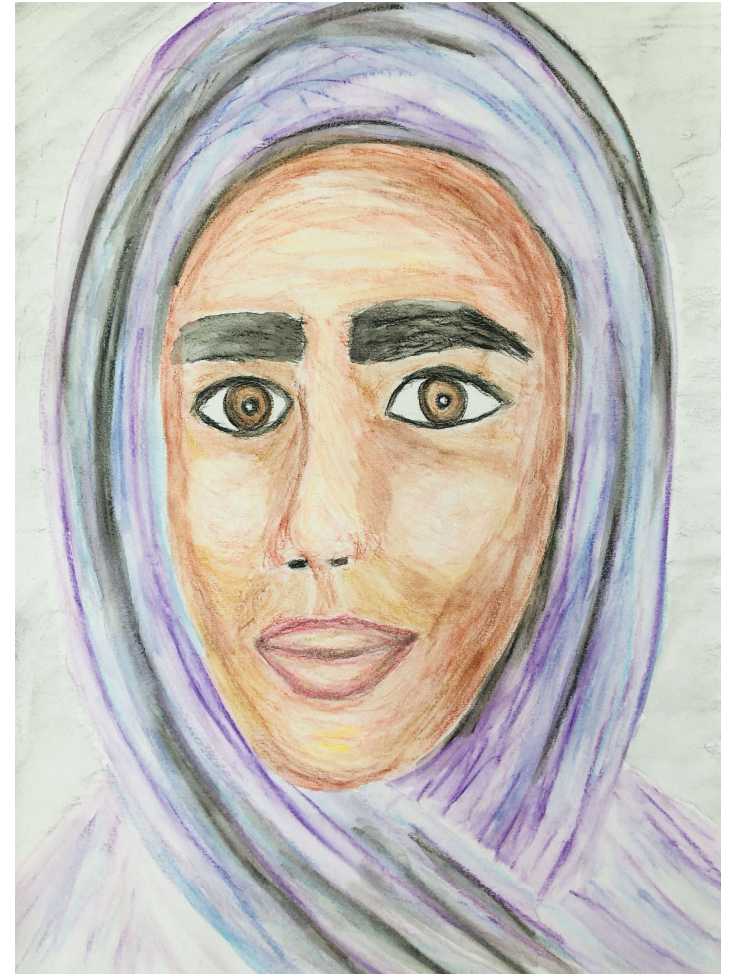

WOMEN WHO DARE

Exploring experiences of participation among
Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

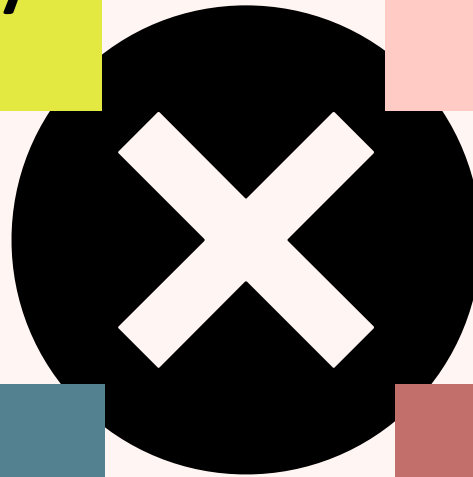


Gender equality

Participation

Neutrality /
Apolitical

Do no harm







- **Motivation**
 - **Navigating gender norms**
 - **Making sense**
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MOTIVATION

Material support?



Access to information



Learning

Socializing

Community service



“women’s issues”

NEGOTIATING GENDER NORMS

Challenge the norms...
without breaking the rules

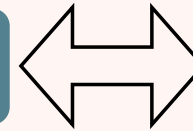
‘My husband said the group was not good and I should not go. I also didn’t know if it was good, so I told him that I would go one time and see. I joined and I learned so many things! So, I told my husband: “if I go there, my head is cool and I will not quarrel with you, it is good for our family”. And **my husband said** that now I am not quarrelling so much, so I can go.’

Housework

Unintended
consequences

Double burden

Community support



Community opposition

Agents of change

‘Imams sometimes say on the microphone that if women go outside, married men want to marry them, which is bad for the first wife. **But my husband allows me** because I did not do anything wrong, and he is the one responsible for me.’

MAKING SENSE OF CHANGE

Participation...

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Thank you!



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