Invitation

Friendship is pleased to invite you to a conference about

Restoring dignity, maintaining hope – How much can a humanitarian organisation do?

Two years into the Rohingya refugee crisis

If it has now been over two years since a calamity, Rohingya were literally forced out of Myanmar and found shelter in the precarious refugee camps of Cox’s Bazaar district in Bangladesh. Beyond providing basic services to keep people alive and in good health, it is essential to restore dignity to those who suffer unspeakable violence and to sustain the hope of those who have been deprived of everything. Cultural and creative expression, recognising refugees as individuals, are imperative tools in this respect, just as is constantly striving for quality and respect in service delivery.

But how much can humanitarian organisations do when, as is again the case here, there is no “end of the tunnel in sight” and when, as time goes by, tensions and conflicts increase in and around the camps? Will the international community accept the Rohingya crisis to be just another line on the list of “forgotten crisis”?

Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 6.30pm

Auditorium Banque de Luxembourg

It is now just over two years since almost a million Rohingyas were brutally forced out of Myanmar and found shelter in the precarious refugee camps of Cox’s Bazaar district in Bangladesh. Beyond providing basic services to keep people alive and in good health, it is essential to restore dignity to those who suffer unspeakable violence and to sustain the hope of those who have been deprived of everything. Cultural and creative expression, recognising refugees as individuals, are imperative tools in this respect, just as is constantly striving for quality and respect in service delivery.

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Programme

6.30pm: Conference

Through a combination of presentations, films, poetry reading and round table discussion, the audience will discover the variety and scale, but also the limitations and difficulties of Friendship’s interventions in the context of the Rohingya crisis.

With the participation of:

- Mrs Paulette Lenert, Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs,
- Mrs Runa Khan, Founder and Executive Director of Friendship Bangladesh,
- Mrs Dominique Hansen, Director Fondation EME,
- Mr Shehzar Doja, Poet and Editor,
- Mrs Corine van Reeuwijk, Senior country desk officer Bangladesh, Caritas Luxembourg,
- Dr. Rémi Fabbri, Director International Department, Luxembourg Red Cross.

8.15pm: Reception

In parallel with this event, a photo exhibition entitled “I am a Rohingya” is taking place at Galerie Clairefontaine, Espace 1, from 7th to 23rd December 2019.

Place

Banque de Luxembourg

14 Boulevard Royal

L-2449 Luxembourg

Parking available at Banque de Luxembourg

Friendship works together with vulnerable people in remote communities of Bangladesh to help them transform their lives. Its integrated development programmes include Healthcare, Education, Climate Change adaptation and Disaster Management, Inclusive Citizenship, Sustainable Economic Development and Cultural preservation. Friendship’s action is based on five fundamental values: Integrity, Dignity, Quality, Justice and Hope.

Shortly after the outbreak of the latest Rohingya crisis in August 2017, Friendship started working in the new refugee camps, primarily in health, gender based violence attendance, education and access to clean water and sanitary infrastructure, now directly serving approximately 100,000 people per month.

Please note that photographs and footage will be taken throughout the conference. These will be used by Friendship for marketing and publicity in our publications, on our website and in social media or in any third party publication.

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