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COAST Trust is implementing "Ensuring Resilience and Protective Environment for Rohingya Adolescents (girls and boys) fled from Myanmar in Cox's Bazar District" from 1, September 2018 to 31, December 2019. In addition to this, this project is now expanded with the services to the host community.

UNICEF Regional Director of South Asia visited to our MPC

On 29th December 2019 a high official of UNICEF Jean Gough, regional director, south Asia along with Jean Metenier chief of Cox's Bazar field office visited COAST operated and implemented Multipurpose center. During visit, Jean Gough along with 10 UNICEF members entered into every session room where four groups of adolescent girls were

present as their regular schedule. Jean shared greeting with them and asked some questions. She also motivated the girls by saying that, you are the UNICEF representative what you are learning here will share with your friends, family and neighbors, take leadership in community to solve the problem, you will work and contribute as the heroes of UNICEF. She suggested to give every graduated a UNICEF badge to make them feel responsible to their community. In the learning point and adolescent answered in this way "before coming here I did not know about computer, how it runs. But now I have learned how to open and use Microsoft office program, Photoshop and usually practice typing that is very interesting to me."



Visitors talk to adolescents and Listen carefully to their future plans at Nidania MPC. PC: Sayed Hossain

Celebration: World Human Rights Day

On December 7, 2019 the COAST Trust initiated the World Human Rights Day with enthusiasm at 07 camps (8E, 11, 12, 14, 20 Ex, 21 Oman Side & 22) and in the multipurpose Centre of the 03 unions (Ratnapalong, Jaliapalong and



World Human Rights Day rally with Adolescents at Ratnapalong. PC: Ariyan Shaheb

Teknaf). This year's Theme was "Youth Standing Up for Human Rights".

The day is celebrated in various places through rallies, discussion meetings, quiz contests, sports and exhibitions. Speakers said they had participated in the discussion- We all have to come forward to protect humanity. We can make the world more beautiful by creating bonds of mutual support, cooperation and brotherly love. The youth should be united all acts of against humanity. The power of youth can create a world of equality.

CBCPC Committee on Child Protection

Awareness about child protection is increasing among parents at Rohingya camps during the Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) activities. A total of 66 CBCPC group are working with guardians to create awareness among the 07 camps under the project. A total of 21 meetings of the CBCPC committee have been held in the last month of December- 19. Where are discussed the various risks to child protection. Issues worth noting are child labor, child abuse, child marriage, child trafficking, Eve Teasing and gender inequality. Courtyard meeting of different camps was organized by the members of the CBCPC committee. In addition, to enhance the member, the interpersonal communication has been increased.







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Training for skill development

Training is an effective way to develop skills. A total of 70 Rohingya adolescents were also trained on "Disaster Risk Reduction" at Camp 14 and 22 to raise awareness on disaster. In addition, a total of 52 girls and 22 boys from Camp 8E & 20 Extension were organized for three-day training on the topic "Youth Empowerment and conflict management" for the purpose of reducing and empowering conflict and violence. Through this training, adolescents have learned the details of disasters and conflict and empowerment.

Rohingya parents are becoming more aware about child safety

Children are an important part of society. Today's children are the future of tomorrow. A child cannot grow healthy and naturally on his own, we should to create a safe environment



Facilitator talks about empowering adolescents and reducing conflict at Camp- 22. PC: Md. Rasel

for him to grow. In this case, the role of the parents is the most important and it is more for the Rohingya children (their parents/ family role) than for a baby growing up in a normal environment. But because parents of Rohingya adolescents are not aware enough about child protection, their children are subjected to torture, violence, neglect and abuse in various situations. It is especially important to raise awareness of their children's rights and child protections to ensure the safety of future generations of Rohingya nation. Under this project, 450 Parents and Care Giver Committee (PCC) have been formed in different camps. Meeting members of the committee are being held every month to raise awareness about child rights and protection. "As a result of the PCC committees of the COAST



Trust, the awareness rising of Rohingya parents has reduced the risky child labor"- said A. Hamid, Head Majhi of Camp- 14. Md. Elias (12), son of CBCPC committee member Abdul Alim said, "Before, I used to get up in the mountains with a heavy load. Now parents are much loved, forbidden to carry heavy burdens". Many parents like Abdul Alim are gradually becoming aware as PCC and CBCPC committees work at the camp level to protect children. Rohingya parents are extending support to a child around the family or home if they are at risk of protection. When a child in the family is at risk, they are zealously trying to protect their child by contacting the campground service agencies.

A mother is giving feedback at PCC meeting at Camp- 8E PC: Muhammad Alam

Grand Arrangement of Fair in Camp-12

We know that entertainment and access of getting festive mood are very limited in Rohingya camp. At the same time they have an obscure idea about the provided facilities or services by other organizations. To get them known about these services and gift them an enjoyable day COAST-ERPERA project has been arranging Adolescents Fair in various camps. Following this trend, last 18 December a grand Adolescents Fair was organized in camp-12. Camp-in-charge Mr. Rashedul Islam as chief guest and Asst. Camp-in-charge Mr. Khandakar Ajharul Islam as special

guest were present. In this program, religious leaders, majhis and other respected personnel's were present. Almost 200 adolescents



Inspection of soap making stalls by CIC of Camp- 12 at the fair. PC: Touhida Tabassum







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both boys & girls had the active participation. Partner organization World Vision, Terre des Homes and Dhaka Ahsania Mission had participated with their stalls. Moreover, there had been an arrangement for an open discussion and cultural program where Rohingya adolescents took their participation by singing Burmese music and reciting Burmese poems. Chief Guest in his speech said that, "I am amazed to see your disciplinary behavior. This type of program will keep you busy in good works and help you to restrain from evil deeds".

Multi-purpose Centre is the another name of Integrated service

Lack of sufficient place is the main challenge of working in any camp. Besides this, to get an integrated service is another problem. So, a way to solve this problem is Multi-purpose center. At present there are 9 MPCs under this project, among them 6 MPCs is in Camps (8E, 12, 14, 20Ext & 22) and 3 in Host communities (Ratnapalong, Jaliapalong and Teknaf sadar union). In these centers adolescents of age 15-18 years have been enrolled. In first cohort total 1350 adolescents have been provided training and from December-2019 the activities of second cohort has been started with 1350 adolescents. Now, these centers are providing Life Skills session, Psycho-social Support session, Tailoring & Dress Making session, Soap making session, Sanitary Pad making session and Solar Panel Repairing session. Hope from this they will gain a specific skill with a positive behavioral change.



Adolescents are busy with mixture of soap material at Camp- 8E. PC: Irfan Ullah

Activity Update- December- 2019		
Third Trance (October to December. 2019)		
Activity	Target	Achievement
PCC Meeting	75	75
CBCPC Meeting	21	21
RLM Meeting	24	24
Tea stall Meeting	19	19
Connection Module	300	293
Community Dialogue	2	2
DRR Training	2	2
Conflict Management	2	2
Training		
International Day	1	1
Observation		

Aiming her dream come true she has become a regular student of COAST - Jaliapalong Multi-purpose Centre. There she received tailoring and dress making training

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Assistant MPC supervisor is visiting Kajol Rekha's clothes stitch. PC: Collected

support. After completion of her course, her mother bought a secondhand sewing machine. Now, she is earning money at home by making neighboring peoples cloths and paying contribution in her family as well as her sibling's studies. Now her mother is happy and she is dreaming to do something new with her skills.

Kajol Rekha-a Story of Becoming Self Reliant

Kajol Rekha, an easy-going rural girl, lives with her family. Due to severe financial crisis it was very difficult for her mother to bear educational expenses of her as well as her siblings. So she always dreamt of earning money by herself to continue her studies.

