

JUSTICE NEWS

Access to Justice at community Project

The Project in Brief

COAST Foundation is executing a project called "access to justice in the community" with the technical assistance of GIZ Bangladesh beginning in July 2021. The COAST Foundation is continuing this initiative in Bangladesh's Chattogram and Barisal regions. This project aims to provide legal aid to the underprivileged and poor members of our society. The project's goal is to establish justice rights for persons who are gender diverse and minorities. Restorative justice meetings, mediation, referral, diversion, and a legal aid clinic will all be used to provide them with legal assistance. COAST already completed 15 Union level, 4 Upazila level



Orientation for Community Volunteers

Volunteers of Bakerganj Upazilas 4 union and Babuganj Upazila 3 union in Barishal district received orientation. Orientation was also conducted in four unions of the Anwara Upazila and four unions of the Banskhali Upazila under Chottogram district

The project's community paralegals provided the orientation, which was funded by COAST Foundation. A total of 36 community volunteers from each union, consisting of two males and two females from each ward, organized a four-hour orientation as part of the project. They talk about the community's judicial procedure as well as their obligations. The community volunteers swore an oath to work together at the end of the session.



Upazila level Stakeholder Meeting

COAST held an orientation meeting in Chottogram's Anwara and Bashkhali upazilas, as well as Barishal's Bakerganj and Babuganj upazilas. At the meeting, the Upazila Nirbahi Officer and other government officials were present. The "Access to Justice in the Community" project's District Project Officers gave the opening remarks, while community paralegals were in charge of running the meeting.

Success in Dispute Mediation

The project's goal is to bring justice to the community and settle claims. Following training on Restorative Justice Meetings last month, the project team was able to successfully address disagreements in the community through RJ meetings and mediations. The RJ facilitators are resolving amicable disagreements through meetings with both parties' consent, with the goal of maintaining communal peace. Naturally, two RJ facilitators from each ward were chosen and trained through Restorative Justice.