



## Monthly Climate News Circle

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CFTM (Climate Finance Transparency Mechanism) is an issue based project. It is funded by British Council targeting to build up a mechanism for the best utilization of the fund related to climate change in a transparent and accountable way. COAST Trust is implementing this project in 12 upazilas under 3 coastal districts (Bhola, Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali) of Bangladesh.

### Quarterly Reflection Workshop by British Council concludes in Dhaka



BCAS Executive Director Dr. A Atiq Rahman is giving his speech on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

A Reflection Workshop was concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Six Seasons Hotel in Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

British Council was organized this one daylong workshop titled "Quarterly Reflection Workshop" with the presence of key personnel from all the IBP (Issue Based Project) partners. All the participants here shared their quarterly organization's progress, experience and recommendations regarding the project goal and also shared their own planning for the next tranche (July'19-Sep'19). The British Council Authority introduced a new idea of "Ecosystem" with the implementation cycle.

Mr. Jerry fox, Team Leader, PROKAS of British Council was inaugurated the workshop. BCAS's Executive Director, Dr. A Atiq Rahman and other British Council representatives were also present among others during this event.

### A lobby meeting was held at the Department of Disaster Management, Bauphal Upazila

The lobby meeting was held with the Department of Disaster Management, Bauphal on 11 July 2019 at 10.00 am morning. The meeting was presided by the president of Upazilla Climate Forum, Bauphal, Patuakhali. The Chief



Mr. Rajib Biswas is talking about the importance of climate finance 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Guest of this meeting was Rajib Biswas, Upazilla Project Implementation Officer, Bauphal, Patuakhali. District Team Leader of COAST CFTM Project represented the observations, which are found from the social audit Culvert of Kalia, Bauphal, Patuakhali. These were: having no signboard of this project, having no wing wall at the two sides, having no plaster at two railings, lack of proper monitoring system and base of streetlight is not properly made. After hearing these observations, the Upazilla Project Implementation Officer gave specific analysis against these issues. The Climate Forum leaders shared their thinking with the PIO, Bauphal. The PIO gave his opinion that such types of comments are needed to increase the standards of various schemes. He also said I always welcome this forum for visiting our projects & sharing with us.

### Agricultural Loan will be provided to the farmers to discourage them from tobacco cultivation

On the basis of social audit observation, a lobby meeting was held at the office room of Mr. Zafar Alam, Honorable Member of Parliament, Chakaria, Cox's bazar on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The meeting was inaugurated by Mr. Moqbul Ahmed, Assistant Director & district team leader for CFTM project of COAST Trust. Among others Mr. Ekhlusal Kabir, President, Mr.



**Mr. Zafar Alam, Honorable MP is listening the speech of CSO leaders on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**



**Moment of Capacity building training on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

Humayun Kabir, Vice president and other members from upazila climate forum were also present in this meeting. The Climate forum leaders shared their horrible experiences after visiting the seven unions of Chakaria upazila on unplanned tobacco cultivation and setting up furnace closer to the locality. They placed that among all upazilas of Cox's bazar district, in chakaria alone more than 4,000 acres land are using for tobacco cultivation. For processing these huge amount of tobacco leaves, more than 2,000 furnace are established in locality. They collected their necessary firewood from the nearby forest. That's why not only in the forest but also in the homestead area's trees are decreasing drastically. It has a great negative impact on the overall environment and the lifestyle of local inhabitants as well. It should be stopped by any means.

The honorable Member of Parliament listened all the speech attentively. He assured that definitely tobacco is hampering the environment a lot. He will place this concern towards the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and will take necessary steps it can be agricultural loan as soon as possible.

### **Capacity building training on social audit, advocacy and transparency & governance issues**

COAST Trust organized a 4 daylong residential training at Hotel sea palace in Cox's bazar. Here the total number of participants were 30. Among them 17 were male and 13 were female including Deputy Director and Core Coordinator from COAST Trust. Participants have been chosen from the selected areas who are also the members from climate forum, youth and involved with social activities. It is expected that they will gather clear knowledge on climate governance, causes of climate change regarding Bangladeshi context, Climate issues, Power Mapping, Right to Information Act and Gender equality, inclusion process etc. Moreover they will gain practical

knowledge on Social Auditing and necessary reporting including presenting skill towards relevant Govt. departments targeting youth.

***Now the activity wise achievements of the reporting month of July 2019 are given as a table:***

SL	Name of the activities	Target	Achievement
01	Bi-Monthly meeting with District Monitoring Group	3	3
02	Social Audit	3	3
03	Audio Visual Campaign	14	14
04	Lobby Meeting	7	7
05	Capacity building training on social audit and advocacy for potential CSO and youth members facilitate by social development experts	1	1
06	Quarterly meeting with Youth Climate Forum	1	1
07	Reflection Workshop	1	1
08	Monthly Staff Meeting	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>

All colleagues of Climate Finance Transparency Mechanism (CFTM) Project, Bhola, Cox's bazar & Patuakhali have helped to make this publication "for detail information and further contact"

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