AID FOR THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE 2017

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BURMA EMERGENCY

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OVERVIEW

Since late August 2017, the emergency situation in Rakhine State, Myanmar, has worsened with violent clashes reportedly resulting in over 1,000 dead. The United Nations estimate that almost 400,000 people have fled for refuge in Bangladesh since August the 25th, whilst UNICEF estimates that 80% of refugees are women and children.

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AL-MUSTAFA’S RESPONSE

AMWT is one of a handful of Muslim charities who continue to work inside Burma. Since 2012 AMWT has provided refuge and humanitarian assistance to internal refugees within the state of Rakhine.

We have been in contact with the community facing difficulties caused by the Rohingya Muslim community. Our priority has been to provide shelter for internally displaced, homeless families. AMWT Chair, Abdulrazzaq Sajid, personally undertook five journeys to Rakhine state in Burma, to deliver aid and review projects on the ground.

We are also working for all Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh’s refugee camps. The Chairman of Al Mustafa Welfare Trust visited Cox’s Bazar Refugee camp on 14th September 2017 with a team of volunteers, community representatives, journalists and Lord Nazir Ahmed. Our team distributed food esses and cash to the refugee families. Our direct presence within Burma, working in refugee camps with our own team and resources means we have unparalleled access to support people on the ground.

Most of the Rohingya refugees are women and children, and they are in desperate need of food, shelter, clean water and medical aid. Many people have been injured, traumatised and are exhausted as they arrive in Bangladesh.

Al Mustafa Welfare Trust is present to ease their misery and has launched a full-scale humanitarian response. We are continuing to provide emergency food, clean drinking water, emergency shelters and hygiene kits.

We urgently need your help to support our response to this crisis. Please donate now to help make sure we can reach every person in need.

AL-MUSTAFA BURMA PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Below is a short summary of the projects and aid delivered by Al Mustafa since 2014. None of this would have been possible without permission from the Almighty, your prayers and generous donations. Thank you for never forgetting and caring for humanity alongside us.

AID DELIVERED SINCE 2014

- CORE NON-FOOD ITEM KITS
- LARGE TENTS
- CORE HYGIENE KITS
- SANITARY NF KITS FOR WOMEN
- PLASTIC TARPAULINS FOR COVER
- THERMAL FLEECE BLANKETS
- MOSQUITO NETS
- KITCHEN SETS
- JERRY CANS
- HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC BUCKETS
- SLEEPING MATS
- CHILDREN TO RECEIVE Nutritional supplements
- PREGNANT WOMEN Nutritional supplements
- FAMILIES RECEIVED FOOD PACK (Consisting of Rice, Flour, Sugar, Tea & Cooking Oil)

ROHINGYA FACT FILE

- A Muslim minority of 1.3 million
- Living mainly in the Western Rakhine state
- Burma 1982 Citizenship Law rendered them non-nationals and stateless
- Cannot travel, get married or seek medical treatment without official permission
- High rates of acute malnutrition and infant mortality amongst Rohingya
- Considered as the ‘world’s most persecuted minority’

“It is never easy to witness the fear and pain of human beings who have nothing in this world, yet are treated like cattle, I have seen the suffering and oppressive conditions of the Rohingya Muslims first-hand. Yet every person I met received me with warmth and many thanked Al-Mustafa and its supporters for everything we have been doing. As previously I left them with a heavy heart and a promise that we would continue to help them and pray for their safety.”

Abdul Razaq Sajid
AMWT Chair

“If the world is not going to take notice, this will become the biggest humanitarian disaster in the region. They arrive exhausted, hungry and sick, having walked for days from their villages, through jungles, across mountains and rivers carrying what little they could bring from home. There is an urgent need for emergency shelters and essential relief items as more refugees arrive. Let us not abandon them in their hour of need.”

Lord Nazir Ahmed
Member, House of Lords

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