

Introduction to the project

“Investigating the Bangladeshi locals’ perceptions of the Rohingya and the impact of the refugee crisis on the host communities and villages nearby Rohingya refugee camps”

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I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. My name is ... and I work for a research NGO in Malta called Xchange. As one of the components of our most recent Local Bangladeshi Perceptions Survey, I am interviewing local Bangladeshi stakeholders who live in Ukhia and Teknaf to better understand how the local communities feel towards the Rohingya and their proposed repatriation process to Myanmar.

The interview should take less than 40 minutes. With your permission, I will be recording the session. This will help me pay the utmost attention to you during the interview and to not miss any important details that you give me. All responses will be kept confidential. The original recording will be heard only by me. I will use it to create a transcript of our conversation which will be accessed only by the Xchange research team. We will ensure that any information we include in our report does not identify you as the respondent.

If at any time you feel uneasy about continuing the interview, please let me know and we can stop the recording immediately. Before we begin, do you have any questions?



Informed Consent

I,, hereby confirm that I have understood the purpose of my participation in Xchange Foundation's project "Investigating the Bangladeshi locals' perceptions of the Rohingya and the impact of the refugee crisis on the host communities and villages nearby Rohingya refugee camps".

I agree with the interview being recorded, as my responses will be kept anonymous.

I also understand that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without any penalty.

Signature of participant:

Signature of interviewer:

Interview location:, Bangladesh.

Date: / 07 / 2018

Semi-structured In-Depth Interview Guide

Personal Details

(note: to be filled in by the interviewer during the introductory questions. If there is information missing at the end of the interview, please fill them in by asking.)

- Name
- Surname
- Sex
- Age
- Highest level of formal education
- Job position
- Current union of residence
- How long have you been living in this union?
- Marital Status
- Number of children (<18 years old), their gender and ages
- Do your children go to school?

Introduction

Let me start by asking some general questions about yourself and your livelihood in your region.

1. Can you tell me a little bit about yourself so that I can get to know you?
(probes: education, job, family, hobbies, routine, life in general)
2. Can you tell me a little bit about where you live? How does the local population spend their everyday life?
(probes: most common occupations, jobs, facilities, transport, opportunities, houses, hobbies, crime rate)

Thank you very much. Now, I would like to focus on the relationships locals build with the Rohingya community and their everyday interactions.

Relationship with the Rohingya

3. How often do you interact with the Rohingya (e.g. exchange conversation, buy products from Rohingya, work with Rohingya) and how well do you get on with them?
(probes: having Rohingya friends, neighbours)
4. How does a usual interaction of a local with a Rohingya go?
(probes: how locals treat Rohingya, how Rohingya treat locals, financial help, friendships)

Rohingya arrival related questions

5. Thinking back, when do you remember the Rohingya first arriving in your locality?
6. Overall, how have the locals received the recent arrivals of the Rohingya? Do you have an interesting story to share?

(probes: differences between women-men, regions, closer to the camps, work, differences, similarities)

7. Have you witnessed any societal changes due to the recent arrivals of the Rohingya?
(probes: family's income, cost of services and goods, tourism, crime rate, quality of medical treatment, availability of resources, job opportunities)
8. Many locals support that there have been more job opportunities created for the Bangladeshi people since the Rohingya arrived. What is your opinion on this?
9. Do you think the level of crime has been shifting since the Rohingya arrivals? If so, in what direction? Why?
(probes: drugs, gangs, trafficking, prostitution)

Rohingya integration

10. Would you consider the Rohingya community well integrated with the local Bangladeshi community? Why?
(probes: proximity, market, culture, religion, marriage)
11. Anecdotal evidence supports that Rohingya girls are marrying Bangladeshi boys. Do you know anything about this? If so, what do you think about it?
(probes: why, how often, personal story)
12. How do you think Bangladeshi women feel about it?
13. What is your opinion regarding the Rohingya children being allowed to go to Bangladeshi schools? Why?
14. Do you think the Rohingya can make positive contributions to your community?

Locals' concerns

15. Do the locals have any safety concerns about living close to the Rohingya community?
16. How do you think the local community will react if in the future the Rohingya are given access to public facilities (e.g. schools, hospitals, mosques, community centres) and services?

Repatriation and Conclusion

17. The majority of locals seem to trust that their government will solve the Rohingya problem. Why do you think this is?
18. What is your opinion about the proposed repatriation process? Will it happen? If yes, when?
19. How do you feel about the future of local communities in Teknaf/Ukhia? Why?
20. Is there anything else you would like to discuss?