

# SMILE REPORT



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Gateway to Happiness

RELIEF & REHABILITATION WORK

Nangeli | Haryana



miles2smile foundation

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**2022**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



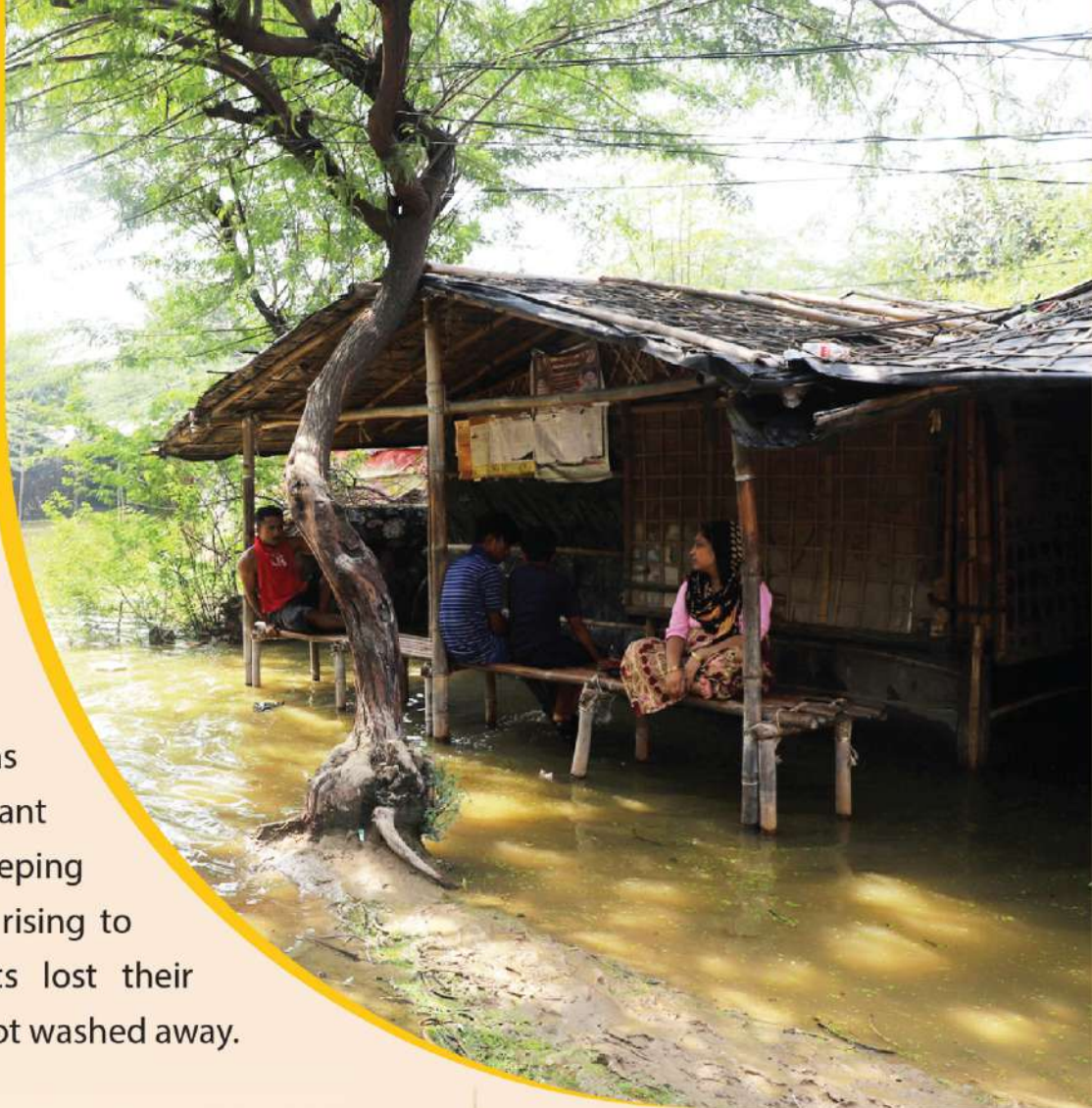
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In October 2022, a Rohingya settlement in Nangeli, Haryana got completely submerged after days of incessant rain, leaving its 206 residents inundated and displaced for a month. Since the settlement was located in a low-lying muddy area, the water receded very slowly, making it a breeding ground for a variety of waterborne diseases. The condition we discovered there was really abysmal. The water had risen to their beds. Even the stoves were put over the beds in order to cook meals. Women and children were forced to spend days and nights sitting over a chair, or huddled on the bed to save themselves from the foul water, while the men would drench and wade through it to run errands and arrange for at least one meal a day.



They also experienced fear of snakes and other insects in the water. During sleep, mothers would be anxious of their children falling from bed into the water. Some households struggled to provide their family members with even a single meal a day. It was after three days of incessant rain that water started sweeping into their rooms and kept rising to their beds. Most residents lost their clothes. Also their rations got washed away.



**LIFE FOR  
THEM HAS  
BEEN REALLY  
HARSH**



**MOST SETTLEMENT-DWELLERS HAVE NO MEANS TO RELOCATE, OR REBUILD THEIR LIVES, THEREFORE, NO CHOICE, THAN TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO LIVING IN SUCH ADVERSE CONDITIONS**

Not surprising, they didn't have access to clean drinking water even. They'd get their water supply from a narrow pipe which often would get mixed with water from open drains. That's why these people were also experiencing stomach diseases, allergies, diarrhea and nausea.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEf3jLzezFs>





## **ROZINA BEGUM - A SINGLE MOTHER WHO LOOKS AFTER HER CHILDREN WHILE ALSO CARING FOR HER AILING MOTHER**

**Rozina Begum**, 37, stays with her mother-in-law and four kids in one small room. She is a housewife, while her husband worked as a daily wage laborer until he met with an unfortunate accident about a month ago. Since then, every dawn started with a battle for her and got worse especially under these circumstances. Providing for young kids while also taking care of an ailing husband and mother-in-law in such congested and unhygienic space has been a seemingly never ending everyday struggle for her. She didn't have enough savings even to be able to afford the cost of a doctor's treatment, or medicines. Many other Rohingyas like Rozina have been living in such conditions in this settlement, where extreme weather conditions would make things even worse for them.



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# #HEALTH #CAMP



Miles2Smile is happy to share that we were the first team to visit the affected area with the organization's founder & director, who himself walked through the muddy-water to see the situation first hand and understand the plight of the residents.

After learning about the spread of skin diseases among them, as a first measure, we quickly arranged for a free medical health camp inside their settlement on October 17, 2022, with an aim to address their basic health needs. After examining, our medical team told that most of the patients were suffering from fungal infection, diarrhea, fever, cold and cough with skin diseases on the top.



**THE HEALTH CAMP PROVIDED  
MEDICAL CARE, SCREENING AND  
FREE MEDICINES TO THE PATIENTS**

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**AT LEAST 200 PATIENTS  
WERE EXAMINED AND THE  
MEDICINES WORTH  
Rs 45000 WERE DISPENSED  
AT OUR MEDICAL CAMP**





**W**e also ran a **Community Kitchen** to provide food to all the inhabitants who were unable to access their kitchens because of water stagnancy. The kitchen ran for a week and provided for their nutritional needs until they were back on their feet again. The organisation also assisted in getting the stagnant water drained out with the help of water pumping units and installed a few portable water purifiers for providing them with the safe drinking water. We also gave a few wooden beds to some needy families. The gratitude and **Smile** on their faces was worth every effort.

*Nearly 32 families lived in this settlement, which was made of tarpaulin, bamboo sticks, and cardboard. They were left without basic supplies due to extensive water clogging for so many days.*



**COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN #**

# SMILE STORIES



## Walking the Extra Mile

*"I am recovering slowly, thanks to Miles2Smile"*

*"65-year-old Ismail started to respond to his treatment in the Sadar hospital and grew stronger, so that he could stand and walk on his own again after suffering from kidney and abdomen infection"*

When a lot of children and adults began to fall sick at regular intervals in the Rohingya settlement at Nangeli, Haryana the people did not know who to turn to. Their regular visits to the local quacks increased but they could hardly provide any relief to the people. The residents of the area either work as daily wage laborers or depend on humanitarian aid. That's why they either cannot afford to go to a doctor or do not want to go to the doctor and lose a day's meal. Diabetes, abdomen & skin infection are some of the common health problems in the area because of unhygienic lifestyles and continuous neglect of minor health problems. When his abdomen and kidney infection worsened, 65 year old Ismail had to discontinue his work in the fishing market as a daily wager. His stomach began to bloat. He was bound to stay at home and additionally burden his sons to fulfill the basic household needs. As his sons could not afford the cost of his medicines, he avoided going to any doctor.

When Miles2Smile's medical team reached his settlement, a concerned neighbor brought Ismail to us. Thus we could learn about his deplorable health. Feeling like a burden on his sons was also causing him to spiral into sadness. But thanks to the organisation's diligent follow-ups, payment of his medical bills, and timely hospital check ups that he is on the road to recovery.

# We feel happy to provide healthcare to Sajeeda Begum

*"I feel sad because I have to struggle alone in my life. When I am sick, I have no one to support me. I can't go to a private hospital because I can't afford it"*

**"The flimsy shelter located in muddy pathways with puddles of stagnant water around has made living conditions unbearable for the women in particular"**



In August of 2012, when military and paramilitary forces in Myanmar began purging the Rohingya Muslim population from the country, motivated by anti-Muslim prejudice of the Buddhist political and social majority, 45-year-old Sajeeda Begum had to flee to neighbouring India. However, the non-recognition of refugee status of the Rohingyas in India kept her without documents which meant - without adequate protection and access to healthcare services, education or any employment opportunity. Her husband divorced and left her a few years ago, adding to the stress of living in such conditions. She even felt suicidal at times. Her severe physical and mental health issues were exacerbated by the impermanence of the fragile bamboo structure and the unsanitary conditions in which she was living.

Rohingya women are particularly vulnerable due to a lack of proper nutritious food, menstrual health, and hygiene inside the camp. The prolonged camp life has had a significant impact on their mental and physical health. Furthermore, as a result of inadequate reproductive and maternal care, women are vulnerable to communicable diseases and infectious risks such as scabies and hepatitis. Sajeeda too suffered from similar health problems, including high blood sugar & blood pressure. Since the day her husband left, Sajeeda Begum's day to day existence has been marked by fear, struggles to afford food, and a sense of hopelessness in her. She is a single mother with three children - two daughters and a son, who rely on humanitarian assistance. As her days passed in worry, she visited Miles2Smile's medical camp and received consultation from our doctors for her illness, which required immediate medical treatment. The foundation stepped in right away to help her with additional treatments that would otherwise be thwarted by the hospital's high medical bills. We are delighted to assist Sajeeda, who believes that once her children succeed and prosper in life, all of her mental and physical sufferings will fade away.



Besides letting you know that everyone is now safe and doing better, it is also an opportunity to give credit to our donors who joined hands in this heartwarming effort.



**THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR  
DONORS**

**WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

# Twitter Wall

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**Aasif Mujtaba** @MujtabaAasif · 17 Oct

We @miles2smile\_ are running a community kitchen & a health camp for all the affected Rohingya Refugee families at Nuh. Please donate to the cause [miles2smile.org/donations/emergency](https://miles2smile.org/donations/emergency)

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**Aasif Mujtaba** @MujtabaAasif · 13 Oct

They desperately need some medical care. If you know of any doctor or NGO who can assist us for arranging a medical camp this Sunday, kindly connect. You can also donate to the cause [miles2smile.org/donations/emergency](https://miles2smile.org/donations/emergency)

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**Aasif Mujtaba** @MujtabaAasif · 17 Oct

What could be a better way to remember #SirSyed on his birthday than to extend a humanitarian help to the distressed Refugees. The great visionary #SirSyed believed in working for community upliftment rather than mere talking. That's what we at @miles2smile\_ believe in +

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Miles2Smile @miles2smile\_ · 19 Oct

We are running a community kitchen & medical camp for the troubled Rohingya Refugees for almost a week now. Thanks to all the donors for their kind assistance. Please donate to the cause [miles2smile.org/donations/emergency](https://miles2smile.org/donations/emergency) #Rohingya #RefugeesInIndia #restoringsmiles #miles2smile

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**Aasif Mujtaba** @MujtabaAasif · 13 Oct

For the Rohingya settlement at Nuh in Haryana, the rain & stagnant water has created a huge trouble to the residents. Refugees are unable to even cook food or use the basic facilities. We @miles2smile\_ have started a community kitchen today. Please donate [miles2smile.org/donations/emergency](https://miles2smile.org/donations/emergency)

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# SMILE COUNTER

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**347** MILES  
COVERED

**1** SMILE  
PROJECT

**144** SMILE  
HOURS

**206** SMILES  
RESTORED



## About the organization

Miles2Smiles was established two years back as a not-for-profit organization, based in Delhi. The organization works primarily in relief activities and brings smiles to the faces of victims looming over penury and distress. Livelihood creation, healthcare and educational empowerment are also some core areas of work by the organization. In the past two years, the organization has made commendable service in delivering solace to the people languishing in the heap of despair. The organization is on an assiduous mission to revive happiness to the people ripped after communal tensions.



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