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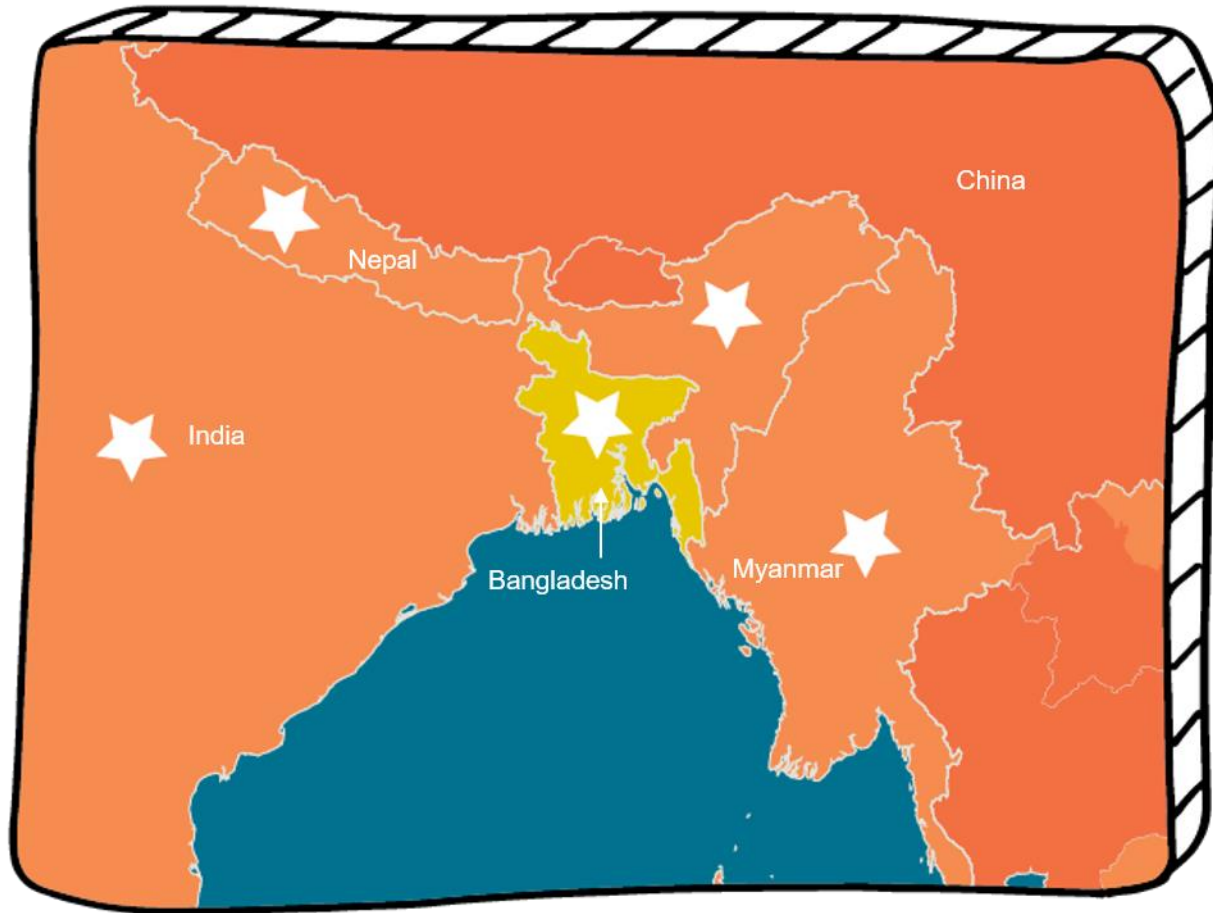


WEEK 5: HALIMA, BANGLADESH

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This is Halima's story.



Halima lives in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh.



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Halima had to leave Myanmar with her mother and children. There was fighting in their country making it too dangerous for them to stay.



They crossed the border into Bangladesh to stay safe, arriving with almost nothing.



Caritas gave Halima a stove and gas so she could cook for her family. They also helped her set up a shelter to live in.



Halima learnt how to access clean drinking water and how to keep her family healthy in the crowded camp.



Halima now has a job as a community mobiliser. She organises the cleaning of the washrooms, wells and toilets in her block. She also teaches others how to stay healthy.



Halima is proud that she can earn a small income from her training role, while also helping to keep the camp clean for the community.



Halima's son, now aged 7, and her daughter, aged 5, are getting used to life in the camp and have started attending school.



“My life has changed a lot after participating in the program. Now I can keep my children clean, educate them and cover expenses for their needs. I can feed them balanced food and I can afford a doctor and medicines for my mother.”

— Halima

QUESTIONS



1. Where does Halima live?
2. What made life hard for Halima?
3. How is Halima working for a better future?
4. How is Caritas Australia helping?