

Protecting and Empowering Survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the Rohingya Conflict

Women as Agents of Change to Combat Sexual Violence in Conflict

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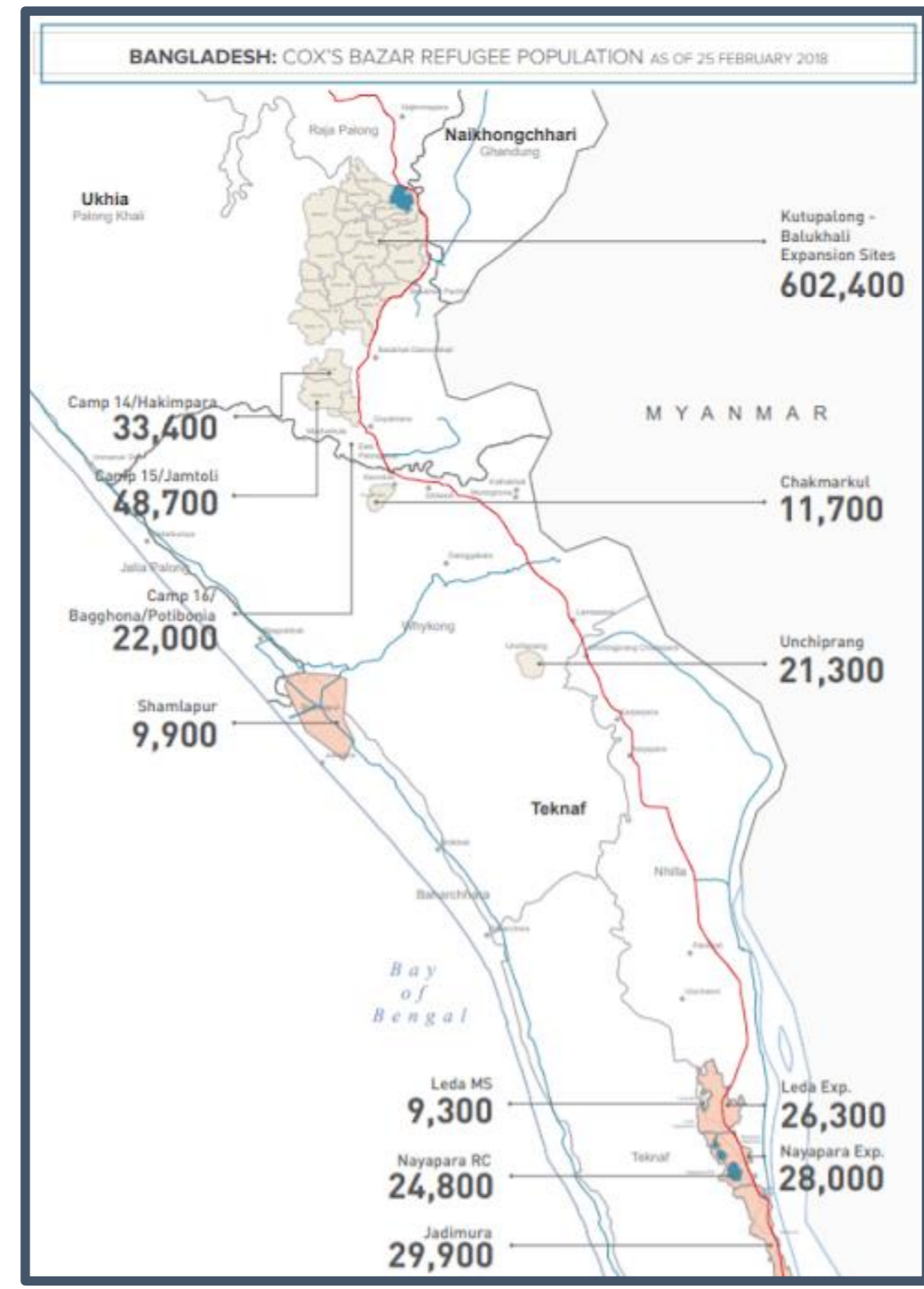
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Rohingya Conflict



Cox's Bazar

- Largest refugee camp in the world
- As of January 2018: **1,040,000** refugees registered

Women of Cox's Bazar

- More than **60,000** pregnant women entering Cox's Bazar
- Traumatized Sexual Violence Victims
- On-going sexual violence in Cox's Bazar

Ethnic Cleansing by Myanmar Military

- Rohingya: Religious & Ethnic Minority
- Use of Sexual Violence as Weapon of War

Rohingya Conflict



- **What is agency?**
- **What are the unique characteristics of survivors of sexual violence in the Rohingya conflict?**

Problems

Limitations of Response of International Organizations

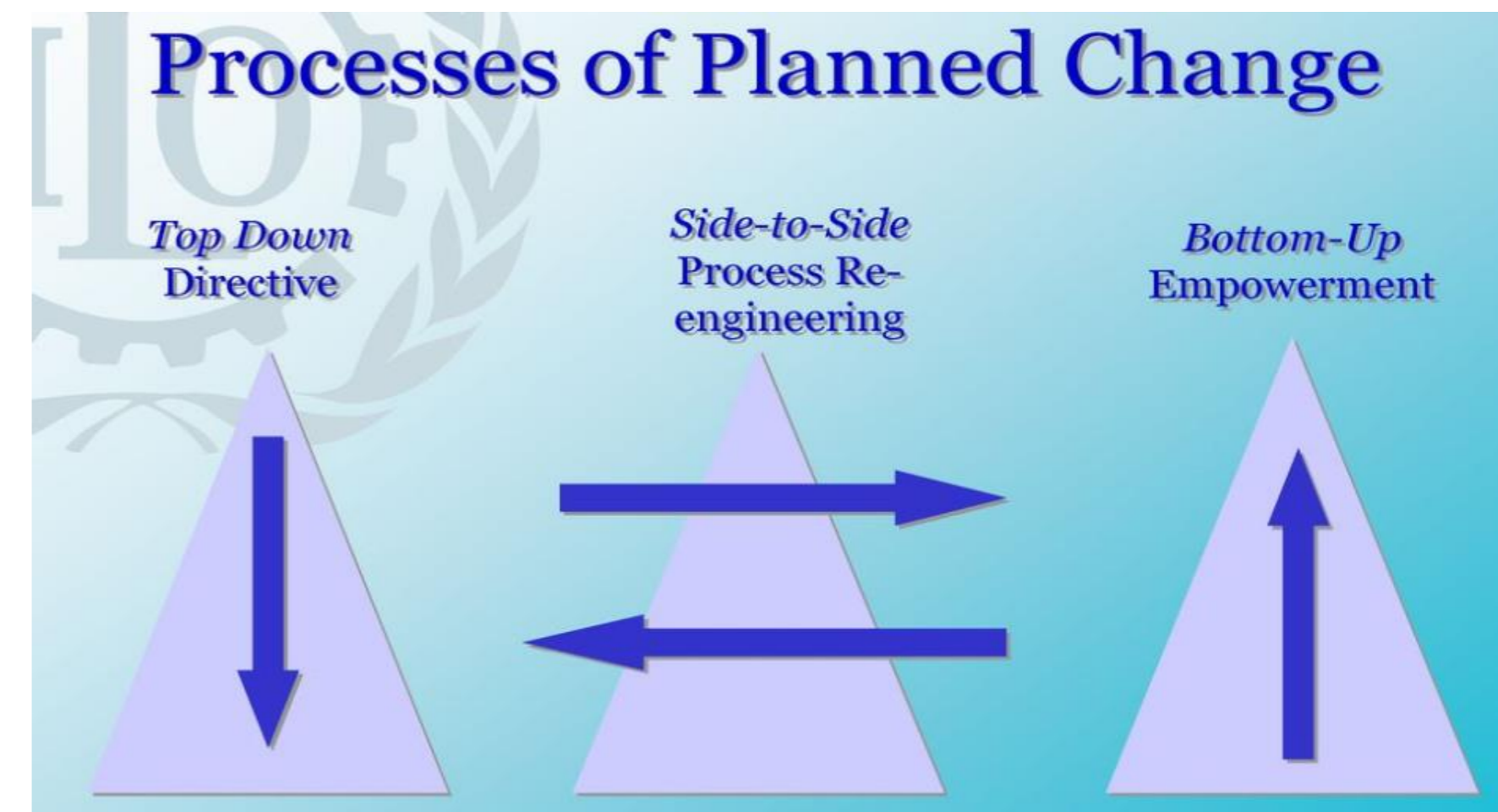
Lack of Intersectionality

- Physical and psychological trauma of survivors sexual violence
- Lack of access due to insufficient funding



Top-Down Approach

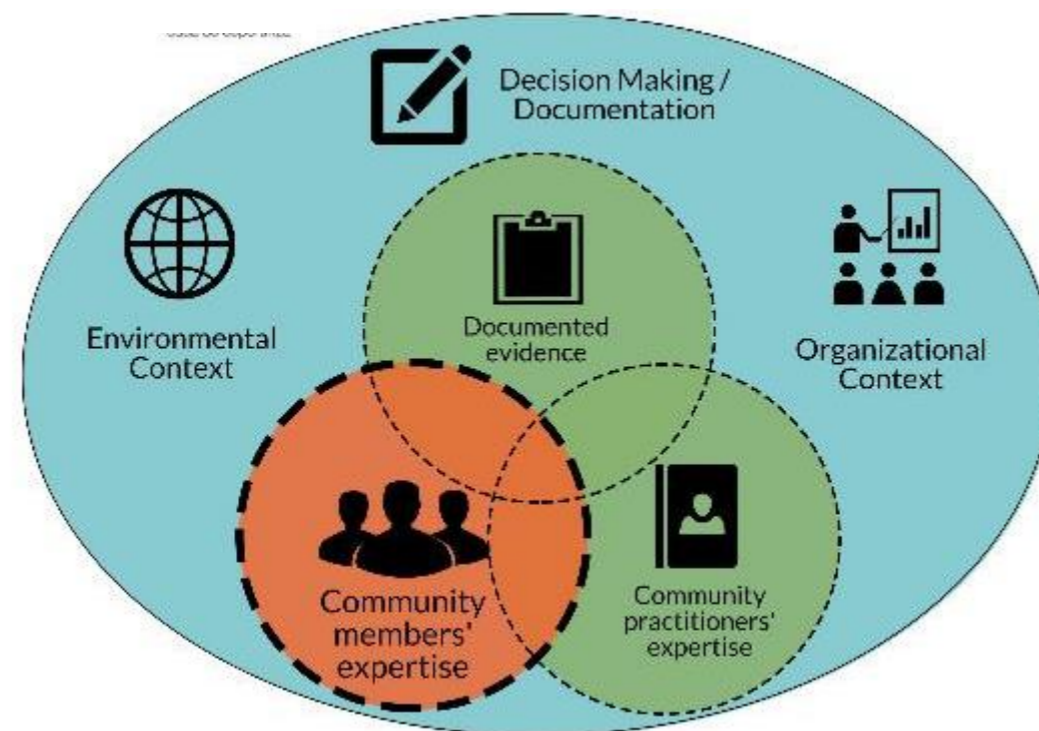
- Refugees as passive receivers of assistance
- Lack of ownership and sustainability



Solution

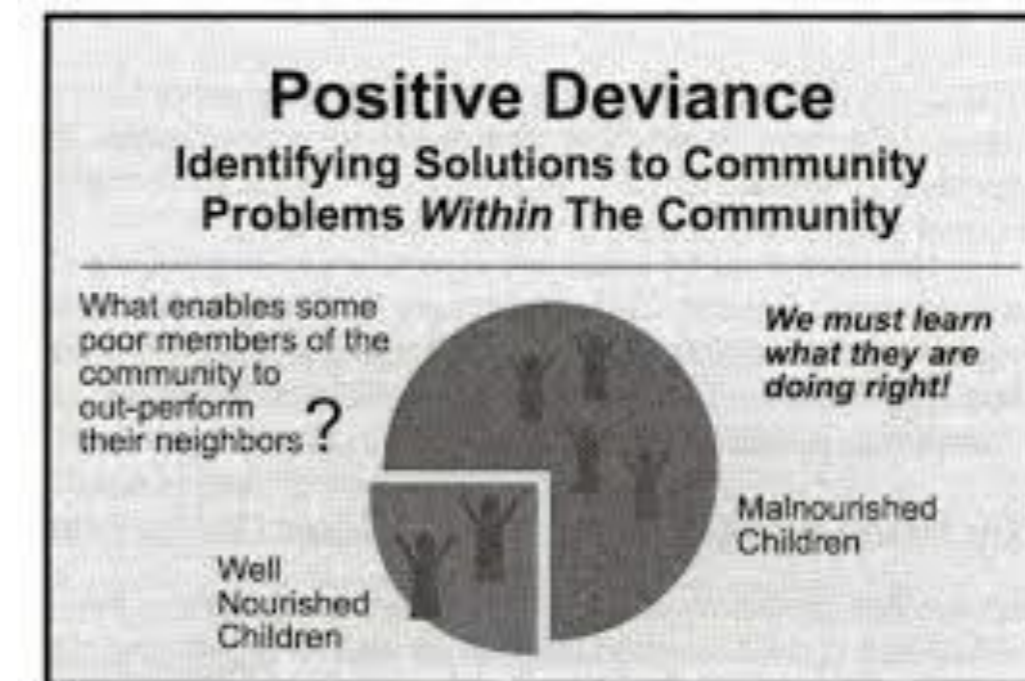
Key Terms

Community-Based Approach



- A community-based approach (CBA) is where those who are affected by a conflict are included as key partners in developing strategies related to their assistance and protection

Positive Deviance



- Positive Deviance is based on the observation that in every community there are certain individuals or groups whose uncommon behavior and strategies enable them to find better solutions to problems than their peers. Positive Deviance aims to identify these behaviors and allow the rest of the community to learn from them.

Solution

Combining Community-Based Approach with Positive Deviance to Maximize Agency

Community-Based Approach



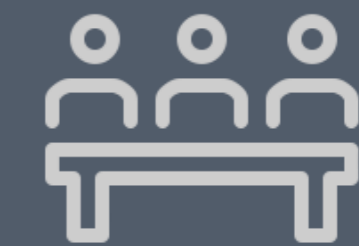
Community Elections

Governance systems based on refugee camps & complaint boxes and centers



Collect Data

Collect data on the frequency of sexual violence and the area it occurs



Regular Meetings

Hold regular meetings among community leaders to share ideas in combatting sexual violence

Expected Outcome



Agency

- Provide decision-making power to the members of the community
- Women as agents of change



Accountability

- Hold the community leaders and its members accountable
- Find target areas and implement community-based solutions



Sense of Community

- Give incentive for the refugees to voice out opinions
- Sense of security for Rohingya women

Conclusion



- This paper combines the idea of a **community-based approach** with **positive deviance**
- This allows not only the survivors of sexual violence but also the **community to have ownership and initiate change**

Thank You
