

Updated 25 th March 2021	<i>This is draft outline or seminar planning, will be updated regularly, mentioning names are confirmed. You will find updated outline and other related materials in our www.coastbd.net under notice board.</i>
Title of the event	Child Marriage, impact and it's prevention: Study findings from Bhola district
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the reasons for the failure in preventing child marriage. 2. To discuss the success story in preventing child marriage. 3. To discuss the impact of child marriage in life. 4. To discuss how to get active involvement of local administration, <i>Union Parishad</i> leaders, <i>Kazi, Imam</i> and other stakeholders in preventing child marriage. 5. To motivate policy makers with actionable ideas in this regard for future implementation.
Virtual meeting link	Zoom Meeting link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698409649?pwd=UDYxRWw1N1RMK0xJbVplcmxiV2Rodz09 Meeting ID: 836 9840 9649 Passcode: 12345
Date and Time	27 th March 2021, 11.00 am – 12.30pm. Date: 27 March, 2021
Language	Mainly in Bangla but English translation is available.
Background	<p>COAST trust has been working since 1998 for establishing equity and justice especially for the coastal poor where human rights and democracy is the key. It's one mission is to empowering and wellbeing the people to change their role and life so that they can live with dignity. Therefore, besides its microfinance program, COAST also works for ensuring education, human rights, women empowerment, ending child marriage, etc.</p> <p>In the women empowerment issue, COAST found, child marriage is a problem in Bhola district and the trend is increasing. For example, according to UNICEF, child marriage remains widely practiced with 51.4 per cent of women aged 20-24 years first married before their 18th birthday in the country, but in Bhola it is 60.3 % And 15.5 per cent of women first married before their 15th birthday in the country but in Bhola, it is 18.8 percent. So, the child marriage rate remains high.</p> <p>Therefore, COAST has commissioned (October to December 2020) a study to know the situation on Child Marriage in Bhola, its reason, impact in life and prevention measures. It feels, the study findings dissimulation and advocacy at local and national level so that stakeholders will take appropriate measures in policy and practice level. Study found that safety and security are the main reason for child marriage and 54.4% people hardly know the hot line numbers of government to get assistance. There are little of effort from important local level stakeholders in respect of preventing child marriage. Summary findings of the study is being attached herewith</p>
Chief Guest	Meher Afroze Chumki MP, Honorable Chairman, Standing Committee on Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
Special Guest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ali Azam MP, Bhola-2 2. Nurunnobi Chowdhury MP, Bhola-3 3. S. M. Latif, Project Director, Accelerating Protection for Children (APC) Project. 4. Shaheen Anam, Executive Director, <i>Manusher Jonno</i> Foundation 5. Shireen Huq, Member, <i>Naripokkho</i> 6. Natalie McCauley, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF Bangladesh 7. Monira Hasan, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh 8. Towfique Ahmed, Chief of Field Office, Barishal, UNICEF Bangladesh
Moderator	Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director, COAST Foundation
Key note Speaker	Md. Iqbal Uddin, Joint Director- MEAL, COAST Foundation

Panel Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jamil Hassan, Focal of Child Protection, Barisal Division, UNICEF Bangladesh 2. Kashfia Feroz, Director, Girl's Rights, Plan International Bangladesh 3. Md. Rafiqul Islam, Director, FNB (Confirmed) 4. A K M Jasim Uddin, Director, ADAB 5. Jerina Jahan Bhuiyan, CMES 6. Nadira Kiron, News Editor, ATN Bangla 7. Sultana Razia, UP Member, Hajirhat Union, Monpura, Bhola 8. Md. Kamal Uddin Mijhi, UP Member, Char Vuta Union, Lalmohon, Bhola 9. Aklima Begum Lily, Vice Chairman, Char Fashion, Bhola
Methodology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please enter to the meeting before 15 minutes of scheduled time. 2. In respect of conduction, there will be (i) welcome and objective by organizers, (ii) welcome wishes from chief guest and special guests (if any one wishes) , (iii) key note presentations, (iv) remarks from panel members, (v) interventions from floor, (iv) summary of the findings from the seminar from the organizers, (vi) final remarks from special guests and chief guest.
Media Coverage	Important media from Dhaka will be invited; English and Bangla press release will be circulated by 5 pm of the day to the media houses.
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