

## Rohingya Refugee Crisis

### Overview of the Rohingya Refugee Crisis

- On August 25, outbreaks of extreme violence by Myanmar's security forces targeted the Rohingya people living in Myanmar
- The Rohingya are a majority Muslim people who were living in the majority Buddhist nation of Myanmar
- This was not the first instance of violence against the Rohingya, and in fact there has been severe discrimination of the Rohingya people for decades. They are considered to be one of the most persecuted people groups in the world, and are denied citizenship in Myanmar
- Over the last three months, over 600,000 Rohingya people have taken refuge in Bangladesh
- Many refugees report indiscriminate mass killings, targeting all people, even women and children. Villages have been burned to the ground, and the list of other violent atrocities that have been committed against innocent people is long
- Many families left with nothing, and have arrived with nothing. Food and nutrition concerns are high, and families also only have limited access to clean water, proper sanitation, and appropriate shelter

### World Renew's Response

- In mid-November, World Renew had distributed food to over 43,000 people in the Kutupalong refugee camp
- We will be doing food distributions every 2 weeks for the next 2 months
- Based on need, we will continue to provide food assistance after these first 2 months
- We are also planning to provide non-food items to families in need

### Prayer Points

- Pray for the many organizations in Bangladesh and Myanmar attempting to respond to the needs – that they would have wisdom to respond to the needs as best as possible and help these families begin the journey of recovery
- Pray for political will to influence this crisis and bring about an end to the persecution of the Rohingya people
- Pray that refugees would see their physical needs met in the short-term, but also that they would receive psycho-social support to address the trauma that nearly everyone has experienced

- Pray that Canadians and others from around the world would see the needs and be compelled to help
- Pray for peace and safety for those living in refugee camps, especially women and children who are susceptible to sexual violence
- Pray that the Great Physician would help to heal the physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds that this crisis is creating

### **Government Match for Donations**

- The Government of Canada has announced a match for all projects responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis
- Every dollar donated by Canadians in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis until November 28, 2017 will be matched by the Canadian government through its new Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund
- Learn more and give online at [worldrenew.net/rohingya](http://worldrenew.net/rohingya)

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