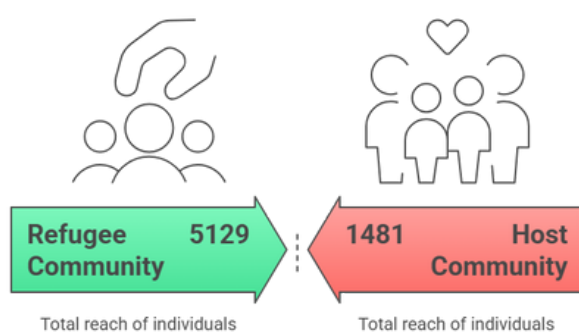


# LSDS Quarterly FactSheet Oct- Dec 2025

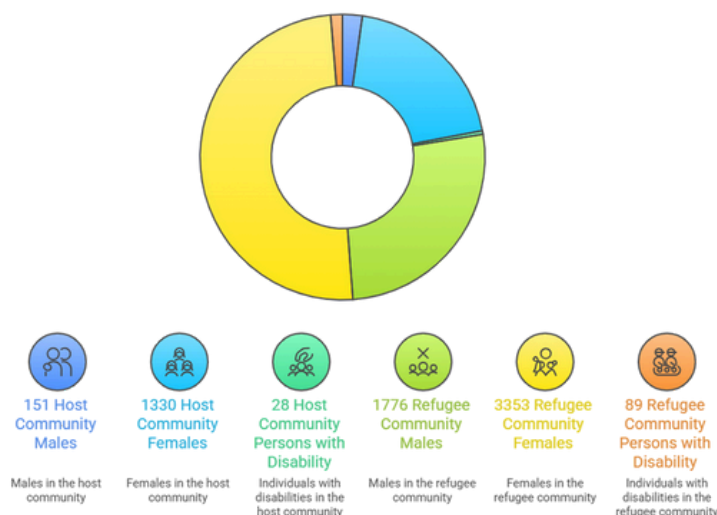
## LIVELIHOODS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

### Key Achievements of LSDS partners: (October- December 2025)

#### Community Reach



#### Distribution of Individuals in Host and Refugee Communities (individuals)



- **Crafting Carnival (9–11 October 2025, Cox’s Bazar):** IOM, with Prottiyashi, organized a fair showcasing innovative products by Rohingya refugees and host communities from Bhasan Char and Cox’s Bazar, with participation from around 20 LSDS partners.
- **LSDS SAG Meeting (15 October):** Members reviewed and endorsed the SOP on Non-Formal Technical Training, the ISNA LSDS Narrative 2025, and key priorities for JRP 2026 planning.
- **RAF Project Inception (21 October):** The inception meeting of the FCDO-funded RAF project was held, to be implemented by UNHCR, IOM, ILO, BRAC, Prottiyashi, Mukti Cox’s Bazar, and the NRC-led consortium (DRC, IRC, HI).
- **LSDS Product Fair (29–30 October):** The fair featured 35 stalls from 20 UN, INGO, and NGO partners, including testimonies from Rohingya youth highlighting increased confidence and self-reliance through skills development.
- **BRAC Career Hub Visit:** LSDS, partners, GAC, and World Bank representatives visited BRAC’s Career Hub, supporting host community youth through career counselling, skills assessment, job readiness training, and job placement linkages.
- **JRP 2026 Workshop:** LSDS convened a workshop with over 30 partner organizations to guide the development of well-aligned project proposals in line with JRP 2026 priorities.
- **Dhaka Flow Exhibition:** LSDS partners showcased handmade products by Rohingya and host community artisans at the Dhaka Flow Exhibition in Dhaka.
- **LSDS- FCDO RAF Coordination Meeting (8 December):** LSDS held its first coordination meeting with partners implementing pilot livelihoods initiatives under the FCDO Resilience and Adaptation Fund.
- **Orange Corners Bangladesh:** The LSDS Coordinator participated as a panelist, engaging with emerging youth entrepreneurs from Cox’s Bazar alongside UN, INGO, and NGO representatives.
- **LSDS Handicraft Kiosk:** BRAC Pool Fund partners (AMAN, GUK, and Shushilan) jointly established an LSDS handicraft display kiosk at the ISCG premises.
- **Camp Focal Points Meeting:** LSDS convened a meeting with newly joined and existing Camp Focal Points to strengthen coordination and engagement.
- **IOM Capacity Building Workshop:** LSDS participated in a multi-sector workshop to reflect on progress, review methodologies, and exchange lessons learned with partners from LSDS, FSS, IOM, Prottiyashi, and PHALS.
- **IRC–ERD Consultation:** LSDS participated in the IRC–ERD consultation, engaging with implementing partners, UN agencies, government counterparts, private sector actors, and project participants.
- **LSDS JRP 2026:** In November LSDS JRP 2026, partner selection process was completed. 5 UN agencies, 9 INGOs, 4 NGOs were selected as Appealing Partners and 22 National NGOs as Implementing Partners. LSDS Coordinator emphasized that all JRP and Non-JRP partners are welcome to discuss LSDS relevant activities and build synergies.

## **AMAN:**

During October–December 2025, AMAN successfully implemented LSDS activities, including skills training for 30 women and financial literacy and entrepreneurship training for 58 women in Camp 15, along with input support for 30 women in Camp 10. Participants engaged in home-based income-generating activities, earning an average monthly income of BDT 5,819. AMAN also organized an LSDS Product Fair in Camp 15, participated in seven LSDS product fairs, and marked the 16 Days of Activism through a skills development product stall.



**AMAN's Product fair at camp 15(CiC, Mr. Ajar Ali**

## **BRAC**

### **Implementing Partners: Shushilan, GUK, AMAN**

Between October–December 2025, the partners supported 524 participants across multiple camps with training on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and business management. Activities included market linkages, product fairs, and income-generating initiatives, enabling participants to access wage employment and invest in productive assets. During this period, 95 artisans produced 24,050 products, with BDT 8,633,235 disbursed as wages and incentives to Rohingya and host community artisans. In Camp 15, nine participants engaged in home-based IGAs earned an average of BDT 8,000 per month, while seven participants purchased sewing machines using their own income, demonstrating increased financial independence. Additionally, two market linkage meetings were held in Camps 5 and 8E with key stakeholders, quarterly SHG meetings were facilitated for 22 SHGs (429 participants) in Camps 2E and 4 Extension, and five product fairs were organized across Camps 15, 2E, 4 Extension, 5, and 8E in collaboration with the LSDS sector. Participants also took part in external fairs, and the 16 Days of Activism were jointly observed in coordination with the Honorable CiC.



**BRAC's Market Linkage Meeting at Camp 8E**



**Carpentry product-non formal technical training-camp-17, Caritas Bangladesh**

## **CARITAS Bangladesh:**

At Camp 17, a 120-hour (30-day) non-formal technical training on gas stove repair, solar panel repair, and carpentry was successfully completed. Equipment support was provided to 40 trained participants to facilitate post-training livelihood activities. In addition, awareness sessions were conducted on waste and plastic recycling, waste management, disaster risk reduction (DRR), social cohesion, and WASH. In the host community of Ukhiya, 15 beneficiaries were supported through income-generating activities, including small grocery businesses and tailoring.

### **International Organization for Migration (IOM):**

IOM implemented Vocational Skills Training for 300 Rohingya participants from Camps 11 and 15, funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) in collaboration with UNHCR and implemented by Prottiyashi. The project delivered training in Caregiving, Plumbing, Solar Maintenance, and Electrical trades. Following training and independent assessment, 254 participants were certified as competent, with 80 beneficiaries receiving in-kind support to initiate MSME activities.

Additionally, two product fairs were organized by IOM, and beneficiaries participated in two external fairs organized by Dhaka Flow (Dhaka) and the Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector (Cox's Bazar), providing platforms to showcase locally produced items and strengthen market exposure.



**Welcome remarks by ISCG Coordinator in Craft Carnival Product fair**

### **International Labor Organization (ILO):**

The ISEC Career Carnival 2025, held on 22 October 2025 in Cox's Bazar under the ILO–ISEC Project, engaged 600+ skilled youth graduates and connected them with 30 employers through interviews, CV collection, and career guidance. By November 2025, the project had trained 9,539 youth (4,168 women, 5,370 men, including 452 Persons with Disabilities), with 7,813 participants placed in employment. The Climate-Smart Agro Solutions Exposition (10–11 November 2025) engaged 300+ participants and showcased climate-smart and eco-friendly innovations from 25+ companies, promoting green jobs and inclusive agribusiness. In late 2025, ILO–ISEC further advanced responsible tourism through a National Seminar, the launch of “Safe Entry” hotel safety software, and a Destination Development Plan, alongside strengthening the skills ecosystem with 10 competency standards and 25 learning materials. The “Discover Cox's Bazar” campaign promoted sustainable, community-led tourism across eight destinations.



**The Climate-Smart Agro solutions Exposition**



**A teaching volunteer conducts a class on functional literacy.**

### **Mukti Cox's Bazar:**

Between October–December 2025, Mukti Cox's Bazar, with UNFPA support, provided non-formal technical training in handicrafts and tailoring to 249 women (including 6 with disabilities) from Rohingya (197) and host (52) communities, generating BDT 22,120 in sales through product fairs. Mukti also continued Basic and Functional Literacy programming for Rohingya youth, enrolling 240 new learners (120 female, 120 male, including 4 with disabilities) across 8 camps and delivering 640 structured sessions. Of 180 ongoing learners, 175 graduated after 120 learning hours, reflecting strong retention with only 9 dropouts out of 470 learners.

**Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC):**

During the reporting period, NRC strengthened market-relevant vocational skills through LSDS programming across 14 learning centers, reaching 270 learners (160 women, 110 men), including 22 persons with disabilities, in camps and host communities in Cox's Bazar, Hnila, and Whykong. The interventions focused on employability, income generation, and self-reliance, including the establishment of contractor-based market linkages in the solar trade. As a result, five trained learners engaged in income-generating activities in household solar maintenance and repair, contributing to sustainable energy access in both camps and host communities.



**NRC's Non- Formal Solar-repairing training**

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):**

During the fourth quarter of 2025, UNHCR partners continued to strengthen access to Accelerated Adult Literacy (AAL), skills development, and livelihood opportunities for refugees across the camps in Cox's Bazar. The Accelerated Adult Learning (AAL) program successfully exceeded its annual enrollment target ahead of schedule. A total of 4,200 learners, the majority of whom were women (62%), enrolled across 14 camps, and 3,742 graduate learners completed endline assessments by December 2025. Skills development training across different trades demonstrated consistently strong outcomes. Across partners, 1,134 learners participated in the final assessments, with over 92% achieving competency. Female participation remained strong, accounting for nearly half of all trainees. Graduates were actively supported through job placement, volunteering, and entrepreneurship pathways, including targeted cash assistance for selected participants under entrepreneurship development initiatives.



**UNHCR's Skills training- Small Engine Mechanic**



**UNFPA's Non- formal Skills training**

**United nations population fund (UNFPA):**

Between October–December 2025, UNFPA, with Plan International, Mukti, ActionAid, BRAC, and GUK, implemented literacy and LSDS-aligned technical training across 25 CBLFs and six youth centres, reaching 2,209 participants (1,111 women, 10 girls, 84 men, 32 PwDs) from Rohingya and host communities. Programs included basic and functional literacy, non-formal technical skills (tailoring, handicrafts, beautification, solar/gas repair, ICT), delivered through women-friendly and community centres with daily incentives.

## UN Women:

During the reporting period, eight UN Women-supported MPWCs and the Women's Market were renovated, enabling expanded LSDS-compliant vocational and technical training. Seventy-five industrial sewing machines and caregiving and bakery equipment were installed, supporting current training and additional courses planned for 2026. Overall, 470 women (275 Rohingya, 195 host community) strengthened their livelihoods through skills training across multiple trades, while in 2025, 558 women (342 Rohingya, 216 host community) engaged in income-generating activities, contributing to improved household financial stability.



UN Women's training for Refugee Women on Sewing



UN Women's Host Community Beneficiaries Learning Digital Skills



WVB's Rohingya participants are repairing solar panels within their community

**World Vision Bangladesh:** Between October–December 2025, World Vision Bangladesh, with support from GFFO, NZMFAT, JPF, and WV Support Offices, engaged 2,144 participants (1,635 women, 471 men, and 38 persons with disabilities) from Rohingya and host communities in inclusive livelihoods and skills development. Interventions combined vocational training, entrepreneurship, market promotion, and adult literacy, strengthening pathways toward economic self-reliance.

Useful links- [LSDS coordination Meeting January 2026](#), [LSDS JRP 2026 Activity Matrix Guidance](#), [LSDS field visit report](#), [LSDS JRP Planning workshop](#)

# LSDS - FCDO Resilience Adaption Fund Activities

## BRAC:

Between October–December 2025, BRAC, under FCDO-funded projects, strengthened self-reliance and resilience among Rohingya communities in Cox's Bazar through formal and non-formal skills training. Non-formal technical training reached 125 participants (tailoring, hand stitching, embroidery), while formal skills training engaged 160 participants (120 in digital skills, 40 in mobile phone servicing). Market-responsive curricula, Competency-Based Learning Materials, and stakeholder mapping ensured demand-driven, employable skill development.



Formal Training (Digital Skill) Camp 15



A Person with Disabilities (PWD) from the host community - Vocational skills training

## PROTTYASHI

With Handicap International support, 200 PWDs (152 camp, 48 host; 60 female) completed 120-hour non-formal training in hand stitching, macramé, crochet, ornament box, and candle making, while 255 PWDs participated in 10-day cash-for-work activities. 205 beneficiaries received mentoring, 54 women attended refresher trainings, and market assessments and linkages engaged 730 people, identifying five viable trades for livelihood opportunities.

## International Organization of Migration (IOM):

IOM, with FCDO funding and LSDS coordination, established a soap production factory in Camp 20 (capacity: 440,000 pcs/month), to be operated by PHALS starting January 2026. The project also supports 210 beneficiaries in livelihoods and micro/small business initiatives in camps and host communities.

## MUKTI Cox's Bazar:

Mukti Cox's Bazar completed participant selection and baseline surveys for 50 host community women (including 2 with disabilities) in Palongkhali Union, delivering technical skills, entrepreneurship, and digital literacy training, and disbursing BDT 15,000 conditional cash grants via Mobile Money. In Camp 4, assessments and beneficiary data collection were initiated for 50 potential Rohingya women participants.



Women and Adolescents Participants are preparing a bedsheet (handicrafts)



Community consultation at Host Community

## International Rescue Committee (IRC)

IRC developed 10 Local Adaptation Plans of Action (LAPA) through 15 capacity-building sessions with 346 participants (212 men, 134 women) from Ratnapalong, Haldiapalong, Sabrang, Hnila, and Ukhiya UNO office, identifying locally adapted solutions to address climate-related livelihood challenges in Teknaf and Ukhiya.