

MAIYA SCHOOL

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



The past three months have been very exciting for Maiya School!

The Maiya School research team completed their first research consultancy in April, funded by the World YWCA. We trained young women researchers to design and conduct research, exploring access to healthcare for adolescent girls in the Rohingya refugee camp. Our final report will be published soon.

In May, we began our livelihoods project in the Bangladeshi host community, where women are learning agricultural and seamstress skills to financially support themselves and their families.

In Kutupalong refugee camp, our learning centre was upgraded to be larger, stronger, and more comfortable for our increasing number of students. In addition, all Maiya School girls were given a school bag, water bottle, exercise books and pens.

As of June, Maiya School has more students enrolled than ever - 62 Rohingya girls are now getting an education at our learning centre! To add to that, the rates of attendance have increased too.

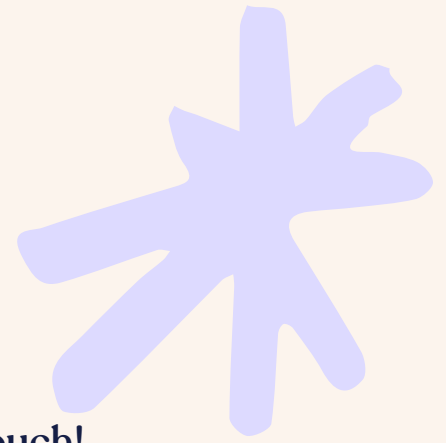
These exciting developments are all because of you - our generous donors! Thank you for continuing to support the education of refugee girls living in Kutupalong refugee camp.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
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# ABOUT MAIYA SCHOOL



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## Mission

To provide teenage girls affected by displacement around the world the opportunity to attain an education, improving their own life, and the lives of those around them.

We are motivated to increase opportunities, raise self-confidence, and inspire a generation of girls living in refugee camps where female education is largely inaccessible.

## Vision

**Every girl in school.**

There are over 130 million girls globally who are denied their right to an education.

We envision a world where all girls have the opportunity to obtain a quality education, no matter their circumstances. Our focus is on adolescent girls living in refugee camps, where the barriers to education are extremely high.

## Aims

- Increase Gender Equality
- Improve Life and Health Outcomes
- Increase Capacity for Advocacy



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# 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.

It is a safe space for women and girls to learn in a culturally appropriate way, informed by community consultations Maiya School has conducted.

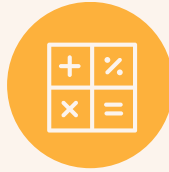
We provide classes on the following subjects:



English



Burmese



Numeracy



Life Skills



Health literacy

## 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 the following skills:



Sewing



Homestead gardening



Pickling

Our project partners:



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Prantic Unnayan Society





# Host Community Livelihoods Project

The Rohingya refugee crisis has profoundly affected the livelihoods of the host community living in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. An already poor area, the influx of nearly one million refugees has severely impacted the food security and income-generating activities of the local Bangladeshi community. Host community women, in particular, lack employment and empowerment opportunities.

In May, Maiya School began a new livelihoods project for Bangladeshi host community women. We've partnered with two local women's associations to train their members in agricultural, food preparation, and sewing skills. We have also provided them with resources so they can grow their own food and generate an income.

The aim of the project is to empower local women by equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge that can enhance their ability to financially support themselves and their families.

[Read more about our women's livelihoods project here.](#)

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# APRIL HIGHLIGHT



## Menstrual Health Class

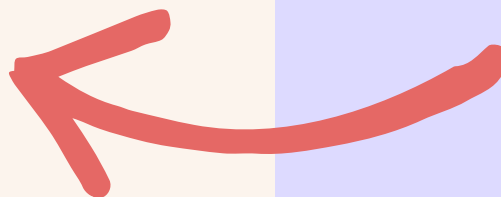
Our community partner organisation Green Hill distributed menstrual hygiene management kits to our students. Maiya School students also learnt about menstrual health and hygiene, increasing their health literacy.

Having access to period products means that girls won't miss out on school when they are menstruating.



## Learning Centre Upgrade

Our Adolescent Learning Centre got an upgrade! The new structure is stronger to withstand extreme weather, and is larger to be more comfortable for our increasing number of students.



# MAY HIGHLIGHT



# JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



## School bag distribution

Our students received a school essentials pack with a school bag, water bottle, exercise books and pens. The girls are so proud to attend school with their Maiya School backpacks!



## Documentary feature

Maiya School students and director Dayna featured in the DW News documentary "Rohingya women fight to be heard".

The video explores what it's like to live as a Rohingya woman in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh.

The documentary shows how Maiya School is working to address some of these challenges by providing a safe place for girls to learn.

Watch the 15-minute documentary here: [youtube.com/watch?v=cnxvTIS16F8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnxvTIS16F8)



# Student Story



## Noor Asma, 12

Noor Asma was born in Myanmar but fled to Bangladesh with her family due to the conflict in Rakhine State. Although she did not have the opportunity to get a formal education in Myanmar, she did receive Arabic education at a Maktab (religious school).

Noor Asma currently lives in Kutupalong Refugee Camp, and is delighted to have been enrolled in the Maiya School learning centre. We have provided her with educational materials which she says have greatly contributed to her learning and academic progress.

Noor has been encouraging her neighbours and friends to join Maiya School since it is exclusively for female adolescents and is operated by female teachers and staff. She says she feels confident and safe knowing she can learn and grow here without any concerns.

Noor Asma aspires to become a teacher in the future. Her hobby is reading stories in both Burmese and English languages. Among all the subjects, Maths holds a special place as her favourite.



I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to receive an education... Here, I have the privilege to learn English, life skills, Burmese, and math subjects... I have made many friends with whom I can share and learn together.



# In Numbers

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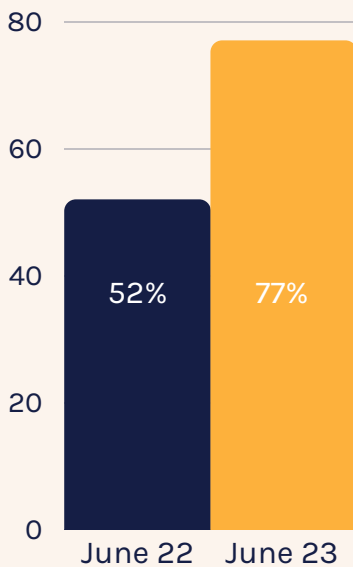
students enrolled

We currently have 62 Rohingya adolescent students enrolled in our learning centre! We're aiming to reach 80 students by July so we can begin the school year with two full classes.

40

women trained

A total of 40 members from two local women's associations were trained in a range of skills including sewing, homestead gardening, making fertiliser and compost, and pickling.



## School attendance

School attendance rates have been steadily increasing since Maiya School opened!



48  
school days

7,884  
school snacks  
distributed



3  
teacher  
trainings



# We thank you for your ongoing support of our programme.



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