





# The Forecasting Light

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## Training for skill development

Training is an effective way to develop skills. A total of 70 Rohingya adolescents were also trained on "Disaster Risk Reduction" at Camp 14 and 22 to raise awareness on disaster. In addition, a total of 52 girls and 22 boys from Camp 8E & 20 Extension were organized for three-day training on the topic "Youth Empowerment and conflict management" for the purpose of reducing and empowering conflict and violence. Through this training, adolescents have learned the details of disasters and conflict and empowerment.

## Rohingya parents are becoming more aware about child safety

Children are an important part of society. Today's children are the future of tomorrow. A child cannot grow healthy and naturally on his own, we should to create a safe environment for him to grow. In this case, the role of the parents is the most important and it is more for the Rohingya children (their parents/ family role) than for a baby growing up in a normal environment. But because parents of Rohingya adolescents are not aware enough about child protection, their children are subjected to torture, violence, neglect and abuse in various situations. It is especially important to raise awareness of their children's rights and child protections to ensure the safety of future generations of Rohingya nation. Under this project, 450 Parents and Care Giver Committee (PCC) have been formed in different camps. Meeting members of the committee are being held every month to raise awareness about child rights and protection. "As a result of the PCC committees of the COAST



Facilitator talks about empowering adolescents and reducing conflict at Camp- 22. PC: Md. Rasel



A mother is giving feedback at PCC meeting at Camp- 8E  
PC: Muhammad Alam

Trust, the awareness rising of Rohingya parents has reduced the risky child labor"- said A. Hamid, Head Majhi of Camp- 14.

Md. Elias (12), son of CBCPC committee member Abdul Alim said, "Before, I used to get up in the mountains with a heavy load. Now parents are much loved, forbidden to carry heavy burdens". Many parents like Abdul Alim are gradually becoming aware as PCC and CBCPC committees work at the camp level to protect children. Rohingya parents are extending support to a child around the family or home if they are at risk of protection. When a child in the family is at risk, they are zealously trying to protect their child by contacting the campground service agencies.

## Grand Arrangement of Fair in Camp-12

We know that entertainment and access of getting festive mood are very limited in Rohingya camp. At the same time they have an obscure idea about the provided facilities or services by other organizations. To get them known about these services and gift them an enjoyable day COAST-ERPERA project has been arranging Adolescents Fair in various camps. Following this trend, last 18 December a grand Adolescents Fair was organized in camp-12. Camp-in-charge Mr. Rashedul Islam as chief guest and Asst. Camp-in-charge Mr. Khandakar Ajharul Islam as special

guest were present. In this program, religious leaders, majhis and other respected personnel's were present. Almost 200 adolescents



Inspection of soap making stalls by CIC of  
Camp- 12 at the fair. PC: Touhida Tabassum



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both boys & girls had the active participation. Partner organization World Vision, Terre des Homes and Dhaka Ahsania Mission had participated with their stalls. Moreover, there had been an arrangement for an open discussion and cultural program where Rohingya adolescents took their participation by singing Burmese music and reciting Burmese poems. Chief Guest in his speech said that, "I am amazed to see your disciplinary behavior. This type of program will keep you busy in good works and help you to restrain from evil deeds".

## Multi-purpose Centre is the another name of Integrated service

Lack of sufficient place is the main challenge of working in any camp. Besides this, to get an integrated service is another problem. So, a way to solve this problem is Multi-purpose center. At present there are 9 MPCs under this project, among them 6 MPCs is in Camps (8E, 12, 14, 20Ext & 22) and 3 in Host communities (Ratnapalong, Jaliapalong and Teknaf sadar union). In these centers adolescents of age 15-18 years have been enrolled. In first cohort total 1350 adolescents have been provided training and from December-2019 the activities of second cohort has been started with 1350 adolescents. Now, these centers are providing Life Skills session, Psycho-social Support session, Tailoring & Dress Making session, Soap making session, Sanitary Pad making session and Solar Panel Repairing session. Hope from this they will gain a specific skill with a positive behavioral change.



Adolescents are busy with mixture of soap material at Camp- 8E. PC: Irfan Ullah

Activity Update- December- 2019  
Third Trance (October to December. 2019)

Activity	Target	Achievement
PCC Meeting	75	75
CBCPC Meeting	21	21
RLM Meeting	24	24
Tea stall Meeting	19	19
Connection Module	300	293
Community Dialogue	2	2
DRR Training	2	2
Conflict Management Training	2	2
International Day Observation	1	1

Aiming her dream come true she has become a regular student of COAST - Jaliapalong Multi-purpose Centre. There she received tailoring and dress making training

## Kajol Rekha-a Story of Becoming Self Reliant

Kajol Rekha, an easy-going rural girl, lives with her family. Due to severe financial crisis it was very difficult for her mother to bear educational expenses of her as well as her siblings. So she always dreamt of earning money by herself to continue her studies.



Assistant MPC supervisor is visiting Kajol Rekha's clothes stitch. PC: Collected

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along with Life skills and Psycho-social

support. After completion of her course, her mother bought a second-hand sewing machine. Now, she is earning money at home by making neighboring peoples cloths and paying contribution in her family as well as her sibling's studies. Now her mother is happy and she is dreaming to do something new with her skills.