remains World Vision’s top priority over these years. Although their lives in the camps are stable now, Rohingya children, including women and girls, still face the risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation, as well as physical danger and disease. World Vision Bangladesh’s goal is to help prevent such abuses, while protecting and promoting children’s rights. This is foundational to our long-term strategy to improve the well-being of both the Rohingya and host community families.

Back in 1991 during the Rohingya influx to Bangladesh, World Vision provided them with food, medicine, housing materials, and education school supplies and since 2017 after the influx, World Vision has reached 584,724 Rohingya people providing them life-saving humanitarian assistance including food distribution, nutrition, WASH, child protection, addressing gender-based violence, COVID-19 awareness and many more were covered across 34 camps. World Vision is also supporting self-reliance opportunities and advocating for their sustainable return and reintegration into Myanmar.

Due to the Rohingya influx into Bangladesh, nearly 1.2 million people in host communities have been affected and have become more vulnerable and this created tension between the Rohingya and the Host community. To ease the tension, World Vision Bangladesh significantly implemented development projects in many Upazilas such as Teknaf, Ukhiya and Moheshkhali and thanks to USAID for their generous grant of 18 million US$ invested in the Emergency Food Security program which created a great impact among 5,229 beneficiaries.

We are very grateful to our generous donors—WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNOPS, UNDP, KOICA, Japan Platform, StartFund, FCDO, USAID and World Vision Support Offices for their great support which enabled us to innovate, adapt and deliver cost-effective services to the Rohingya and host community.

Greatly appreciate the Government of Bangladesh especially Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), Deputy Commissioner (DC) at Cox’s Bazar and the local administration officials at Upazilas for their tremendous support extended to World Vision in implementing the programs.

Also, we are immensely proud of our resilient and dedicated team members, especially the front-line staff who relentlessly work six days a week to assist refugee children and families.

No doubt, the Rohingya people would like to return to Myanmar, but not without their rights guaranteed. Though the hope seems very bleak, World Vision Bangladesh will continue to stand with Rohingya families, advocating for their rights while providing protection and life-sustaining services continually and supporting them with resilience for a better tomorrow.

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# Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response (BRCR) (2017 - 2022)

**Accomplishments**

- **584,724**
  - Refugees reached with humanitarian assistance.

**Beneficiary**

- **535,259**
  - (Rohingya: 412,716, Host: 122,543)
  - (Male: 122,211; Female: 135,638; Children: 249,377)

## Education Support
- **6,000 +**
  - Children reached with education support.

## Health and Safety
- **46,294 +**
  - Refugees and HC (men, boys, girls, women) are aware on GBV and Prevention

## Nutrition Support
- **44,337**
  - People received nutrition support.

## Food Assistance
- **255,000 +**
  - Refugees reached through our food assistance programmes in partnership with WFP.

## Support after the Last Fire
- **1.2 +**
  - Million meals distributed after the last fire.

## COVID-19 Support
- **536,842**
  - People including children provided with COVID-19 support.
Child Protection

Coming alongside Rohingya children

Rohingya children together are now preventing child protection and related issues. A group of children are at one of the Women and Girl Safe Spaces (WGSS) celebrating International Women Day (IWD) 2022.
Adolescents girls have participated in Mehendi competition and expressing that they are aware of rights to safety and can better protect themselves and each other.
Gender-based Violence Prevention

Standing with women and girls

Rohingya women build support networks as they learn new skills together for a better future.
Male supports his family and is contributing for harmony in the family.

Male engagement session with couple of the community helps ensuring women and girls empowerment in the family and society.
Children listed child-friendly spaces as one of the two top places in the camps where they feel most safe. Rohingya children enjoys learning through fun, game and lot more...
Sketching the dream! Thousands of Rohingya children dream about going back to the classroom wearing a new uniform and carrying a backpack full of books. Education should be more than a dream; it is their right.
Mothers learn how to prepare the nutritious food to meet family nutritious value in World Vision's multi-purpose center.

**Nutrition:**
**Addressing Malnutrition**

Our staffs regularly monitor the progress of child's growth. Our extensive prevention and treatment programmes are saving lives and making a measurable difference.
Rohingya women and girls learn and cook together at World Vision’s Community Cooking and Learning Center (CCLC).
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):
Good Hygiene equals Good Health

We are safe! During hygiene promotions sessions, children learn how handwashing with soap helps prevent disease outbreaks.
World Vision's innovative solar-powered water network delivers clean water to the doorsteps of the Rohingya people.
WFP and World Vision is improving Rohingya lives with food assistance

Rohingyas choose food for their family at the WFP e-voucher store, operated in partnership with World Vision.
Rohingya mothers can buy and prepare healthier, more diverse meals for their children with vegetables and fish purchased with their monthly fresh food vouchers.
Food Security: 

Bringing smiles to thousands of families

Host community women and male together rebuilds the community infrastructure as well as improve their financial status and diversified food consumption in the family.
Empowering women in the host community through capacity building training and cash grants as well as micro gardening, seeds and gardening tools for every family.

Host community mothers learn about nutrition, infant/young child feeding and how to best care for themselves and their families.
Hot Meal:
Feeding thousands of Shelter less people

Distributing hot meal to fire affected Rohingya people.
Preparation and packaging of hot meal at World Vision’s Multi Purpose Facility Centre (MPFC) to help shelter less people with dietary food.
Capacity Building
Helping to community development

Our approach is to facilitate the diversification of market-driven livelihood options for more vulnerable households with training and continuous coaching. Our beneficiaries are now more confident and self-resilient.
Rohingya youth and adolescents learn new skills and contributing to community development and strengthening community resilience in Rohingya camps.
Self Reliance
Building community resilience

Rohingya youth regularly visits neighbour house and discusses on different issues to create awareness in the community for a better tomorrow.

Families are managing a successful vegetable-growing business, with support from WVB.
Child well-being is our Priority.
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Intake of diversified food consumption now helps vulnerable households in host community to meet the nutritional requirements as well as helps to reduce the chronic and acute malnutrition status of mother and children.
Rohingya male discusses and attends on various awareness session on reducing gender-based violence, child marriage, helping women in households chores at World Vision’s People Center in the camp.
Supporting children with disabilities with need-base assistive device support is creating a bright future.
Disaster Risk Reduction
Supporting in Disaster Risk Reduction to improve livelihood

Host community people, including women prepare the roads for better access.
World Vision engaged refugees, including women, in cash-for-work projects to prepare the camps for the monsoon season for better access.
Preventing COVID-19

Rohingya mothers and children practice social distancing at our nutrition centres during the COVID-19 crisis.
During hygiene promotions sessions, children learn how handwashing with soap helps prevent disease.

Learning and practice session of hand washing.
With the experience after last fire in 2021, World Vision set up Multi Purpose Facility Centre with kitchen facility along with a cutting space, washing space, packaging center and established temporary WASH facilities to cook food and serve to the most affected Households in accordance with UN-WFP guidance.
Moringa Research and Development Project

World Vision BRCR has established a 'Moringa Research and Development Project' aiming at reducing malnutrition of children and women through establishing Moringa orchard and promoting the Moringa value added products such as Moringa powder, Moringa capsules, Moringa tea etc. World Vision Bangladesh has signed a MOU with Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) who will provide technical support and back stopping in this Moringa Research and Development Project.
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We are helping the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience fullness of life.
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