Dear Compassionate Citizens of the World,

More than one million Rohingya people are seeking safety in Bangladesh having fled persecution in their native Myanmar. Many of them are women and girls who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

On Saturday, November 19, CNN aired a <u>story</u> from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. A midwife working within the camp reported that these women didn't have a change of clothes, and they were still wearing the same clothes from the day they were attacked.

After being moved by this tragic account, and learning that the number of sexual assaults is drastically underreported, I set out to get *every* woman and girl who has been assaulted, a simple change of clothes. I made calls to a handful of organizations that I thought could support my goal.

I've decided to work together with ActionAid USA to provide vital items and support to these vulnerable Rohingya women and girls. (www.actionaidusa.org)

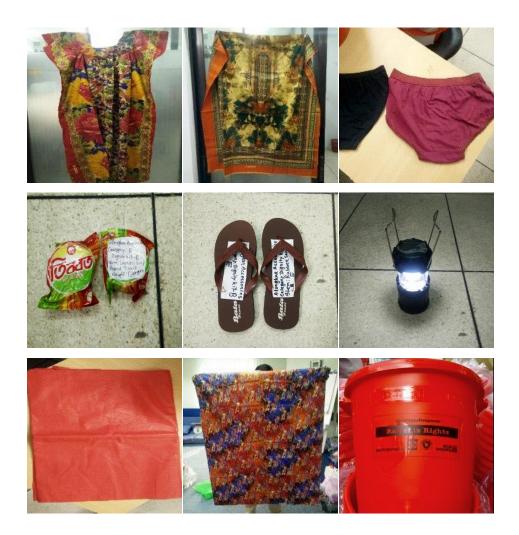
ActionAid is an international human rights organization that's on a mission to end poverty and injustice. They work in 45 countries around the world, actively investing in powerful people living in poverty and exclusion. Having worked with communities in Bangladesh for more than 30 years, ActionAid has the connections to get help and support to the people that need it most. They are providing food, emergency shelter items and dignity kits to Rohingya families, prioritizing women and girls.

Working alongside local merchants in Bangladesh, ActionAid is producing and distributing dignity kits for women and girls in Cox's Bazar.

Each Kit Contains:

- A Dress
- A Shawl

- Clean Underwear
- Sanitary Pads
- Soap
- Disinfectant
- Slippers
- Torch or Solar Lantern
- Bucket



ActionAid has already distributed more than 13,000 of these kits to women and girls who are vulnerable to sexual assault. With your help, we can reach many more.

I'm asking for your help to promote safety and dignity for these women and girls. A

full kit, which includes a change of clothing, costs \$25.

Honesty and transparency are ActionAid's core values, and they know that you want to be sure your money is going where it's needed most – 90 cents of every dollar received in support of this emergency project will be used to produce and distribute dignity kits.

Please make your contribution here: Dignity Kits for Rohingya.

This is a small price to pay for a dignity kit that will help restore some comfort to a Rohingya woman or girl who has faced assault. Please give what you can to support these women and girls to overcome their harrowing ordeal.

ActionAid USA is a registered 501c(3) organization. Your donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Thanks,

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Another Compassionate Citizen of the World











