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Ghumdhum and Balukhali  
camps in Cox's Bazar,  
Bangladesh



**Duration**  
2 years



**Total costs**  
112 031 €



**Staff called up**  
Confidential

**Thematic**



**ErVICES performed**

Equipment Delivery  
Commissioning

## Light for Rohingyas

Since the end of August 2017, Rohingyas have been fleeing Burma and pouring into refugee camps in southern Bangladesh. These people are fleeing what the UN has described as "ethnic cleansing" in Myanmar. The already overcrowded camps continue to take in more refugees every day. It is estimated that their number will soon exceed the one million mark. Living conditions in the camps are particularly precarious and NGOs and international organisations on the ground are painting an alarming picture. These populations, who have already been subjected to repeated violence, find themselves destitute in camps where safety is poor.

Electricians Without Borders was approached by Friendship, an NGO whose mission since 1994 has been to develop and support humanitarian aid and development programs in Bangladesh.

### French partners



### Objectives of the project

Based on stated requirements, the «Light for Rohingyas» project aims to contribute to the improvement of living conditions in terms of security for the Rohingya refugees in the Ghumdhum and Balukhali camps by empowering local populations with skills for the installation and maintenance of sustainable electrical equipment.

## Main phases

The project is designed around three lots :

- Lot 1 : Training and skills development for two apprentice trainers employed by Friendship within Schneider Electric.
- Lot 2 : Training and skills development for 20 Bangladeshi and Rohingya trainees in the camps.
- Lot 3 : Training and practical implementation for the electrification of as many sensitive areas identified by Friendship as possible.

Lots 2 and 3 will take place simultaneously (training work site).

## Local clients and beneficiaries

The project will benefit the entire Rohingya population within the Chumdhum and Balukhali camps, over 70% of whom are women.

As regards to the Bangladeshi trainees, this project will help them get back to an income-generating activity. The demand for photovoltaic skills is high and there are job opportunities in the NGO sector.

As for the Rohingya trainees, although the Bangladeshi government does not currently grant Rohingyas the right to work, they can get paid through the "cash for work" scheme, set up by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with governmental authorities and allowing compensation for refugees over a short period of time in connection with certain projects. In addition to receiving payment, they will also gain skills that will enable them to handle the maintenance of installed equipment without further intervention from the humanitarian aid, ultimately helping them play an active role in the improvement of their own living conditions



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