



The 'Silent Crisis' Almost Smothered Me

Dear friend,

Has it ever occurred to you that someday you may die somewhere alone without your family there beside you? Without MSF, it would have happened to me.

Shivering and taking shallow breath, I was convinced that I would have no chance to live happily ever after.

I was a 25-year-old farmer who has a happy family with a 2-year-old daughter. Now I am just a Rohingya refugee, lonely and desperate.

When the Myanmar military descended, I was in my own field in Maungdaw Township. The villagers, even some teenage boys, were beaten ruthlessly. Parents told their kids to run. Some made it. Others didn't.

I was relatively lucky. Only one bullet grazed my left shoulder. Luckily, I was still able to walk.

One of the last thing I heard from my village was the screams of women dragged away by soldiers. I was too weak to wonder what terrible things could happen to my wife and my two-year-old daughter.

Anyone who could still move ran from murder and persecution. But the roads to safety seem endless.

Days of trekking through jungle on the way to Bangladesh had broken my body. The fear of losing my entire family made it even worse.

One morning, an MSF doctor offered to drive me to Unchiparang, one of the settlements where MSF is providing medical care and clean water.

But I refused to go.

I could not bear the idea of going to the hospital without seeing my wife and daughter for the last time. I was lying somewhere, waiting to die, until an MSF staff told me the best news I've ever heard. My family was in another refugee settlement in Bangladesh, frightened but still alive.

I decided to undergo the surgery, which ended up successful. After the surgery, I bought bamboo and tarp. I lashed them together, knowing I can make a new home for my family.

I know I'm a lucky guy. Everyday I can see other refugees, hundreds of thousands, living in makeshift shelters, with very little access to basic services.

To this end, MSF has built 200 latrines, 34 boreholes, and a gravity flow water supply system. However, given the scale of our needs and the uncertain future we are facing, huge gaps in services and infrastructure remain.

The one thing we can't do without is your support. \$10 a month – or 33¢ a day – could provide an MSF team with an emergency dressings kit containing sterile equipment, dressings and bandages to help people caught up in conflict.

This is an ongoing program which is truly in need of help. No wasted time. Just your money getting to where it's needed, fast.

Sincerely,

Aung San Suu Kyi

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A Rohingya refugee and

Doctors Without Borders Volunteer

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