



# COVID-19: KNOWLEDGE, PERCEPTIONS, AND EXPERIENCE OF LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD AND MENTAL HEALTH OF ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN CAMPS OF BANGLADESH

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## OBJECTIVE:

To understand knowledge and perceptions of Rohingya populations about Corona disease and their lived experience shaping up their lifestyle, livelihood and mental state in the changing environment of COVID-19 response in camps.

## METHODOLOGY:

This was a qualitative research. We used a case study approach to collect data from adolescent girls, women and men stakeholders, who were working in the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar district. We interviewed pre-selected respondents. As the country was locked down due to COVID-19 outbreak and movement was restricted, we used mobile phones for gathering data. We collected mobile phone numbers of the respondents from the local BRAC staff. At first, we contacted the respondents to know their availability. We conducted 14 in-depth interviews (IDIs) using a guideline. We obtained verbal consent from the respondent before the interview. Normally, this interview period should not exceed 20 minutes. Because of poor network and frequent call-drops, in some instances, we took appointments later and completed interviews. With the permission of the respondents we recorded the interview by using a mobile app 'call recorder'. After transcription and translation, we erased all the recorded versions of interviews. We performed content thematic analysis. A number of themes were identified after reading and re-reading the data and finally a thematic analysis was performed. Results were presented under three broad themes namely, knowledge and awareness on corona disease, its impact on livelihood and lives and coping mechanism.

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