PROJECT OVERVIEW

CHILDREN OF ADAM’S 8 LEARNING CENTERS IN THE ROHINGYA CAMP & HOST COMMUNITY

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The Rohingya are an ethnic minority from Rakhine state, Myanmar, and have fled in the 100,000s to neighboring Bangladesh during several waves of exodus. The largest exodus was in 2017, when over 700,000 fled into Bangladesh from Myanmar. They have been described by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as “one of, if not the most, discriminated people in the world.” There are at present 860,175 refugees residing in the Kutupalong Refugee Camps of Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh; this is more Rohingyans than currently live in Myanmar. The dense and overcrowded Kutupalong “mega-camp” is the largest refugee camp in the world today. 

Education is vitally important in the context of the Rohingya camps.

02 THE NEEDS

According to the latest Joint Response Plan (2020) for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis, there are 421,771 individuals in need of educational programming in the Rohingya camps and affected host community\(^2\).

Education in emergencies provides children with a positive sense of purpose and equips learners, of all ages, with the life skills, knowledge, values, attitudes and behaviors that foster, critical thinking, empathy and the ability to build communities\(^3\). Education provides children with life-saving information aimed at building an understanding of their rights and responsibilities and strengthening disaster awareness, hygiene, and other survival skills.

Conversely, the lack of basic education services has lifelong consequences. In the absence of education and other opportunities, children, adolescents and youth are more vulnerable to the risk of early marriage, child labor, trafficking, sexual and gender-based violence, exploitation and abuse, and increases the likelihood of engaging in harmful activities including criminality.

The Education Sector has identified quality and inclusive education as a key Sector Objective for 2020, underlining providing “quality inclusive education to Rohingya refugee and host community girls and boys aged 3-24 years old, aligned with Education Sector standards and within the separate frameworks for education,” as a key priority for all NGOs, operating in the Rohingya response\(^4\).

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3 Ibid.
4 Ibid.
Children of Adam has played a role in the educational response to the Rohingya crisis since October 2017, being one of the first NGOs on the ground in the Kutupalong Camp after the influx of Rohingya into Bangladesh after August 2017. Children of Adam assisted the Education Sector with developing the current educational framework and curriculum followed in the Rohingya camp, which is standardized and approved by the Government of Bangladesh.

Children of Adam provides education to Rohingya children in the Kutupalong Extension Camps of Cox’s Bazar and Bangladeshi children in the affected host community adjacent to the Rohingya camps. Our education project comprises of 6 learning centers in the Rohingya Camp and 2 learning centers in the host community, benefitting a total of around 800 children.

The learning centers are providing an education for Rohingya and host community children between the ages of 4 and 14, covering the subjects of English, Burmese (Bengali for host community children), Mathematics, and Life Skills daily. Classes run 6 days per week and sessions are 2 hours long, allowing for up to 90 children to attend class in each learning center daily.

In addition to normal class days, the learning centers have held many activity sessions for the benefit of the children. These have included a celebration of ‘International Education Day’, as well as a ‘Global Hand Washing Day’ celebration and a hygiene training session, where children were taught how to properly wash their hands and brush their teeth.

Children of Adam also conducts regular distributions to students. Previous distributions have included bags, books, pencils, sandals, and water bottles.

The goal of Children of Adam’s education program is to make a significant contribution to the achievement of Education for All (EFA) in Bangladesh. Rohingya children living in camps experience extremely challenging circumstances, preventing them from having what is commonly considered a “normal” childhood.
04 THE IMPACT

Rohingya and host community children have benefited immensely from Children of Adam’s learning centers, being provided with:

- A comprehensive and consistent education
- Classes in English, Burmese (Bengali in the host community), Mathematics, and Life Skills, which will raise community literacy rates
- A safe place to learn, make friends, and be a child
- Nutritional supplements for lacking diets, and
- An escape from the harsh realities of life in the refugee camp.

The education that the children are receiving will present opportunities for them later in life, both personally and professionally.

Children of Adam’s project intervention in the Rohingya camps is particularly powerful, considering that the Rohingya community has very low literacy rates⁵, and thus our programming is working directly to counter this and change future outcomes for the Rohingya population.

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05 GET INVOLVED

CHILDREN OF ADAM’S LEARNING CENTERS AIM TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION AS WELL AS A SEMBLANCE OF CHILDHOOD.

Be a part of our mission and together we can serve by not only educating, but also allowing students an escape from the harsh reality of their lives. Here is how you can get involved and sponsor our Learning Centers:

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HC = Host Community   RC = Rohingya Camp   *= Academic Year

SEND YOUR DONATION

Specify "Rohingya Learning Centers" in description

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