



## FAITH LEADERS ENGAGEMENT

Highly respected, trusted faith leaders play a key role as influencers in community participation and acceptance. Their support and advice has proven invaluable in our work in child protection, nutrition, education and disaster-risk reduction.

As a faith-based organization, World Vision is well-placed to build understanding and deep relationships of trust with community religious leaders. We can equip them to influence attitudes, norms and behaviour around violence against children, women and vulnerable adults.

This year, we integrated World Vision's global campaign, It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children, into our child protection activities in the camps. Across five camps, we equipped and mobilised Rohingya parents, teachers, faith leaders and children themselves to speak out against child abuse and exploitation.

In June, 35 imams and 35 influential women participated in a three-day workshop on child marriage led by renowned Bangladeshi imam. Together, they examined their cultural traditions and religious beliefs. At the end of the meeting, 60 percent of the imams said their previously held views on marrying girls before age 18 had shifted. This is an important start.



**330**

faith leaders from 10 camps engaged in child protection programmes.



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