

Resilience Training for Refugees and Host Communities

Christian Aid Bangladesh have been working through a consortium of agencies to help support Rohingya refugees and host communities. As part of the work they are planning projects to help increase self-reliance and resilience, particularly for marginalised or vulnerable groups.

Christian Aid has started a pilot project with 300 people who could benefit the most from resilience and business training. They shortlisted those from women-headed households, marginalised groups, young people and those living with disabilities as well as indigenous groups within host communities.

Participants were offered places on the training based on their needs, and especially those struggling to earn a living due to Covid-19 measures and the impact of a recent natural disaster in the area.

To start the programme, 125 people received a week of training on leadership and business management as well as practical skills in poultry and livestock rearing or tailoring. As part of the training there is also an emphasis on looking at gender and making business plans.

The training has helped those participating to create business plans for income-generation and cash grants are available to start the business following the training.



A women's group receiving training in soft skills to help build their resilience.

Christian Aid partner Dusthya Sasthya Kendra (DSK) are now following up with the participants to help develop their businesses further and to offer technical assistance to help grow their income.

'This training helps those most vulnerable to natural disasters'

Christian Aid will then be looking to roll out the training across the Rohingya refugee camps in the coming weeks with a further 230 people.

Thank you for your support for Bangladesh through Commitment for Life, which has helped people build their resilience.

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