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## AWARENESS-RAISING PROGRAMS CONTINUED

It is very essential to focus on host community people who live nearby the camps in terms of reducing conflicts and social tensions.



Field Coordinator Ahmed Ullah facilitating a session at Ali Akbar Dail near camp 26.

After the Rohingya influx, many host community people and Rohingya people are living very closely in the different camp areas. These camp areas are more likely to conflict risk areas where both communities leave together. To reduce this tension and improve a peaceful environment in these areas the project aims to sensitize host community people through sensitization sessions on human rights, social cohesion, and peaceful co-existence. A total of 8 sensitization sessions were arranged at adjacent areas of camps 22, 25, 1, and 14 of Raja Palong, Whykong, Palongkhali, and Hnila unions. A total of 246 participants participated in these sensitization sessions including 97 male, 138 female, and 11 persons with disability.

**Sheikh Rasel**- who lives near camp 22, said that "at the beginning of the influx we sheltered the Rohingya. But some of the Rohingya's illegal activities create tensions and fear among the host community people. This is one of the potential risks of deteriorating peaceful co-existence among Rohingya and host community people".



Youths of Domdomia Jubo Kallayan Samiti planning for their social activities

## YOUTH CLUBS ARE NOW MORE COMMITTED TO ENSURING SOCIAL WELLBEING

Youth is the power. They have the potential to build a better society if we can let them show a good path.

Aiming for that objective, the project has taken some activities for the local youths so that they cannot indulge in illegal or unsocial activities and to encourage them to do different social activities like awareness raising campaigns, sessions, day observation, sports competitions, and football coaching for the potential footballers. In March, the project arranged 4 planning meetings with 4 clubs.

## Community people demand road dividers in Ukhia

Parents of the students of Ukhia Government High School and Primary School, UP Chairman, PC committee members, and civil society members demand road Dividers in front of these educational institutions. In the regular project meetings, they demand it. They pleaded for road dividers urgent mentioning the Recent accidents happened in front of these institutions, where two students went to live, and death situations. Road dividers will ensure safety nearly for 2000 students

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