



The monthly bulletin on the activities of the peaceful coexistence project, implementing by the Coast Trust in Ukhiya and Teknaf, Coxsbazar in collaboration with UNHCR, August 19

Journalist Training: Emphasized on Solution Based Positive Reporting on Rohingya Crisis and Repatriation Issues.



Md. Abul Kalam, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner said, Journalists are contributing a lot in reporting of Rohingya crisis since the beginning of influx.
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The 'Improving Peaceful Coexistence Project' of COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR organized a three daylong training workshop on 'human rights, refugee rights and peaceful coexistence' for local journalists of Cox's Bazar sadar, Ukhiya and Teknaf sub divisions. The training which was held from 3th to 5th August 2019 at the Hotel Light House Family Retreat, Cox's bazar was aimed at enhancing the capacity of Journalist professionals on human rights, refugee rights and peaceful coexistence and in reporting emergencies of humanitarian crisis. 25 Journalists were participated in the training program. The training was coordinated by Zahangir Alam and facilitators of the training were: A H M Bazlur Rahaman, CEO, BNNRC, Gawher Nayeem Wara, Opinion Editorial Writer Prothom Alo Disaster Management expert, Md. Mujibul Haque Munir, Assistant Director, COAST Trust.

The specific objectives of the program are:

1. Strengthen the understanding of local journalists with the ideas of human rights and refugee rights.
2. Strengthen the capacities of local journalists in ensuring social justice using different media.
3. Strengthen the capacities of local journalists in reporting on the issue of forcibly displacement,

management of refugee camps, and impact of refugee influx to the host communities.

4. Sensitize local media representatives to peaceful coexistence among host and Rohingya communities.

The discussants emphasized on solution based positive reporting on Rohingya crisis and repatriation issues in the three daylong Journalist training.

Md. Abul Kalam, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, inaugurated the program and said, Journalists' continuous reporting helped to be highlighted the Rohingya issue in the international media. The Rohingya issue will not be allowed to be lost from the concentration of international community until their repatriation.

Marin Din Kajdomcaj, Head of Operations, UNHCR Cox's bazar sub office, said We have come to help you (Journalist), what we do, how we do, how best we can help each other, to present what we are doing, to present what we should do. Journalists job is not easy at all, it is challenging environment. I am glad to have you all working in the crisis. We would like to help, facilitate your work as your constructive criticism made us more efficient, this is good.

Zahed Sarwar, General Secretary, Cox's bazar Journalist Union, In the case of reporting, we have to go for the more specification like cut down 1 lakhs tree, elephant sanctuaries are at stake, 328 police cases involved with Rohingya people etc. Rohingya issue is building efficiency of local journalists and taking their work to the international media, so it's an opportunity for us as well.

Among others, there were discussed

Zinnat Shahid Pinky, Assistant Commissioner, NGO Cell, DC Office, Cox's bazar, there are lots of scope to play positive roles from Journalist profession. Journalists always help the administration by providing necessary information and guidance. And finally thanking all she announced the end of three daylong training program.

IPC Project promoting sense of humanity in educational institutions through interactive sessions



During interactive session at Ali Achiya School and College
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With a view to promote human rights and refugee rights and create awareness through learning, Improving Peaceful Coexistence Project of COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR organized twelve interactive sessions in two schools, one madrasa and one collage of Ukhiya and Teknaf in the month of August 2019. Names of the educational institutes are: Kanjorpara High School, Palongkhali High School, Ali Achiya School and College and Rongikhali Dakhil Madrasa.

Each session consists of fifty students of class eight, nine and ten separately. All the participants were facilitated with leaflets on the topics “Definition of Human Rights and Importance of Peaceful Coexistence” and “Definition of Refugee Rights, Bangladesh Government’s Outlook towards Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National and Our Responsibilities from Humanitarian Aspect”. Sessions started with the presence of teachers and students by the anchoring of Improving Peaceful Coexistence Project representatives. At the beginning of the session they presented overall description of the event, introduction to COAST and work plans of the project. Teachers were requested to present their opinion. From students, some of them were invited to read out both the leaflets respectively when anchor described those in detail.

At the ending of the sessions, anchor discussed on present situation of Rohingya people in our country. Before repatriation we should ensure their human rights. To run our society smoothly we should make an environment where human dignity will be secured for everybody. The sessions have created positive impact among teachers and students as they expressed their sympathetic outlook towards Rohingya people.

25 Educational Institutions Facilitated with Game Materials and Human Rights Booklets.



During the hand over of game materials at Hnila High School.
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The IPC project of COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR distributed game materials and human rights booklets in 25 educational institutions in Ukhiya and Teknaf. In presence of teachers, students and committee members in each institution, cricket bats, stamps, pads, cricket balls, skipping ropes, carom sets, chess sets, football and caps were provided. They hope these sports materials will help to improve students’ co-curricular activities and thus it will contribute in their mental and physical wellbeing.

Target and achievement table of the month August 2019

SL	Activities	Target	Achievement
01	Targeted educational institutions for session	6	4
02	Sessions conduct at educational institutions	18	12
03	Game materials & booklets distribution	25	25
04	Training for Journalists	1	1

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