

World Refugee Day 2024

# Dignity for Rohingyas

Bangladesh and Global Responsibilities:

**What can we do?**



# Topic: **Food for thought**

**Security and situation**

**Funding Gap and Aid Dependency**

**Livelihood**

**Human Dignity: Refugee Rights**

**Repatriation**



**National and International Responsibilities**

# Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh



**981,064**

As of 31 May 2024



**\$918M**

Asked for



**\$432M**

Received (2023)

- Debate on total Rohingya population (1.2 million in newspapers)
- Half a million host community
- 1.55 million people in need

[Source: <https://rohingyaresponse.org/>]



# Security Situation in Rohingya Camps

## Major security events

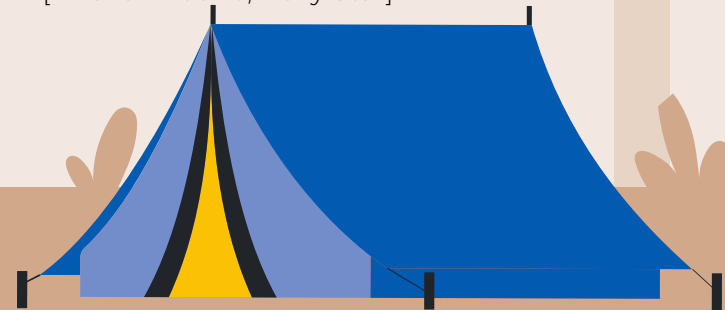
- Drug Trafficking,
- Armed groups,
- internal conflicts

## Reasons:

- Scarcity of Resources
- Poverty
- Congested living
- Blurred future
- No education
- No work for youth
- Sense of insecurity

## Some Data

- 186 murders in 7 years
  - 116 Cases filed
  - 500+ kidnapping
  - 60 individuals Police are looking for
  - 11 armed groups active
- [Dhaka Tribune, Daily Star]



# Way forward

WORLD  
REFUGEE DAY

*20 th June*



**Community Participation:** Community Group formation, age-group activities for community purpose

**Law Enforcing Agencies:** Night time patrol, general patrol through the blocks, community volunteers

**Information & Alert:** UNDSS and other security agencies to gather information and dissemination



# 1951 Refugee Convention

The rights contained in the 1951 Convention include:

- The right not to be expelled
- The right to work
- The right to housing
- The right to education
- The right to public relief and assistance
- The right to freedom of religion
- The right to access the courts
- The right to freedom of movement within the territory
- The right to be issued identity and travel documents

# Aid Situation in 2024

## Rohingya Refugee

Per Capita Food Aid dropped  
from \$12 to \$8  
Only 49% of the aid needed (JRP)

## Global Refugee Crises

301 million people in need  
181 million refugees in  
73 countries  
\$46.6 Billion needed  
40% of the requirement is  
achieved so far.



# Way forward

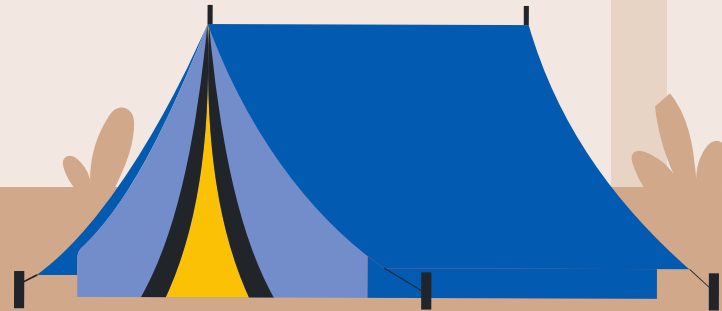


- Livelihood programs through local and small NGOs (localisation)
- Cash for work through local organisations and community engagement
- Example:
  - (1) Rohingyas can make millions of copies of prayer caps or prayer mats which could be sold during Hajj in Saudi Arabia at a comparatively higher price seeking assistance for the Rohingyas.
  - (2) Rohingya people rear chickens in a natural way (not in cages). The chickens are free to move and grow naturally. They can sell chicken outside after their consumption.



# Dignity Issues in Rohingya Camps

- Congested living in a confined area like prisoners (this increases crime)
- No formal education (Internationally recognisable certificate)
- No proper job and No future
- No refugee status, no travel document



# Way forward



- **First option:** Repatriation now.
- **Second option:** Third Country Repatriation.
- **Third option:** Provide them with travel documents with a refugee identity.
- **Fourth option:** Relocation to Bhasanchar and other places to make some space.

# What Rohingya Diaspora Community can do?



## Travel Document

Demand Refugee status  
and seek travel documents  
(Not BD Passport)

## Advocacy

For repatriation and  
seek UN to assist.

## Network

They may form  
organisation and  
network on this issue

## Social Media

How Palestinians  
inspired the world?

## International

Campaign at  
international level



## What International Community Can do?

The international community has done a great job for Rohingyas so far. They have arranged relief, live-saving services, protection, education and WASH facilities.

# What International Community Can do?

- **Work for the formal education** (the current education is a big achievement, but there is no certification system). Rohingya youth would be more interested in education if there is a formal and internationally recognisable certification system.
- **Family reunion:** Particularly those families whose earning member is in a job in abroad.
- **Third country repatriation:** There are rich countries that have very small population and are looking for a working force i.e., Canada. The international community could facilitate Rohingyas to travel to those countries with a travel document.
- **Permanent and peaceful repatriation** back to their homeland by ensuring security so that they don't need to come back.





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make a difference**

**Thank you.**

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