

'We don't worry like before'

Six years ago Rabiya's husband went missing amidst the violence perpetrated against the Rohingya people in Myanmar. She and her son sought safety in the world's largest refugee camp, Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Estimated to be home for around 1 million people, by no stretch of the imagination is life in the camp easy, but Rabiya has been supported by Christian Aid's partner (Dushtha Shasthya Kendra) learning new skills and finding some hope in the bleakest of circumstances.

Rabiya shared with us, 'Now I work in the camp after getting training. I never got the chance to study in Myanmar. Here I learned how to make pillow covers, bed sheets, caps, and many other things. Women like me were unemployed before, but now we have learned to work and can earn money. We don't worry like before. People come to watch me and are enthusiastic about my work.'

Despite the hope brought by participation in the project there is of course still sadness for Rabiya, 'In Myanmar, I could collect vegetables from our vegetable garden. When I remember those days, I feel very sad. When the cyclone hit the



coast, our tarpaulins were blown away and there was water in our houses. We think about what will happen to us in the future.'

Small glimpses of hope that Rabiya can see are an inspiration, 'We reinvest the money we earn; we buy raw materials for sewing, making new products to sell.

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Aid's partner gives hope to those facing the most desperate of circumstances. Rabiya concludes, 'I feel happy when I come to this centre. I am alone in the house, but when I come to the centre, I talk with everyone, and I laugh with them.'

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Time to make polluters pay

The UK has a key role to play in generating the money needed to compensate communities for the loss and damage they face. The UK can lead by example, by providing money itself; the UK can force polluting fossil fuel companies to pay up; and the UK can use its diplomatic influence to encourage other countries to act. But in order to act and to champion loss and damage, the UK government needs to see that the people they represent (us) care about this issue.

Will you meet with (or write to) your MP and call for action on loss and damage?