Sub: Rohingya Crisis

Dear Parents,

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." — <u>John Bunyan</u>

At the Kindergarten Starters we live by this quote every single day.

An outbreak of violence in Myanmar has spurred a massive refugee crisis. In just three weeks, 500,000 terrified Rohingya refugees have fled to neighboring Bangladesh. In Myanmar's Rakhine state, where the IRC has been helping crisis-affected families since 2013, there are thousands more who have been uprooted from their homes and are in need of lifesaving aid.

The situation is complicated by the monsoon season, which has already impacted food availability and prices, even for the local population. An estimated 80% of the refugees are women and children. Families arrive hungry, exhausted and depleted of any resources. The human needs—emotional and physical—are immense.

Our school is working with the Red Crescent to reach essential supplies to children and adults who are in dire need. We welcome donations in kind to support this drive. Our students will collect, pack and send out these items through the Red Crescent Team at KGS.

Please send only the following items:

- 1. Tinned food with a shelf life of at least 6 months.
- 2. Old clothes that are in good condition. Please ensure they are washed and pressed and packed in individual plastic bags. Please indicate the appropriate age for which the item is suited so that we can pack them separately.
- 3. Mosquito Nets
- 4. Blankets
- 5. Plastic Buckets

The donations can be made until he first week of December. Your children will play an active part in sorting, packing, labelling and dispatching these items.

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." — <u>John</u> <u>Holmes</u>

We look forward to your support as always. Collections begin from Sunday, 12th November until the 9th of December.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Asha Alexander

Principal