

# BURMA

Program of Justice for All, a US-based NGO working to promote human rights and accredited with DPI at the United Nations. Our organizational members are major Muslim American organizations that are aware that a majority of the 6.5 million displaced people are Muslim. Collectively we seek to have a voice in responding to this crisis. At the same time, we share concerns about all people in need regardless of religious or ethnic identity.

Our programs. JFA founders began to work together in response to the genocide in Bosnia and later the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo. However, in recent years, our most active program focuses on raising awareness of the Muslim policies in Myanmar/Burma, and especially the protracted persecution of the Rohingya minority.

At the end of June 2016, the US 6 W D W H ' H S D U W P H Q W G R Z Q J U D G H G 0 \ D human trafficking and declared it to be among the very worst offenders. And unfortunately the ongoing persecution of the Rohingya means that they are most vulnerable to trafficking, land grabs and other forms of exploitation.

As a civil society organization working to address the many challenges of xenophobia and promote the rights of vulnerable displaced populations, Justice for All/Burma Task Force requests that the United Nations work to strengthen international human rights norms through new mechanisms requiring nations to work together to address regional crises, including humanitarian emergencies like mass displacement. Both the EU, the African Union, and ASEAN could do more to assist nations to train refugee and migrant populations and integrate them into local economies. Funding is needed to create these accountability mechanisms and training programs.

What we must not do is warehouse human lives on isolated islands or in desert regions. The current lack of rights for refugees is a scandal. For example, only a small minority of Rohingya refugees in Malaysia and Bangladesh are registered and therefore most lack access to UN programs including opportunities for resettlement in third countries. At the same time, the fundamental right to work is denied and access to education is severely limited. On top of this, WFP food aid is being reduced, which means reduced cash

