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Urging UN agencies and INGOs to fulfill International Commitments in Rohingya Relief

## **Reduce Transaction Cost, Ensure Accountability and Partnering with Local Organization**

Dhaka, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Today in a dialogue title “Integrating Grand Bargain Commitments in FDMN (Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National) Relief and Facilitating Localization” have held in CIRDAP auditorium, organized by COAST and CCFN (Cox’s Bazar CSO NGO Forum). Speakers in the dialogue urged UN agencies and INGOs (international non-government organizations) to follow what they have commitment in Grand Bargain (GB) have held in Istanbul 2016 and Charter 4 Change, in respect of Rohingya relief, and to go for gradual reduction of transaction cost, ensuring transparency and accountability toward local authorities and to be partnering with local NGOs. The dialogue was moderated by Abu Morshed Chowdhury the Co-Chair CCFN and Executive Director PHALS and Rezaul Karim Chowdhury another one Co-Chair of CCFN and Executive Director COAST. The dialogue was chaired by Dr Helal Uddin, Director NGO Affairs Bureau; Guest of Honor was Mr Abdus Sattar Deputy Chief of IoM (International Office of Migration), Mr Vincent Gule from UNHCR (United Nation High Commission for Refugees). Among the panel speakers were, Shaheen Anam of Manusher Jonno Foundation, Nayeem Wahara Disaster Forum, MB Akhter Oxfam, AKM Musha Concern World Wide, Shakeeb Nabi Christian Aid, Henry Glorieux and Lane Krainyk UN RC Office, Mr Arash Canadian Embassy, Ms Suranga from ECHO, Jeroen Steeghs Netherland Embassy and Omar Faruque DFID.

Key note presentations were given by Koenrad Van Brabant from GMI / Navigation 360 and Mujibul Haque Munir of COAST, who did a study in Rohingya Relief on how much of GB commitments, is being implemented. There are several criticisms in respect of high dependency on international experts, ignorance to the local capacity, high level of cost, limitations in coordination, staff poaching from local NGOs, little recognition to the effort of local partner NGOs, little importance to the local eco system. They urged there should be legacy planning in this regard, more leadership from local authorities in coordination level and responsive to the compensation to the host community and ecological disasters. They have urged integration of GB commitment in coming Joint Response Planning (JRP) so that there will accountable and sustainable response to the Rohingya relief.

Saheen Anam of MJF said that Bangaldeshi NGOs has more capacity to manage humanitarian and development they hardly need of international expatriate. Abdus Sattar of IoM said that now there ISCG (Inter Sectorial Coordination Group) and SEG (Strategic Executive Group) is taking shape in a complex situation so that there will be more responsiveness, efficiency and effectiveness. Vincent Gule UNHCR said that they want to see the localization taking place. AKM Musha Concern worldwide said all local NGOs should have separate humanitarian departments. Shakeeb Nabi Christian Aid said that, ecological disaster and affected population from the host community has to be taken care of now. MB Akhter of Oxfam said that, local NGOs have to come with capacity and commitment; they are in the process of capacity development. Dr Helal Uddin the Chair of the dialogue said that, local NGOs have to be supported for sustainability and accountability of the work.

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