

48th Edition, Date 03 March 2022, Enhancing Self Resilience and Protective Environment for Rohingya and Host Community Children, Adolescents and Youth in Cox's Bazar district, COAST Ukhia Relief Operation Centre, Ukhia, Cox's Bazar

COAST Foundation is implementing a multi-dimensional project entitled “Enhancing Self Resilience and Protective Environment for Rohingya and Host Community Children, Adolescents and Youth in Cox's Bazar district (ESRPE) in 8 camps and 3 unions in Ukhia and Teknaf Upazila. The duration of the project is from 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2022. During the project children, adolescents and youth will be benefitted from child protection services and educational opportunities such as case management, psychosocial support & recreational activities, life skill-based education, literacy & numeracy, vocational educational training including social hub facilities through the multi-purpose center and adolescents club. This will strengthen self-resilience and ensure protective environment among the children, adolescents and youth.

Morally educated youth force is needed to build a better society



Upazila Women and Children affairs Officer Shirin Islam is giving speech at Youth Conference. Photo- Md. Saheb Ali, TO

COAST Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF has organized Youth Conference 2022 at Jaliapalong and Ratnapalong Multipurpose Centers on 13 and 15 February 2022 with the participation of adolescents and youth of the centers. “Innovative thinking of the youth is needed for a prosperous world”- was the theme of the conference. The conference aims to guide the adolescents and youth about their contribution for positive change in the society and their future development. The honorable guests of the conference were Shirin Islam- Women and Children Affairs Officer of Ukhia Upazila, Ayub Ali-Youth Development Officer, Al Mahmud- Social Service Officer, Anwar Hosen- President Ukhia Press Club, UP Chairman, UP members of Jaliapalong and Ratnapalong Union Parishad, CBCPC members, teachers of local schools, social change agents and the officials of COAST Foundation. Md. Shahinur Islam – Head of Humanitarian Response presented the welcome speech

and said that the purpose of this conference is to hear the problems of society from the youth and adolescents and talk for constructive way forwards. The guests highlights their views and suggestions in their speech. A youth participant said, “Drug is very dangerous for our society, therefore we need to be aware about the causal effect of drug”. We have learned computer training, safe internet usage, leadership training, and social cohesion training by joining the COAST Foundation Multipurpose centers- he added. The guest said “The local youth need to focus on their study without looking for job at Rohingya Camps or NGOs at this early age”. All the govt. and non-govt. institutions should come forward to prevent the spreading of drug in the society-he added. Ratnapalong UP Chairman Nurul Huda said, “The literacy rate of Ratnapalong is 62%, we together need to increase it to 100%”. He said that any kind of support will be available from his side to cooperate the activities of COAST Foundation.

Forkan is now able to lead normal life by getting Psychosocial Support for COAST



Psychosocial Support is being provided to Forkan. Photo- Nezam Uddin, FC

COAST Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF is providing Case Management Services for the children and adolescents with high risk associated. Mohammad Forkan (15) was very ambitious about study but all his dreams in vein when they were the victim of military attack at Rakhaine State in Myanmar. After crossing the border, his family took shelter in the makeshift of Camp-19. During this time, his father got second marriage and their condition becomes very poor after this incident. To meet the demand and economic needs of his family, Forkan gets involve in child labor. He carried neighbor's relief, gas cylinder etc. to earn money. This made Forkan physically and mentally vulnerable. One of the CBCPC members of the COAST came to know about Forkan and talked to the Case Worker. Then he was given psychosocial support and provided counselling about child labor. He learned about mask and dress making from COAST Multipurpose Centre. Forkan said, "I will open a tailoring shop when we get back to Myanmar".

Life skill education and vocational training are contributing to the future of Rohingya youth



Jamil is busy in repairing solar panel at neighboring house. Photo- Selina Akter, SW

Abu Jamil (17) lives in Camp-12 along with his family. He was a registered adolescent of COAST Foundation at Camp-12 Multipurpose Centre (MPC). He took vocational training on solar maintenance and installation. However, he looks depressed when attending the sessions at MPC. Taking this matter into account, Case Worker Selina Akter decided to give him session separately. When talking to him, Selina came to know that they were very solvent in Myanmar and had a lot of cultivable land. But they lost everything due to the military attack left all their assets and valuable goods when coming to Bangladesh. The Myanmar army burnt their house. He cannot avoid this horrible memories which made his depressed most of the time.

Then he became enrolled to learn solar training at MPC. Now he earns 200 to 400 taka everyday by serving solar system services within camps. His father said, "My son passed lazy time but he is now using time to earn money after getting the training from COAST. He is now contributing to his family needs".

DED of COAST Foundation exchanges opinion with the CP Programme participants



DED of COAST is conducting FGD with programme participants at Camp-14. Photo-Mubiniul Islam, FC

The Deputy Executive Director of COAST Foundation, Sanat Kumar Bhowmik visited Camp-14 on February 26 and meet with Imam, PCC, CBCPC members. He discussed about COAST activities and welcome opinion from the programme participants and stakeholders about the present situations of camps and their living conditions. To improve the service, he conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with them. After conducting the FGD, the DED visited newly installed soap making room, soap quality and the machineries of the multipurpose center.

Implemented activities during February 2022		
Activity Description	Target	Achievement
Youth conference	01	01
Case Management	Continue	Continue
Mask production	Follow up	Follow up
Sanitary pad production	Follow up	Follow up
Psychosocial support	Continue	Continue

All project staff have provided their continuous effort to publish this newsletter providing information and photograph.
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