



Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response
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OXFAM REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CENTERING ROHINGYA VOICES & LEADERSHIP

Amidst the ongoing crisis on both sides of the Myanmar-Bangladesh border, Rohingya people and communities are frontline responders actively supporting community wellbeing while seeking ways to advance durable solutions, which recognize their rights and dignity, to their displacement. Rohingya women and men living in camps in both Rakhine and Cox's Bazar hold a range of leadership roles—advancing discussions about their futures and supporting neighbors to cope with incredibly difficult circumstances that continue to deprive them of basic protections. All too often, however, this leadership is not recognized or fostered, nor is it adequately resourced.

As a humanitarian and rights-based organization working with Rohingya people in both Myanmar and Bangladesh, Oxfam takes this opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to centering the voices of Rohingya communities and to ensuring Rohingya people are directly shaping our response—from guiding how and what humanitarian assistance is delivered to informing our influencing objectives. We look to humanitarian donors to commit further, urgently needed support to the humanitarian response in both countries, recognizing the need for life-saving assistance coupled with support for the continued empowerment and leadership of Rohingya women and men.

Over the next year, Oxfam will continue to increase our direct support to Rohingya-led initiatives in the camps, particularly Rohingya women led initiatives, and we will re-double our efforts to facilitate the direct leadership of Rohingya in our own programming as well as in a range of policy and decision-making processes at national, regional and global levels.