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COAST Trust is implementing "COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme for Rohingya and host community in Cox's Bazar district" from 13, May 2020 to 12, November 2020". Adolescents and their families access to child protection and GBV services in COVID19 response through psychosocial support & case management services. Also children, their parents, and community members will be benefited from COVID-19 awareness, referral services, and community engagement initiatives.

COAST- Child protection got a new project to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 in emergency

COVID-19 outbreak is spreading rapidly in Bangladesh and create a crisis particularly Rohingya communities and local people are at risk and vulnerable position because of the congested and densely populated area where the possibility of exacerbating COVID-19 outbreak is so high. During this disruption, COAST trust is implementing a program for the Host and Rohingya communities with the collaboration of UNICEF. As a humanitarian organization, we are delivering case management support for vulnerable adolescents and PSS support and awareness-raising activities. During the project period total 24,594 people will be supported by receiving valuable risk information particularly 3,200 adolescents will access PSS support and 350 cases will be access to case management support. We are trying to reduce their vulnerability and create a normalcy environment for at-risk people.

Supporting of mental health a great tool to deal with trauma

During this disruption, adolescents, parents, and com-



A Rohingya adolescents passing his stressfull time by drawing with the nurturing of COAST PSS worker. P.C: Mizan, Outreach worker, Camp-20ext

munity people remain in great fear, anxiety, and worried particularly adolescents are in great distress

because their MPC remains closed and limited recreational materials. In this situation, we are trying to scale up and reducing their anxiety and vulnerability by providing individual PSS sessions through the home to home visit for Host and Rohingya adolescents. As part of PSS support, a total of 580 adolescents have received PSS and mental health support and the ultimate outcome of the support adolescents have found a tensionless, child supportive environment.

CBCPC member actively throwing risk messages

Rohingya camps are mostly congested and densely populated areas where the possibility of rapid spread-



Md. Jamal Hossain is a CBCPC member who practicing safety method in his communities at block D-26, camp-8E, Hafizul Islam, Community outreach worker.

ing the diseases is imminent. The fear of COVID-19 and misconception of the disease has been rooted among communities. During this pandemic situation, CBCPC members are being active working and trying to utmost support in their community through spreading valuable messages as well as our child protection staff are continuously raising awareness among adolescents and community people. In the meantime, a total of 3078 adolescents, parents, and community people have received COVID-19 and child protection risk information so that they can aware and understand their vulnerability.

Case management service is a crucial service in this outbreak

Case management service is one of the essential services of an emergency situation. During this outbreak adolescents and females are more vulnerable due to increasing protection concerns in camps. So our case management staff are actively supporting vulnerable adolescents through follow-up and referral based on their need. In the project period, caseworkers have followed up high & medium risk cases and 54 adolescents accessed to Case management service under the project.



Case worker is assessing an adolescent. Camp-8e, photo credit: Tofayel (CM Volunteer)

Volunteers are well equipped through capacity building training

Volunteers can be the first responder in time of outbreak that's why we engaged a total of 75 volunteers



COAST Staff conducted a training on COVID-19 prevention and their responsibilities in communities, Camp-22, P.C: Md. Mobinul Islam, field coordination.

who will serve their community. So we equipped our volunteers through capacity building. In that way, we conducted training on prevention of COVID-19 and informing their responsibility. The aim of the training is to know about COVID-19 risk information and know about how to deliver and disseminate the COVID-19 message in their community. A total of 75 volunteers participated in this training from Host and camps whereas particularly 30 male and 45 female.

The ultimate outcome of the training, they are now well-equipped and will act as a frontline humanitarian worker in their community.

Rokiya Bibi: A Girl of Mental Strength

An adolescent named Rokeya Bibi, age 18 years, came into Bangladesh during Rohingya influx. Early marriage which is the most common scenario among Rohingya communities, happened in her life. Though she



did not get the taste of literacy in her life, she had a thirst to know the unknown. She used to come at COAST multi-purpose centre and engaged herself in integrated learning. Unfortunately, her conjugal life getting sorrowful her husband and the newborn infant died accidentally that was really intolerable for her age. She was very devastated by losing her husband and child. As time passed she regained her energy to survive and always wanted to do something for the people, for the community. Finally, she got the opportunity to work in COAST-child protection as case management volunteer and empowering in her society.

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