



Building Resiliency and Self-Reliance

Swiss Portfolio Outcome:	Improved social wellbeing for all, including in emergencies
Implementation Period:	15.11.2023 – 14.11.2024
Implementing Partner:	World Food Programme
Swiss Contribution:	2,600,000 CHF
Modality:	Contribution

General Description

The Swiss contribution to the World Food Programme’s (WFP) Country Strategic Programme will foster and enhance resiliency through agricultural skilling and increased access to income, allowing for the Rohingya refugees to become more self-reliant and support their basic needs. As a contributor to a multi-donor framework, Switzerland can simultaneously leverage durable solutions advancement in the Rohingya response while ensuring service delivery for the most vulnerable in the refugee camps.

Objectives

The overall goal of the intervention is to ensure that Host and Rohingya communities benefit from skills development and increased food security via agricultural livelihoods opportunities and market connectivity.

Lines of Action / Components

There are two lines of action of this programme, which are:

1. Introducing agricultural skills development for the Rohingya Refugees to improve their food security
2. Ensuring food security and nutritional status of the host community through capacity building, agricultural livelihood opportunities and market linkages

These lines of action will be achieved via the following planned outputs:

- a) Providing cash for training opportunities to the vulnerable refugee women and men
- b) Increasing agricultural production capacity of the host community and linking their production with the markets and camp based Fresh Food Corners

Intended Impact in terms of Systemic Change

This programme will be one of the first investments in the humanitarian-development nexus which seeks to develop the long-term resiliency and self-reliance of the Rohingya refugees and demonstrate to the Government of Bangladesh the positive impact development driven programming can have in a protracted crisis. This is an opportunity driven intervention based on three recent policy shifts that allow for ‘durable solutions’ in the Rohingya Response: 1) GoB and international recognition as a protracted crisis, 2) GoB approval of the new LSD Sector, and 3) approval of the Volunteer Framework for Rohingya employment.

These operational openings in conjunction with a reduced humanitarian funding context have pushed the GoB to consider alternative solutions.

Intervention Targets

The contribution will support 31,200 refugees, 34,800 host community persons, and 59 Aggregation Centres through the following activities:

For Rohingya Refugees:

- Homestead gardening: 30,000 refugees (90% women)
- Upcycling component: 1,200 refugees (50% women)

For Host-Community:

- Aggregation centres: 4,800 small-hold farmers (producers) providing produce to WFP contracted retailers
- Small-hold farmer capacitation: 30,000 (80% women)