

# **THE ROHINGYA CRISIS**

## **ONE YEAR OF YOUR SUPPORT**



**Save the Children**

# THE FIRST THING TO SAY IS...

**Thank you. Thank you for generously supporting our work with Rohingya refugees, but we owe you more than just our thanks. You also need a chance to see the difference you have made as part of a huge operation on the ground in Bangladesh.**

You might remember one year ago. Violence in Myanmar led to the fastest moving exodus of people – the Rohingya people – since the Rwandan genocide.

Villages were burned to the ground. Homes were destroyed. Men, women and children were forced to leave, and start gruelling and dangerous journeys on foot to try to reach the border. Many families climbed aboard overcrowded and unseaworthy vessels in an attempt to cross into Bangladesh where they hoped to find safety.

Now, one year on, and more than 720,000 refugees have arrived in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. One camp has grown to become the world's largest refugee settlement and the high proportion of children make this a pressing and ongoing children's crisis. Families live in temporary shelters they've constructed themselves, holding on to hope that one day they will be able to return home in safety.

But, as you'll discover, your support is helping to keep Rohingya children alive. With your help, Save the Children is working alongside the Bangladesh government, providing children and their families with essentials like food, water and shelter. You're also helping to keep vulnerable children safe, protect them from disease and giving them the chance to go back to school.

## TIMELINE TO A CRISIS

1982

Myanmar passes a new citizenship law that denies Rohingya people nationality and leaves them stateless.

1992

More than 250,000 Rohingya people are forced out of northern Rakhine state, Myanmar, as a result of increased military operations in the area. They find refuge in Bangladesh.

2010

Save the Children begins to deliver on the ground support to children and families in Rakhine state.

\*All the names of children and people in this document have been changed to protect their identities

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**8-YEAR-OLD ADIZA,  
AT A SAVE THE CHILDREN  
CHILD FRIENDLY SPACE**

**2015**

At least 33,000 Rohingya people flee Myanmar on dangerous and overcrowded boats to try to reach Malaysia and Thailand.

**2016**

Nine Myanmar policemen are killed by an armed group in a Rakhine border attack, launching against Rohingya people in the region. According to the UN, more than 1,000 Rohingya people are killed and more than 90,000 are displaced.

**2017**

**August**

After more policemen are killed, authorities launch clearance operations that triggers an exodus of Rohingya children, women and men. Over the next four days, the number of refugees reaching Bangladesh on foot and by boat soars to several thousand.

**September**

We expand our work on the ground in Bangladesh to get immediate support to the new arrivals and by the end of the month we're reaching 150,000 people with vital aid and food.

# NUMBERS AT A **GLANCE**

WHAT YOU'RE PART OF....



A team of:

**1653**



Including:

**693**

**NATIONAL STAFF**

**45**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STAFF**

**915**

**ROHINGYA  
VOLUNTEERS**



Reaching:

**354,304**

**CHILDREN**

and a total of

**611,635**

**BENEFICIARIES**

## 2018

### November

As people continue to arrive, we launch 'The Horrors I will never forget' report, with eye witness testimony that paints a disturbing picture of the terror children have been through.

### December

Over 700,000 Rohingya refugees including at least 370,000 children have now arrived at what has become the largest refugee settlement in the world. Temperatures drop and we distribute thousands of winter and shelter upgrade kits.

### March

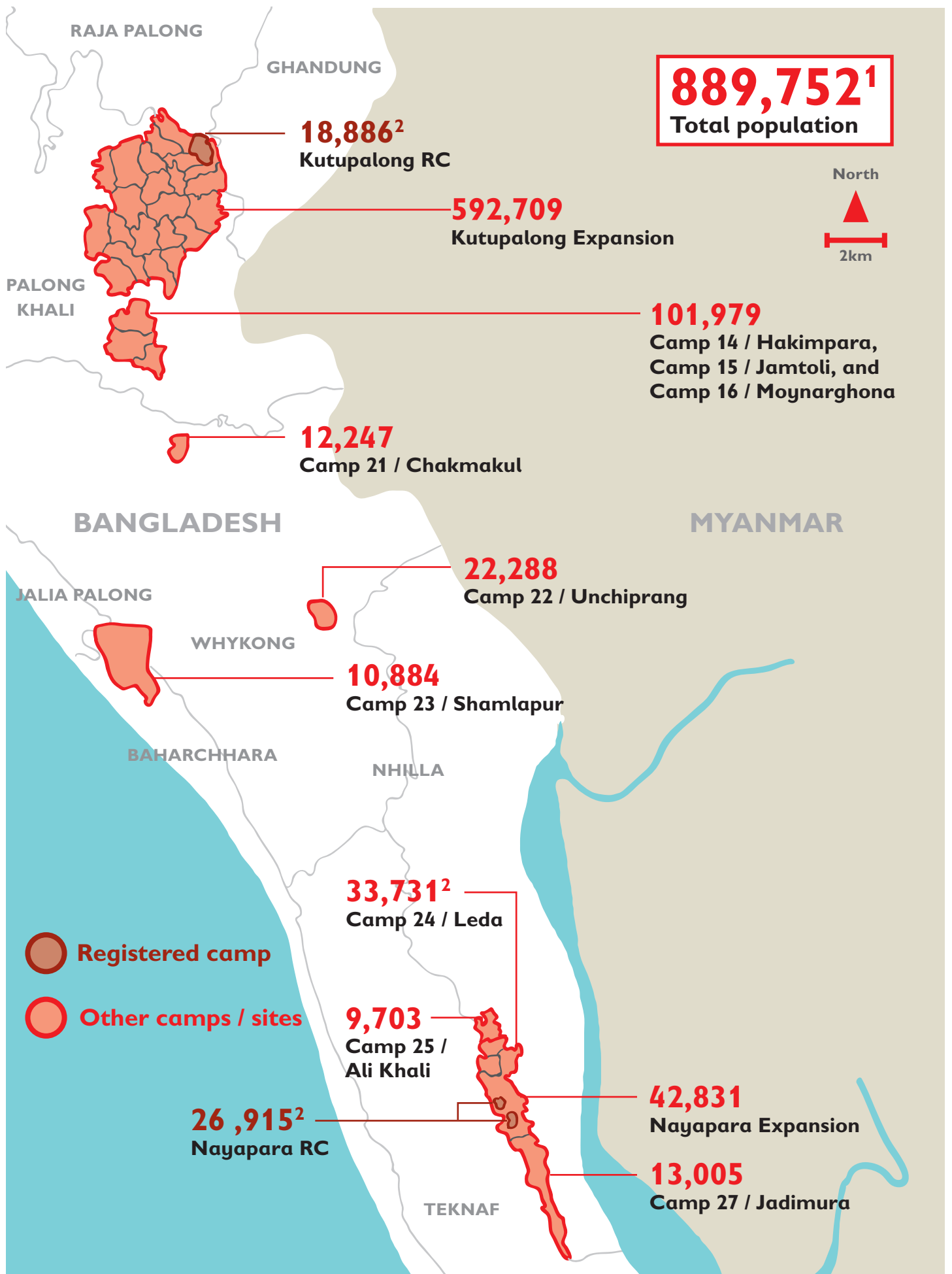
With more than half the population of the camps children under 18, we establish hundreds of temporary learning centres, and distribute backpacks full of learning materials. We also begin to prepare for the monsoon.

### May

By the end of May, we're running more than 90 Child Friendly spaces. We're also distributing child identity bracelets, just in case children become separated from their family during the monsoon.

### July

Our new 20 bed, primary health care centre opens to families! The centre includes emergency care, a maternity ward and even a pharmacy. We continue to provide care at 9 other health posts as well.



<sup>1</sup> This figure includes 4,564 refugees residing outside formal camp / site boundaries.

<sup>2</sup> Kutupalong RC includes 14,183 registered refugees & Nayapara RC includes 19,773 registered refugees

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by Save the Children. Creation date: 31 July 2018. Sources: UNHCR, ISCG, RRRCC

# YOU'VE PROVIDED

## LIFE-SAVING HEALTHCARE TO CHILDREN

Many families arrived at the refugee settlement with nothing. Malnutrition among babies and children soon became a problem. Your support helped Save the Children set up a network of health posts offering basic healthcare, maternal healthcare and lifesaving treatment for malnourished children.

We all need healthcare – to treat illnesses and injuries, for births and operations. In a refugee camp, needs are even greater. Conditions are basic. Food is scarce and children are most at risk from malnutrition. Expectant and new mothers also need care to deliver and support their children.

We've opened a 16-bed primary healthcare centre with a maternity unit that is open to Rohingya families round the clock. An ambulance service brings emergency cases to the centre.

Across the camps, we have also set up a network of health posts. As many as 100 people a day use each health post and – across all facilities – there have been more than 211,000 consultations to date.

In mother and baby areas, teams work to support mums to breastfeed their babies and promote good hygiene, which is a challenge when you're living in a shelter with limited access to water. Children and babies are screened and those with severe acute malnutrition are brought to centres where they receive emergency food. They are regularly monitored as they put on weight and regain their strength. By making work like this possible, you help save children's lives. including a health centre that provides 24/7 in patient care to Rohingya children and families

### IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

#### Providing:



More than **211,000** consultations to date

#### Setting up:



**10** health posts including a health centre that provides 24/7 in patient care to Rohingya children and families



**9** centres providing treatment of severe acute malnutrition in babies and children



**11** mother and baby areas to manage acute malnutrition in babies

#### Distributing:



**435** baby kits

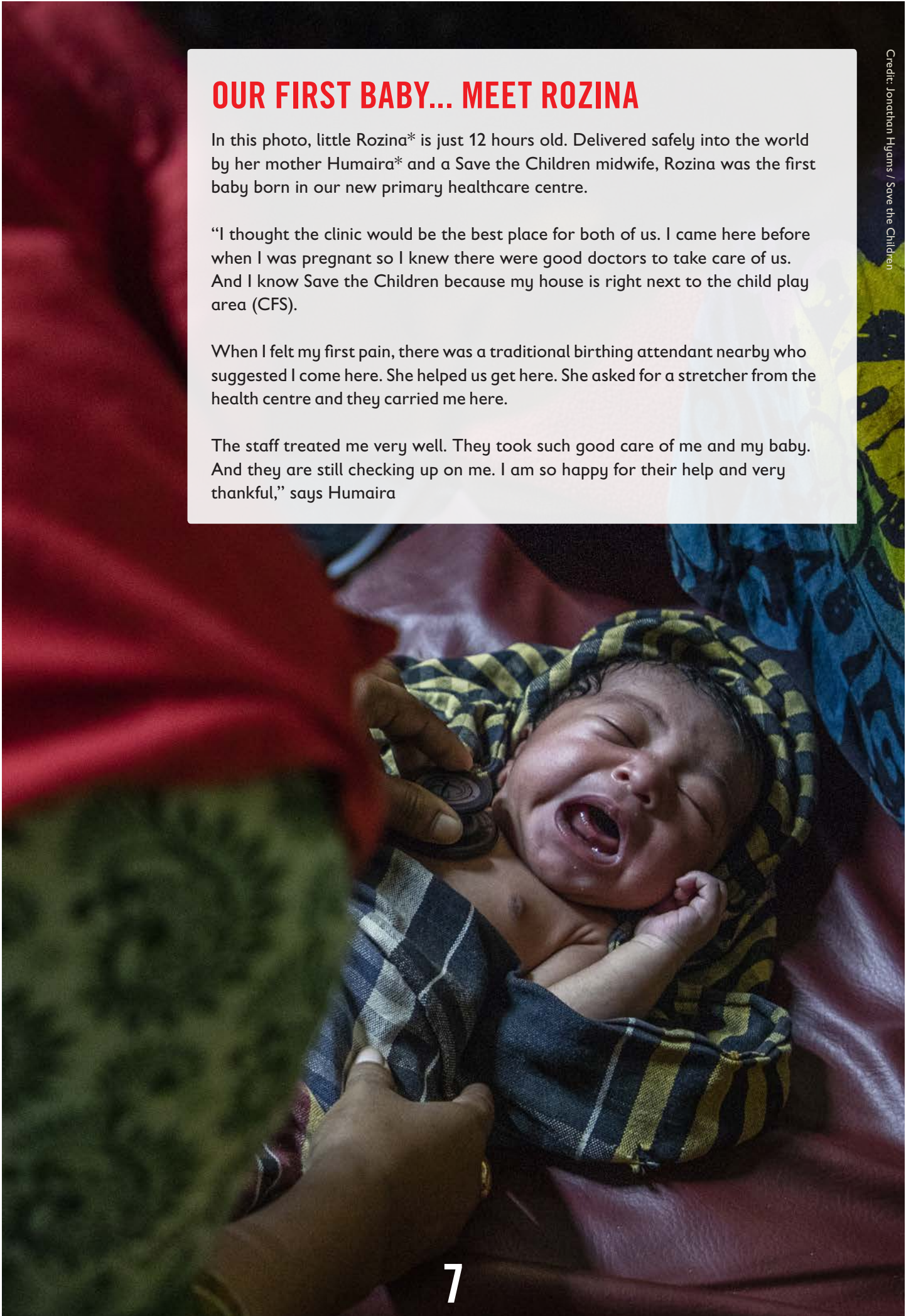
## OUR FIRST BABY... MEET ROZINA

In this photo, little Rozina\* is just 12 hours old. Delivered safely into the world by her mother Humaira\* and a Save the Children midwife, Rozina was the first baby born in our new primary healthcare centre.

“I thought the clinic would be the best place for both of us. I came here before when I was pregnant so I knew there were good doctors to take care of us. And I know Save the Children because my house is right next to the child play area (CFS).

When I felt my first pain, there was a traditional birthing attendant nearby who suggested I come here. She helped us get here. She asked for a stretcher from the health centre and they carried me here.

The staff treated me very well. They took such good care of me and my baby. And they are still checking up on me. I am so happy for their help and very thankful,” says Humaira



# YOU'VE HELPED

## PROTECT CHILDREN FROM DISEASE

**When hundreds of thousands of people set up shelter on open land, disease is an almost immediate threat. Thanks to your support, Save the Children is working with refugee families to provide clean water and share hygienic practices that protect children.**

Water is the first essential for survival. If there is no clean water on tap, families have no alternative but to draw supplies from rivers or pools. Diseases like cholera spread fast in the overcrowded conditions of a refugee camp and children are most at risk from waterborne and infectious diseases.

With your help, Save the Children has built wells and set up water points, providing children and their families with safe clean drinking water. We have also built latrines and washing facilities, and lit them with solar lamps so women and children feel safe to use them.

You've also helped recruit and train community volunteers, who go from shelter to shelter across seven camps sharing the importance of hygienic practices. This includes everything from hand washing and using latrines to food safety and, where necessary, purifying water. For women and girls, separate sessions are held on menstrual hygiene, and dignity kits are distributed.

### IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

#### Reaching:



**120,096** people

#### Building:



**63** deep tube wells

**842** latrines

#### Distributing:



**11,882** hygiene kits

**552** dignity kits

Training and supporting community volunteers to go from shelter to shelter promoting good hygiene.



## CLEAN WATER BRINGS PROTECTION

Kismot Ara\* bought her baby Jamila\* to a Save the Children clinic. The 7-month-old was malnourished and to make matters worse, had contracted diarrhoea, a life-threatening illness for an infant already at risk. Our health teams diagnosed Jamila and started her on a therapeutic feeding program to increase her weight and general health.

But thanks to your support, we didn't stop there. We went to work with the community to help them understand how waterborne diseases can spread and the things they can do to keep their children safe.

"I often come to the Save the Children clinic to receive medicine for me and my children. I also get a special peanut paste for my daughter Jamila, to help her gain weight.

The people from Save the Children also come to our home and talk to us about the importance of hygiene and nutrition, and how to stay clean and healthy," says Kismot Ara.

# YOU'VE HELPED

## VULNERABLE CHILDREN FEEL SAFE AGAIN

**Many refugee children are traumatised by what they have experienced. Your generous support means Save the Children have been able to set up Child Friendly Spaces where children can play safely and take part in therapeutic activities.**

Many refugee children arrived at the camp deeply traumatised. They have seen their homes burned to the ground and people shot. Then they embarked on a frightening journey through jungle, the mountains and across the sea to reach safety.

We know how important it is for children to feel safe and to have some sense of normality in their lives. That's why – with your support – we set up Child Friendly Spaces where children can play. There, children can take part in activities to help them open up about what they have seen and experienced.

Across the camps, there are now Child Friendly Spaces and more mobile facilities that we take from area to area, reaching as many as 54,057 children in total.

The sad fact is refugee children are vulnerable to further exploitation – to child labour, child trafficking and early, forced marriage. With your help, we assess a child's risk and work with their family to protect them.

Those most at risk are children who have lost their parents and arrive at the refugee camp alone. Save the Children runs a family-tracing service to reunite children with their mums and dads, and offer emergency care when a family can't be found.

### IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

#### Setting up:



**90** Child Friendly Spaces

**49** mobile Child Friendly Spaces

**2** Safe Spaces providing emergency care for unaccompanied children.

#### Establishing:



A team of over **20** psychosocial specialists to work across health posts and child friendly spaces in the camps.

#### Holding:



Awareness sessions, parent's meetings, sessions with communities to promote child safety

## IT STARTS WITH A FRIENDLY SPACE

8-year-old Aziz\* has witnessed and survived more than most in a lifetime. Shot twice in the leg as he fled the violence that reached his village, Aziz's leg was amputated after it became infected.

Now, safe in Bangladesh with his family, Aziz is recovering and moving on from his experiences with the help of people like you and Save the Children.

"I love playing at the Child Friendly Space (CFS). There are lots of toys and games. I like to play there a lot. I really like to play Carrom [traditional wooden board game].

All the children who go to the CFS are my friends. I love them, and they love me. I play with all of them. The CFS facilitators are very nice. They take care of me.

I was given a new walking stick by Save the Children last week. It is more comfortable for me and is better than my old [bamboo] stick."

# YOU'VE DELIVERED

## SHELTER TO CHILDREN

**Right from the first wave of arrivals through to today, Save the Children has been working to distribute shelter kits and build the basic facilities families need. Thanks to you, children and their families have a roof over their heads and the supplies they need to live.**

Imagine fleeing your home with nothing, then walking for days to find safety. You'd arrive hungry, frightened, exhausted – and desperate to put a roof over your family's head. With your support, Save the Children has distributed shelter kits containing rope and tarpaulin, enabling families to build a shelter. More recently, we have helped with shelter upgrade kits to reinforce shelters ready for the monsoon season.

It is a huge, on-going operation to ensure the camp remains safe. As the number of families has grown, the settlement has expanded into new areas of land.

With your support, Save the Children has employed teams of engineers and builders to put in place drainage and build roads, bridges and stairways where needed. We've also installed solar lighting near latrines and washing facilities.

This work is critical to ensuring families are safe, the threat of disease is contained, and – during monsoon season – children are protected from landslides and flooding.

### IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

#### Distributing:



Shelter kits to **33,495** households, including **85,939** children

**6,779** shelter upgrade kits to strengthen shelters

#### Building:



Shelters for **182** extremely vulnerable families

Lighting latrines and washing facilities with **702** solar lights, so they are safer for women and children to use.

## BRIGHTER LIVES

When night falls, the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar can be a frightening place. Wild animals howl and there are rumours of smugglers snatching vulnerable children as parents sleep

But it's amazing how a little light can banish danger and chase away fear. Ever since we installed a solar lamp at the latrine near where Minora\* lives, she and her three-year-old daughter Zaheera have been able to venture out of their shelter.

“Previously, women were very worried about children being stolen in the night, because it was so dark. We were scared about elephants. We were scared about many things. Now that the light has been installed, we are no longer scared. We are no longer scared to use the toilet at night time.

Now Zaheeda isn't scared to go to the latrine as well. She used to be scared of foxes in the night. They make a lot of noises and they make the children scared. Thank you very much for your help.”

# YOU'VE HELPED

## CHILDREN START LEARNING AGAIN

**An education is vital to a child's future. With your help, we've been working to make sure that children living in the refugee settlement don't miss out. Learning and activities are a key part of a child's day – helping to give them a sense of normality, and keeping them safe and busy.**

Six days a week the doors of our 115 Temporary Learning Spaces are open. There is room for 35 students at a time in each room and it is used right through the day. For the first two hours, it is the little ones in attendance, aged four to six. Then the seven to ten year olds, and at the end of the day, it's the early teens, 11-14 year olds.

A Rohingya volunteer and Bangladeshi facilitator work together to run each learning session. The children do Maths and English. They sing Burmese or Rohingya songs, and they receive life-saving information about hygiene and safety. High-energy biscuits are also distributed to children to prevent malnutrition.

With your support, 12,250 Rohingya girls and boys have been able to return to education and take part in fun, learning activities.

### IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

#### Setting up:



**115** Temporary Learning Spaces

#### Providing:



**12,250** children with the chance to learn

#### Distributing:



Learning equipment for children



## A LOVE FOR LEARNING

“I would describe myself as brave but shy,” says 12-year-old Ayesha\* (pictured center) and we would have to agree! After fleeing Myanmar with her family, this young woman has immersed herself in learning and making new friends.

Thanks to the support of people like you, Ayesha attends a Save the Children Learning centre.

“Save the Children have given me a backpack with a pen, colouring pencils, notepaper, a water bottle and an umbrella. I use these when I go to the learning centre.

I enjoy playing and going to learning centre together with my friends. I can learn there. When I play with my friends, read, write and draw at the learning centre, I feel happy.

My favourite subjects are English and studying the Quran. I like English because if I learn English, I will be able to teach English. I like to learn the Quran in the madrassa because it is a holy book for us.”

# YOU'VE MADE SURE CHILDREN HAVE FOOD TO EAT

**Food is delivered to the refugee settlement by the World Food programme. Save the Children works with the WFP and other organisations on the ground to make sure that food is distributed safely, and children are not put at risk. With your help, a system has been put in place and it works.**

Picture a busy refugee camp, where people are hungry. Every two weeks, food is delivered – how do we ensure every family gets their fair share?

With your support, Save the Children has taken a leading role in ensuring food distribution happens efficiently and safely at 11 distribution points, even as the camp has grown and numbers have increased. Each household receives rice, pulses and oil in accordance to the number of people in the family.

Save the Children has ensured that the distribution points are a safe place to wait. There is shade, a space for mothers to breast-feed and toilet facilities. Families were asked to keep children safe by not to sending them to collect food supplies without adult supervision.


Distribution points were set up throughout the camp to ensure no one has to travel a long distance. A committee was set up to handle any complaints or problems, or simply to suggest improvements to the process. This isn't glamorous, eye-catching work, but distributing food safely and fairly is absolutely vital to refugee families and this is a good example of organisations working together on the ground.

## IN NUMBERS: THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE HELPED TO MAKE

### Managing:

 **11** Food distribution points

### Distributing:

 Food to **573,855** people, including **354,304** children



## THE DAILY MEAL

“We lost everything in Myanmar. I had gold and jewellery, we had domestic animals – 8 cows, 12 goats. We had lots of chickens but they were all burnt when people set our house on fire,” explains Morium\*.

Fleeing the violence in Myanmar and finding safety in a camp in Bangladesh, Morium and her family rely on aid and the support of people like you to survive. In fact, your support ensures a regular supply of food to more than 573,000 people

“Today we received food from Save the Children. We were given two litres of oil, salt, sugar, dhal, rice and flour for the children. This is very helpful however it’s still difficult given we have 10 people in our family. If we didn’t get this food, we could borrow from neighbours for a few days, but eventually we would really suffer and maybe die.”



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