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The Rohingya Refugee Crisis

The Rohingya crisis remains one of the most prolonged humanitarian challenges in modern history. Since August 2017, waves of mass violence and persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State have forced over one million Rohingya men, women, and children to flee across the border into Bangladesh. Today, Cox's Bazar — home to the world's largest refugee settlement shelters over 1 million Rohingya refugees, with more than half being children.

Life in the camps is extremely challenging. Families live in overcrowded, makeshift shelters vulnerable to monsoon rains, cyclones, and landslides. Access to basic needs such as clean water, adequate nutrition, healthcare, and safe learning environments remains severely limited. Restrictions on movement and livelihood opportunities mean many depend entirely on humanitarian assistance for survival. Children face the risk of lost childhoods, growing up without consistent education, safe recreational spaces, or the security to dream about their futures.

Projects for Humanity (P4H) believes that every child, regardless of their status or circumstances, deserves the right to education, health, safety, and a hopeful future. Throughout 2024, our efforts in Ukhia's refugee camps and surrounding host communities focused not only on providing structured Arabic and general education, nutritious food, and healthcare for children, but also on supporting entire families. Through initiatives such as Qurbani meat distribution during Eid al-Adha and Ramadan food baskets, we worked to ensure households had both nourishment and dignity — because when families are supported, children can thrive.

What We Did

- Early Childhood Development School
- Maktub For Moral Education
- Education Material Support
- Healthy Food Support For Children & Their Families

Throughout 2024, P4H implemented a series of targeted initiatives to support Rohingya refugee children and children from host communities in Cox's Bazar. These communities continue to face extreme challenges, including overcrowded living conditions, limited access to quality education, inadequate healthcare, and persistent food insecurity. Our approach combined education, nutrition, and healthcare to address both immediate humanitarian needs and the long-term wellbeing of children.

By providing structured learning opportunities, essential school supplies, and clothing, we worked to ensure children could study in safe, supportive environments. At the same time, we prioritized their health and nutrition through timely medical assistance, nutritious meals, and seasonal food support for their families. This holistic approach not only improved children's daily lives but also strengthened family stability and preserved dignity in the face of ongoing hardship.

145
Children Received Quality Education and essential tools

2500+
Refugees fed during Ramadan & Qurbani

Why We Did

Education is not just a right — it is a powerful tool for breaking cycles of poverty, vulnerability, and hopelessness. For Rohingya refugee children, access to structured learning is rare yet essential, offering stability, routine, and the opportunity to dream of a better future. In the crowded camps of Cox's Bazar, children face constant risks of lost childhoods, with limited opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive. Our interventions were designed to fill this gap — creating safe learning environments where children can grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

Beyond education, we recognized that hunger and poor nutrition can severely hinder a child's ability to learn and concentrate. By integrating nutritional support for children and seasonal food assistance for their families, we aimed to reduce the daily struggle for survival, allowing children to focus on learning and personal growth. This holistic approach ensures that our efforts do not just educate, but also protect, empower, and inspire the next generation, even in the face of ongoing displacement and uncertainty.

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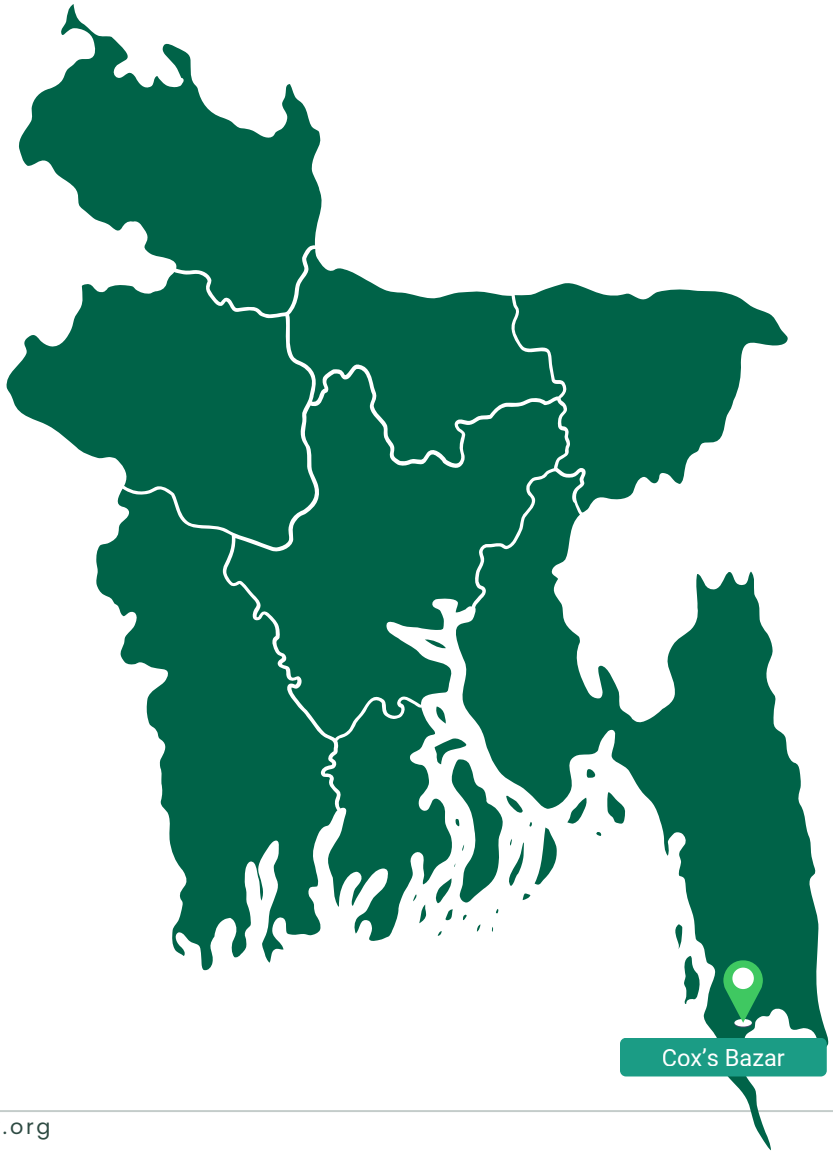
A Rohingya girl cries as refugees fleeing from Myanmar cross a stream in the hot sun on a muddy rice field on October 16, 2017 near Palang Khali, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

When We Did

The project was implemented over an eleven-month period, from 1 February 2024 to 31 December 2024. This timeline allowed P4H to plan, deliver, and monitor activities across both refugee camps and host communities

Where we Did

We worked in two key locations within Cox's Bazar district — the Rohingya refugee camps of Ukhia, supporting displaced children in extremely challenging conditions, and the host communities of Cox's Bazar town and nearby areas, assisting vulnerable local children facing similar barriers to education and nutrition.



INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Early Childhood Development School

For Refugee Children

In the Rohingya refugee camps of Ukhia, P4H operated three Early Childhood Development (ECD) & P4H Schools (Camp School 1, Camp School 2, and Camp School 3) providing displaced children with vital opportunities for learning, play, and personal growth.

These schools served 90 students (35 boys and 55 girls), following a curriculum that combined Arabic education with general studies to help children build a strong foundation for their future. The safe, inclusive learning environment offered stability, routine, and hope, giving children the tools to overcome the challenges of displacement.

Stepping out of the camp school, these young learners bring with them curiosity, joy, and the unshakable hope of a life beyond the refugee camp.

Elementary Education Center (Maktub)

For Hosting Community

n Cox's Bazar town, P4H operated an Elementary Education Center (Maktub) serving 55 students (27 boys and 28 girls) from vulnerable host community families. Supported by three dedicated staff members — two male teachers and one education officer — the center provided structured moral and general education, along with essential learning materials. Beyond the classroom, P4H also extended support to their families, when needed so that children could continue their studies without interruption. In 2024, these 55 children and their families benefited from an environment that was safe, supportive, and nurturing, encouraging both education and personal growth.

President's Visit to Cox's Bazar

In 2024, the President of Projects for Humanity visited our Rohingya Refugee Project in Cox's Bazar to see the children and families we serve. The visit was filled with heartfelt moments like- sitting with children in their classrooms, playing with them, watching them learn with curiosity, and sharing smiles and laughter that spoke louder than words. The President also met with teachers and staff, listening to their challenges and appreciating their dedication to shaping young lives in such difficult conditions. For the children and their parents, the visit was more than just an official moment—it was a sign that they are seen, heard, and cared for.

This visit reminded everyone that true leadership is about compassion and presence. It gave hope to children, encouragement to families, and strength to our team as we continue walking beside the Rohingya community in their journey toward a brighter future.

Joyful Moment with the Refugee Children...

Children of the Host Community Warmly Received the President.

New Dresses and Food Support

Projects for Humanity provided seasonal food support and new dresses to Rohingya refugee children. During Ramadan, families received specially prepared food baskets during the holy month. For Eid al-Adha, fresh Qurbani meat was distributed to help meet protein needs and honor religious traditions. Additionally, school dresses were given to children to promote dignity and encourage regular attendance. These efforts complemented our education and healthcare programs by addressing the children's nutritional and social well-being.

At A Glance

In a place where life is fragile, Your support brought strength, dignity, and a sense of belonging to children who deserve all these opportunities.

Testimonial

"Before this school, my children stayed at home. Now they can read, write, and even tell stories in class. They are happier, and I feel hope for their future."

A Mother
Refugee Camp Resident

"I love coming to school because I get to play, learn new things, and spend time with my friends. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher, just like my miss!"

Asgar
Age 9, Rohingya Refugee Student

THANK YOU

FOR JOINING US IN SERVING HUMANITY

In 2024, We supported 145 children with education and essentials, and provided Ramadan food baskets and Qurbani meat to over 2,500 people.

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