



OBATHELPERS

Empowerment Through Community Development

Our mission is to serve displaced and disadvantaged people by providing them access to education, healthcare, infrastructure and empowerment initiatives while ensuring sustainable community development.

OBAT HELPERS is a US based 501(c)3 nonprofit. Since 2004, it has been serving an unfortunate and forgotten group of people, commonly known as Bihari or Urdu Speaking (formerly known as stranded Pakistanis). Over 300,000 people are living in 116 makeshift camps in 13 different cities throughout Bangladesh since 1971. More than three generations of this community continue to live in 8 ft. x 10 ft. spaces in abject poverty, with no access to basic amenities. They face a severe lack of education, healthcare and income earning opportunities. OBAT HELPERS has been instrumental in providing opportunities for growth and transformation to this community through the areas of education, health, infrastructure development, empowerment and relief.



ROHINGYA RELIEF PROGRAM

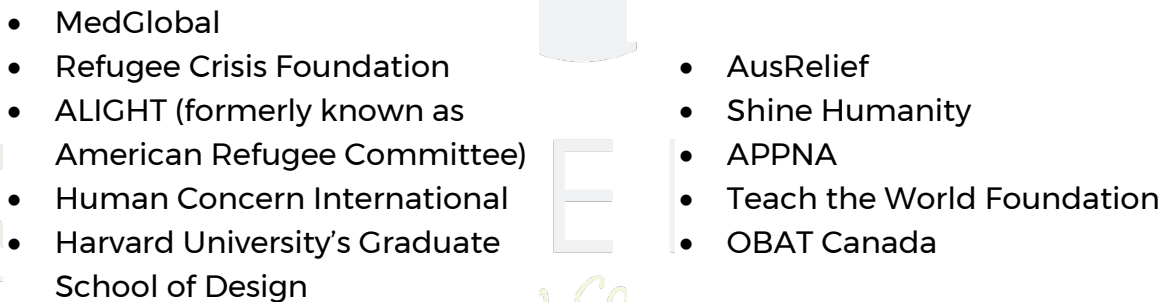
In October of 2017, OBAT also started responding to the critical situation that resulted after an influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh's city, Cox's Bazar. The Rohingya escaped from persecution and genocide in Myanmar to seek protection in Bangladesh. With the Rohingya crisis unfolding at the doorstep of OBAT projects, we made a strategic decision to provide humanitarian assistance in the immediate aftermath and apply solutions and lessons learned from the Urdu-speaking camps to help the recently displaced individuals. Key OBAT staff from the Urdu-speaking projects have played an important role in spearheading the Rohingya relief efforts. OBAT's current relief strategy in the Rohingya camps has and will be addressing medical, educational, nutrition and emergency needs of the refugees.

Currently, the following projects are being undertaken by the Rohingya Relief Program:

- **10 Temporary learning** centers serving 1,000+ kids including 2 digital learning centers
- **Rohingya language** classes for kids & adults (only agency offering this; 380 + students attend daily)

- **One medical** center that treats around 150 patients per day
- **82 Tube wells** to provide clean water
- **Empowerment center** for women & 2 community centers
- **Playground** for kids
- **3,000 meals** and 1,100 rations distributed
- **Distribution of** emergency non food items (16,000)
- **5 medical** camps treated 3,600 people
- **1,504 sturdy** shelters built for monsoon season (7,520 beneficiaries)
- **9 Bridges** & 12 pathways
- **Distribution of** 4,600 shelter reinforcement kits benefiting 23,000 people
- **1,350 solar lights** distributed to families
- **Edie's Community Kitchen**
- **Host Community** Digital Learning Class with 25 local students

OBAT has been fortunate to have the support of several service partners and donors, some of whom are mentioned below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MedGlobal • Refugee Crisis Foundation • ALIGHT (formerly known as American Refugee Committee) • Human Concern International • Harvard University's Graduate School of Design |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AusRelief • Shine Humanity • APPNA • Teach the World Foundation • OBAT Canada |
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To end this brief summary, we would like you to get to know two very special members of the Rohingya community in the pages ahead.

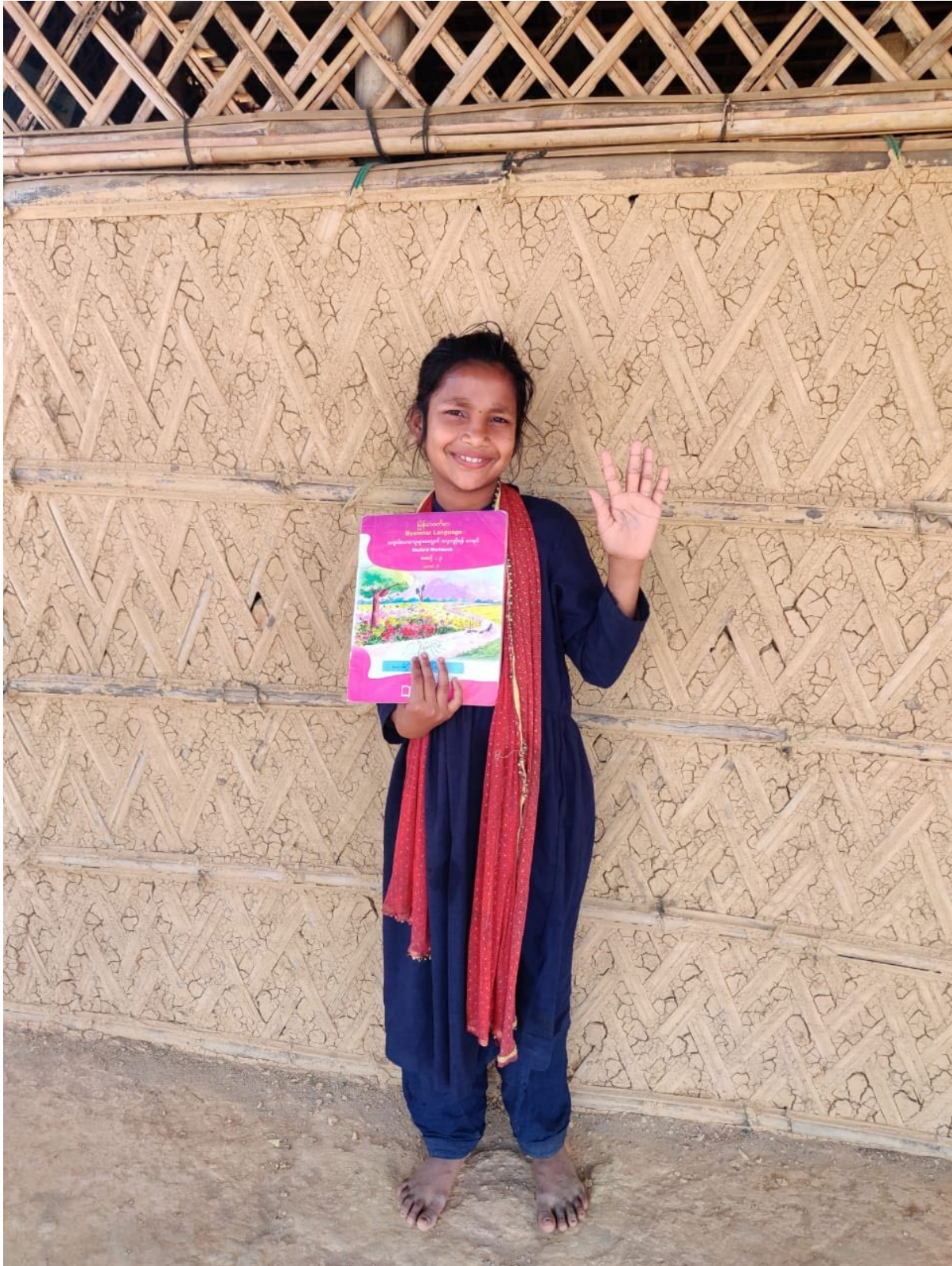
Mowlovi Mohammad



My name is Mowlovi Mohammad and I am 72 years old. I have been living in the Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp for the past two and a half years. I am originally from Myanmar and came to Bangladesh in 2017 to save my life as the Government of Myanmar and extremists from Rakhine State killed a lot of my friends and relatives. I saw many horrible things that give me nightmares.

After arriving in Bangladesh the local government, NGOs and INGOs provided me and my family with continuous support in every aspect of our lives. It has been one year since I began receiving free medical treatment from OBAT Helpers at their Health Post. It has been really amazing to have their support. I am a regular non-communicable disease patient (NCD) with diabetes and hypertension, and therefore I need a constant supply of essential medicines. I have a large medical file at the clinic because I am a frequent patient. I am very happy with the treatment I receive and with my regular doctor at the OBAT Clinic. All the support staff are very friendly as well. I choose to go to this clinic instead of other clinics even though it is a 45-minute walk for me and I am blind and require assistance walking. Thank you to everyone who is helping in providing this blessing to us.

Nur



My name is Nur and I am 11 years old. It has been over two years since I arrived in Bangladesh with my mother and my baby brother. My father was killed in Myanmar by the Tatmadaw (Myanmar Armed Forces). I didn't see him killed, but my mother did. I also had an older brother; he was taken by the Tatmadaw too. We don't know where he was taken and have not seen him since. Life is hard in the camp. But I love going to school. I have been an OBAT student at an OBAT Helpers Learning Center for nearly two years now. I have many friends at school and my teacher is so nice and helpful. We have our own workbooks for homework and class practice and I recently moved up to the next class level after our end of year exams! Sometimes, aid workers ask us to draw our favorite place. I always draw my classroom. This is because it is where I feel happy and I go there every day to learn new things. I love learning English and practicing sums in Mathematics at my OBAT Learning Center. I hope that I can become a teacher when I am older.

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Organization information resources:

Link to 2018 electronic annual report: <http://bit.ly/OBAT2018AR>

OBAT's profile video: bit.ly/OBATSnapshot

