

CHRIS PIPER: HUMANITARIAN PRACTITIONER FOR BANGLADESH & THE ROHINGYA

Chris Piper is a multi-skilled Global Humanitarian Practitioner, who has widespread practical experience in Bangladesh, this including support for the Rohingya refugees down in Cox's Bazar District. Chris runs his own international consultancy, TorqAid – www.torqaid.com, where the main services offered include humanitarian consultancy/advisory support, training and research.

Chris has a long historical relationship with Bangladesh. He first worked there as a Save the Children Field Director in Jamalpur District. In the early 1990's he organised a chartered humanitarian airlift of relief supplies from Australia on behalf of World Vision. In cooperation with HealthConsult Associates Ltd (HAL), he has facilitated two accredited Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PRM) workshops in Dhaka. He was also separately contracted by the UN to provide technical support to the Government of Bangladesh's (GoB) Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP). In mid 2018, he was employed by RedR Australia to work with UNDP as their Early Warning Dissemination and Training Specialist. Chris updates the monthly 'Understanding the Rohingya Crisis'¹ Summary Sheet, as well as an overview of 'What Matters?'², a regular Humanitarian Feedback Bulletin on the Rohingya Response. Chris is a native English speaker, who also speaks French, German and some Bangla (Bengali). He has excellent contacts in both Cox's Bazar District, and throughout Bangladesh.



Globally, Chris has been involved in supporting assistance responding to both natural disasters and complex emergencies across the Asian-Pacific, Eastern and Southern African, and Southern European regions. He was also part of the Australian government mission in 1992 planning out the repatriation process of refugees back from Thailand to Cambodia. Together with his HAL Dhaka contacts, and others down in Cox's Bazar, the range of humanitarian services which Chris can offer in Bangladesh therefore include:

- Strategic planning for both the Rohingya refugee situation in Cox's Bazar District, as well as voluntary repatriation of Rohingya refugees back to North Rakhine State, Myanmar.
- Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) or (Humanitarian) Train Like a Champion training at various levels across the country.
- Involvement in humanitarian program Reviews and Evaluations.

As well as the TorqAid services outlined above, Chris also has worked as Global Humanitarian Adviser (GHA) for a small number of agencies, some involved in initiatives across Bangladesh.

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¹ See www.torqaid.com/understanding-rohingya-crisis

² See www.torqaid.com/rohingya-what-matters