

# 2021 overview | 2022 goals

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launched three  
storytelling and psychosocial  
support programs in 2021

1. **Doust program**  
Lesbos, Greece

2. **Cox's Bazar, Rohingya refugees**  
Bangladesh

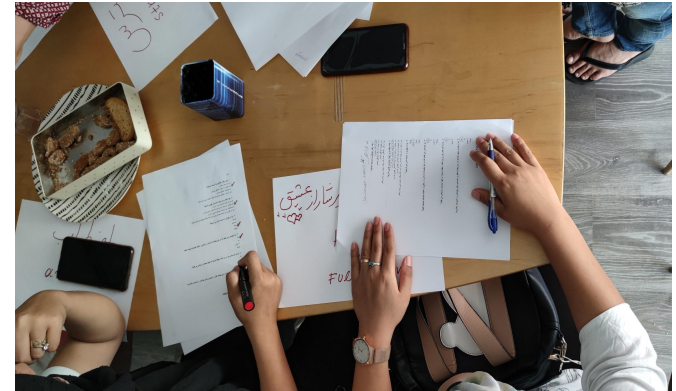
3. **Yemen: Yemeni migrant women**  
Online



# 1. Doust: Lesbos, Greece

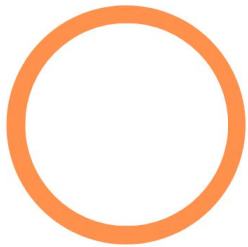
The Azadi Project launched “Doust”, a Mental Health Psychosocial Support Program -MHPSS program in Lesbos on March 2021, International Women’s Day.

- Over **70** refugee women attended the workshop in 2021
- Weekly sessions were held in a relaxed and inclusive setting, where women were free to share their stories, anxieties, fears, and struggles with others or to just listen. Those sessions were facilitated by a trained facilitator and a trained assistant facilitator in a safe space away from the camp. This was modeled around self-help support groups.
- Participants controlled their own narratives and the amount of information they want to share.
- Based on the personal needs, goals and aspirations, **we offered individual suggestions and resources** and referred them to other local NGOs.



## Based on our program evaluation we got the following results:

The women reported that this workshop provided them with a much needed safe space to raise their concerns, share their feelings and understand their needs. They also said that this was the only professional guidance they have received and would like to continue having this support.



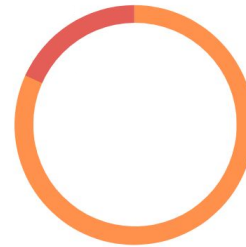
100%

- women who said that they felt comfortable and safe sharing their thoughts in the group sessions

*“I love the fact that we can come together in a safe and friendly space to talk about Things that worry us.”*

Our beneficiaries have reported feeling a sense of connection and contentment as a result of participating in the workshop sessions

18.2%



81.8%

- women who felt a sense of connection with people around them as a result of the sessions
- women who responded with “somewhat”.



## 2022 goals

- Doust 2.0 - starts in February 2022.
- Based on feedback from our beneficiaries and our own observations we are planning to do a more structured - five session workshop schedule for each cohort.
- Groups will be no larger than seven women per group.
- We will be renting a safe and popular space with all amenities that we need.
- The program will be held twice a week.
- **GOAL:** To impact the lives of **140** refugee women this year by providing psychosocial support. .

## 2. Training Rohingya refugee women and women: Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

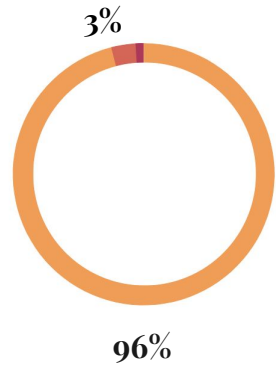
The Azadi Project partnered with Rokeya Foundation in Bangladesh to carry out a storytelling, leadership and psychosocial support program from September 2021 – December 2021.

- Using a **Training of Trainers (ToT) model**, a total of 100 beneficiaries – 75 Rohingya women and 25 Rohingya men – participated in the program in the Cox's Bazar refugee camp.
- The workshop sensitized the participants about **gender-based violence, trafficking, child marriage** and created women and men leaders within the refugee camp to disseminate this knowledge further.
- **Hybrid model:** Azadi virtually trained six field monitors from Rokeya – five women and one man, who in turn conducted the in-person



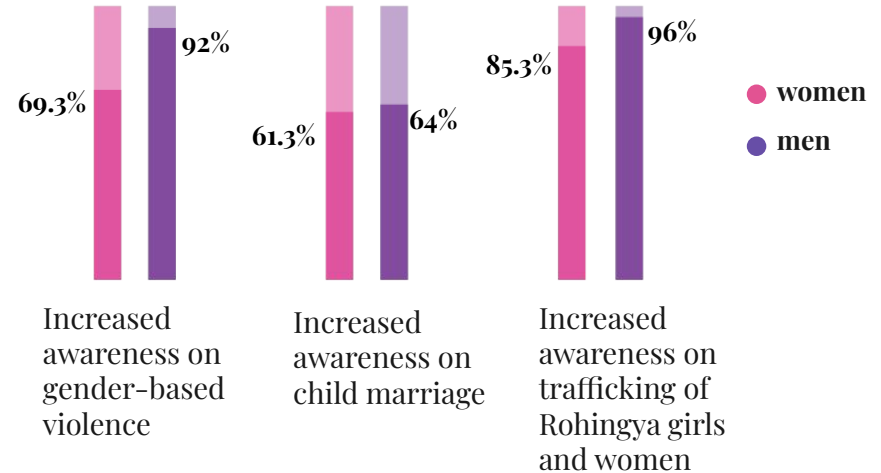
100 beneficiaries: 75 Rohingya women and 25 Rohingya men,

## Based on our program evaluation we got the following results:



- 96% of the beneficiaries reported that the workshop provided them with a much-needed safe space to share their stories and discuss the issues,
- 3% reported being “somewhat” comfortable to do so

*“From your session I’ve learned a lot about law and violence, Now I’m able to teach these things to my community members.”*





*“The time I spent with everyone at the session, was a very vulnerable moment for me. I reflected on all of that after the session.”*

*“I felt healing and amazing, that time was something that I needed.”*



*“The sessions are very helpful in changing men’s view towards women and ending patriarchy.”*



### 3.Yemeni Migrant women

In December 2021 The Azadi Project started a storytelling program to train members of Peace Track Initiative (PTI), a foundation that aims at localizing and feminizing the peace process through promoting inclusion and enhancing feminist knowledge leadership in the Middle East and North Africa with focus on Yemen.

- The program spans over six months and will be completed in May 2022.
- Similar to the Cox's Bazar program, this follows a ToT (Training of Trainers) model as well.
- Azadi **virtually** trains twelve Yemeni migrant women leaders from PTI, who in turn will conduct the training in their communities

#### PROGRAM GOAL:

Training **300 Yemeni migrant women** to create and share their stories; teaching them to use their stories as an advocacy tool to further women participation in the dialogue for peace process.



Some of our trainees members of PTI