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The bulletin on the activities of the "Improving Social Cohesion Project". The project is being implemented by the COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR to improve 'Social Cohesion' among Rohingya and Host communities at Rajapalong, Palongkhali, Whykong, Hnila unions and 8 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

Dialogue between Rohingya and host community

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Khurshida begum, narrating her thoughts about social cohesion in camp 1 durina a dialoaue between both communities. PC-Enamul

'Together we will work for peaceful co-existence between host and Rohingya community until repatriation' said Kurshida begum, Union Parishad Member of Rajapalong in a dialogue held in camp 1 West. In the month of November COAST in collaboration with UNHCR organized 8 dialogue between Rohingya and host community in camp 1E/W, 2E/W, 14, 15, 21, 22. With the participation of CBP representative in the distinguish camp the dialogue has been organized community center of TAI. In the dialogue social cohesion committee from host community and social cohesion group form Rohingya sit together to address challenges and gaps in improving social cohesion. Both communities discuss and narrate provable solution against addressed gaps. After the dialogue all the challenges, gaps and proposed solution are presented to CiC better suggestions to mitigate the risk. During the briefing meeting about dialogue Mahfuzur Rahman, CiC camp 1 said, "We have to be obeyed by the law and order of Bangladesh govt. No people from both communities should do such step by which any unrest situation arise. More NGOs should take such kind of project because it's very important to keep peace between Rohingya and host until repatriation. He also said, "We are here for the security of both Rohingya and host community, anyone can come to CiC office and asked for help or solution. We want sustainable repatriation, but until repatriation it is very important to stay peacefully.

Workshop on virtual campaigning

Social cohesion committee will work as a fact checker in Ukhiya and Teknaf.

Under the project Improving Social Cohesion, two workshops were organized by the COAST Trust at Ukhiya and Teknaf separately on November 23 and 24, 2020.



Reaz Hossain, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer - COAST Trust conducting the session.

During this session various issues were discussed which included how social media, mostly twitter, can be used to let people throughout the world know about the current situation of the Rohingya and the host community. As people are only aware of the poor situation of the Rohingya community, they only sympathize with them but it is high time that people should also be aware of the hitches and challenges the host community is facing. So, by using twitter they can reach out to international platforms and share their misfortunes, raise concerns and ask for solutions. However, they were alerted not to spread negativity or hate using this opportunity.





Result Challenge and Learning Sharing Meeting with UP and Civil Society

Gaps and risks should clearly be identified in both communities to improve social cohesion.

ISC Project of COAST Trust organized the result, challenge, learning and sharing feedback meeting with UP and civil society at Teknaf and Ukhiya on November 24 and 26, 2020. The meetings consisted updates on the 'Improving Social Cohesion' project, its progress and challenges, followed by the feedbacks and comments from the present respective.



Mostafa Kamal Chowdhury, President of District Teacher Association sharing talking about project activities. Pc-Younos.

All the activities presented that COAST Trust had organized throughout the year and their impact on the Rohingya and host community. The presenter added that if these activities are carried out respectfully in the coming year as well then it will help to figure out the specific problems and the areas that needs more focus, which to some extent will help in reducing the hateful affiliation between the two communities and lead to a successful repatriation.

Activity target and achievement, November, 2020.

SL	Activity Name	Target	Achievement
1	Dialogue between Rohingya and host community	8	8
2	Result Challenges learning and sharing meeting with UP and Civil Society	2	2
3	Meeting with Social Media Activist	1	1
4	Workshop with Social Cohesion Committee on Virtual Campaigning	2	2

Meeting with Social Media Activist of Ukhiya and Teknaf

A meeting with social media activist on virtual campaigning had held in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila with the participation of 32 Social Media Activists who are mostly renowned and followed at social media from Ukhiya and Teknaf. Through video presentation, PPT, and open discussion facilitators narrate the positive use of social media, the importance of social media to improve social cohesion between Rohingya and host community. In these meetings, participants shared



Taspriya Binte Kashem, a social media activist form Ukhiya, was sharing her learning. PC: Julfikar

their views and opinion on using social media to improve social cohesion and peaceful coexistence. Taspriya Binte Kashem, A renowned social media activist form Ukhiya said, "This session encourages us all to use social media positively to all the topics. I didn't know before that through using twitter, we can reach the whole world with in a second after tweet any news."

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