

# The forced migration of Rohingya to India and challenges for refugee protection

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The conflict in Rakhine State of western Myanmar on account of the socio-political history of Burmese state has led to denial of citizenship and nationality for the Rohingya people. The incidents of atrocities against the Rohingya ethnic minority have displaced them in large numbers to Bangladesh. They currently live in refugee camps in Cox's bazaar and nearby the Burma Bangladesh border. They are fleeing in small numbers to the neighbouring countries in the region of South Asia. According to news articles and reports in national and regional media they live as refugees in different parts of India. In New Delhi, Rohingya live in settlements or clusters in New Delhi city, the extended region of New Delhi, Faridabad and Mewat in Haryana, neighbouring Delhi.

The support and assistance of UNHCR; the local governments, humanitarians and police ensure access to education for refugee children, makeshift shelter in informal housing, access to water and sanitation services in informal settlements, electricity supply and emergency help if needed.

This paper aims to discuss how the Rohingya refugees live and survive by taking shelter in temporary living conditions. They face number of challenges in the city and urban region in camps or refugee clusters. These challenges draw attention to the insufficiency of humanitarian approach under current circumstances and realities of nation-states and laws. Some of the challenges that Rohingya face are psycho-social and family needs, socio-economic challenges and harsh spatial inequality in everyday life. The paper aims to discuss how protection is inadequate and deficient towards the forced Rohingya in India due to structural challenges of law and policy for UNHCR protected refugees but also compounded by the temporal challenges of asylum. Further, it will discuss what are the measures taken by actors and NGOs in addressing various dimensions of the problem and what are the existing fault lines in protection.