

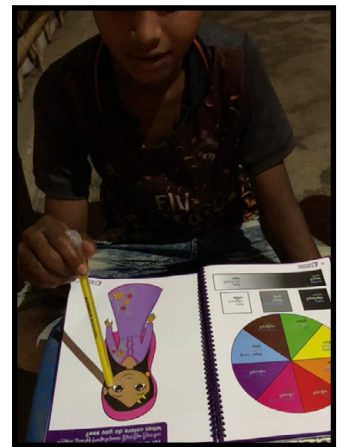


Project Report

Project: Picture Dictionary
Community: Rohingya

Location: Kutupalong, Bangladesh

Reporting Period: January - May, 2022



My Picture Dictionary: Rohingya Community

Overview

With every Picture Dictionary we distribute in Kutupalong, we are one step closer to accomplishing our goal: increasing access to contextualized education for the Rohingya community.

We created the Rohingya Picture Dictionary as a response to the Rohingya crisis, which has been going on far longer than the well-known events in 2017 that forced over 600,000 Rohingya from their homes. In 2014, we started developing close relationships with Rohingya families who arrived in Thailand. In the blink of an eye, everything changed for the Rohingya. Education especially came to a screeching halt. When the events in 2017 forced our Rohingya friends' family members out of their homes in Myanmar, that's when we stepped in to help.

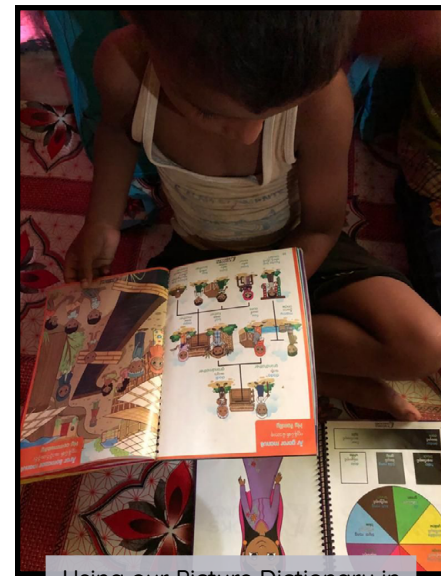
The Rohingya children have a huge gap in their education and it continues to be exacerbated from the start of COVID lockdowns in 2020. Bangladesh has one of the most restrictive school lockdowns in the world, shutting down schools across the country for over 18 months.

Our mission is to provide access to informal learning during a crisis, when education is the most disrupted.

Now more than ever, both children and teachers need education resources to create structure, stimulate the mind, and build opportunity for growth.

We created our Picture Dictionary program to accomplish the following:

- Build community
- Encourage education
- Preserve culture and language



Using our Picture Dictionary in Kutupalong, Bangladesh.

2022 Goals:

Our pilot project was launched in 2018 in Kutupalong and we have continued to collect feedback from Rohingya educators and students. We have made adjustments and improvements to our product, the Rohingya Picture Dictionary. We continue to enroll more educators in our Teacher Training program every other month.

With our current support this year, our goal is to
train **180 Rohingya teachers**,
distribute **3,000 Rohingya picture dictionaries**,
and develop **strategic partnerships** with NGOs in Kutupalong, Bangladesh.

Teacher Training

30 Rohingya teachers participated in our Teacher Training program from February - March, 2022.

Our programs have been delayed due to Ramadan, but will continue after the Eid holidays. We have **30 more Rohingya educators** enrolled in our Teacher Training program, set to begin in May.

We will have **60 Rohingya teachers** trained by June, 2022.



About Teacher Training

Our Teacher Training consists of a 25 - 30 hour program, with activities and discussion questions based on our Teacher Guide.

Each session, the teachers look at both the Student Book and Teacher Guide of our Rohingya Picture Dictionary.

They discuss the learning objectives, complete the discussion questions, and participate in each activity on the topic. Each page includes 3 activities, which the teachers practice to gain full understanding:

- Drawing / writing activity
- Partner activity
- Group activity

At the end of the program, every teacher designs a lesson plan and teaches it to the other participants. The teachers vote on which participant provided the most effective lesson and is awarded a prize (based on a series of requirements).



The teachers we enroll in our programs are **independent educators** who have been teaching out of their homes during the COVID lockdowns. Before they enrolled in our program, many had been teaching during the pandemic without learning materials.

We continue to look for teachers in the refugee camps who are using their private homes as classrooms to provide informal education for Rohingya children.



Thoughts from our Teachers

“This training is also very effective. There are so many creative activities that I didn’t know before.”

- Rohingya participant, Bangladesh

“This is my first training and this one is great. I’m enjoying very much.”

- Rohingya participant, Bangladesh

“This is one of the best training among all of trainings that I’ve received.”

- Rohingya participant, Bangladesh

“I love this training very much because this training is designed for how to improve our teaching skills and make a classroom effective.”

- Rohingya participant, Bangladesh

“The picture dictionary is the best. This educational material can impact positively on students to gain knowledge regarding our culture and traditions as the book is designed like that.”

- Rohingya participant, Bangladesh



Participants engaging in our partner activities in a Training Session.



Presenting their lesson plans to the group.



Engaging in small group discussions.



We have drawing activities for every page in the student book.

Book Distribution for April, 2022:

After completing the Teacher Training, each educator receives a copy of our **Teacher Guide** and enough **Rohingya Picture Dictionaries** for their students.



We distributed
500 Rohingya Picture Dictionaries
for the teachers of Class 1 & Class 2.

Note: Class 1 & 2 refers to the first two classes of 2022.



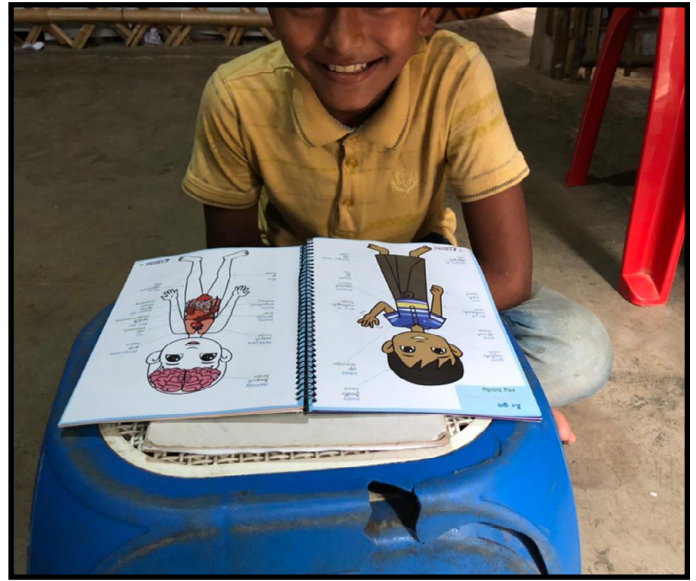
Thoughts from the Students

"I'm a student of Level 2. This is my first time with this book. **I have never seen this kind of book before.**

I fell in love with this book when I first saw the book. At the very beginning, **I have spent several days just only on this book's cartoons.** All these cartoons are so cute. I love them so much. It makes me so happy when I speak to myself with the cartoons.

No matter what the cartoons indicate, I feel so comfortable to describe the cartoons in my own language. This book became an important tool for me to play with. Thank you so much Books Unbound for this beautiful book."

- Rohingya student, Bangladesh



"I'm a student of Level 2. I had no idea regarding this book when I first got the book. But a few days later after spending some time on this book I became enthusiastic to know more about this picture dictionary.

I love to do self study. **This book helps me to spend more time in my self study.** Now I spend my free time with this book. This beautiful colorful design attracted me more. Thank you Books Unbound for your generous gift."

- Rohingya student, Bangladesh

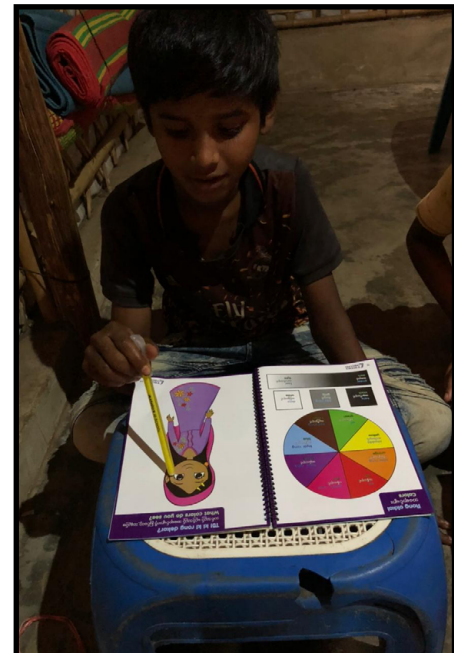
"I'm a student of Level 3. I felt good when I first saw this Picture Dictionary. **This is the only book that I keep all the time with me.**

This is my first time I have ever seen a nice looking book. When I was in Myanmar I used to go through my brother's books to see the picture of books but I never understand anything. But now I have this book which is very easy for me to understand with.

Everyday I try to learn a new vocabulary from this book and I love to do this. If I can't understand any words in Burmese as an alternative I can try it in English as well as I can pronounce the meaning in Rohingya. This system is very fruitful for me and help me while reading the picture dictionary.

Thank you so much Books Unbound for this beautiful Picture dictionary."

- Rohingya student, Bangladesh



Your Support

Your donations support the following expenses:

Teacher trainings

- Hiring local trainers
- Printing teacher guides
- Printing certificates
- Stationery (drawing paper, notebooks, pens)
- Drinks & snacks

Picture Dictionaries

- Printing & delivery expenses
- Distribution expenses

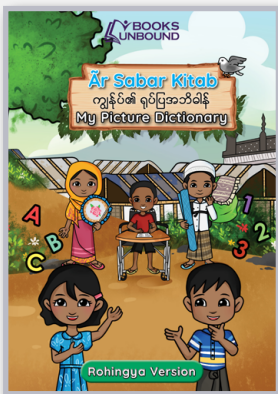
Administration

- Curriculum development
- Teacher training program design
- Coordinating book distributions



100% of teachers (30 / 30 teachers)

said they would recommend our Picture Dictionary & Teacher Training to other teachers.



Class 3 & 4 are set to launch in May, 2022.


500 books will be distributed to the teachers of Class 3 & 4 in June, 2022.

With our current support, we can provide training to **180 Rohingya teachers** and **distribute 3,000 Rohingya Picture Dictionaries** this year.

How to support:

If you would like these programs to continue into the next year, please consider supporting us to keep the projects going.

Contact us for details on **how to fully support a program.**
(Teacher Training + Book Distribution)

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