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About Xchange

At Xchange, we believe in the power of data to transform how the public perceives human migration. Xchange was established to investigate and document human movement across countries of origin, transit, and destination, through on-the-ground engagement with all stakeholders - above all, migrants themselves. We seek to provide policy makers, state bodies, non-governmental organisations, and the public with accurate data on migration informed directly by our field research.

Our Story

Xchange was founded by Christopher Catrambone in 2016, co-founder of humanitarian organisation, Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS). MOAS is an international humanitarian organisation dedicated to providing aid and emergency medical relief to refugees and migrants around the world.

Xchange's initial projects in 2017 have been sponsored by MOAS, who sought research and analysis to support their operations. Xchange are now seeking the support of the public, grant-making organisations, crowd-funding initiatives, foundations and private and corporate sponsorship



Our Research

Xchange Foundation is experienced in data collection and analysis and has a thorough understanding of humanitarian principles and best practice. Our aim is to fill in information gaps that exist in literature on migration whilst adhering to the ethical standards of social research in each cultural context we work and putting the wellbeing and wishes of those we interview first.

We adapt to cultural contexts and apply a variety of sampling procedures -both probability and non-probability- depending on geography and the requirements of each of our research topic's objectives. With the help of dedicated local enumerators, interviewers, and cultural mediators, we overcome limitations and obtain reliable, first-hand qualitative and quantitative data via carefully designed surveys and interviews.

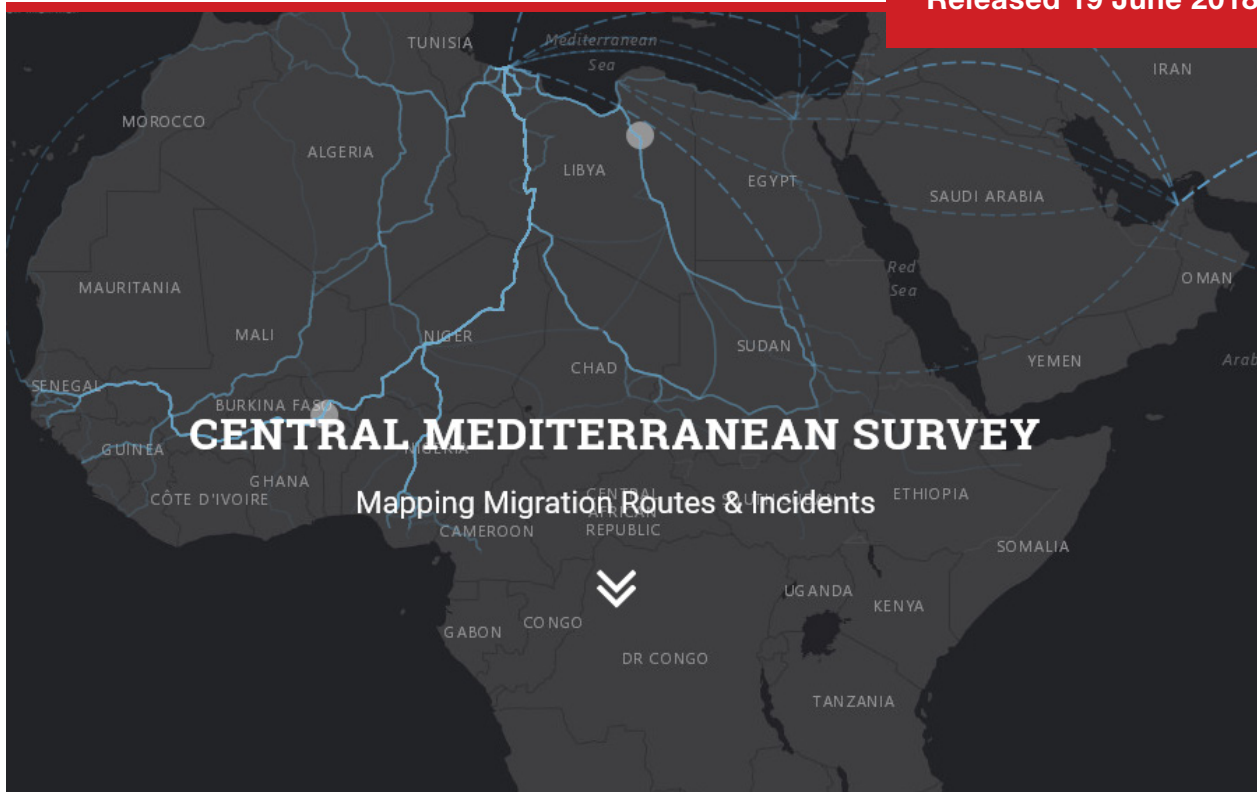
We adhere to strict ethical standards; Xchange always obtains full consent of those we interview. We provide interviewees with confidentiality and anonymity, and implement the do no harm principle. We seek to receive deep, truthful, and meaningful information in order to properly represent the communities we work with and the ensure their voices are heard. We analyse our data with scientific rigor and transparency and produce high-quality reports.



Central Mediterranean Survey: Mapping Migration Routes & Incidents

REPORT

Released 19 June 2018



In 2016, Xchange established a presence on The Phoenix, the MOAS SAR vessel patrolling the Central Mediterranean Route for migrant boats in distress. Through our work, we became increasingly aware of the gaps in public and policy awareness of what hardships are experienced on a migrant's journey to Europe. One thing is clear: migrants will continue to leave their homes in search of safety and better livelihoods for themselves and their families, despite the risks.

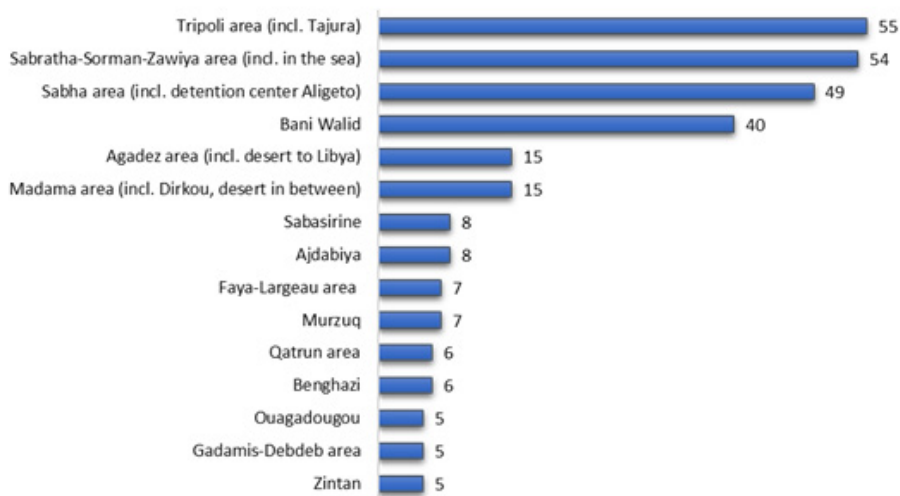
In 2017, we returned to the Phoenix to conduct interviews with migrants who wished to share their stories with us. During August-September 2017 we collected over 100 testimonies from migrants on board the MOAS Phoenix. The data collected for this report captures aspects of the complex and arduous journeys that migrants



from diverse backgrounds endure en route to Europe. This report aspires to shed light on the individual journeys of the migrants we met, with the following dual objectives:

1. Conduct a cross-border analysis by collating and mapping the mixed migration trends and routes which led migrants to Libya and to cross the Mediterranean.
2. Document and categorise abuses reported by respondents in order to detect patterns and migrant vulnerabilities in different migration hubs.

Number of incidents by location of occurrence (top 15)



Read the full report here:

<http://xchange.org/reports/cmsurvey.html>



Rohingya Repatriation Survey

REPORT

Released 23 May 2018



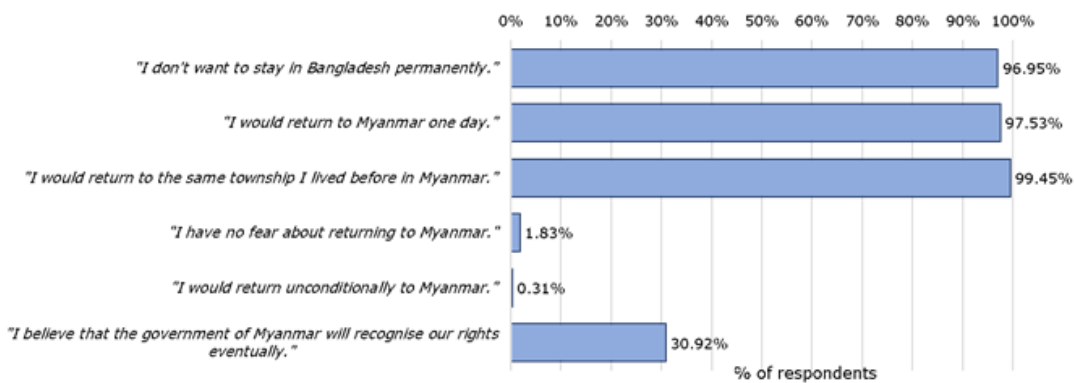
The Rohingya Repatriation Survey, conducted over the one-month period in April and May 2018, is the latest in a series of in-depth Rohingya reports that began in 2016. The team surveyed over 1,700 Rohingya refugees who arrived after 25 August 2017, across 12 refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, and who potentially face repatriation to Myanmar.

Almost nine months had passed since the intensification of the refugee crisis in western Myanmar, which saw hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims from Rakhine State flee violence and persecution at the hands of the Myanmar military and ethnic Rakhine extremists. Over 700,000 survivors of these horrors now live in cramped



camps across Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh. Despite the austere conditions on the ground they face there, refugees told us that they have never felt safer.

Xchange sought to understand a critical component of a tragedy that has largely been overlooked: what the Rohingya understand about the proposed repatriation process, and what they desire and fear as individuals and as a community. During April-May 2018 we collected over 1,700 testimonies from Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) – This is what we found.



Read the full report here:
<http://xchange.org/rohingya-repatriation-survey/>



Rohingya Snapshot Survey

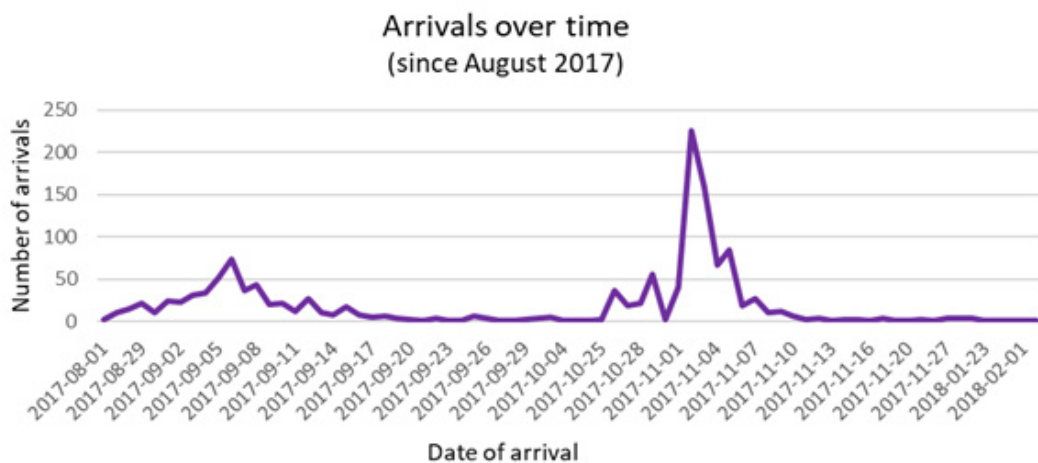
REPORT

Released 14 March 2018



Over a one-month period (January 14th - February 14th, 2018), the Xchange research team conducted a short, insightful, quantitative study focusing on the lives of the Rohingya refugees in the Shamlapur and Unchiprang refugee camps in Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh.

As the name of the survey suggests, this situational report, conducted in partnership with MOAS, was intended to shed light on the daily lives and struggles of both recently arrived Rohingya refugees and longer-term refugee residents, all of whom were beneficiaries of MOAS Aid Station services. In doing so, Xchange sought to uncover livelihood, protection, and security issues within the camps.



Drawing on more than 1,500 surveys conducted at MOAS' Aid Stations in Sham-lapur and Unchiprang refugee camps, Xchange has been able to paint a picture of the Rohingya refugees' demographics and their life in the camps, including:

- household situation;
- employment situation and means of paying for household needs;
- children's education;
- how they spend their time within the camps;
- perceptions of personal safety.

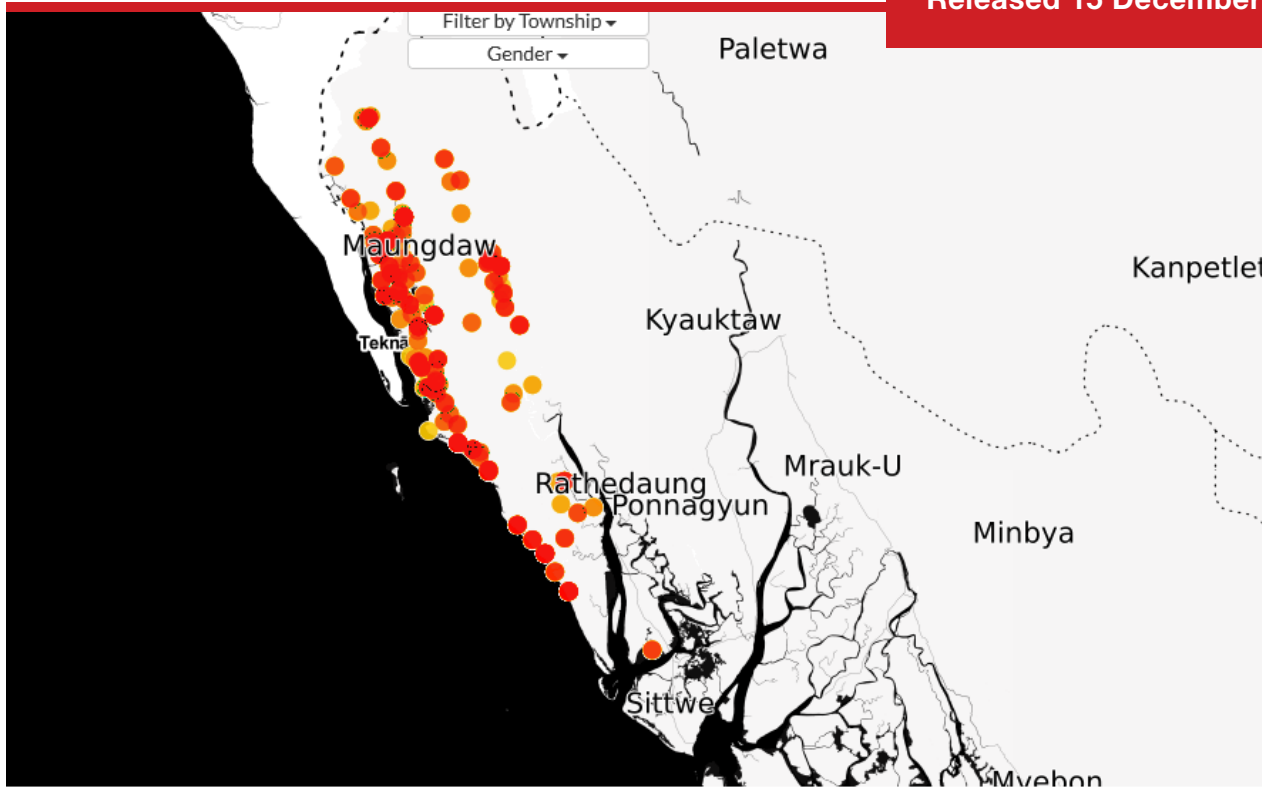
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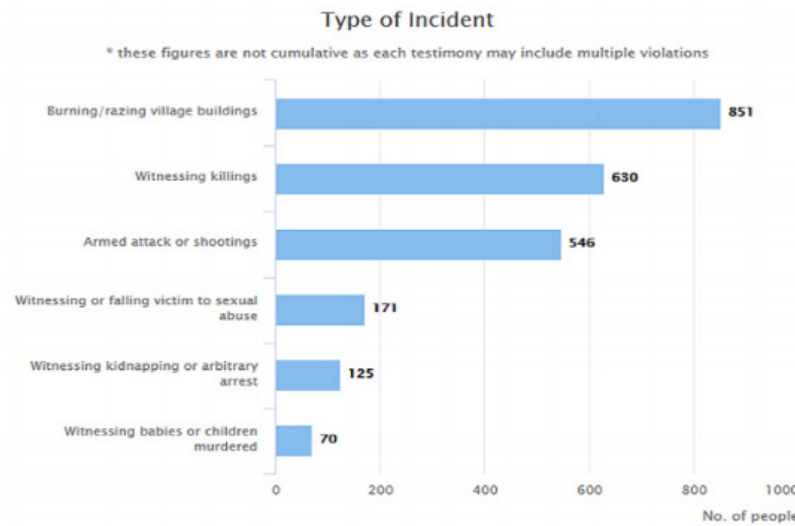
Rohingya Survey 2017

REPORT

Released 15 December 2017



The Rohingya Survey focused on the journeys taken and incidents experienced by Rohingya refugees in Myanmar after the August 25 military crackdown. Through interviews with survivors, they have been able to shed light on the perpetrators and victims, the journeys taken and the locations where incidents have occurred across Rakhine State. Their aim is to document this crisis in order to help others understand it and ensure that incidents are not forgotten.



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In the morning, the Burmese military entered into my village and they killed more than 10 girls. The Burmese military together with Rakhine extremist groups sexually abused them. A dozen were killed and the whole village was burnt. That's why I left my motherland (Myanmar).

*25-year-old Rohingya woman,
Maungdaw*

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Through more than 1,300 interviews with survivors, the Xchange research team shed light on the perpetrators and victims, the journeys taken and the locations where incidents have occurred across Rakhine State. The report included Rohingya survivors' personal accounts of:

- Entire villages being razed (63% of respondents)
- Mass shootings (40% of respondents)
- Killings witnessed (46% of respondents)
- Sexual abuse of women (13% of respondents)
- Children murdered (5% of respondents)

Read the full report here:

<http://xchange.org/reports/TheRohingyaSurvey2017.html>



Rohingya Survey 2016

REPORT



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Individuals were approached by agents of traffickers in villages and refugee camps, offering cheap or free passage overseas to Malaysia.

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This early report on the Rohingyas was initiated during March-May 2016, where Xchange asked 1,000 Rohingya people in Rakhine State and Bangladesh how they perceived the state of migration.

In conjunction with MOAS' search-and-rescue and monitoring mission in the Bay of Bengal, Xchange conducted a survey in Rohingya communities over a two-month period throughout central and northern Rakhine State in Myanmar and among Rohingya refugees in the Cox's Bazar district of south-eastern Bangladesh.

Xchange asked questions intended to gauge attitudes their situation in Myanmar, their future and their perceptions of maritime migration.

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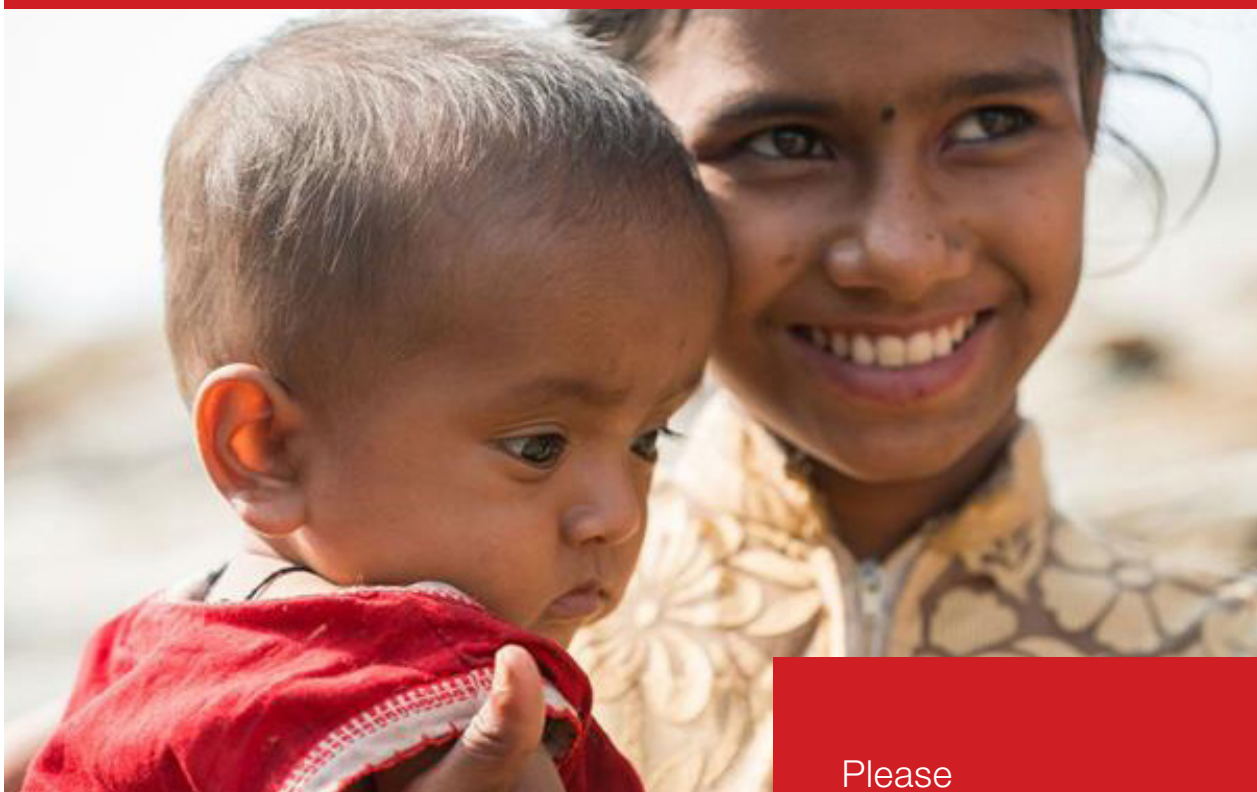
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Why Support Us?

As an information and research initiative, we are eager to work with a wide spectrum of stakeholders to share information and knowledge on the phenomenon of human migration. We are looking for partners and funding organisations to support us in conducting a new round of surveys.

You can also help us to continue our work by donating. We are seeking the support of the public, grant-making organisations, crowd-funding initiatives, foundations and private and corporate sponsorship to allow us to provide accurate data and analysis on the international migration.



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continue our work.**



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