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COAST Trust is implementing a six months (13 May to 12 November 2020) project of “COVID-19 emergency preparedness and response programme (CEPRP) in 7 camps and 3 unions in Ukhaia and Teknaf Upazilas” with the partnership of UNICEF to support the children of the local and Rohingya communities in Cox’s Bazar district. To prevent & support children and adolescents from the Covid-19 epidemic, the project provides case management services, psychosocial services, distribution of leaflets as part of awareness campaigns, installation of billboards, use of posters and IEC materials, as well as providing referral services to reduce gender-based violence. This will enable the project beneficiaries to be aware and build trust and Community awareness on COVID-19 response and prevention

COVID-19 awareness and child protection messaging through billboard installation



Billboard installed at Ratnapalong Union (Host Community). Photo- Saheb Ali

COAST Trust is implementing an emergency programme entitled “COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme (CEPRP) for the Rohingya and Host Community in Cox’s Bazar District”. This emergency project’s aim to aware the community people about coronavirus and the prevention mechanism to protect them from it. Mainly, the programme is set to look after the child protection concerns which are supposed to be furthermore neglected during the pandemic. To aware the community with preventive messages of COVID-19 and child protection concerns, CP team has installed a total of 9 billboards (6 Rohingya Camps and 3 Host Communities) at different places in the Rohingya Camps and Host Communities. The billboards contain COVID-19 awareness messages and child protection concerns. The billboards messages are written in English with Burmese translation for the Rohingyas Camps and for the Host Communities in Bengali. The

places have been selected undergoing a site-assessment to confirm that the billboard messages reach maximum community people. Each billboard costs BDT 25000 which has been funded jointly by UNICEF-COAST. The billboard messages will contribute to raise awareness among the community, reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, and develop a sense of responsibility for child protection when a second wave is expected to occur by health experts.

Distributed hygiene kits in the community people to protect coronavirus



Hygiene kits distribution among the beneficiaries at Camp 12. Photo- Marzina Sultana

COAST Trust Child Protection Team has been implementing the programme since the beginning of Rohingya influx. This integrated programme implementing from April 2019 to serves the vulnerable communities at risk with critical case management along with need based psychosocial support services and it has a vocational training and life skill-based education system where adolescents are being taught with various life skill-



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based lessons and technical training such as sewing, soap production etc. By the time being, several batches of adolescents have been graduated from the multipurpose centers. Taking the availability of skilled adolescents in mind, COAST trust and UNICEF decided to produce mask and soap in the existing production facilities in their recent programme and distribute the hygiene kits among the vulnerable communities who are at risk of COVID-19. Target was set to produce a total of 25,000 mask and 25,000 bar soaps. Child labour principles have been carefully followed in allowing the adolescents in the production activities and appropriate working equipment such as apron, gloves, goggles have been supplied to the adolescents during work. Though there were a lot of hurdles in the pandemic situation to smoothly reach the production target, COAST Trust has produced 25,000 mask and 13,000 soaps and become able to distribute the hygiene kits among the community people recently. A total of 3,086 beneficiaries have received the hygiene kits in the Camps and Host Communities where 1,744 are male and 1,342 are female. COAST Trust is one of the leading organizations which has produced the hygiene kits in their own facilities by utilizing their trained adolescents. The community people were very happy to receiving hygiene kits. The recent programme has been extended for a month with a low cost extension where newly 27,000 additional masks along with the remaining soaps have targeted to produce.

Rezwan wants to survive

Every child spends time playing with their friends at this age but Rezwan (12) is struggling with a serious disease called epilepsy. Like other boys, Rezwan was a normal boy who came with his family in 2017 influx. They got shelter in camp-12. He was a cheerful boy and made friends with his neighbouring mates. Suddenly, his parents noticed that he was getting sick and gradually his voice and limbs were shrinking like paralyze. Assessing his physical condition, he has been referred to FH hospital at camp-12 with the help of case worker and case volunteer. Doctors informed that he is suffering from epilepsy which has no advance treatment. Taking his condition into account, he has been referred to DSS for cash support and



Rezwan is receiving medical care from FH Hospital at Camp 12. Photo- Sohel Barua

now he receives BDT2000 per month. After few days, his father informed to our caseworker that his health condition is further deteriorating with a symptom of foaming at his mouth due to convulsions. An ambulance was immediately called to send him to FH hospital. The doctor pushed injection to control convulsions. He is now so stiff that he cannot move of his own, even cannot eat any solid food. For his nutrition support, COAST has provided milk powder under case management material support.

COVID-19 adolescent kits playing vital roles in mental development



An adolescent is practising adolescent kits at Camp 14

Learning, playing, and practicing with COVID-19 adolescents kits are helping them to get rid of from the unwanted mental stress they are suffering in the pandemic. Unicef has developed and supplied the COVID-19 adolescents kts to mentally support the



adolescents who are passing lazy time at home during this pandemic. A total of 12 topics have been developed and designed in such a way that adolescents can practice the kits with already available used but handy materials at their homes. Some of the topics are namely- sound and silence, inside and outside of oneself, I have mine and I can do, what we do, stories of birds, insects and animals, and maps of relationships are notable. A total of 1,000 adolescents have been provided the adolescents kits which covered 50% of equal gender ratio. They practice the kits along with the support of LSBF but they can also practice independently at home. Some of the adolescents have opined that it gives them great pleasure helps to pass their lazy. Some of the kits are designed in such a way that it makes them think critically to develop ideas with brain storming, improves their level of confidence with new ideas. It encourages them to think creatively. As the school closer is being extended continuously, these kits will give them company and keep busy in creative thinking instead of passing idle time.

Critical case management services have been delivered under CEPRP



Adolescent smiling to receive goods under case management services

COAST Trust under COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme (CEPRP) has provided a total of 353 critical case management services. Assessing the case concerns by following case management principles, case workers have served critical and high risk associated cases. Among

the 353 cases, 194 are girls and 159 are boys. There are 134 disable adolescents who have received case management services in the total beneficiaries. To minimize their protection concerns, various supports have been provided under case management services such as psychosocial counselling, risk reduction information, goods and materials supply under cash support activity, and various service associated referral through inter-agency initiatives. The inter-agency initiative has played a vital role by providing need-based supports from site management, WASH, health, cash support (DSS) and worked as the platform for developing inter-agency relationship for smooth programme implementation and service delivery. In the 6-month programme, 179 adolescents have been referred to different agencies for service where there were 25 separated adolescents, 49 disabled, 4 under serious medical condition, 1 child mother, and 2 unaccompanied adolescents. In addition, 21 disabled adolescents referred to CDD and Handicap International, 48 for medical care, 14 to site management for repairing house, 8 adolescents to BLAST for legal support, and 2 adolescents to WASH to get sanitary toilet. All these services under case management have assisted vulnerable and risk associated adolescents to improve their lives.

Project activities at a glance (May to November 2020)

SL	Name of activities	Achievement
1	Number of beneficiaries reached	24824
2	Case management services	353
3	Psychosocial Support	3430
4	Case management materials	346
5	Mask manufacturing	26000
6	COVID-19 Billboard installed	9
7	Soap Production	15000
8	Community volunteer training	75
9	Awareness based home session	10598
10	PCC awareness session	9445
11	CBCPC awareness session	1200

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