***The project:***

**Psycho-social resilience and reinforcement project for Rohingya refugee women in Bangladesh**

Implementing by

**Nowzuwan**

(A charity of Bangladesh)

*[Please note: Currently Nowzuwan has been implementing this project with the funding support of Asian Dignity Initiative, a South Korean donor for a fix number (1128) of target group in Camp 14 jointly with another NGO. This effort is quite small in caparison to the need. Therefore, it has been decided to expand this program for new beneficiaries to this or other camps. Therefore, this fundraising campaign has been taken to raise fund for the expansion of the project. Here an abridge version of the project is given to have a clear idea what we are intending to do.]*

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| Project at a glance | |
| **Name of the Organization** | Nowzuwan |
| **Project Title** | Psychosocial resilience and reinforcement project for Rohingya women in Bangladesh |
| **Target Area** | Bangladesh, Chittagong Division, Cox’s Bazar District, Ukhia Upazila Hakim Para Makeshift camp (Camp 14) |
| **Total Budget** | 60,260 USD (including direct project cost, staff salary, etc) |
| **Project Validity and Needs** | Integrated approach is needed for supporting Rohingya single mothers and women in to refugee camp. They are continuously exposed to gender-based violence, anxiety, fear, family loss, stress, livelihood difficulties, and social discrimination. |
| **Target Beneficiary** | Total Beneficiary: 564 women in Hakim Para Camp  60 women in the Rohingya Psychosocial Support Group  504 women of 84 Women's Self-help group |
| **Goal** | To empower the psycho-social resilience of the Rohingya refugee women. |
| **Outcome** | 1. Strengthen the psycho-social stability and create a protected environment for women. 2. Building social networks for women. |
| **Outputs** | * 1. Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.   2. Practice sessions for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.   3. Regularly paid incentives for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.   4. Organizing of women's Women's Self-help group.   5. Visiting Women's Self-help group and providing them with psycho-social support activities.   6. Distribution of *psycho-social support package* for 84 Women's Self-help group.   7. Establishment and operation of 1 women's community space. |
| **Activities** | * 1. Train Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.   2. 30 times practice sessions of Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support.   3. Provide volunteer incentive per week for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.   4. Organize 84 Women's Self-help group.   5. 840 visits to Women's Self-help group by Women's Psycho-social Support Group and provision of psycho-social support activities.   6. Distribute psycho-social support package to 84 Women's Self-help group.   7. Build, install, and operate a women's community space. |

**1.0 Background**

Selection of the sight

The organization has conducted human rights documentation of the Rohingya refugee since 2017.

Based on the interviews with victim-survivors conducted for the documentation, it became clear that the majority of the refugee population were undergoing trauma due to either direct experience of or witness of killing, violence, burning of houses, and have lost family members.

This project of psycho-social support was envisioned as a humanitarian response to the aftermath of the refugee crisis.

Based on the organization's researches and interviews at its own initiative, the organization came to a conclusion that the majority of victim-survivors resided between Camp 12 Balukhali and Camp 14 Hakim Para. Initially, there were delays in the delivery of relief goods and food to Camp 14 Hakim Para compared with other camps; there was also lack of management of humanitarian aids. For these reasons, the organization designated Camp 14 Hakim Para as a sight of project.

Selection of the target group

51% of population in the Camp 14 is women: 7,101 women, between 18 and 59 years old, account for 23% of the female population.

The target group suffers the social and cultural stigma of the Rohingya community, which devalues and discriminates women's social status and roles. Amongst the female population, the organization prioritizes the beneficiary target group to single mothers (due to death or disappearance of husbands), women householders (due to husbands with disabilities or illness), and single mothers with family members with disabilities or illness, and elderly women householders.

- For selecting the beneficiary target group, the organization will use the following information as a reference. In Camp 14, there are 966 single mothers, accounting for 14% of the total number of families.

Families with the vulnerable elderly account for 5% families with members with disabilities

3%, separated children 2%, elderly house-holders in charge of protecting children 2%, and single fathers with infants 1%.

**2.0 Project Implementation strategy**

The goal of the project is to empower the psycho-social resilience of Rohingya refugee women, create a protected environment for psycho-social stability, and support various channels for women's community initiatives. It aims to support the resilience and psycho-social stability of individuals, provide Training of Trainers (ToT) for the peer support group, establish networks amongst families and neighbors including the peer support group, and create an independent space for women for activities, meetings, and training. It envisions creating a support system in an integrative manner.

Nowzuwan draws conclusion from its previous experience of the Rohingya Peer Support Group, a pilot project in Camp 14, from where following positive aspects were drawn: door-to-door visit, peer support system, and distribution of seeds were evaluated with positive comments. However, the beneficiary of the project was only limited to individuals, which did not lead to greater social cohesion or community support. The organization reflected the evaluations on the current project by expanding the beneficiary target group from individuals to neighbors and community and lengthening the door-to-door visit sessions from 3 to 10 times.

The current project seeks to create resources for the Rohingya women by the Rohingya women. There is a great potential that the project will sustain as it aims to empower peer-support relations, support Women's Self-help group activities, and create a network of community support.

The target beneficiary group includes single mothers; women who experienced gender based violence, elderly householders, and women with family members with disabilities and/or illness. The selected Rohingya women will be trained to be peer supporters, and will form a support community in the neighborhood. Theses members of the Rohingya women's psycho-social support group will be the core members responsible for enlarging the support system to include the community. They will visit individual houses on a regular basis over 3 months, aiming to support, transform, empower, integrate, harmonize, and stimulate the lives of members of the community.

For supporting 60 Rohingya women's livelihood along with psycho-social support, the organization will pay regular incentives for their volunteer work. The recipient of the psycho-social support program will receive psycho-social support package, which include materials such as seeds or seedlings as well as other means of support such as making of family photos, installation of solar lights, and provision of dignity meal. The psycho-social support package aims to improve the quality of women's lives. There will be construction of an independent space for the Rohingya women to plan collective activities and manage the support system. It will serve as a hub, which could expand to a larger project in the following year if run successfully.

*[Note: Currently, the overall process of the project is overseen by Asian Dignity Initiative. In collaboration with local partner organizations, appropriate activities and contents will be generated. There are two local partner organizations. One is Rohingya Women Welfare Society (ROWWS), founded by a Rohingya lawyer. They will recruit participants* *and Nowzuwan administer the project at site. NOZUWAN is an organization with 33 years of experience in administration of various projects in Bangladesh.]*

**3.0 Total Beneficiary**

564 women in Hakim Para Camp

60 women in the Rohingya Psycho-social Support Group

504 women of 84 Women's Self-help group

[Pease note: Nowzuwan want to expansion of its current project for new new beneficiaries as same volume if it can raise the same amount of fund. But the size of the beneficiary will be revised depending on the fund raised through GobalGiving campaign.]

**4.0 Goal**

To empower the psycho-social resilience of the Rohingya refugee women living in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

1. **Activities**
   1. Train Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.
   2. 30 times practice sessions of Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support.
   3. Provide volunteer incentive per week for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.
   4. Organize 84 Women's Self-help group.
   5. 840 visits to Women's Self-help group by Women's Psycho-social Support Group and provision of psycho-social support activities.
   6. Distribute psycho-social support package to 84 Women's Self-help group build, install, and operate a women's community space.
2. **Outcome**
   1. Strengthen the psycho-social stability and create a protected environment for women.
   2. Building social networks for women.
3. **Output**
   1. Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.
   2. Practice sessions for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.
   3. Regularly paid incentives for Rohingya Women's Psycho-social Support Group.
   4. Organizing of women's Women's Self-help group
   5. Visiting Women's Self-help group and providing them with psycho-social support activities.
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4. **Budget:** 60,260 USD (including direct project cost, staff salary, etc).