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1.2 million

Estimated refugees in
Cox's Bazar since August 2017

Caritas invites you to stand in solidarity with the Rohingya by supporting our emergency appeal. Right now, **each donation is doubled** (up to \$150,000) by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

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OVERVIEW

Bangladesh is now hosting over 1.2 million Rohingya refugees, most of whom have arrived since August 2017, fleeing persecution in Myanmar. While neighbouring countries Malaysia, Thailand and India have taken in thousands, Bangladesh has seen the largest numbers by far. This population is highly vulnerable due to a history of statelessness and trauma. Flooding, landslides and high winds have made life more treacherous, adding to the misery of over-crowded conditions in the camps.

Since August 2017, through the Bangladeshi Government, rapid and effective humanitarian action has saved many lives, met critical needs and protected nearly one million Rohingya refugees while also responding to impacts on the host community who are affected by this crisis.

CARITAS RESPONSE

In 2018, with your help, we were able to support Caritas Bangladesh in reaching out to more than 600,000 individuals with complementary food baskets, shelter, site improvement, disaster risk reduction, water, sanitation, hygiene and protection services.

This need continues more now than ever. Your ongoing generosity will enable us to provide further support to Caritas Bangladesh in equipping people with essential items, including:

Basic Living Supplies

- Providing blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets and other supplies

Protecting Women and Children from Trafficking and Violence

- Sharing protection and anti-trafficking messaging
- Training community members to counsel and provide referrals for specialised help
- Constructing child-friendly spaces where children can play and learn safely
- Educating men so they can advocate on behalf of women

Safe Shelters

- Constructing safe dignified shelters with support from local carpenters
- Employing disaster-resilient construction improvements

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Constructing gender-segregated toilet and bathing facilities
- Installing wells with solar-powered pumps
- Training volunteers and developing messages to promote sanitation and hygiene
- Providing female hygiene supplies
- Distributing hygiene kits