



LUCKY KARIM

Lucky Karim is a Rohingya refugee from Burma (Myanmar) who, in August 2017, was compelled to flee her homeland amidst genocidal attacks perpetrated by the Burmese Military. Following six years of resilience in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar camp, she resettled in the United States in December 2022. Commencing her career at the tender age of 15 in 2018 within the refugee camp, Lucky dedicated herself to serving her community by collaborating with numerous international humanitarian organizations to provide vital assistance.

Pioneering as one of first Rohingya women in the camps who was proficient in English and capable of bridging communication with the international community by age 17, Lucky defied odds to pursue higher education at the esteemed Asian University for Women in Chittagong. Despite childhood adversities in the refugee camp, her determination propelled her forward.

Now internationally recognized as a prominent human rights activist, Lucky collaborates closely with US government, Bangladesh government officials,

stakeholders, policymakers, UN agencies, and Civil Society focusing on addressing the Rohingya crisis and broader issues in Myanmar. Notably, at just 19 years old, she testified before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission at Congress in 2023, Lucky briefed the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on Myanmar and Lucky was recognized as one of the representative for the High Level Conference that held at General Assembly in September 30th New York 2025. She is advocating for the rights of women, refugees and advising policymakers on measures to ameliorate the situation in Myanmar and Southeast Asia. With her influential voice resonating globally, Lucky remains a catalyst for positive change, tirelessly working to uplift her people and effect meaningful progress on the international stage. Lucky is the first Rohingya woman to write a memoir called (**BORN LUCKY**) which has been acquired by **Sourcebook** publishers in the U.S and will be out in fall 2027.

Recognizing the power of women's leadership, Lucky founded **Refugee Women for Peace and Justice (RWPJ)** – the first registered Rohingya refugee-led nonprofit operating directly in Bangladesh Cox's Bazar camps.