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January - June 2022



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A look back....

Dear Readers,

In the year 2022, we continued on our arduous mission with full zeal, and even went above and beyond what we did in the previous years to help those in distress.

As part of our work in the first half of this year, we have been majorly working for the victims of communal violence in reducing their trauma of facing the oppression, and the arbitrary house demolitions. We not only assisted them in replacing their lost economic assets but also amped up their spirits when their lives and livelihoods were mercilessly rumbled in front of their eyes.

Muslims in India have long been victims of some of the worst communal violence. Yet never has it been more dangerous to be a Muslim in India. A fresh spree of anti-Muslim violence broke out across the country in many states on the occasions of Ram Navmi & Hanuman Jayanti.

In this biannual report, you will read about the impact we were able to make throughout these six months in the lives of those who were affected in violence across the five states - Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Gujrat.

Apart from this, we undertook relief & rehabilitation work at a Rohingya refugee camp in Nuh, Haryana after a massive fire incident ravaged an entire settlement housing nearly 32 families. Besides, we took three Madarsas under our project 'Shaagird'.

Alhamdulillah, we are proud to share that with the hard work of our team members and the resilience of the beneficiaries themselves, we successfully made 11 relief actions that reached 1050 individuals in the last six months.

We hope you equally feel as proud!

As you'll see in the coming pages, we firmly believe that the power of our organization comes not from what we call ourselves, but from the passionate people like you who live and breathe our shared mission every day.

**"May Allah bless our every step and strengthen us
in our journey of kindness & humility"**

M2S has helped 10,000+ Individuals so far and is still counting...



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1 Relief & Rehabilitation

In January 2022, **32 Rohingya families** received relief and rehabilitation assistance in Ferozepur Namak, Chandeni-2, Nuh, Haryana after losing everything in a disastrous fire incident. Miles2Smile foundation provided them with all household goods, as well as seven new housing units and shops. On the whole, **152 lives** were touched with our relief & rehabilitation work .



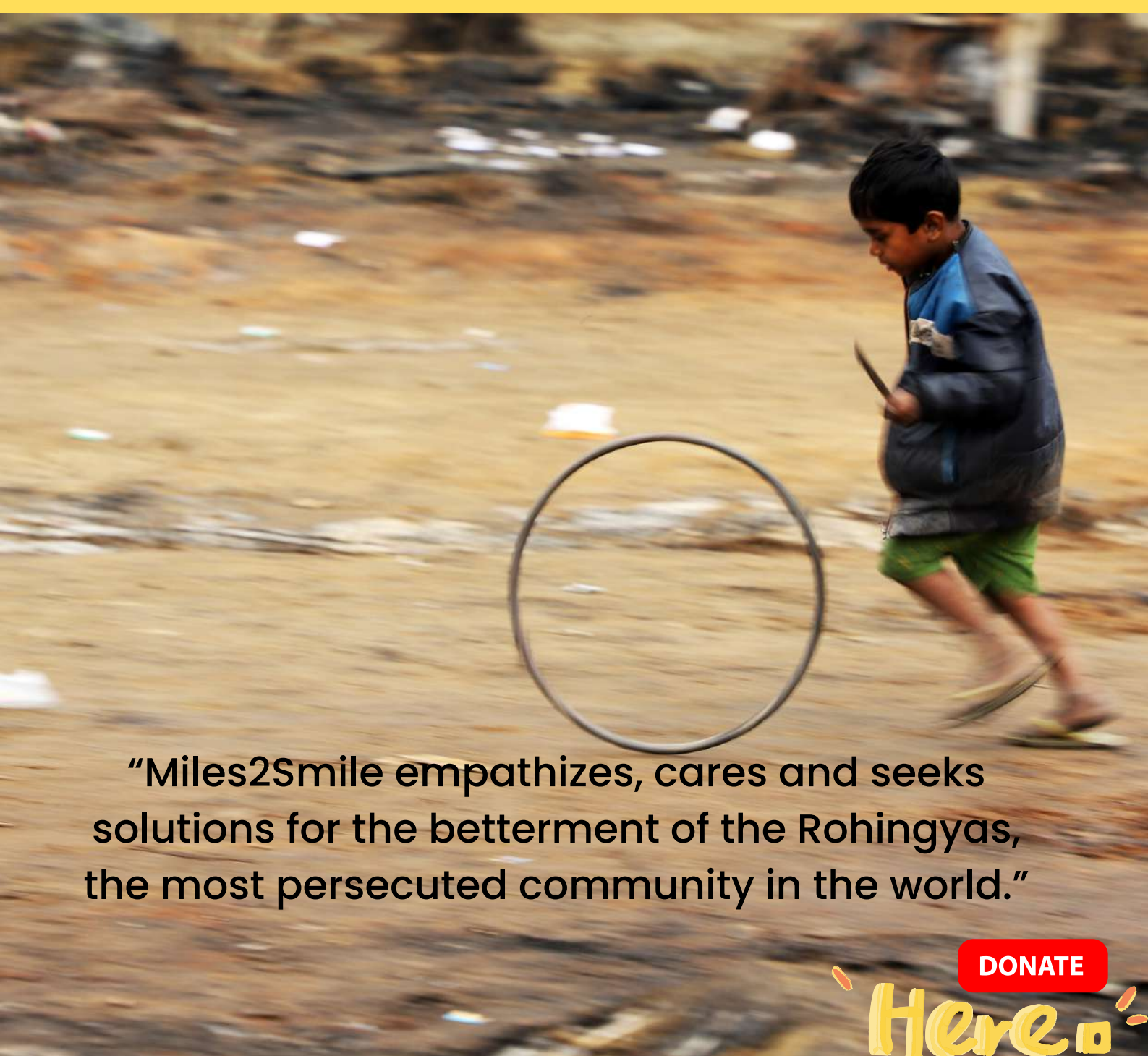



Smile Home

MILES2SMILE FOUNDATION

Ebrahim

Rohigya Refugee Settlement
Chandeni 2, Firozpur Namak
Nuh, Haryana



“Miles2Smile empathizes, cares and seeks solutions for the betterment of the Rohingyas, the most persecuted community in the world.”

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45 Rohingya kids are receiving educational benefits through 'Fatima-al-fihri' learning centre. Our play-based learning model has been very beneficial to these kids in forgetting the daily struggles they face in their lives.

Nuh, Haryana



**"Every child deserves education. No matter who they are.
Where they come from"**

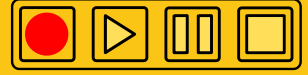


From the time 8-years-old Ahmad found out that everyone in his class is going to get brand new stationary kits. The next day, he couldn't wait for the day to end. He woke up a little earlier than usual that morning and got ready to run to his class. He likes drawing and is very good at it.

"Tasneem, is a 3 years girl and is one of the most adorable kids at Rohingya Settlement in Nuh. On our, every trip to Nuh Tasneem is the first one running toward us and greeting us. Her house turned to ashes due to the fire incident on 15th December 2021 and her father's shop also went up in flames. She is a beacon of hope for us. She is a sweet and lively girl who is always excited about her clothes, toys and friends".

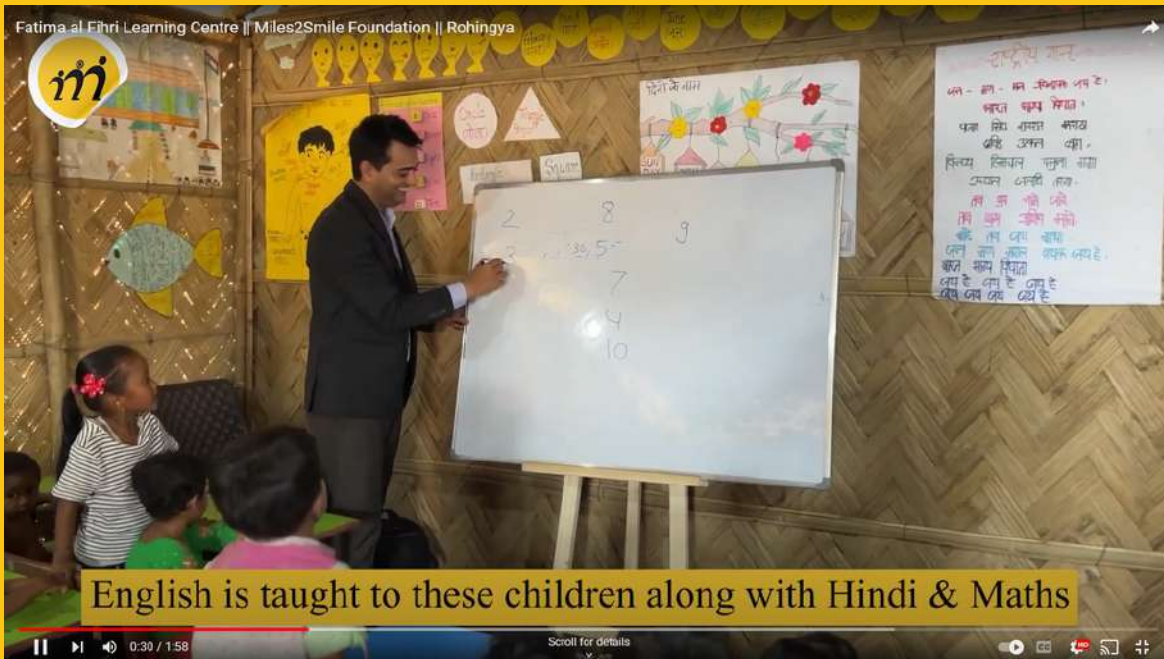


Ayesha is an 8 years old sweet girl who lives at a Rohingya settlement. Her Father Asgar Ali is a daily wage worker and her mother Ismat is a housewife. She has learned some of her favourite poems like hathi raja bahut bade, machchli jaal ki rani hai. Whenever we meet, she recites all the poems in her sweet voice for us.

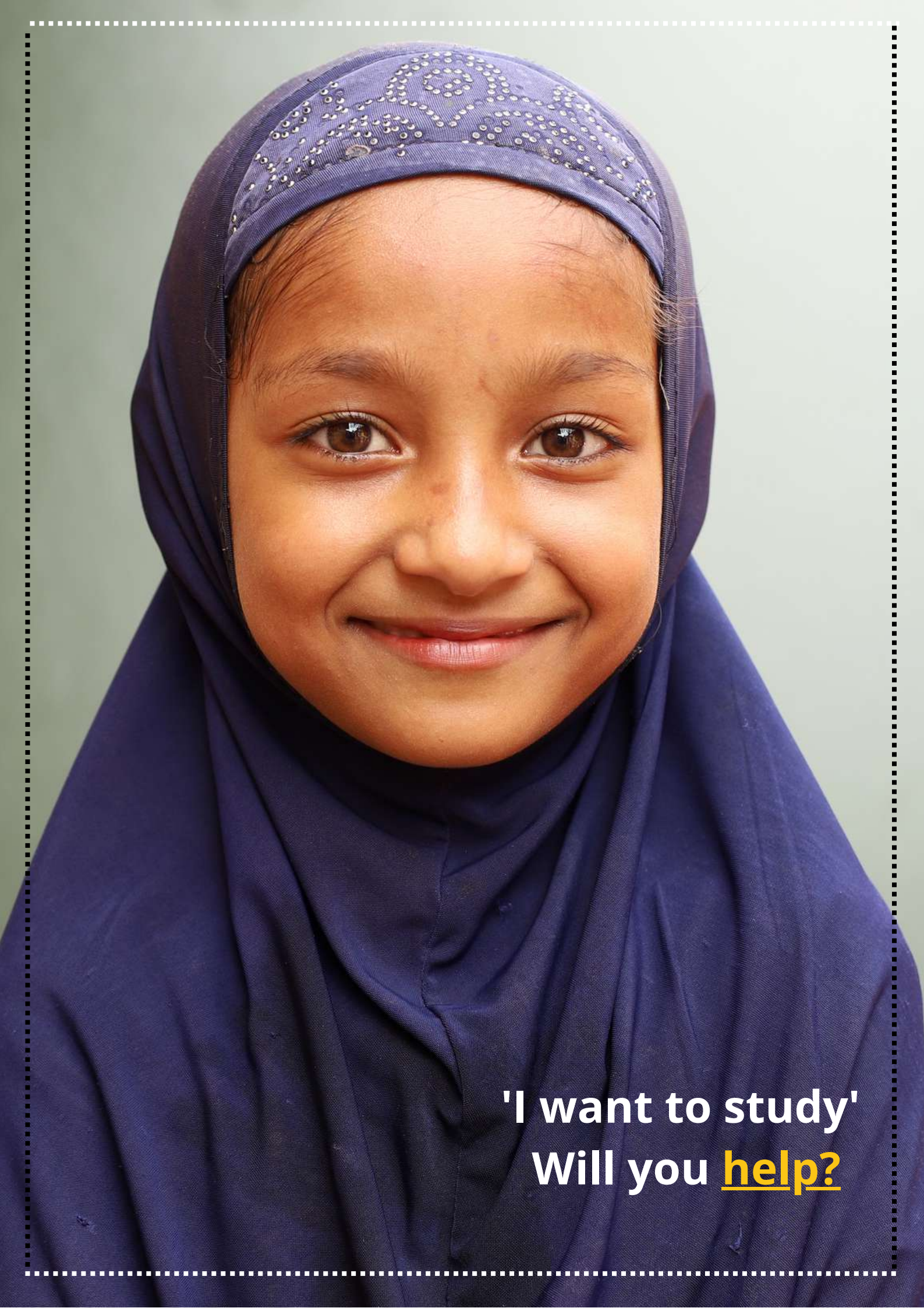


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'I want to study'
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Relief & Rehabilitation of Victims of violence and Demolition



DOING NOTHING FOR
OTHERS IS UNDOING
OF OURSELVES.

#miles2smile



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Karauli, Rajasthan

In Karauli, Rajasthan, Miles2Smile gave financial assistance of Rs 29,54,000 to **17 families** after their shops were plundered & burnt down in the communal violence of April 2, 2022.

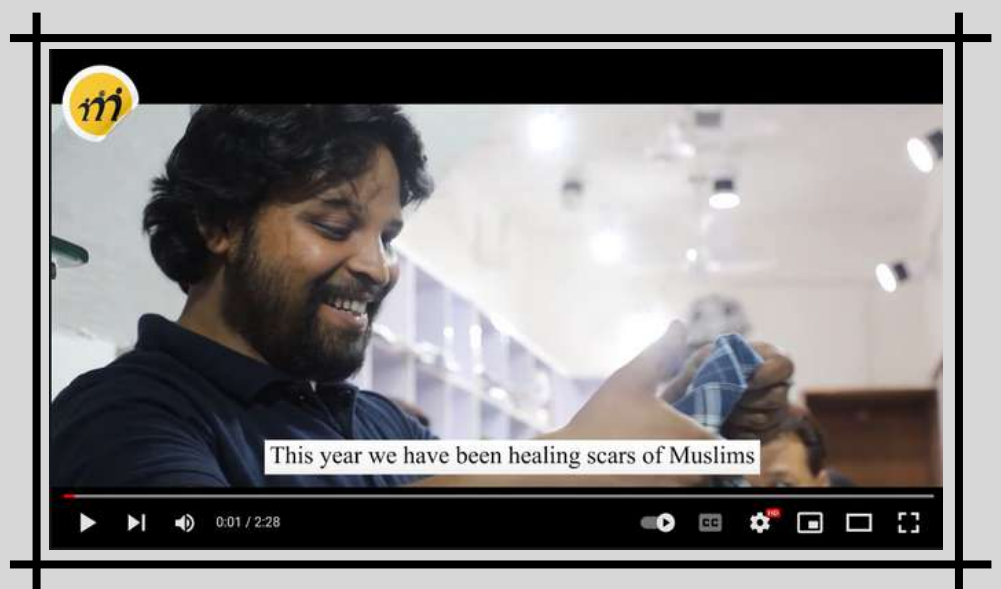


98 smiles
were restored



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Najmuddin's shop was looted and set alight by the miscreants. Hunching over the ashes, he was lost in his lament, when Miles2Smile gave him financial assistance of two lakhs. His shop, once bristled with customers and sold various sweets. Miles2Smile restored happiness to his dejected face.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG3X1Gn-8XQ>



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When the violence spread, **Shahid's** dreams were shattered. His tailoring shop was torched in violence. Miles2Smile bought him a tailor machine and renovated his burnt shop. His smile when he sat behind new tailoring machine to stitch new life afresh was a moving experience for us.

Click on the link to watch the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIxK5BKzR18>



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Irfan was famous in the area for his business acumen. His garments' business was thriving and having a good time when the rioters set his shop on fire, causing him a loss of 20 lakhs. The bellowing fire decimated all his dreams. But with Miles2Smile's help, today he is again working hard putting baggage of hate behind.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f05X7-9lvPM>



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Khargone, Madhya Pradesh

45 families were helped with a sum of Rs.71,50,000 in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, after a spate of horrific violence against Muslims was followed by a demolition frenzy, which resulted in them suffering an incomprehensible loss.



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Siraj Bi is a 50-year-old widow and the mother of two daughters. Her house was burnt and looted in the violence. The elderly widow weaved garlands for a living. Among the belongings scorched that day were also the clothes she had stitched for her daughter's marriage. Miles2Smile repaired her house so she that feels safe.

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Salma Bi is a widow, who lived in the Sanjay Nagar area. She was struggling to cling on to any hope that her life could be pieced together ever again after the violence-ravaged her house entirely. Salma says the help that came from Miles2Smile is something, she can never forget.

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The eve of Ram Navami soaked the family of **Abdul Malik** in sorrow and depredation. Their house, which entailed their dreams was laid waste in the delirious communal orgy. For no fault of theirs, their house was pillaged and devastated, on the mere suspicion of sheltering some people based on WhatsApp rumors.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx1NeOpyDoA>





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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgeBm9xT-nc>



28-year-old Mohsin worked so hard for the past few years to open a shop of his own. He could not understand the reason why his shop was demolished. He was never served any notice before. He was not even allowed to collect the belongings from his shop before the demolition was carried out. Miles2Smiles visited his pillaged shop and helped him in getting his shop running again.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBkoCxOqw3I>



On April 11, the building owned by **Amina**, which also housed a small bakery, was reduced into rubble by the state administration. Her bakery was the only source of livelihood for her family and the bakery workers. After receiving the aid, from Miles2Smile, Amina resolved to let the raw wounds close and carry the life forward.



310 smiles
were restored

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Sendhwa, Madhya Pradesh

Relief of Rs.37,51,000 was given to **12 families** in Sendhwa , Madhya Pradesh, where the state demolished their houses, a day after the violence which took place during the Ram Navmi procession on April 10, 2022.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SS59vvrGtU>



Rashida is an elderly woman who lived in Sendhva Madhya Pradesh. The district administration demolished Rashida's house and she was not given any chance to salvage her belongings. She was adrift in a sea of grief and winced at the unfairness of the situation when miles2smile offered her an assistance of 5 lakhs which was like an initial investment for the happiness and wellbeing of her family.



96 smiles
were restored

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Jahangirpuri, Delhi

23 families who faced unruly demolitions of their shops and houses at the hands of the state in Jahangirpuri Delhi on April 20, 2022, were given a relief of Rs.14,50,000 to rebuild their lives.





Raman Jha lives in the C-block of Jahangirpuri. He owns a small paan shop (gumti) and used to earn between Rs 5,000 - 6,000 per month. His shop was demolished on April 20, 2022, as part of state's anti-encroachment drive. The worry of how the shop will be setup again was bothering him.

Click on the link to watch the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-4f2hOQIBs>



Ganesh Gupta lives in Jahangirpuri's C block, and has been running his business for more than 30 years. In the past when MCD conducted inspections and issued notices, he showed them his documents and they were always satisfied. But this time, 54-year-old Ganesh Gupta kept pleading and shouting that at least look at the papers once.

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Watch the full video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfj2Me3jRgs>



132 smiles
were restored



1 Family in Himmat Nagar, Gujarat, received financial assistance of Rs 60,000 after their house was burnt & looted in the Hindutva violence of April 12, 2022.



Aasif Mujtaba @MujtabaA... · 27/05/22

On the eve of [#Ramnavmi](#), there was large scale violence unleashed on Muslims In Himmatnagar in Gujarat. Moina Bano's house was looted and gutted in the fire & her husband was later detained. [@miles2smile](#) has started the reconstruction work of her house today.



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Dindori, Madhya Pradesh

1 Family was assisted with Rs.5 lakh in **Dindori, MP** where the house of a young Muslim man's father, as well as his two shops, were demolished in a false love jihad case.

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Dada Jalalpur, Roorkee, Uttarakhand

2 Families were helped with Rs.4 lakh in **Dada Jalalpur, Roorkee** where on April 16, a Shobha yatra had resulted in a violent escalation in the entire town.



Miles2Smile @miles2smile_ · 28/04/22

On a false complaint, the house & Shops of Shama Begum was demolished by the Dindori Administration in MP. The family had no shelter or finances to manage their livelihood. We sent her 5lakh from the fundraiser yesterday. She sent this video to us +

@MujtabaAasif



Aasif Mujtaba

5 May · 🌐

Asim, a boy of 17 years old, lives at Dada Jalalpur in Roorkee. On April 16, a hindutva mob surrounded his house & few scaled to his roof. A hopeless Asim had no option to save his mother & sister. He held 2 of the rioters and jumped from the roof. It broke both his hands. His attackers were gravely injured too. Seeing his courage, the mob ran back with their injured friends leaving the female members safe.

Asim is my Hero ❤️

Miles 2 Smile has transferred 2lakh for his medical treatment out of the #Ketto fundraiser.



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Darbhanga, Bihar

On the Ramnavmi eve in Bihar, **Shakila's Bangle Shop** was vandalised by the Hindutva goons. She burst into tears as she recounted how all of her savings and her only source of income was destroyed. She has received Rs. 30,000 from Miles2Smile_ to restore her bangle store.



Aasif Mujtaba @MujtabaA... · 14/04/22

On the Ramnavmi eve in Bihar, sakila's bangle shop was vandalised by the Hindutva goons. She broke into tears while telling me as to how all her savings & source of livelihood was gone.

@miles2smile_ has transferred 30k to her to start her shop again.

Another smile restored 😊



RELIEF & REHABILITATION DARBHANGA, BIHAR

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MADARSAS UNDER PROJECT 'TALEEM'



With Just Rs 3000 a month

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Madarsa Imam-ul-Bukhari, Nuh

45 kids from Rohingya settlements are receiving elementary education in 'Madarsa Imam-ul-bukhari' under the project 'Taleem'.



Madarsa Miftahul Quran, Shiv Vihar

70 students at our Madarsa, in addition to doing hifz, are now learning mathematics, science, and English as well. We are providing these students books, blankets, sports equipment, and the clean drinking water facility.

Madarsa Fikr-e-Imdad, Digha, Patna

3 teachers are receiving salary assistance at Madarsa Fikr-e-Imdad in Digha, Patna in Bihar, as part of our project 'Taleem'.





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SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Delhi pogrom victims' relief school)

(IN CONTINUATION)

350+ students are receiving free education at our Delhi pogrom relief school. Over the past six months, we have increased our capacity to include orphans, underprivileged, and other marginalized children as well.





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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKOM0gK6pqA>



"Your small donation will help
them in continuing their education"

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IRFAN

Irfan was famous in the area for his business acumen. In a short span, he had expanded his business and was very hard working and sincere in his business. He had merged four rooms and made the largest garment shop in the area. His business was thriving and was having a good time. But the hate didn't take much delay to crush his hopes. His garment shop was plundered by the mob and set on fire. The bellowing fire decimated all his dreams. Only his shop being attacked in the vicinity burdened his family with mental trauma too.

When Miles2Smiles visited Karauli, we met him and recounted his harrowing experiences. The organization was quick to ameliorate his pain by giving 4 lakhs to rebuild his shop. Reeling under financial and mental duress, this was a heavenly gift to him. Today he is again working hard putting the baggage of hate behind.



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NAJMUDDIN

On the day of Navsamvatsar celebrations on April 2, 2022, in Karauli, Rajasthan, Najmuddin had lost his sole source of income. When the early news of violence streamed in, he had shuttered his shop immediately and left it. But when he visited his confectionary shop the next day, it dashed all of his hopes. Looted and set alight by the miscreants, the shop was entirely gutted. Hunching over the ashes and trembling with the grim prospect, he was lost in his lament, when our team visited his shop.

The shop, once bristled with customers and sold various sweets, was now lying in shambles. It was visited by the organization and after reviewing his loss, he was given financial assistance that restored happiness to his dejected face. Flashing his smile, he was exuberant while thanking the organization to rebuild his life. The organization provided the financial assistance of two lakhs. Using the money he rebuilt his crumbled hopes and the smile was back on his sagging face.



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SIRAJ BI

Siraj Bi, a 41-year-old widow who made a living by weaving garlands, lived in the Qazipura locality of Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, with her three daughters. On the day of Ram Navami violence, a frenzied mob of around 300 people approached her house. Fearing for life, Siraj hurried inside with her daughters and bolted the door.

But the frenzied mob didn't stop. They set the house on fire. They had scattered her stored grains all over the place after turning everything upside down. She somehow managed to escape from the back door but all her utensils, including the clothing that she had stitched and the money that she had saved for her daughter's marriage, were all completely burnt in the fire. Upon learning of her ordeal, we immediately streamlined our efforts to assist her in scurrying ahead the hardships, she was facing. Soon, with the help of generous donations, we were able to restore the burnt ceilings & walls, and a beautiful smile on her face.



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RASHIDA BI

Rashida is an elderly woman who lived in a joint family with her husband and two married sons. One amongst her teenage grandsons had been allegedly implicated for his role in the violence, and before the guilt could be proven, his entire family including his grand parents were subjected to a severe punishment.

The district administration had demolished their house. All of them were given the same penalty regardless of any proof and procedure.

When we met Rashida, she was not fed. She had no extra pair of clothes except the one she had been wearing for many days now. All of her essentials, mattresses, and clothes were beneath the debris that she showed us profusely crying. They did not let her salvage any of the belongings. She was adrift in a sea of grief and winced at the unfairness of the situation when miles2smile offered her an assistance of 5 lakhs which was like an initial investment for the happiness and well-being of her family.



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TASNEEM

Tasneem, a 3 years old Rohingya refugee girl is one of the most adorable kids at Rohingya Settlement in Nuh. Tasneem has two siblings, an elder sister Jannat Aara and a younger brother Rehan. All the three kids are very loveable and friendly. On our, every trip to Nuh Tasneem is the first one running toward us and greeting us. Her house turned to ashes due to the fire incident on 15th December 2021 and her father's shop also went up in flames.

Their father Ebrahim was very upset about his shop and home. Even after all the mishappenings, Tasneem's smile is radiant and affectionate and this young girl is a beacon of hope for us. She is a sweet and lively girl who is always excited about her clothes, toys and friends. Miles2Smile Foundation built a Smile Home and a Smile Shop for Tasneem and her family. The shop is running well now and soon we will introduce an educational course for Tasneem and other kids to learn in our learning center. It is a learning centre that we built for the Rohingya kids with the hope that we will nurture kids like Tasneem with prime education and discipline. We never want to let go of the radiant smile of Tasneem and we will keep working to provide these kids with the assistance they will ever need



दिल्ली दंगों में माता-पिता को खोने के बाद किस हालत में जी रहे हैं बच्चे.

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HOW BUSINESSES OF THREE MUSLIM MEN WERE BROUGHT BACK TO NORMAL IN VIOLENCE-HIT KARALI

Gursharan Bhalla
Updated on May 08, 2022, 14:23 IST

Month after communal clashes broke out in Rajasthan's Karali leaving 35 people injured, several vehicles and shops set on fire, an NGO has helped people get back on their feet



The violence began as stones were pelted at a bike rally after being provoked by some incendiary remarks made by the rallygoers on the occasion of 'Nav Samvatsar', the first day of Hindu New Year, on April 2.

But, an NGO has been working day and night to provide assistance to those hit by the violence. Miles2Smile is a not-for-profit organization with its headquarters based in New Delhi. The organisation has been working for the relief of victims of violence.

Aasif Mujtaba, Founder of Miles2Smile and a journalist took to Twitter to share the remarkable feat. "It was a wonderful day at Karali, a town in Rajasthan, recently affected by the communal violence. I can't express the happiness, smiles & positivity that I witnessed. Almost all the business establishments have started working with



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IndiaTimes

EACHERS' DAY 2022: MEET ISLAMUDDIN, A ELHI RIOT VICTIM WHO TEACHES AT SCHOOL TARTED FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF THE FEBRUARY 2020 VIOLENCE

Sukrita Baruah
Updated: September 4, 2022 8:11:34 pm

'Teachers' Day 2022: He teaches Hindi as well as Social Science and tries to help students work through their own trauma at Sunrise Public School, Hazratnagar.

Teachers' Day 2022: For 24-year-old Islamuddin, resident of Shiv Vihar, one of the worst-hit areas during the 2020 communal riots in Delhi, ages of the incidents in February two years ago - his grandfather's house being gutted by fire and his family's motorbike being destroyed - would keep reappearing in front of him each time he heard a sudden sound or saw a group of people huddled together.

Today, he is teaching Hindi and Social Science to children affected by the riot and is trying to work through their trauma.

I had never seen such things in front of my eyes before: petrol bombs being thrown, people shouting slogans from afar, threatening to kill. It was all a flash, but when it was over, and we tried to return to normalcy a week or two later, these scenes would not leave my eyes," he said.



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ACROSS THE DIVIDE, CHILDREN WHO LOST PARENTS IN 2020 DELHI VIOLENCE STRUGGLE TO MOVE FORWARD

Anand Mohan J
Updated: Feb 23, 2022 8:32:51 am

Two years since 53 people were killed in violence that broke out on February 23, 2020, children of families who lost members are still coming to terms with the loss.

At Ghaziabad's Loni, just across the border from Northeast Delhi, around 300 children, mostly from riot-hit families, attend Sunrise Public School, opened two years ago by IIT-Delhi research scholar Aasif Mujtaba. "We opened this school keeping in mind that these children will find it extremely difficult to cope with the trauma of riots. We planned a 'Smile curriculum' which involves various activities like skits, music events, and games to bring them out of their shell. Most were unable to interact with others after witnessing the riots first-hand. We don't yet have a child psychiatrist who can help with those children who are in a dire condition," Mujtaba said.



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The Indian Express

How Aasif Mujtaba Miles2Smile Is Rebuilding Lives Of Kids Affected In 2022 Delhi Pogrom



Aasif Mujtaba, a PhD scholar from IIT-Delhi and founder of an NGO called Miles2Smile started the Sunrise Public School, to help kids affected by the pogrom rebuild their lives and get an education.



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The Cognate

UNLOCKING HOPE IN THE FACE OF A LOCKDOWN

sabrang Karuna John
30 March, 2020

Service to humanity is the only motivation for Aasif Mujtaba

Thirty-one-year-old Aasif Mujtaba is often mistaken for a lawyer, and sometimes a doctor. Ward gets around as soon as he arrives at Babu Nagar in Mustafabad, scores throng to him and follows him as if he was a shepherd, and they his flock. He has never met anyone of them before. But he knows they are in pain, injured and scarred, both physically and emotionally and he is here to help. Aasif's mere presence seems to soothe nerves in this crowded residential colony of Mustafabad.

"Sorry I could not return your call. I had gone to drop baby Rayyan's and his mother to their place." Aasif sounds excited, almost like a proud uncle and then recalls the day when they heard about a pregnant woman survivor who was close to her due date. Mustafabad was feeling unwell.



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'हमारे सामने हमारे पापा को मार दिया था, उनकी बहुत याद आती है'

BBC NEWS 4:20 PM - Mar 26, 2022

दिल्ली दंगों को दो साल से ज़्यादा बरत बीत चुका है. इन दंगों में कई लोगों ने अपनी जान गंवा दी थी. उन लोगों के बच्चे आज किस हाल में जी रहे हैं. बीबीसी संवाददाता बुशरा शेख की यह रिपोर्ट देखिए.



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INDIA: FIRE RIPS THROUGH ROHINGYA CAMP, LEAVING HUNDREDS HOMELESS

Zafar Afaq
13 Jun 2021

Hundreds of Rohingya rendered homeless after a massive fire rages Rohingya camp in the Madanpur Khadar area of Delhi.

A massive fire has destroyed a Rohingya refugee camp in the Indian capital, New Delhi, leaving hundreds of people homeless. The fire service department of the national capital said that it put 15 fire tenders into service and brought the blaze under control in about six hours. "We rushed to the spot quickly and started dousing the flames," Sandeep, an operator at the Delhi Fire Service, told Al Jazeera by telephone on Sunday.

Asif Mujtaba, a Delhi-based activist, told Al Jazeera that his group was one of the first to provide relief as soon as the flames were doused. "We shifted those who needed medical attention to nearby hospitals, and arranged water and food for the refugees," Mujtaba said, adding that he was reaching out to officials to help set up an interim relief camp for them, in the scorching summer heat. "We are also mapping out details of the families who suffered losses in the fire," he said.

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RIOT VICTIMS STITCH BACK THEIR LIVES BY SEWING SAFETY GEAR

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The eldest of six siblings, Saina was worried after her father's e-rickshaw was burnt, home and grocery shop damaged in the riots.

Eighteen-year-old Saina, a resident of Shiv Vihar in northeast Delhi, has had little to do since her house and family's shop were damaged during a communal riot in February. These days, however, she has an important job to do – stitch personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line workers to aid their fight against coronavirus (Covid-19) disease.

Asif Mujtaba, a PhD scholar at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, who founded the Miles2Smile collective, said, "A local residing in the area, who earlier gave stitching work to these women, got a suggestion from someone that since there is no work and a dearth of PPE kits across the country, these women could be approached for the work."



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BLINDED IN DELHI PGROM, SHAHRUKH SAYS "NO HOPE FOR JUSTICE"

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Shahrugh, a cloth seller, was dragged out of a moving auto and brutally thrashed by a Hindu mob in northeast Delhi's Shiv Vihar on February 24, 2020, the day Delhi anti-Muslim pogrom erupted.

On 24 February, 2020 – Shahrugh's mother Shehraz was waiting for her son to return home from Ijema (an Islamic congregation). Shahrugh was dragged, beaten with rods, and his pants were pulled off.

On the same day as the attack, a video of Shahrugh being dragged by a few people without his pants went viral, with the mob chanting Jai Shri Ram. Shahrugh was permanently blind in one eye as a result of the horrific attack, and he can only see 10 percent with his right eye.

According to Asif Mujtaba, Founder and Director of Miles 2 Smile Foundation, "the culprit in Shahrugh's case was never arrested, the police did not pursue the case – the victims are not financially strong, and they are exhausted fighting the legal battle." Mujtaba's Miles 2 Smile foundation has been providing legal and financial assistance to victims of the Delhi.

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SCHOOL BUILDING LIVES OF DELHI RIOT VICTIMS' CHILDREN BRICK BY BRICK

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Named Sunrise Public School, the school, located in Ghaziabad's Lori, is being run by an IIT research scholar, Asif Mujtaba, under an NGO, Miles2Smile, since September 2020.

A school started exclusively to impart education among the children of Delhi riot victims is being run successfully with around 300 students on its roll. The children enrolled with the school are those who are directly or indirectly affected by devastating communal violence that broke out in northeast Delhi in February 2020.

Of the 300-odd children studying at the school, 23 are those who have lost either of their parents, father or mother, to the riots.

Talking to Clarion India, Mujtaba, who was one of those student activists who started Shaheen Bagh sit-in against the Citizen Amendment Act (CAA), said soon after the violence broke out in northeast Delhi in February 2020, he had started relief and rehabilitation work for the victims under the banner of his NGO.



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A CHILLING PAST, AN INSECURE FUTURE. HOW DELHI RIOTS SCARRED KIDS

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Traumatized by the 2020 Delhi riots, children are trying their best to return to studies.

Employed as a scarf maker in Old Delhi's Charni Chowk, Tina's father Firoz was allegedly beaten up by a mob, during large scale communal violence that had broken out across Northeast Delhi in February 2020. Anas's father, Jamaluddin, was allegedly killed by a mob that also snatched away his only English mentor. Deeply upset at his father's demise, the Class 6 student did not eat for two days.

Anas and Tina's family had lost all hopes of education when a group of lawyers, doctors and scholars came together to set up, Miles2Smile, a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) that among other things established a free school for riot victims.

Asif Mujtaba, the Founder of Miles2Smile says that through an initiative called Shaagrid, the NPO has enrolled over 170 students in their free school.

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The Quint



SCHOOL REBUILDS LIVES OF KIDS AFFECTED IN RIOTS

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A school for north-east riot victims has been running near the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border since November last year.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Miles2Smiles was established in 2020 as a not-for-profit organization, based in Delhi. The organization works primarily in relief activities and brings smiles to the faces of victims looming over penury and distress. Livelihood creation and educational empowerment are also some core areas of work by the organization. In the past two years, the organization has made commendable service in delivering solace to the people languishing in the heap of despair. The organization is on an assiduous mission to revive happiness to the people ripped after communal tensions.



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