



NGO Platform (NGOP)

Swiss Portfolio Outcome:	Improved social well-being for all
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Implementing Partner:	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Swiss Contribution:	CHF 182,788
Modality:	Contribution

General Description

Established in 2018, the NGO Platform (NGOP)¹ was created in response to the 2017 exodus of Rohingyas from Myanmar's Rakhine to Bangladesh' Cox's Bazar (CXB). The CXB NGO coordination platform in the Rohingya refugee response, is highly relevant due to the complexity and scale of the humanitarian crisis. The NGO coordination platform is pivotal in creating a unified and effective response to the Rohingya crisis. As the crisis transitions from an acute emergency to a prolonged and protracted situation, the demand for sustained and well-managed efforts becomes increasingly apparent.

Objectives

The NGO platform has facilitated the strengthening of humanitarian coordination, collaborative advocacy, and capacity building among the partners involved in the Rohingya refugee response in Cox's Bazar (including Bhasan Char). The platform enables the sharing of critical information, aligning strategies, and enhancing the overall impact of the response. Furthermore, it ensures that interventions are culturally sensitive and that the voices of the affected population are heard and integrated into the planning and implementation processes. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has assumed the role of hosting the NGOP as of May 1, 2024, taking over from Save the Children, which successfully led the platform for the past two years with support from the Embassy of Switzerland. Building on the valuable lessons learned during Save the Children's tenure, we are committed to further advancing the platform's objectives and fostering stronger collaborations among NGOs.

Lines of Action / Components

- **Secretariat of NGO Platform Management:** NRC, in its role as the host organization oversees the Secretariat of the NGO Platform. This entails managing administrative functions, facilitating communication among member organisations, and ensuring the smooth operation of the platform.
- **Advocacy and Representation:** Ensuring Coordinated Efforts for Advocacy and Representation: The NGO Platform actively work towards coordinating advocacy efforts and providing a unified representation for International and Non-Governmental Organisations (I/NGOs). This collaborative approach aims to amplify the collective voice and impact of the NGO community in advocating for the needs and rights of the Rohingya population.
- **Capacity Building Initiatives:** NRC, in partnership with the NGO Platform, continue initiatives focused on capacity building for platform partners. This includes providing training, resources, and support to enhance the capabilities of member organisations, fostering a more effective and skilled NGO community. This activity will reach 250 individuals from 150 organisations.

¹ NGO Platform is not a registered organisation in Bangladesh. Therefore, different INGO host the NGO Platform.



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- **Localisation Agenda:** The NGO Platform actively promotes and fosters the localisation agenda. This involves encouraging increased participation and leadership of local organisations in humanitarian and development efforts, ensuring that interventions are contextually relevant and sustainable.

Intended Impact in terms of Systemic Change

NGO Platform enables constructive and efficient engagement for the development of I/NGOs and coordinate advocacy efforts and provide a unified representation for I/NGOs, amplifying their collective voice and impact in advocating for the rights and needs of the Rohingya population at local, regional, and global levels. Through ongoing partnerships, NRC and the NGO Platform will drive capacity-building initiatives, empowering platform partners. Additionally, the platform promotes the localisation agenda by facilitating increased participation and leadership of local actors in humanitarian and development work, ensuring interventions are contextually appropriate and sustainable.

Intervention Targets

- 5 collaborative (NGO and INGO) advocacy efforts will be initiated by the NGO Platform.
- 28 women led/disability focused/youth focused organizations are members of the NGO platform.
- 250 NGO staff and NGO platform partners will participate in capacity-building initiatives.