A Slice of Festival for the Hindu Rohingya Refugees

COAST Offering for Hindu Refugees on the occasion of Durga Puja

Durga Puja, also called Durgotsava, is the most awaited and biggest religious festival of Hindus. It is an annual Hindu festival in the Indian subcontinent that reveres the goddess Durga.

But this year, during the biggest festival instead of any joy or festive mode, 517 Hindu Rohingya refugees are in huge physical and mental trauma. They have been fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh due to recent violence.

They were ready to embrace their goddess with their sufferings and pains as they have lost almost everything they had.

517 hindu Rohingya of 107 families are living in a temporary shelter in Teknaf. They are getting food and some other supports, but they were not thinking to celebrate the Durga Puja this year. Considering the situation, COAST has taken a special initiative for them. COAST provided 1000 taka for each of the family. In total 94 families among 107 families have got the cash support on the occasion of Durga Puja. COAST found that, 13 families had migrated to other places while the cash support was provided on 29th September. Of the 94 families there are 455 members including 165 male, 138 female and 152 children members.