Main objectives of the committees

- To get practical knowledge on the situation of the host and Rohingya communities
- To identify the sufferings and challenges of both communities
- To assess ongoing activities of GOs, NGOs, INGOs and UN projects
- To place some specific recommendations

Activities of Cohesion Committees

- Committees visited both camps and host communities
- They organized focused group discussions
- They also met with CICs to brief the findings
- They also assessed different activities of GOs, NGOs, INGOs and UN
- Special motivational meeting with Majhees and imams
- Meeting with Union Parishad body, civil society, and local political leaders

The Social Cohesion Committee

- COAST formed 4 committees in 4 unions
- Unions are Rajapalang, Palong Khali, Whykong, Hnila Union.
- Each committee consists of 5 host community representatives
- Each committee has 3 male and 2 female members
- Male and female UP members, teachers, social workers, etc.
Findings from Camp Visit

- Most of the Rohingya people, especially youths, spend their time sitting idle
- Almost no employment opportunity for male and female youth
- Youth are vulnerable to be involved with misdeeds and crimes
- Some Majhies are autocratic in behavior and trying to secure personal illegal interests
- Girls are severely vulnerable to trafficking and violation
- After grade 4, Rohingyas children don’t have opportunity for education
- Some of Rohingya are not polite in communicating with host community people
- Delay of repatriation creates despair among both the community

Findings from Host Community Visits

- Host community people are extremely affected
- There is the allegation that only Rohingyas are getting various facilities
- 25% of funding for host communities is not visible
- Most of the NGOs/INGOs/UN are taking projects without consultation of the host community
- Most of the working areas are not selected properly
- Projects are being implemented without participation of UPs, civil society, LEBs
- Some NGO/INGO/UN workers can’t understand the local language and their expectations

Recommendations

- Accommodation for Rohingya people should be improved
- Youth should be involved with various activities, especially with education
- Education opportunity can be expanded
- Special awareness/orientation for Rohingya girls against trafficking
- Role of Majhies should be redefined
- 25% of Rohingya response fund must be for host communities
- Schools lost their teachers, must be supported with teachers

- Poor and extreme poor must be supported with livelihood programs
- Reduce the use of cars to the camp areas, repair the roads
- Campaign against repatriation must be stopped
- Strong oversees and actions on social media rumours
- Reduce the number of visits and presence of expatriates in camps
### Recommendations

- All programs and projects must be designed with consultation with UPs and local people.
- 25% Rohingya response fund need to be allocated for the host community.
- NGOs and UPs, who will be here even after the crisis, should lead the response.
- Participation of cohesion committee in the NGO coordination committees.
- Regular dialogues between both the communities.
- There should be ceiling in house rents in Cox’s Bazar.

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**Thank You Very Much**