

"Dry Fish and Aquaculture for Wellbeing and Nutrition"(DAWN) project funded by USAID through world fish(South Asia) is directed from Cox's Bazar among three upazilla namely Teknaf, Pekua and Cox's Bazar Sadar monthly news of this project.

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Market Linkage Workshop on Safe Dry Fish



Teknaf Upazilla; Photo credit: Md. Morshed, Participants with World Fish representative in the Workshop session.

There were two (02) workshop was held one in Cox's Bazaar Sadar at the conference hall of the Cox's Bazar District Fisheries Office on Wednesday, 8 January, 2020 and another was 15 January, 2020 at Teknaf Upazilla Hall Room, Teknaf. Workshops were presided over by Nutrition and Aquaculture Co-ordinator of the DAWN Project, Sahzada Hasibur Rahman. District Fisheries Officer S.M. Khalekuzzaman was present as the chief guest, also participate World Fish representative Dr. Mohammad Abdul Baten Bhuyain (PHD), Aquaculture specialist with related all Union Nutrition Facilitator and related Upazilla Nutrition and Aquaculture Officer. In Teknaf the workshop was started at the presence of Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Senior Upazila Fisheries Officer Md. Delwar Hossain. President of Teknaf Upazila Small Fisheries Association Abdus Salam, Uttpol Nandi (FAO, DAWN Project). Total sixty two (62) no. of the dealers, traders, distributors and input retailers were present in two workshops. Total 93 Participants were present in the workshop (Male 80 & Female 2). COAST trust will establish linkage with company, input retailers, distributors, trader and

dealer, local government entities through seminar. Thus, a relationship among COAST trust, govt. entities, service providers and dry fish entrepreneurs and workers will be established. Nutrition and Aquaculture Co-ordinator speaking on the greetings said the aim of the project is to increase the income of the entrepreneurs and improve the quality of life and nutrition status and nutritional training in advanced materials for the production of poisonous and pesticides free dry fish through improved technology. In Teknaf Chief Guest Mohammad Saiful Islam (UNO) said in his speech, **As much support for the production of safe dry fish in the Teknaf Upazila will be provided by the Upazila administration.** Care must be taken in the production of dry fish matter so as not to damage the environment. He also has problems with the participants from their dry fish production to selling.

Fish Drier and Macha for safe dry fish production



Nazirartek, Cox's Bazar Sadar Upazilla; drying fish in fish drier, Photo credit: Hasibur, NAC.

Cox's Bazar Bazar is open and under the auspices of the Dry Fish and Aquaculture for Wellbeing and Nutrition Project, with a total of 25 fish driers and 25 elevated net macha for the purpose of producing safe and hygienic dry fish production, under the assistance of Feed the Future Bangladesh Aquaculture and Nutrition Activity and

implemented by the Coast Trust at field level. Among the entrepreneurs selected at the field level, two new technology fish drier and elevated net macha were provided, of which 18 fish drier and 13 macha were in Cox's Bazar Sadar upazilla and 7 fish driers and 12 elevated net macha in Teknaf upazila. This allows entrepreneurs to produce safe & hygienic dry fish all year long without the use of harmful and chemical products, especially through the use of fish dryers. From these fish dryer in Cox's Bazar sold 1417 kg (BDT1272550), from macha 657 kg (BDT 621600) and in Teknaf Upazilla from fish drier produce and sold 2959 kg (BDT1817670), from macha 9913 kg (BDT 1918667) safe dry fish. Safe dried fish is widespread in Bangladesh at present and it plays a huge role in meeting the demand for nutrients, especially essential basic nutrients. Buyers do not worry too much about the price if they find safe dried fish of good quality. Besides, Cox's Bazar, Teknaf, Kutubdia and Maheshkhali are abundant in these areas, where there is no production of pods in any other area. Entrepreneurs in Fish drier and Macha, founded by the project, have begun producing safe pellets, which are expected to have a huge response in the region.

Development of fisheries ThrFrough Modern Training



Teknaf Upazilla; Photo Credit: Monzur Islam, UNF; Lecturing in Training session..

Under the "Dry Fish and Aquaculture for Well-being and Nutrition" project implemented by the COAST Trust, the modernization of fisheries cultivation, nutrition, vegetable farming, hygiene and gender among the 17 unions of the three upazila at the field level. The training program begins. The training program will be provided on a total of 8 sessions / modules to each selected group of project staff i.e. members of each group will receive training on 8 modules. The module's sequence is as follows:

Module-1	Module-2	Module-3	Module-4	Module-5 & 6	Module-7	Module-8
Pre-stocking and stocking management of ponds	Post-stocking management of ponds	Some common problems and remedies in pond fish farming, collection, marketing and profit-loss calculations	Pond Dike Cropping	Nutrition	Hygiene	Gender

Training of members is being made by making 1 batch of 20 people from each group. The Union Nutrition Facilitators and Upazilla Nutrition and Aquaculture Officers will assist in training them in almost every session, with the Union Level Nutrition Facilitators and Upazilla Nutrition and Aquaculture Officers in the field. It is to be noted that till today 31/01/2020, a total of 500 training including module-1, module-2, module-3, module-4, Module-5, module-6, module-7 & Module-8 in 17 unions of three upazillas have been successfully completed where this month 87 session completed and total participants are 2569 (male-1328 and female-1241). All the training will be completed on 8 consecutive modules which are currently underway at the field level. The beneficiaries, who have ponds but did not know the modern technology of fisheries, are benefiting greatly and other fish farmers of that area are also being encouraged. Due to this, fish production in this area is increasing and the beneficiaries are dreaming to become self-sufficient. The Upazilla Fisheries Department has emphasized on taking more such initiatives.

Monthly Cluster Meeting for Successful of DAWN



Pekua Upazilla; Photo Credit: Kamrunnesa, CDO; Meeting with UNAO & UNF

Under the "Dry Fish and Aquaculture for Well-being and Nutrition" project implemented by the COAST Trust in field level monthly cluster done in every month in each Upazilla. All Upazilla Nutrition and Aquaculture Officer

will arrange monthly cluster meeting at Upazilla offices. A total of 36 meetings in 3 Upazilla will be Upazilla level arranged within the project period. The meeting agenda will be the accomplished activities of the last month and detailed planning for next month. UNAO may arrange capacity building brief session/discussion for the meeting participants. World Fish respective personnel may participate in such meetings periodically.

- Nutrition and Aquaculture Coordinator (NAC), Upazilla Nutrition and Aquaculture Officer (UNAO) and Union Nutrition Facilitators (UNF) will participate in the meeting.
- Every Upazilla will have one meeting each month
- Target achievement analysis of field staffs for betterment of the project.
- Project staffs knew what they do, what is the gap and what are the necessary steps taken to overcome back locks.
- Daily/weekly/Monthly planning of own work.
- Brief meeting minutes.

Under the three (three) upazilas implemented by the Coast Trust under the Dry Fish and Aquaculture for Wellbeing and Nutrition project.

Monthly Target Achievement Sep-2019

Sl	Activities	Target	Achievement
01	Monthly Cluster Meeting	03	03
02	Aquaculture Training	87	87
03	Workshop on Safe dry fish	02	02
04	Newsletter	01	01
05	School Session	01	01

All staffs of DAWN project will help to make this newsletter provide important information

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