



Creating Learning Opportunities through Community-Driven Initiatives for the Rohingya Community, Aiming to Bridge Education Gaps.

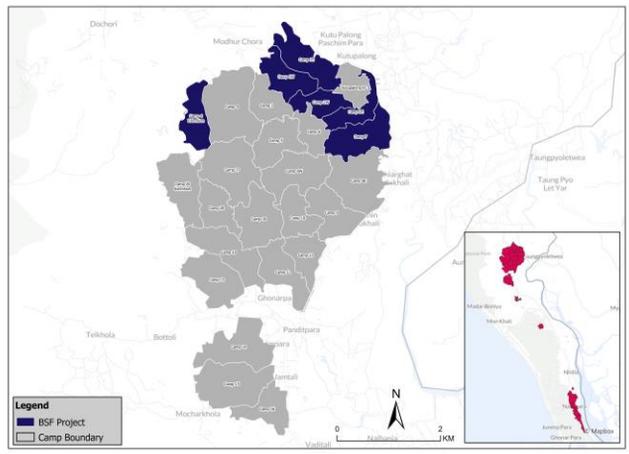


BSF - Acted Bangladesh
Project timeline: September 2024 – December 2025

Background

Acted began operations in Bangladesh in 2018, responding to the needs of Rohingya populations who fled Myanmar's Rakhine State due to persecution. Our teams implement IM, WASH, Protection, Emergency and SCCCM intervention projects in the country to support the most vulnerable populations.

Acted, in partnership with Libraries Without Borders (BSF) and with funding from CDCS, is implementing a 16-month project in Cox's Bazar from September 2024 to enhance educational access and promote community development among vulnerable populations in the Rohingya camps and adjacent host communities. Central to the initiative is the deployment of an Ideas Box, a multimedia learning center, within Acted-supported centers, offering resources on health, gender equality, GBV, and psychosocial support. The project also strengthens local capacities through targeted training and participatory human centered design activities, aiming to foster autonomy and resilience among women, youth, and the elderly through inclusive and innovative learning environments.



Map 1: Acted – BSF Community Library project sites

Key numbers on the project

 <p>10,522 individuals reached</p>	 <p>6 micro-libraries established</p>	 <p>4 HCD sessions conducted</p>
 	 <p>123 activities implemented</p>	 <p>12 innovative projects developed by youth and the elderly</p>
 <p>€119,000</p>	 <p>28 monthly follow-up visits conducted</p>	 <p>750 contents selected</p>



Ideas Box and Human-Centered Design

The Ideas Box is a mobile, autonomous multimedia hub that provides educational, cultural, and digital resources, offering gender-inclusive learning materials on health, gender equality, GBV, and psychosocial support. It serves up to 50 people at a time and includes tablets, laptops, books, games, and creative materials. This initiative expands access to learning, supports local leadership, and strengthens community skills, while following a Human-Centered Design (HCD) approach that empowers communities to develop context-based solutions through inclusive learning opportunities.



Digital & Physical Libraries

The project is being implemented across six camps - 1E, 1W, 2W, 2E, 4 Extension, and 7 - where six micro-libraries have been established. Each library offers both physical and digital learning materials, including 479 books across 96 categories such as religion, self-development, fairy tales, educational wordbooks, science fiction, and language learning. In addition, learners can access 750 digital resources through the Ideas Cube platform. Acted has reached a total of 10,522 vulnerable individuals via the digital and physical library initiatives.



Empowering Women, Youth and Elderly

The project targets three key groups: women, youth, and the elderly with special focus on marginalized populations. They take part in 12 innovative micro projects such as the Rohingya cultural hub, camp cleaning and recycling, job hub, personal hygiene, and basic English grammar tutoring, which foster creativity, leadership, and community engagement. Women receive resources and support on GBV, and psychosocial well being through dedicated training sessions. The initiative builds capacity, promotes independence, and enhances overall community resilience.

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EXCLUSION
CARBON
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The project aligns with Acted's 3ZERO vision by empowering women, creating livelihoods, and promoting sustainable waste management to tackle exclusion, poverty, and environmental challenges, fostering resilience and inclusion for the Rohingya refugees.

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