

Families have grown since 1971 but they had to make do with living in a single room.

> "The government schools don't even take our children, they say that the government money is allocated for the citizens of Bangladesh only and we, as stranded Pakistanis, don't have any right on it."

Groups like SPGRC, Ilias points out, are taking advantage of the lack of government control. "They have a vested interest in this camp," says Ilias, "if the camp exists, they will have this leadership. They have been planted with a fear that if they get citizenship they will be evicted from the camp. No one actually likes living in these camps but if they have the option that they can work and get education, they can get training and become skilled."

Ilias thinks it is essential that the government solve the problem of their citizenship as soon as possible. "The government doesn't understand that if these people start working, they will become assets for the country and will only contribute to the national economy. Left like this, they will only become a social problem."