

COAST Humanitarian Works and Advocacy

A presentation to OXFAM assessment team
5th Nov'17, COAST Trust Principal Office

Direct assistant to Rohingya crisis; **Ongoing activities**

- **Mercy Malaysia;** Health team and WASH support
- **DCA:** Food assistance, WASH, NFI and psychosocial support to Women and Child
- **UNICEF:** Child Protection
- **CARE:** Food Assistance and NFI assistance
- **OXFAM:** Logistic support to food assistance
- **PKSF:** WASH
- **COAST own fund:** Cooked food, drinking water distribution and health support through medical team
- **Tear Fund:** Food assistance, WASH and medical team support
- **Personal donation fund:** Cooked food assistance, support to Hindu community in camp, WASH and need base.



Rohingya Influx in Bangladesh

Still Many Things to Do!

UPDATE
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COAST Trust is actively involved in humanitarian responses to the Rohingya crisis in Cox's Bazar. COAST Trust is regularly producing updates on the situation. This is the 6th update in this series. The previous four updates can be found from www.coastbd.net

Local and National NGOs influencing to Rohingya response and Broader Humanitarian activism; ongoing advocacy works

- On 3rd Oct'17, Cox's Bazar local NGOs and CSOs demand to Chief of OCHA under secretary general Mr Mark : **UN Agencies Must Abandon Direct Operation, Single Handle and Monopolistic Approach Too**

They submitted a letter contains 20 demands from Bangladeshi NGOs reminding WHS (World Humanitarian Summit), the Grand Bargain (GB) and the Development Effectiveness (DE) outcomes, where localization and accountability is the prime concern



Press Conference on 19 October 2017 in Cox'sbazar by Local and National NGOs working for Rohingya:

They Demanded:

- localization of the Rohingya relief works,
- accountabilities in all forms of relief operations
- It is beyond the means of the Cox's Bazar district to handle or bear burden alone, Rohingya refugees must be relocated in other parts of the country, they opined.
- Concerns of host community, environment, social in balance and to take intervention for the host community



Facilitates demand for CSO space;

- COAST and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) group in Bangladesh have organized Dialogue with GPEDC, during 25th October, 2017 with a title of
“Bangladeshi CSO Dialogue with GPEDC, Realizing Enhancing Development Cooperation and the SDGs : Bangladesh Perspectives.”
- They demand for [Enabling Environment as Equal Development Partner](#)”



COAST facilitate to publish a flyer with 21 demands for civil society space and dignity:

- The flyer upholds the background, process, principal premise and major expectations of Bangladeshi NGOs from INGOs (International NGO), Donors and UN agencies in view of the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) and the Grand Bargain (GB) policy outcomes and in view of the discussions on ‘development effectiveness’ (DE).
- 21 demands of the document were endorsed 39 National and Local NGOs;
http://coastbd.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CSO_Common-Space_Campaign-Paper.pdf
- It was developed through four months consultations at in house meetings, online feedbacks and National level seminar of WHD 2017 observing:



Observation of 19th August 2017 World Humanitarian Day;

Title: Strengthening Civil Society and Promoting Localization Agenda: WHS / Grand Bargain Policy Outcome and Its Implementation in Bangladesh.

- Most of the INGOs Country Chief and representatives were present
- And National and Local NGOs representatives who endorsed the demands also present and make their voice
- presided by Mrs. Rasheda K Chowdhury, CAMPE,
- special guest were, Khondokar Rakibur Rahman, Director General, NGO Affairs Beauru (NGOAB) of Prime Minister Office,
- Mrs. Saheen Anam, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), the seminar was moderated by Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, ED, COAST Trust



COAST Journey to advocacy on Localization and WHS:

- Engaged in WHS consultation process in the banner of Bangladeshi NGOs for WHS
- Maintain one email group among National NGOs involved
- Observing WHD 2016; Highlighted WHS outcomes; Grand Bargain, Localization,
- Followed by Inclusiveness this NGOs Published 3 documents and distributed among International actors during WHS and other events



Published documents towards WHS and Localization

- [Flyer] [Making Humanitarian and Development Activism Localized and Accountable: 7 Initial Actionable Proposals on Reshaping Aid, dated October 2015](#)
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- [Position Paper] [Making Humanitarian and Development Activism Localized and Accountable: Some Initial Actionable Proposal on Reshaping Aid, dated October 2015](#)
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- [Flyer] [Equal and Dignified Partnership for Sustainable Capacity in Disaster Risk Reduction and Response, dated July 2015](#)

Advocacy towards protection of COAST community; Organizing Coastal NGOs

- construction of permanent embankment to protect from river and sea erosion
- Protect from Climate change negative impact; separate coastal management ministry and plan
- Each year by observing 29th April'91 in National level and District level; Human Chain, seminars, photo gallery, media mobilization and reporting
- 2 parliamentary concuss with Coastal MPs
- Publishing Position Paper for AMCDRR 2016 New Delhi



Thank you All

