



Rohingya Literacy

What is the program?

ILAD partners with the Rohingya community and with the Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin, Sesame Education, Books Unbound, Bengal Creative Media, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), for the development of Rohingya literacy tools. These include ongoing translation of children's books into Rohingya, community checking of contextualized picture dictionaries, supporting the development of a dictionary app, and curriculum for the beginnings of literacy in the Rohingya language.

How does it work?

As part of ongoing efforts for language preservation worldwide, ILAD has chosen to use the Rohingyalish script, developed by Engineer Mohammed Siddique Basu, in the development of resources for Rohingya readers. This script enables Rohingya readers living around the world to learn to read in their language for the first time in a script that is accessible to them as they learn literacy in other languages in tandem.

How are community members involved?

Members of the community are actively included in the process of creating content and help to check the words being used in the literacy tools.

What are the impacts of the program?

The literacy tools provide content that for the first time is accessible to Rohingya readers which further supports their learning literacy in other languages.