

The bulletin on the activities of the 'Improving Social Cohesion Project'. The project is being implemented by the COAST Trust in collaboration with UNHCR to improve 'Social Cohesion' among Host and Rohingya Communities at Rajapalong, Palongkhali, Whykong, Hnila unions and respective 8 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

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• **Union Parishad in Ukhiya and Teknaf think Rohingya and host people should live peacefully until repatriation.**

“How to keep a peaceful situation between host and Rohingya” on that topic UP Chairman and Members share their opinion at a meeting with Union Parishad. On the 20th of September to 25th September COAST organized four distinguished meetings at four Union Parishad in coordination with UNHCR. **Zahangir Kabir Chowdhury**, Chairman Raja Palong Union Parishad, **Gofur Ahmed Chowdhury**, Chairman Palong Khali Union Parishad, **Nur Ahmed Anwari**, Chairman Whykong Union Parishad, **Rashed Mahmud Ali** Chairman Ali was present at UP Parishad meeting. Along with each Chairman UP members, Social Cohesion Committee members was also present in the meeting. In the meeting, COAST Trust share implemented activities update of the Improving Social Cohesion Project. Besides this, there was an open discussion about how to stay peacefully. In this session many speakers say, it is time to think about how host people can live peacefully with Rohingya until repatriation. Many speakers think Rohingya are majority and host are the minority in Ukhiya and Teknaf so host people should not go in any contradiction with Rohingya.



Jahangir Kabir Chowdhury sharing his opinion on importance of peaceful staying with Rohingya until repatriation. PC-Enamul.

Besides many speakers says, host people need more development work, if UN/INGO/NGO focus on that, because of it there will a possibility to mitigate the increasing suppressed anger of host people to Rohingya.



Presenting activity progress and action plan at meeting with UP in Hnila Union Parishad. PC-Md Younos.

Nurul Haque, UP member, ward no 7 said “Humanitarian organizations should work to aware Rohingya youth on eve-teasing, drug and moral education. Because I witnessed an incident happened that, Rohingya youth are teasing female humanitarian worker on the roadside. So, this is also an issue that, host people are also getting furious to Rohingya. If we want to stay peacefully until repatriation, we need to focus on not to happen this kind

“Until repatriation NGO/INGO’s and UN should focus on Conflict Resolution between Host Rohingya” said Mozaffar Ahmed.



Mujaffar Ahmad Chowdhury PC-Enamul

On 23rd of September, 2020 at meeting with Palong Khali Union Parishad, **Muzaffar Ahmad Chowdhury** uttered about conflict resolution. He says “We are the people who know the problem of host community because of the Rohingya crisis.

Day by day host people is getting frustrated because of this crisis. And many people are getting angry. So right now, what is important to do is to reduce the temper of host people by doing some visible development work and know the ground level people about development work done by the humanitarian organization so far. I think this can work to keep a peaceful situation between host and Rohingya until repatriation”.

“We are the women and we can also do”



Mrs. Khurshida Begum, Member, Rajapalong UP.PC-Julfikar

“Now a day’s women are not backward folk of the society, they are also contributing to social development and change. They can also do whatever a man can”

said **Mrs Khurshida Begum**, preserved women member, Raja palong Union Parishad at ward level session with women in ward 9. As the women of Ukhiya and Teknaf stay home all the time, they have less scope to know. To this end, COAST Trust organized 16 ward level session with women at four Union in Ukhiya and Teknaf in coordination with UNHCR. The objective of the session is to sensitize women on Human Rights and also make them understand about social cohesion.



Samira Akter, participants of ward level session at Hnilla sharing her opinion. PC-Md Younos

“If the women become sensitized about Human Right there will be a possibility to develop sympathy towards them who are deprived of human rights,” said, **Morjina Akter**, ward member, Hnilla Union Parishad. She also said, “As the Rohingya are living nearby us we have to keep a good relation with Rohingya until they go back to their country otherwise host people have to suffer if the relationship goes wrong.

Youth have a great opportunity to work on Social Cohesion.

Locally originated clubs in Ukhiya and Teknaf are deeply involved in socially and culturally with the community people. The youths who are the members of those clubs have a great opportunity make the community people aware of human rights and social cohesion through the campaign, cultural events and sports. To this end, COAST Trust in coordination with UNHCR oriented those clubs with COAST Trust implemented Social Cohesion Project. Total 5 out of 7 clubs have oriented in Ukhiya and Teknaf. In the orientation program clubs, members sensitised on human rights and social cohesion.



Nur Ahmed Anwari, Chairman Whykong UP guiding Nayapara Khira Academy members. PC-Md Younos

peaceful situation between Rohingya and host people until repatriation. **Abdullah Al Noman**, President of Tarunner Bathighar said, “as a human, we have to be humanitarian to all human being whoever He/she is. I have donated blood two times to a Rohingya. So, if we become good to Rohingya we host people will become good more to them. And until repatriation, it is very important to stay peacefully. Hope we all work together for it.”

Activity target and achievement, September, 2020

Sl	Activity Name	Target	Achievement
1	Ward Level Interactive Session with Women	16	16
2	Local Club Orientation	7	5
3	Meeting with Union Parishad	4	4

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