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MAIYA SCHOOL

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



The beginning of the new school year has been an exciting time for Maiya School and our students!

The new school year began in July, with Maiya School adopting a new curriculum. We're now following the Myanmar Curriculum which gives our students the opportunity to study consistently with the learning outcomes from their homeland.

In August, we wrapped up the first phase of our women's livelihoods project with the Bangladeshi host community. The project had excellent outcomes in skills development, empowering our participants to support themselves and their families.

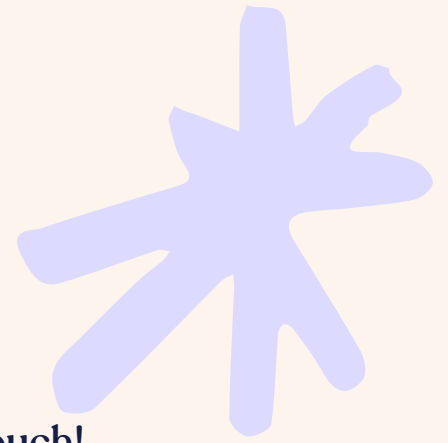
This quarter, Maiya School had the maximum number of students enrolled, and higher attendance rates than ever - 80 Rohingya girls are now getting an education at our learning centre! We're now looking to expand, opening additional learning centres, so we can reach girls across the whole camp.

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 implementing partner:



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# 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 to August 2023, Maiya School funded a livelihoods project for Bangladeshi host community women. We 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 project had excellent outcomes in empowering local women by equipping them with vocational skills and financial management knowledge. Women grew their own food, contributing to nutritional intake of their family, and sold extra produce and their handicraft goods to their local community, contributing to their household income.

Maiya School will continue this project from December, reaching even more women in the host community with training, and building upon the skills of previous participants.

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



# In Numbers

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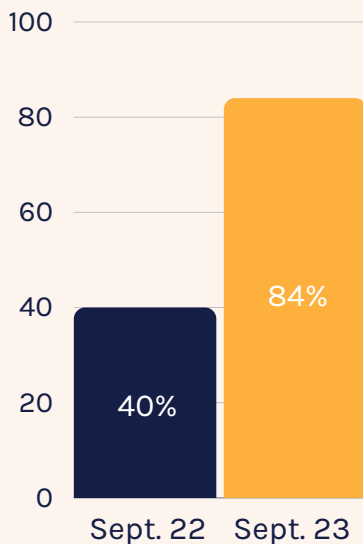
students enrolled

We currently have 80 Rohingya adolescent students enrolled in our learning centre! This is two full classes. Maiya School now aims to open additional learning centres across the refugee camp to reach more girls with education.

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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 thanks to our gender-sensitive interventions.



46  
school days

6,152  
school snacks  
distributed



12  
trees planted

# JULY HIGHLIGHTS



## New school year: full enrolments & a new curriculum!

July was the beginning of the new school year in the refugee camp. We started the new year with 80 students enrolled - two full classes! All students will be learning from the Myanmar Curriculum - subjects of English, Burmese, Maths, Life Skills, Science, Social Science, and Arts & Crafts.



## Tree planting

To celebrate Schools Tree Day, our students and school community planted 12 trees around our learning centre, making our school grounds beautiful and contributing to a healthy environment.

## Teacher training

Our teachers attended a five-day professional development to learn about child development, social and emotional learning, lesson planning, the teaching and learning process, among other skills.





# AUGUST HIGHLIGHT



## Umbrella & book distribution

In August, we gave all of our students umbrellas, so they can comfortably travel to class in the sunny summer weather while wearing their modest clothing.

Maiya School talks to our students and the wider Rohingya community to ensure our girls have all the items needed for them to attend school comfortably, safely, and with dignity.

## Make up corner

We installed a makeup corner for our students at the centre. The corner is equipped with a mirror, comb, henna, and other makeup materials, which our students can use during class breaks.

This initiative was requested by our students, with the goal of encouraging regular school attendance by providing a fun activity for students to connect over.

# SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHT

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# Student Story



## Jannat Ara, 18

Jannat Ara fled Bangladesh due to conflict in Myanmar when she was 11. She now lives in Kutupalong Refugee Camp with her brother, two sisters, and parents.

Although she did not have the opportunity to get a formal education in Myanmar, she did receive Arabic education at a Maktab (religious school).

Jannat Ara joined Maiya School in August 2022, and considers herself very lucky to have the rare opportunity to get an education.

Our star student encourages her neighbours and friends to join Maiya School as there are no male teachers or boys, and so she feels safe to come to school.

Jannat Ara aspires to become a nurse in the future. Her hobby is reading books. She enjoys all classes, and the makeup corner, too.



**I have many friends now with whom I can share and learn together. I know many things now. My family and I are so happy for the excellent services I am getting here. The teachers are very friendly and love us so much. We love them so much too.**





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



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