

COAST Foundation is implementing a multi-dimensional project entitled “Strengthen the Protective Environment for Children & Adolescents in Rohingya & Host Communities in Cox’s Bazar District (SPE4CA) in 8 camps and 3 unions in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila. The duration of the project is from 28th April 2022 to 27th April 2023. During the project children, adolescents and youth will be benefited from child protection services and educational opportunities such as case management, psychosocial support & recreational activities, life skill-based education, literacy & numeracy, vocational education & training including social hub facilities through the multi-purpose centers and adolescents’ clubs. This will strengthen self-resilience and ensure a protective environment among the children, adolescents and youth.

COAST celebrated Universal Children’s Day- 2022



COAST- SPE4CA project celebrated “Universal Children’s Day-2022” with rally. Pic: Mahabub Rahaman, Outreach Worker, Ratnapalong

COAST Foundation is implementing the Child Protection (SPE4CA) Project for supporting the vulnerable children in Rohingya camps and Host. As a part of that, Ratnapalong Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) successfully celebrated Universal Children’s Day following the theme that ‘Equality and Inclusion for every child’ on 20th November 2022 at Ratnapalong Social hub. They have participated in a rally, art competition, discussion on the day & so many arrangements that debuted the whole day startlingly. The objectives of the day observation was to inform children and parents about the history & importance of world children’s day, ensuring the rights of the children, reducing child labor & child marriage, to make people hopeful for ensuring a sustainable future and creating a safe environment based on equality and to create awareness of parents that will ensure the proper growth of the child. Besides, the same program has also been organized in Teknaf, Jaliapalong, Camp 8E & Camp 14 Social Hub under the same project.

Little Taher is back in his parents’ arms

Taher is a little boy of three years old who lost his way in camp-19 while he was visiting his grandparent’s house with his mother & went Camp-19 on 24th October, 2022 to pick rations and foods. Suddenly he lost his mother and started searching for his mother to-and-fro near the COAST Foundation’s multipurpose center in camp-12, block-G 15. Multipurpose center’s supervisor Morshedul Alam found the boy in front of the multipurpose center. He immediately informed social worker Selina Akter. Then they went to camp-19 according to Taher’s directions to find his family and social worker Selina Akter contacted social worker Razia Akter of Camp-19 for the information of Taher’s parents.



The lost child has been shifter to his parents by COAST- SPE4CA project staff & Child Protection focal of Camp 18. Date-25-11-2022
But unfortunately, they didn’t find & having no other option they discussed this matter with camp-12’s child protection focal Aminul Islam and handed over Taher at TDH’s safe home that situated in camp-12. They also arranged for an announcement allover camp-12 about Taher’s missing incident. Hearing that announcement Taher’s parents came to COAST Foundation’s volunteer who took them to TDH volunteer after consulting with social worker Selina Akter. TDH volunteer checked all the documents of Taher’s parents and handed over Taher to his parents; as they were crying a lot for their child. Next day after getting the information that Taher’s parents live at camp-18, the social worker made a visit there. She came to know that Taher’s father’s name is Laal Miya & they live in block- M9. Social worker informed camp -18’s child protection focal Md. Shakhawat and then officially handed over maintaining proper documents. Social worker also referred Taher to BITA considering his further risks. Taher’s parents had no word to thanks the COAST Foundation for their humanitarian involvement. In future they will be more careful about Taher.

COAST leads the way obtaining the solvency of Manwara Begum



*Manwara Begum is working as a volunteer in DSK office
Pic: Md. Selim, Community Mobilizer, Jaliapalong*

Monowara Begum (25) is one of the active members of Himalaya Club, Parents & Caregivers Committee (PCC) that is situated in Jaliapalong Union under the COAST Child Protection Project which is funded by UNICEF. After the second marriage of her husband in 2020, she was living in trouble with her two Children. The Community Mobilizer of Multipurpose Centre, Mr. Md Selim Came to know by an advertisement of a local newspaper that some volunteers will be appointed for a WASH project of DSK which is also funded by UNICEF. Then the Community Mobilizer took necessary initiatives & met with the Project Manager Mr. Tofazzal Ahmed with a CV of Monowara Begum and also shared her family's crucial conditions. As a result, the authority of DSK ultimately nominated her as a volunteer for that project. Recently she is performing her regular duties very well and able to bear the educational expenses of her two Children. He expressed her feelings by sharing that she got a huge inspiration by participating in the regular meetings of COAST Parents & Caregivers Committee (PCC) and found a new path for starting something new. And she is grateful to COAST. Besides her job, currently she also participates in the various social & development activities of her area.

Rafiq is now a Good Friend to his community & friends

Rafiq is a 16-years old transgender boy. After coming to Bangladesh from Myanmar, he leads a scattered and miserable life, his family condition is very low. Rafiq wants to study and play with other children at his block, but at first, society didn't accept him like a normal child. He also faced many problems while moving in the camp. He was deprived of his basic needs as the people of the society do not accept him properly. Neighbors and friends around Rafiq often assaulted him by inflicting emotional and physical injuries.



Rafiq Ahmed is taking psychosocial support session at MPC.
Pic: Md. Lokman, Field Coordinator, camp-14



Rafiq Ahmed is taking tailoring training along with psychosocial support session. Pic: Md. Lokman, Field Coordinator, camp-14

Gradually he hides himself from society. His problems have been taken up by staff's field visit monitoring of the Child Protection Project. After joining the MPC, he was again assaulted by different teenagers. PSS workers of this MPC took PSS sessions with them and tried to understand them about life, friendship and trust, helping others for building a better community. When other teenagers understood their mistakes, they felt sorry for Rafiq and made friendship between them. Rafiq Ahmed accepts MPC's activities happily. He also got different individual psychosocial support to develop his inner sense. Currently, Rafiq plays with all the children, even participates in various social activities. From his consent, COAST Foundation is a safe place for children. Now he is taking a tailoring session from MPC to develop his knowledge.

Implemented activities during November- 2022

Activity Description	Target	Achievement
Case management service	50	43
Training of L/N refreshers	1	1
Training on safe internet use	3	3
Training on PSEAH	2	2
PSS Session	9	9
VET session	5	5
LSBE session	8	8
MeWeUs session	6	6
Literacy and Numeracy Session	6	6
Community Dialogue	6	6
Day Observation	1	1

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