



October - December 2023

# Quarterly Report

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# Introduction



## Director's Update

Our dedicated students continue to impress, with the highest attendance rates to date (95%!) and excellent results in their half-yearly exams.

In December, I was lucky enough to visit Maiya School in Kutupalong Refugee Camp. I was incredibly impressed to see the high number of students in class, their academic progression, how beautifully they had decorated the classroom, and how quickly the trees had grown that our students planted only a few months ago!

With a classroom full of girls, we're now looking to expand, opening additional learning centres, so we can reach even more adolescent girls across the whole camp.

Thank you to our generous donors who continue to support the education of Rohingya girls living in the world's largest refugee camp. Without your support, our students would be without their life-altering education.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so at [maiyaschool.org/donate](https://maiyaschool.org/donate).

**Thank you for your ongoing support,**

**Philippa Nilsson**  
Maiya School director





# Our Projects



## Rohingya girls' education project

Maiya School runs an Adolescent Learning Centre in Camp 4 of the Rohingya Kutupalong Refugee Camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The centre opened in April 2022 and is implemented by our local partners Prantic Unnayan Society. Maiya School believes that education will not only change the lives of our students, but of their families and wider Rohingya community - by bringing up a generation of girls who are educated, empowered, and motivated to advocate for their rights and future.

Maiya School uses gender-inclusive strategies that align with the Rohingya culture to ensure that girls and their families feel comfortable attending our school. The school is the only one of its kind in the camp of one million refugees, and is a safe space for girls aged 10 to 18 to learn. Our students take classes in: English, Burmese, mathematics, life skills, science, social studies, arts and crafts.

## Host community women's livelihoods project

In May 2023, Maiya School began our first project with the Bangladeshi host community that live in the area surrounding Kutupalong refugee camp. Here, we have partnered with two local women's associations to identify skills their members would like to learn to secure a means of living, and provide training and support.

We provide training on agricultural, food preparation, and sewing skills, along with providing resources so local woman can grow their own food and generate income to support themselves and their families. The aim of the project is to empower women by equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge that can enhance their self-reliance.

# Student story

## Meet Jannat Ara



“ We can learn here openly in a very safe way. ”

**Her hobby:**

Visiting different places

**Her dream:**

To become a doctor

**Favourite subject:**

Burmese

Jannat Ara, 14, fled conflict in her homeland of Arakan State, Myanmar on 25th August, 2017. Her family travelled for seven days until they reached the Bangladesh border. She now lives with her sisters and parents in Kutupalong Refugee Camp.

“My parents allowed me to study because of the female environment. It is the only learning centre, which is very concerned about the female education. In this centre, there are no male learners and teachers. We are getting the help whatever we need as female.

I am very lucky to get the opportunity to learn in this centre. I can write names, read in Burmese and English. I also recite Burmese and English rhymes.

I have many friends now with whom I can share and learn together. I know many things now. The teachers are very friendly and love us so much. We love them so much too. Their effort for teaching us is indeed praiseworthy.”



# In Numbers



Students

80



School days

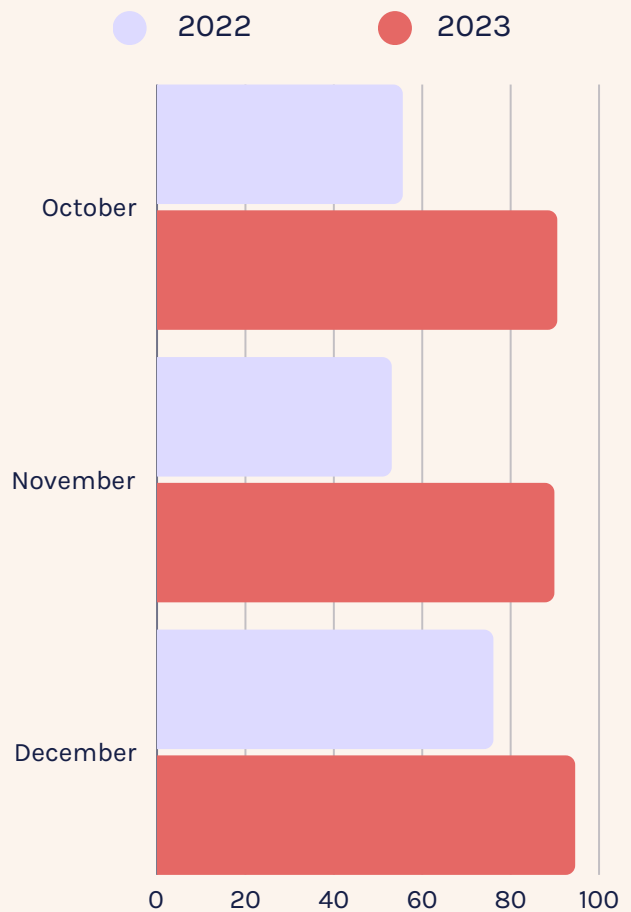
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Attendance

91%

## Increased attendance rates



Since 2022, our students' attendance rates has increased dramatically! This is due to a variety of factors, including:

- continual consultations with the community to ensure our program is culturally appropriate,
- engagement with families to discuss the importance of girls' education,
- home visits and individual support for students.

# Highlights Girls' Education



October 2023

Menstrual hygiene kit  
distribution



October 2023

Parent and community  
meetings

In October, all students received a menstrual hygiene kit. Maiya School provides these kits, complete with sanitary pads and soap, so that girls can continue to attend school in comfort while menstruating. Additionally, we have clean, private female toilet facilities for our students and teachers.

This month also included a parents meeting, where our students' families were engaged to discuss the importance of education for girls and regular school attendance, and challenges for students in attending.

A community education support group (CESG) meeting was held the following week with parents, an Imam (religious leader), and community leaders in attendance. The CESG ensure the safety and security of our students through community engagement. CESG members occasionally visit the adolescent centre to help the facilitators if needed.



# Highlights Girls' Education



November 2023

Teacher training

In November, our teachers took part in eight days of training to enhance their teaching methodologies in Burmese, English, Mathematics and Science. Skills learnt included lesson planning, student learning styles, and using visual aids in teaching.

Our partner organisation Prantic Unnayan Society regularly engages our teachers in training, so we can ensure our students are receiving a quality and inclusive education.



December 2023

Human Rights Day

On the 10th of December, Maia School students observed Human Rights Day by partaking in a special lesson to increase their awareness of human rights. The 2023 theme was Freedom, Equality and Justice For All.

Maia School believes that education is key in achieving gender equality. By making education accessible for Rohingya girls, we are increasing their ability to advocate for their own human rights and the rights of their Rohingya community.



**We thank you for your ongoing support of girls' education.**



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