

"Emergency assistance to support COVID-19 response in Cox's bazar camps & host communities (EASCR) Project " is being implemented in Cox's Bazar district. Tear Fund Bangladesh is providing financial and technical assistance and the COAST Foundation is implementing the program. These activities are being implemented in two upazilas of Cox's bazar district and rohinga camps. (Khuniapalong of Ramu Upazilla & Jilonga union of Cox's Bazar sadar and Camp 1 west & Camp 9).

### Distributing blankets to the fire affected Rohingya Community at camp-16



Distributing blanket at camp-16, date: 13.01.22, Photo, Masum

On the 9th of January 2022, suddenly a fire broke out at camp-16 in Kutupalong, Ukhiya. Approximately 800 dwellings, including 30 host community households, were partially or entirely damaged, according to ISCG's rapid and primary information. Many families have been displaced to Camp 15 and are lodging with relatives in the nearby camps. According to the initial response update from ISCG and Camp In-Charge (CIC), fire-affected Rohingya and host community homes urgently require blankets for the upcoming winter. The Camp In-Charge (CIC) office has requested 500 blankets from COAST to meet the immediate needs of fire victims. Other actors will respond in accordance with the CiC office's coordination. In the winter season they were living in the open sky & faced problems in this winter season. So, the dwellers of camp-16 fire affected Rohingya community were leading a miserable life. By looking their condition the Camp-16 in Charge Sankar Kumar Biswas requested to COAST Foundation for providing 500 blankets to the affected community. COAST Foundation distributed 500 blankets on 13 January 2022. From COAST Foundation there were present Team Leader, Md. Younus, Project Co-ordinator Md. Mizanur Rahman and other staff of the project. The CIC of camp-16 Sankar Kumar Biswas praised COAST Foundation for quick response. He also said COAST have been working at Cox's Bazar from 2001. In Cox's bazar COAST have

been working at 9 Upazillas. From 2017 COAST have been working of humanitarian response for Rohingya Community. By getting the blankets the Rohingya Community people were very much benefitted.



Post monitoring by COAST & Tearfund, Pictur taken Pintu biswash

They are now protecting winter by wearing blankets. It is tested by spot verification Tear fund representative James Rana Baidaya if it is using or not. He visited the spot and found that they are using the blankets and keeping safely at their present dwelling. He assessed their level of Satisfaction. The dwellers of camp-16 were happy to get blankets from COAST Foundation. They said to Tear fund representative that they are using this blankets regularly. It is standards than other blankets.



Other organizations do not take any measures to maintain the work after it is completed. The COAST Foundation is working on that and has taken the initiative to repair solar lights in Camp, which is really commendable. This was stated by Mr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Camp Incharge of Camp-1 at the project inception meeting.

**Provide training and distribute hygiene materials at raising health awareness during the Covid period**



Distribute hygiene kits among group members

Hygiene kit is distributed at host community among 300 selected families. There were 200 families from Khunia Palong , Ramu & 100 families from Jhilonja , Coxsbazar Sadar Upazilla. In Jhilonja the distribution is held on 23 January 2022 & in Khunia Palong the distribution is held on 25 January 2022. During the distribution the member of the ward of that union was present. The distribution was held group wise at the two union. During the distribution a complain response mechanism register was maintained. All the group members were present and received the blankets & hygiene kits. The Jhilonja Union Panel Chairman Md. Salimul Hoque in his opinion said that this time blanket & hygiene kit is very important. We give special thanks to COAST Foundation for this distribution. Sanjida Akter, 07 ward, Jhilonja said that we will be benefitted by getting blankets & hygiene kits. This is winter season so blankets are necessary for this time. In this Pandemic situation hygiene kit is also very important. We give thanks to COAST Foundation.



COAST Foundation has built various drains, tubewells and stairs in our camp. That has been very good. Many of them are still usable. Many other organization have done but they did not work well. This was said by Md. Rafiq, the head maji of the camp at the project inception meeting of Camp-1.

**Hand washing has now become a habit**

Monwara Begum (34) provided information about her family to the EASCR project implemented by the Coast Foundation. A few days later, the project officer arrived at his home and informed him that he could join a team led by Coast. He joined the team on 20.01.2022 and got hygiene session on 25.01.2022.



Monuara Begum washing hand, January 24, 2022

Through this session he can learn about the need to wash his hands, what are the harms of not washing his hands and what are the diseases that can be contracted as a result.

Hygiene kits were distributed to all the members of the team from the project on 26.01.2022. Monowara Begum also said that after receiving the session, all my family members wash their hands regularly. If there is no soap, do not wash your hands with ash or sand. This hygiene kit has increased the tendency of my family to wash their hands.

The member of the dream ladder team also said that her husband expressed his determination to keep soap at home regularly.

<b>Description of implementation works of January, 2022</b>		
<b>Name of Activities</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Blanket distribution to fire effected Rohingya	500	500
Blanket & Hygiene kit distribution	300	300
Hygiene session	30	30
Inception Meeting	4	4
PSS session	30	30

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