

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

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Special 'Student Gathering' to inspire students in Cox's Bazar, Human Rights Day Observation and Prize Awarding Ceremony



Mahabub Alam Talukder, RRRC was discussing at the program. Photo Credit: Tauhidul Alam.

Around 300 students of 25 educational institutions of Ukhiya and Teknaf in Cox's Bazar district are encouraged to be aware of own rights as well as to be respectful of others rights and emphasized on setting up and meeting the goal of achieving proper career through a prize and certificate awarding and Awareness on Universal Declaration of Human Rights Titled "Human Being is Above All" program which was organized by COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR on 9 December 2019 at BIAM Foundation Auditorium, Cox's Bazar. In the program, the speakers suggested students to choose a career in a planned way to become a good citizen.

Zinnat Shahid Pinki, Assistant Commissioner (NGO Cell), Cox's Bazar District Administration, presided over the program, while Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Mahbub Alam Talukdar was present as the chief guest. The special guests were Mujibur Rahaman, Mayor of Cox's Bazar; Hamidul Haque Chowdhury, Ukhiya Upazila Parishad Chairman; Marin Din Kajdomcaj, Head of Operations, UNHCR Cox's bazar sub office; Peter Anglo, Head of FAO Cox's Bazar, Head of UN Women, Cox's Bazar; Flora Macula, UNFPA's Cox's Bazar Head Roselidah Raphael, Cox's Bazar District Secondary Teachers' Association President Hussainul Islam Matbar, Assistant Public Prosecutor Advocate Shaki-A-Kawser, Editor, Voice of Ukhiya, Noor Mohammad Shikdar; General Secretary of Ukhiya Press Club, Komor Uddin Mukul, President of Govt. College Teachers Association, Cox's Bazar, Mr. Abu Taher.

Mr. Mujibul Haque Munir, Assistant Director of COAST Trust, briefly discussed on universal declaration of human rights issues. He mentions that the manifesto teaches us that all people have equal rights regardless of religion-cast etc. To ensure a peaceful world, we must respect the rights of all. 30 point of human rights declaration means 30 rights of human being. COAST Trust has been working on human rights for ten years that means before Rohingya influx

started. Now with the IPC Project, we are working in both host and Rohingya community including human rights session in 25 educational institution in Ukhiya and Teknaf. **Sharmin Sultana Priya and Samira Akter**, students of Nurul Islam Chowdhury Technical School and College, Ukhiya and Kanjorpara High School, Teknaf respectively also spoke and shared about their learning and experiences with IPC Project programs at their institutions. They say such human rights session and competitions are increasing awareness among the students on contemporary issues. They are

gaining knowledge, their talent, their presentation style, their instincts, their leadership qualities are evolving. Which is important to growing up as a citizen with human qualities.

The event was moderated by the **COAST Trust's Cox's Bazar Regional Team Leader Jahangir Alam**. The prizes and certificates were awarded among the winners of various sports and cultural contests at the Upazila level, while special awards were presented to 6 students who secured the top positions from two Upazila in various sessions on rights issues and essay writing competition

A discussion Program for Joint Risk Assessment for Effective Rohingya Response Until Repatriation and Development in Cox's Bazar



KM Abdus Salam, Director General of the NGO Affairs Bureau Was Discussing During the Program.

Speakers at a discussion emphasized conducting a joint risk assessment in Cox's Bazar as locals affected by Rohingya crisis are not getting fair share of benefits of development programs.

An effective and holistic development plan should be taken based on that assessment, they told a meeting in Cox's Bazar on 19 December 2019.

COAST Trust and UNHCR jointly hosted 'Together for Better Rohingya Response until the Repatriation and Facilitating Development in Cox's Bazar' program, according to a press release.

The speakers called for making education top priority in development plan and ensuring participation of local Civil

Society Organizations (CSO) and local union parishads (UP) at all levels.

The speakers said at the meeting that as a strategy to tackle the Rohingya crisis, various organizations are examining the problems, needs of the local people in different ways. As a result, the people affected by the Rohingya arrival are not benefiting from the well-organized development program. Therefore, a comprehensive development plan must be implemented to identify all the parties involved in the district first. Education should be given the highest priority in the development plan and ensure participation of local communities and local union councils at all levels.

Online journalists decided not to publish any news harmful for Cox's Bazar- Online journalists' workshop



Subrata Kumar Chakrabarty was speaking at the workshop with online journalists titled 'Role of media toward social harmony in Cox's Bazar. Photo: Tauhidul Islam

COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR organized two-day long workshop with online journalists of Cox's Bazar on Role of Media towards Social Harmony in Cox's Bazar on December 28-29, 2019 at Lighthouse Family Retreat. Local and national level experts; Akter Kamal Chy, Din Mohammed Shibly, Barkat Ullah Maruf, Gawher Nayeem Wara, Mujibul Haque Munir facilitated the workshop on various important issues of reporting for example; increasing area of activities and role of online journalists, ethics of Journalism and Challenges of Online media, use and politics in photo, security, negativism, stigmatization, power practice using social media, discussion on Human Rights, email group creation for effective communication, discussion on morality in journalism, role of journalists in creation of social cohesion, effective report creation, action oriented photo capturing and report produce on that photo. Two-day long workshop was successfully completed with the participation of 28 online journalists. UNHCR representative also participated in the workshop and presented their role on Rohingya issue.

"No report should be produced that can affect Cox's Bazar. A false news is likely to cause damage to the entire city, not just individuals or institutions. So, before publishing any news, you have to think of the future effect" said, **Akter Kamal Chy**.

Mujibul Haque Munir, AD COAST, said, "We should work together to establish human rights and protect interest of Cox's Bazar as well as Bangladesh. The reflection of our society is expressed through newspaper. A little negative is presented broadly in the media of Myanmar. So, we have to careful during news publishing".

During feedback and learning sharing session, **Moazzem Hossen Shakil**, District Correspondent of VoA said, "I'm interested and working with online media from 2004 as it a place to spread anything so rapidly. We need to know about what is going on in Myanmar. To share our knowledge, we have to work together."

Nurul Amin Sikder, thanked to COAST Trust for arranging the important workshop and said, "Besides arranging these types of program we have to concentrate on improvement of education and other issues like; lacking of teacher, protecting environment, empowering local NGOs etc." **Zahed Sarwar Sohel**, Secretary of journalist Union of Cox's Bazar, said, "We have to know about Digital Security Act. We are working with the rights of host community and fact of Cox's Bazar. We should not present us against Rohingya community and we will remain neutral. It's time to be united to protest all discrimination." He quoted here, "Lets agree to disagree" and "Voice of the common people is the voice of God". **Subrata Kumar Chakrabarty**, Livelihood Officer of UNHCR, said, "I am always thinking of the betterment of host community so that I took most of the local NGO as implementing partner. Forgetting all the negative perception we will work together for the betterment of Cox's Bazar." He invited journalists to suggest ways of journalists' development and committed to sit with the journalists of Ukhiya and Teknaf separately.

The workshop was concluded with thanking speech of Gawher Nayeem Wara, national level disaster specialist and book distribution.

Target and achievement table of the month December 2019

SL	Activities	Target	Achievement
01	Essay Writing Competition at Educational Institutions on the Occasion of UDHR Day Observation	25	25
02	Special 'Student Gathering' to inspire students in Cox's Bazar, Human Rights Day Observation and Prize Awarding Ceremony	1	1
03	A discussion Program for Joint Risk Assessment for Effective Rohingya Response Until Repatriation and Development in Cox's Bazar	1	1
04	Journalists field visit at project areas in Ukhiya & Teknaf	2	2
05	Sessions at Educational Institutions on human rights and peaceful coexistence	6	6
06	Camp Level Session	4	4
07	Training for online Journalist and Online activists	2	2

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