

SUFFERINGS AND CHALLENGES OF THE HOST AND ROHINGYA COMMUNITIES

Feedback of Social cohesion committees' visit to the Rohingya camps and host communities

The Social Cohesion Committee



- COAST formed 4 committees in 4 unions
- Unions are Rajapalong, Palong Khali, Whykong, Hnila Union.
- Each committee consists of 5 host community representatives
- Each committee has 3 male and 2 female members
- Male and female UP members, teachers, social workers, etc.

Main objectives of the committees

To get practical knowledge on the situation of the host and Rohingya communities

To identify the sufferings and challenges of both communities
To assess ongoing activities of GOs, NGOs, INGOs and UN projects

To place some specific recommendations

Activities of Cohesion Committees



- Committees visited both camps and host communities
- They organized focused group discussions
- They also met with CICs to brief the findings
- They also assessed different activities of GOs, NGOs, INGOs and UN
- Special motivational meeting with Majhees and imams
- Meeting with Union Parishad body, civil society, and local political leaders

Findings from Camp Visit

- Most of the Rohingya people, especially youths, spend their time sitting idle
- Almost no employment opportunity for male and female youth
- Youth are vulnerable to be involved with misdeeds and crimes
- Some Majhies are autocratic in behavior and trying to secure personal illegal interests
- Girls are severely vulnerable to trafficking and violation
- After grade 4, Rohingyas children don't have opportunity for education
- Some of Rohingya are not polite in communicating with host community people
- Delay of repatriation creates despair among both the community



Findings from Host Community Visits

- Host community people are extremely affected
- There is the allegation that only Rohingyas are getting various facilities
- 25% of funding for host communities is not visible
- Most of the NGOs/INGOs/UN are taking projects without consultation of the host community
- Most of the working areas are not selected properly
- Projects are being implemented without participation of UPs, civil society, LEBs
- Some NGO/INGO/UN workers can't understand the local language and their expectations



Recommendations



- Accommodation for Rohingya people should be improved
- Youth should be involved with various activities, especially with education
- Education opportunity can be expanded
- Special awareness/orientation for Rohingya girls against trafficking
- Role of Majhies should be redefined
- 25% of Rohingya response fund must be for host communities
- Schools lost their teachers, must be supported with teachers

Recommendations



- Poor and extreme poor must be supported with livelihood programs
- Reduce the use of cars to the camp areas, repair the roads
- Campaign against repatriation must be stopped
- Strong oversees and actions on social media rumours
- Reduce the number of visits and presence of expatriates in camps

Recommendations



- All programs and projects must be designed with consultation with UPs and local people
- 25% Rohingya response fund need to be allocated for the host community.
- NGOs and UPs, who will be here even after the crisis, should lead the response
- Participation of cohesion committee in the NGO coordination committees
- Regular dialogues between both the communities
- There should be ceiling in house rents in Cox's Bazar

**Thank You Very
Much**

