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ROHINGYA GENOCIDE

You may be asking yourself what is the Rohingya Genocide; we are here to tell you all about this crisis. The Rohingya are a group of Muslim people that live in the country of Myanmar and are seen as the country's largest minority ethnic group. Myanmar is predominately a Buddhist country, and they refuse to recognize the Rohingya people as its citizens.

Since August 25, 2017, the Rohingya people have been trying to escape the violence that is being imposed on them by the Myanmar military; this can be seen as an ethnic cleansing. The Rohingya people were forced to flee to Bangladesh after witnessing the attacks and killings of their own civilians. More than 6,700 Rohingya have been killed by this act of violence.

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REFUGEE CRISIS



Since August 2017, the Rohingya have been forced to flee their homes and their country; Myanmar. They arrived in Bangladesh after the destruction of 288 villages by the Myanmar government. In 2018, the UN accused the Myanmar military with "genocidal intent" after witnessing their actions of violence. The refugees who fled to Bangladesh now reside in Kutupalong, and it holds about 600,000 Rohingya refugees. This refugee crisis is greatly affecting the children of Rohingya through disease outbreaks such as measles, diarrhea, and respiratory infections. Malnutrition is another danger that the children face as they are living on a minimum diet. Additionally, the homes that they are residing in are not stable and they are in constant physical danger of their shelter possibly collapsing over them. Lastly, there is an immense lack of education for these children and more than 625,000 refugee children are in need of education. In 2019, Bangladesh announced that it will no longer be accepting Rohingya refugees that are fleeing from Myanmar, and the Rohingya people will not go back to this country until the Myanmar government can guarantee them citizenship.

World Vision has been providing support for the Rohingya people since 1991. In response to the refugee crisis, members of World Vision have been making many resources available and providing mobile child friendly spaces. World Vision has been able to provide aid for 200,000 Rohingya people.

University of Ottawa World Vision Mission

To operate a student run non-profit organization that raises awareness of the injustices in the world and organizes funds to support these causes in conjunction with the campaigns of World Vision Canada.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are many things that you can do to bring awareness to these events and help inspire change!

- Fundraise/donate money for resources to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund and stand with the Rohingya refugees
- Increase awareness on social media by sharing related content of the Rohingya genocide to increase its media presence
- Talk to you local Member of Parliament about the issue to advocate on behalf on the Rohingya refugees
- Start initiatives where you can educate your peers about this ongoing issue and what you can do to reach out and provide aid

