

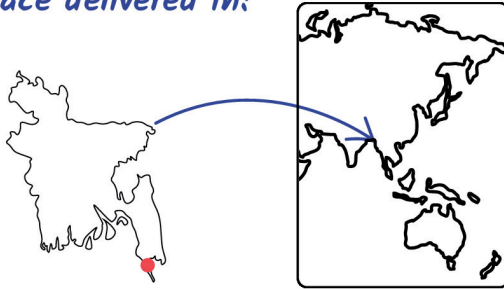
Build a Business



Your **Skills Training and Start-up Kit** helps kickstart a new business...
...to grow confidence, income, and independence!

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:

Cox's Bazar,
Bangladesh



<p><i>What you give</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills training, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ weaving ◦ knitting ◦ tailoring ◦ hairdressing / barbering ◦ repair of gas stoves and solar panels ◦ PLUS business skills like communication, networking and financial literacy • Kit of materials needed to get started. For example, for knitting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ needles ◦ yarn ◦ fabric ◦ scissors ◦ bag
<p><i>Why your gift is needed</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee families live together with host community • Situation is challenging: different cultural groups together in very cramped refugee camps with limited resources
<p><i>How your gift changes lives</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With new skills, both refugees and host community can earn a living • New income means more food for families • You'll also support social events, job fairs and other activities to foster peace and build relationships between refugee and host families
<p><i>Your gift delivered by</i></p>	<p>RDRS Bangladesh</p>

DID YOU KNOW...

Over 1 million people live in crowded camps in Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee settlement. Your Gift of Grace shows extra care to refugees in danger of being forgotten.



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CASE STUDY

Minara's story: "I am profoundly grateful"

"My name is Minara and I live in Cox's Bazar with my husband and our three children. In 2017, we fled Myanmar during the Rohingya eviction crisis and sought refuge in Bangladesh.

Life in the camp has been incredibly hard.

Limited opportunities for work and a lack of financial resources made it tough to make ends meet.

However, our lives took a positive turn when RDRS Bangladesh came to us. I shared my knitting skills acquired in Myanmar, and soon after, I was enrolled in a training program.

The NGO operates a centre near where we live, providing advanced training to women like me.

After completing the training, we received essential knitting materials, such as needles, yarn, fabric, frames, scissors, and a bag.

Using these materials, I started crafting pillow covers, which I successfully sold in the local market.

The income allowed me to invest in two chickens, and purchase gourd and bean seeds to cultivate vegetables near our home, addressing our family's nutritional needs.

The rest I reinvested in my crafting activities, creating a sustainable source of income.

Additionally, I supported my husband in trading essential commodities like potatoes, brinjal, tomatoes, and vegetables from block to block.

Thanks to ALWS partner RDRS Bangladesh, now my husband earns 5,000-6,000 Taka per month (\$62-\$74), bringing stability to our lives.

I am profoundly grateful for the assistance we received and offer my heartfelt thanks to the organisation.

I hope they will continue to extend their compassionate assistance to families like ours, ensuring a brighter future for those in need."