Adolescents as agents of change and for peace

This European Union supported project aims to enhance peaceful co-existence among adolescents and youth, to strengthen social cohesion and resilience, and bridge gaps between Rohingya and Bangladeshi communities.

Over 20,500 Rohingya and Bangladeshi adolescents and youth will benefit from learning opportunities and skills development as part of this project. Over 12,000 parents, community and religious leaders from the two communities will be engaged through community-based child protection committees and other organizations to discuss social issues affecting their young people and their communities and identify action-oriented solutions.

By establishing social hubs, this project strives to engage young people through positive action to strengthen social cohesion, community relations, resilience, and improve the quality of life for both Bangladeshi and Rohingya adolescents and youth.

A social hub is a space where young people can socialize, learn and share skills with each other. They also learn peacebuilding competencies such as identifying root causes of tension, negotiation, conflict resolution, working with others and community engagement to equip them to become agents of change and build social cohesion and resilience. Each social hub has a target of 1000 adolescents and youth with equal participation from Rohingya and Bangladeshi communities.

UNICEF and partners are committed to supporting adolescent girls and boys in developing and reaching their full potential. Adolescence is a defining time in a child’s life, when young people are figuring out who they want to be in the world; an opportunity for growth, exploration and creativity.