

SITUATION REPORT

FIRES IN ROHINGYA CAMPS

APRIL 21, 2021

SITUATION

The Rohingya people are a minority ethnic group indigenous to Myanmar. However, due to government persecution, many Rohingyas fled to refugee camps in Bangladesh in 2018. In the span of three weeks in March-April 2021, multiple fires broke out in settlements in the Cox's Bazar district, including the Kutupalong camp - the largest refugee camp in the world. Between the three fires, at least 18 Rohingyas were killed and thousands of homes and shops were destroyed.



Cox's Bazar

RESPONSE

Through implementing partner RDRS Bangladesh, Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting a response to the fires. RDRS is distributing non-food items, such as kitchen utensils, mosquito nets, and traditional clothing to Rohingya beneficiaries. They are also offering cash-for-work opportunities to clean and repair structures and provide an income for affected people. Additionally, trees will be planted in damaged and deforested areas to prevent future soil erosion, flooding, and landslides.



Cox's Bazar
Photo: Paul Jeffrey

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the fires in the Rohingya camps. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

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