

Report

Ramadan Iftar Goods Distribution for Vulnerable Families Religions for Peace (RfP) Bangladesh Chapter

Date: 6 March 2026

Location: Rahimpur Rahimia Mosque Premises, Abdul Gani Munshi Bari, Ward No. 2, Mekhal Union No. 8, Hathazari, Chattogram, Bangladesh

Background

In the spirit of compassion and solidarity during the holy month of Ramadan, the Religions for Peace (RfP) Bangladesh Chapter organized a humanitarian initiative to support vulnerable families in rural Chattogram. The program aimed to provide essential food items to marginalized households who are experiencing increasing economic hardship.

In recent years, global instability—including ongoing conflicts and disruptions in supply chains—has affected food distribution systems and increased the cost of basic commodities. These challenges have also impacted Bangladesh, where many lower-income and marginalized communities are struggling to cope with rising living expenses. In this context, faith-based humanitarian actions become particularly important in supporting those most in need.

Guided by the values of compassion, social justice, and interfaith solidarity, RfP Bangladesh continues to undertake small but meaningful community-based initiatives to support vulnerable populations.

The Distribution Program

The Iftar goods distribution program was held on Friday afternoon, 6 March 2026, at the premises of Rahimpur Rahimia Mosque in Mekhal Union, Hathazari, Chattogram.

During the event, essential food items—including rice, lentils, cooking oil, sugar, and salt—were distributed among several economically disadvantaged families in the locality. The distributed goods were intended to help beneficiary families meet their basic food needs during Ramadan and to support them for approximately two weeks leading up to Eid.

The program was implemented on a modest scale through the personal contributions of members and leaders of RfP Bangladesh, reflecting their commitment to humanitarian service and community solidarity.

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Participation

The program was attended by leaders and members of RfP Bangladesh, including:

- **Professor Dr. Masum Ahmed**, Secretary General, RfP Bangladesh
- **Poet Bishwajit Barua**, Treasurer
- **Professor Mohammad Jasim Uddin**, Executive Member
- **Reverend Kanchan Barua**, Executive Member
- **Mukta Chakraborty**, Executive Member
- **Jaymala Barua**, Executive Member, RfP Bangladesh Women Chapter

The event was also supported by respected members of the local community, including:

Md. Osman, Md. Lokman, Md. Abu Zafar, Md. Aiyur Khan, Md. Abu Toiyeb, Md. Badrul Haque, Md. Shamsul Alam, Md. Mohsin, Md. Shahidullah, Isha Ahmed, Jannatul Ferdous, Rekha Akter, and other community representatives.

Their presence reflected the strong cooperation between faith actors and local community leaders in supporting humanitarian activities.

Community Engagement and Impact

The initiative provided direct assistance to vulnerable families in the locality and fostered a spirit of solidarity, compassion, and shared responsibility within the community. Beneficiary families expressed appreciation for the timely support during Ramadan.

Such grassroots humanitarian actions also strengthen RfP Bangladesh's engagement with local communities, demonstrating how faith-inspired initiatives can contribute to social welfare and human dignity.

Continuity of Humanitarian Activities

RfP Bangladesh continues to complement its interfaith dialogue and peacebuilding initiatives with practical humanitarian service. Earlier in January 2026, the organization distributed blanket and winter clothing to homeless and marginalized people in several locations in Chattogram city, including Dampora, Goribullah Shah Mazar area, and M. M. Ali Road, as well as among vulnerable communities in Cox's Bazar.

These initiatives reflect the organization's ongoing commitment to serving humanity beyond differences.

Conclusion

The Ramadan food distribution program in Hathazari represents another step in RfP Bangladesh's efforts to promote compassion, solidarity, and social responsibility through faith-

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inspired community service. The organization remains committed to continuing such initiatives in collaboration with local communities and partners.

We sincerely appreciate the continued inspiration and guidance of the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP) and look forward to further strengthening our cooperation.

Photo Caption:

Essential food items being distributed to vulnerable families during the Ramadan humanitarian program organized by Religions for Peace (RfP) Bangladesh on 6 March 2026 at Rahimpur Rahimia Mosque premises, Mekhal Union, Hathazari, Chattogram, Bangladesh

- *This report is respectfully submitted to the Asia Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP) Secretariat for record and publicity.*

With warm regards and best wishes,



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