

The monthly bulletin on the activities of the 'Improving Social Cohesion Project'. The project is being implemented by the Coast Trust in collaboration with UNHCR to improve 'Social Cohesion' among Host and Rohingya Communities at Rajapalong, Palongkhali, Whykong, Hnila unions and respective 8 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas of Coxs Bazar, Bangladesh.

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A precise action plan prepared in monthly meeting to implement ISC Project.

To set up a detail action plan for rest of year to implement the project activities a meeting held on 14th of June through online Zoom Meeting software. All project staff total of 14 including Jahangir Alam, Project Manager was attended in the meeting. Besides preparing action plan, how to work by keeping ourselves safe in this pandemic situation has been discussed also in the meeting.



In the meeting some major decision has been taken, to recapitulate the meeting notable points are, office always be prepared with all protected measures for the safety of staff and Union Coordinator to M&E about body temperatures of project colleagues, All project colleagues must be more aware of social distancing especially whenever go to the meet with stakeholders, All purchase procedures will be completed by July, planned activities will be implemented with the concern from UNO and CiC.

COAST Improving Social Cohesion Project partnership with UNHCR is going to be revised.

COAST has a partnership with UNHCR since January, 2019. "Improving Social Cohesion among Rohingya and host community" a project, started implementation from January, 2020. Due to COVID 19 pandemic, it's been difficult to implement the project. Considering the situation UNHCR has been called an online meeting on 23th of June with ISC Project staff. Subrata Kumar Chakrabarti, Kefayet Ullah from UNHCR and Mujibul haque Munir along with program officers of ISC project attended the meeting.



The meeting is focused on the reprogramming of existing activities. As Subrata Kumar says, activities require mass gathering is not possible to implement in this situation. Mujibul Haque Munir, Joint Director, COAST Trust focused on online radio broadcast this time to reach information about COVID 19 prevention measures. UNHCR asked to submit more activities related with COVID 19 by 10th July as draft activities for project amendment. UNHCR also point out that, activities should have notable reason of improving social cohesion.

Social Cohesion is all that need to improve at any situation.

The world is facing a critical situation because of COVID 19. In this critical situation, social distancing is the solution to be safe from COVID 19. But the most vulnerable population is Rohingya now living in 34 camps located at Ukhiya and Teknaf who need to be more aware of that. An assessment has been done by ISC project staff on how to improve social cohesion between Rohingya and the host community throughout the COVID 19 pandemic.



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Throughout the assessment, a bunch of activities figured out which will help both communities to be more aware of COVID 19 prevention and also improve social cohesion between the communities.

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