

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, March 2020. In addition to this, this project is now expanded with the services to the host community.

### Tale of indomitable Adolescent Sharmin

Shammin Akhter Urmi, 16, an indomitable adolescent, lives in village of Ruhullar Deba in Ukhiya upazila of Cox's Bazar district, along with her parents and four siblings.



Sharmin is busy sewing clothes on his sewing machine at home, Picture: Shaheb Ali, MPC Supervisor

Her dad's a day labourer but can't do it just because of his illness. His older sister got married at a young age for financial crisis and his older brother worked as a day labourer. Younger brother is continuing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Despite being focused on studying, Sharmin's studies stopped in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In this case, she might have accepted the marriage of a child. But his willpower did not allow it. At that time, through a neighbour, she could learn about the Multi-Purpose Centre. There will be providing sewing training. There will be various types of awareness session provided also. There are life skills educations, psychosocial services, computer operation training etc. Renowned philosopher Norman Vincent Peal said, "If you can dream, then you can make it a reality." In order to make her dream come true, she underwent sewing training from Ratapalang Multi-purpose Centre. But even here, the sewing machine could not be purchased due to financial crisis. In this situation he would collect orders and sew clothes using the centre's machine. Thus, after earning some money, he earned an income of 4000 BDT and bought an old sewing machine and started sewing at home. It was the beginning of a new path to Sharmin. Now Sharmin earns five to six thousand taka a month as a tailor. Sharmin is the real example of the kind of life you can turn to if you trust and work hard. She dreams of starting her studies again.

### Visit to Multipurpose Centre by Women and Children Affairs Ministry and UNICEF Representative

On 14 January 2020, the Nidinia Multi-purpose Centre of the COAST Trust visited the representatives of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs of Bangladesh Mr. AMA Waheduzzaman and Md. Mahmud (APC Project) and

UNICEF representative Nusrat and Sub Sector Co-ordinator Ayrin Tomiuzi. During the centre visit, the Centre Supervisor Mr. Saiful Islam and Farzana Jaynub Bithi Program Officer-T&MD assisted in overall matters.



Delegates are talking to the teens at the centre, Picture: Saiful Islam, MPC Supervisor

During their visits to the centre, they especially saw sewing and computer training rooms. Ask the present adolescents, what will they do to learn this? In the answer, the adolescents said that their work is being learned in addition to their skill and self-employment. He also asks the attendees while visiting life skills sessions- Why do they come here when they are in school? What is the difference between a school and an MPC? The adolescents said that many aspects of life skills education are very interestingly known here which help them in their daily life. They now know how to seek help when they are in danger. The visiting team expressed satisfaction at visiting the Centre.

### Psychosocial services is going on a regular basis among Rohingya Adolescents

Rohingya refugee camps have many people living in small places so there is always a problem. Children and adolescents are constantly distracted by living



under different problems. Then they feel helpless and need- less. This is a threat to the population. For all these frustrated and scattered minded children psychosocial services are being provided on a regular basis into specified centre. Under this program, 360 picture booklet and 160 colour pencils have been distributed to improve their psychosocial status.

A psychosocial service is being provided to Rohingya children by PSS staff, Picture: Nurul Azim, MPC Supervisor

## Nur is more cheerful by getting case management support

A 16 year old boy Nur, a Rohingya refugee child, lives in Moinnerghona Refugee Camp-12 at Ukhia. The age which demands roaming around the world, in that age he spends his maximum time by seeing other children nimbleness sitting in one specific place. He crosses all his way by crawling where rest of the children cross that distance by walking. Because he is physically handicapped and his two legs below his knees are paralyzed. Case management - social worker of COAST Trust discovers him in the camp. He met with his parents and they said, "Nur is very jolly boy, he likes to mingle and play with others, but it is not possible for his disability". Almost all the time he is to go through by crawling on the earth in this untidy environment of the camp that makes him sick. That time his parents are to carry him for treatment in distance medical camp. To mitigate their pain



case-management worker Nur is taking the wheel chair, enrolled him as his case and Picture: Shazed Ullah, Out-reach Worker managed a wheel-chair for him which turned his life a bit easier. Now he can play with his friends by sitting in wheel-chair. He is more excited. He dreams to be self-

## Multi-purpose center visit by UNICEF & ISCG

Last 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, UNICEF representatives Md. Abdur Rahman (Livelihood Specialist), Inter Sector Co-ordination Group-PSEA Co-Ordinator Elizia Keplar and Merry Tulendes (Gender Hub) visited multi-purpose center of Camp-14. During visit, they talked about various issues of PSEA and wanted to know if Rohingya adolescents got the training. Besides, they visited all the session rooms and talked with the adolescent boys. They were more excited to see the sanitary pad room and provided their necessary suggestions regarding this issue. Moreover, they emphasized on giving training to adolescents about the issue of psycho-social support.



Guests are seen conducting life skills sessions, PC: William, MPC Supervisor

## Distribution of winter cloths and full-cream milk powder to Rohingya children

COAST Trust – Child Protection project has been directing numerous development and awareness activities in seven Rohingya camps. These camps are Camp-8E (Balukhali), Camp-11&12 (Moinnerghona), Camp-14 (Hakimpara), Camp-20Ext, Camp-21(Omania Site) & Camp-22 (Unchiprang). In these winter season adolescents are facing many problems to continue their normal activities. In addition, malnutrition problem is pre-existent. Following this context, winter cloths as the protection from cold weather and full-cream milk powder to meet up nutrition have been distributed to the most vulnerable 99 children that is under case management service. Among them adolescent boys are 42 and girls 57. Hopefully these



materials will help to mitigate their misery. Rohingya children are delighted to receive winter clothes and Milk Powder, Picture: William, MPC Supervisor

## Seeds distribution among adolescents to inspire vegetable gardening in courtyard

Adolescence is the age of growth where a demand of various kinds of foods contain and its nutrition to ensure. A great deal of deficiency of nutrition is observed among Rohingya adolescents. The main reasons of malnutrition are poverty and congested area of camp. On the other hand, if we see the local adolescents, malnutrition is also noticeable there. It happens due to the lacking of proper food habit, poverty and not to utilize their destitute land. To inspire them in vegetable gardening in their courtyard and as a way of solution of this malnutrition hack, various types of vegetables seeds like radish, gourd, lady finger, pumpkin, asparagus bean, bitter gourd and cucumber have been distributed. A total of 4400 packet seeds have been distributed among local people and seven camps. Hopefully nutritional demand will be enabled by that produced vegetables.

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