

Christian Aid (CA) Bangladesh Project



Bangladesh is a very poor country. 24% of its people are below the poverty line. It suffers from the impact of climate change every year with significant floods throughout the country, hitting the poorest communities the most. As if that wasn't enough, escalating violence in neighbouring Myanmar has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes, with many Rohingya Muslims crossing the border into Bangladesh, fearing for their lives. With over 850,000 Rohingya Muslims living in cramped camps in Cox's Bazar district, this humanitarian crisis has been made worse by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Christian Aid and its partners are promoting a scheme which supports the 'Left Behind' minority communities within the country - the poorest of the poor. The good news is that for every £1 raised, the EU will match this with £5 (yes, 5X the original donation!). But all funds must be raised **before the end of this year** for the matching to have effect.

The Wokingham CA group thinks this is such a significant opportunity that we are promoting this across the churches, in addition to the work we normally do for CA Week in May. If you want to discuss this further, talk to Phil Frost (Baptist rep) or Peter Barrett (CA Chair). We hope you are able to support this project. Thank you for your continuing support for CA in Wokingham.

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