

Working from home for Rohingya refugees

Living through displacement is difficult enough but adding a global pandemic makes things even harder. In Cox's Bazar, Christian Aid partners have been preparing for Covid-19 in the refugee camps to support the Rohingya population through this difficult time. With such close living conditions hygiene is especially important.

Christian Aid partners have been strengthening the hygiene stations, adding more hand washing facilities, training people in how to protect themselves and training health workers and volunteers in the community.

One of the big concerns is an economic one. Social distancing measures have meant that many people have lost their income. Christian Aid partner DSK has been providing training to Rohingya women in handicraft work making cushion covers, home decorations and mosquito net covers.

Movement restrictions within the camps threatened to put a halt to the training as groups could no longer meet together. DSK have put measures in place to allow the training to continue.

There is now a rota which allows five women per day to attend the training centre while others work from home. The trainers have been provided with protective equipment to allow them to visit workers at home safely and bring materials and collect finished products.



Two trainees from one household work safely together at home

The home-based trainees have appreciated the efforts from DSK to let them work from their homes and continue to earn their living and this has helped with the worry and uncertainty about income.

'We've seen an increase in productivity working from home'

Many trainees have seen an increase in their productivity as they work from home because it allows them to balance their work and home duties.

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life, which has helped refugees earn a living through the pandemic.

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Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. As we contemplate a 'new normal' how might the love of God guide us in our choices and our actions?

Churches have adapted and continued to love and serve their communities. Although church buildings have been closed, the role of the church has never been more important.

We cannot waste this opportunity to reimagine a future that is built upon the intrinsic God-given worth of everyone as a foundation.

Christian Aid has an online campaign toolkit to help churches to lead discussions on what it will mean to build back with justice after Covid-19.

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