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COAST Trust is implementing "Ensuring Resilience and Protective Environment for *Rohingya* Adolescents (girls and boys) fled from Myanmar in Cox's Bazar District" from 1 September 2018 to 31 December 2019. In addition to this, this project expanded with the services to the host community by adding vocational trades for education dropout adolescents.

Poverty Eradication: Where to focus and How?

To achieve one of the significant sustainable goals, Poverty alleviation holds a major issue. Aiming to make the community aware about poverty, ERPERA project observed International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 2019 at three unions named Ratnapalong union, Jaliapalong union and Teknaf union on 17th October 2019.

Theme: "Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty".



A moment of rally with adolescents at Jaliapalong MPC. PC-Iqbal Hossain (Asst. MPCs)

MPC management committee members, adolescents and program officers took part in open discussion and rally.

This day demonstrates how we can achieve greater participation by enabling people from all walks of life to come together to respect the human rights and dignity of people living in poverty. Here children can play an important role by sharing and applying the valuable knowledge they have acquired from their personal daily struggle to overcome poverty.

Jhota Barua, Headmistress of Ruhullar Deba Primary School quoted this line in this way—"any poverty reduction programs or projects should be context-specific, need-based and demand-driven". She added that, COAST Trust is directing multi-purpose center and trying to alleviate poverty by providing vocational training, that is really appreciative.

Steps in Australian Natcom at MPC

A delegation of Australian Natcom and communication officer from UNICEF, Dhaka office stepped into MPC, Camp-14, implemented by ERPERA Project, COAST Trust.



A moment of hawki-talki song sang by the visitor with adolescents at PSS session. PC: Tajul Islam-PM

They were on a visit to Bangladesh to assess the humanitarian needs of the Rohingya refugees and some of the more critical challenges the country is facing as a host.

After a warm welcome, the three honorable visitors talked to our peer leaders about the activities running in MPC like, are they facing any challenges during coming here or their parents or husbands allow them to come, how they are enjoying their learning etc.

One of the attraction of MPC is sanitary pad preparing that is simultaneously helping their needs and maintaining their hygiene. Talking to the adolescents, Karen expressed her view in a very excited mood—"they are doing amazing, day by day they will improve".

Ketty Klefekar, communication officer of UNICEF, overjoyed and expressed her comment about a smart adolescent girl like this way, "One day she will run her country and make her parents proud".

It was an immense pleasure for COAST Trust to get an opportunity to introduce MPC activities with would be Donor of UNICEF.

Connection Module Training held to ensure better awareness

As a part of its regular project activities, COAST Trust Child Protection Project organized connection module training for parents and their children in various camps. The purpose of this training for three days was to focus on various issues such as Physical & mental changes in adolescence, Menstrual cycle, fertility, decision-making and sexual relationships, contraceptive and family planning, unsafe sex, unplanned pregnancy, safety and sexual health, drugs, gender and rights, empowerment of women and girls, respectful relationships, positive parenting, safe community; Creating awareness among parents and their children by discussing such matters.



Connection module training conducted by Outreach worker, Camp 22, Photo- Collected

The training is organized separately with fathers & boys and mothers & girls. This makes the relationship between fathers & boys and mothers & girls stronger. On October- 19, we have organized a total of 50 training programs in 06 camps.

To ensure a better future and well-being

Hasina (17) was a Rohingya refugee girl who grew up in the Mongdu of Rakhine state with her brother and sister. Her father was a farmer who looked after her family. They had no land and livestock but they lived in peacefully. When Myanmar army attacked her village then she lost her parents and somehow managed to escape herself and after walking two days they reached in Cox's Bazar refugee camp. That time she along with her siblings took shelter at her cousin's home where she was sexually abused. Then she lost her shelter and fallen into depression.

Fortunately COAST Trust family took her case and referred this to IOM, managed shelter and food card. Our psycho-social worker is following-up her through counselling and LSB session. She said, "When she come to MPC she feels safe and that makes her happy. She hopes that she will be able to learn more from MPC and that will help her to lead a happy life".

Activity	Target	Achievement
PCC Meeting	50	50
CBCPC Meeting	21	21
RLM Meeting	24	24
Tea stall Meeting	10	10
Connection Module Training	50	50
Community Dialogue	3	3
MPC Management Committee Monthly Meeting (Host)	3	3
DRR Training	2	2
Conflict Management Training	2	2
PSS to Adolescent	166	166
Case Management Service	18	18
International Day Observation (Host)	1	1
Tree Plantation	3500	3500



A Rohingya adolescent taking psychosocial support at camp-22

Tree Plantation for survival of Earth

Tree locks up all kinds of carbon in its body and purify the air, conserve water, help in climate control, preserve soil and above all makes a friendly habitat for all living objects.

After influx there was a random destruction of trees in Ukhiya-Teknaf area for shelter making, road construction or other reasons which turned the environment more vulnerable.

To make up this huge loss COAST ERPORA team introduced tree distribution and plantation program at some points of host community. We distributed almost 1800 seedlings in Ruhullardeba govt. Primary school, Dokkhin Ruma Mozahar Ghona govt. Primary school, Baitul Sharif Complex, Nidaniya Government Primary School and Badamtali Ebtedayee Madrasa.

The teachers and committee members of those schools highly praised our activity. The students of those



Happy school students with seedlings in their hands.
PC: Thouehida Tabassum (PO-CM & PSS)

Educational institutions were really happy and excited to receive seedlings. They promised to take care of these seedlings and plant more trees in future.

Life Skill Pre-Test at Camp 8E

At 21st October, A Pre-test has been taken on life skill from the adolescent learners of camp 8E MPC under the supervision of 2 UNICEF Representatives Anne Marei Akiki (Adolescent Specialist-UNICEF) & Shanchita Sultana (Programme Officer, PMR-UNICEF). The pre-test was taken by using kobo form prescribed by UNICEF. The objective of the pre-test was to measure the minimum standard skills of adolescent learners of camp 8E that will open the opportunity to evaluate skills of adolescent vastly in a near future. This pre-test is followed by sample procedures. 6 boys & 6 girls are taken into consideration for pre-test among 220 Adolescents (Male 100, Female 120). Pre-test was held by one by one schedule. Questions was in kobo with the Tab. One facilitator was responsible for taking the input from the adolescent who are being tested & another one was for helping to understand questions. Input was taken one by one through selected adolescents of the MPC (Multi-purpose Center). Privacy of the life skill pre-test has been maintained very strongly.



Life skill Pre-test is going on from the adolescents,
Camp 8E MPC, PC by Mohammad Alam (MPC)

In the morning at 10.30 am, both representatives of UNICEF arrived at the camp 8E premises. Camp 8E MPC Supervisor along with 2 PIUs Mukibul Minhaz (Programme Officer-MIS & CPMIS) & Tanjia Akter (Program Officer- T & MD) were present to receive them warmly. Regular sessions were going on at that time. Mentors were taking class of Life skills & Tailoring session into the respective & separate rooms. Mr. Minhaz helped them to visit all the rooms & discussed issues as per their demands. Anne & Shanchita visited PSS, tailoring, handicraft, soap making & life skill rooms and wanted to know the current status of the adolescent learners. And observed tailoring & life skills sessions while mentors were taking classes.

After life skills session, visitors were met with adolescents & took a brief discussion on different aspects & objectives of taking pre-test for the life skills education. And also brief about how the pre-test will be taken & what procedures will be followed to ensure the real picture of the adolescents of camp 8E those are getting life skills education. Actually, in order to evaluate the adolescents learning life skills & the outcome the community are getting from them was the main objectives of the pre-test.

Both representatives of UNICEF were very happy & they appreciated a lot. It was a good practice for the long run of COAST TRUST.

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