

# HARMONY

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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 Rohingya and Host communities at Rajapalong, Whykong, Hnila unions and 5 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh

## Youth leadership and conflict management training

### Youth participation should be ensured in developing leadership and conflict mitigation

On 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 two daylong training on leadership, conflict management, social cohesion and human rights with the youths of Balukhali Prathasha and Lombabil Kira Parishad held at Kutupalong High school and Hnila sub office, Teknaf. 50 influential club members participated in the training. The training was organized & facilitated by COAST Foundation and supported by UNHCR. Tanjir Uddin Roni, Advocacy and Communication officer & Riaz Hossain M&E Officer took their sessions on Basic of leadership and team management, conflict management. They discussed about what is leadership, function of leader, how to become a good leader, what is management, how to become a good manger and conflict resolution strategies through PPT. Facilitators added that youth are the power of a society, Youth should have leadership and courage enough to stand against all negativity of the society. After the training participants share their opinions. Most of them said, the most important session of training was conflict management strategies. They said” Now we know how to deal with a problem or conflict, now it will not be big issue to solve or mitigate a conflict. In the group work session facilitators narrate some conflict issue and they the participants came up and present wonderful conflict resolution strategies.



Reaz Hossain facilitating the training. Photo Credit-Julfikar. 26.05.2021



***“If we really want to mitigate the risk of conflict among Rohingya and host then we should frequently sit together to find out the problems and its solutions.”***

A young leader and Balukhal Prathyasha Club’s president Md. Mizanur Rahman said “If we really want to mitigate the risk of conflict among Rohingya and host then we should frequently sit together to find out the problems and its solutions” during the training on 26<sup>th</sup> of May at Balukhali high school. Since January 2020 COAST in coordination with UNHCR is working to revive youth’s participation through engaging local youth clubs with social cohesion activities. Under the social cohesion project total fifty youths participated in Leadership and Conflict Management Training.





### Ward level session with women

**“Women are now strong enough to take responsibility”-Morjina akter, Women Leader**



Ward level session with women at Rajapalong, word no 9. Photo Credit-Shajahan. 24.05.2021

With the support of UNHCR, COAST Foundation is working for improving social cohesion and peaceful co-existence among Rohingya and Host Community people of Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila under Cox’s Bazar district. COAST Foundation ISC Project frequently organize ward level session with women of host community at different wards in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilla. So far 12 sessions have been organized to raise awareness about social cohesion and to sensitized on Human Rights. Women of different ages and races have been participated in these sessions. Local women leaders were used to present in the session. They share their views on human rights and social harmony in the Rohingya context. Mrs. Morjina Bagam Member Rajapalong UP standing committee said, “women are our main power in building a prosperous society. Women are now strong enough to take responsibility”. Civil society, journalist, teachers, public representatives, religious leaders are the pioneer of any society. But most of the time women do not get such space to know or get involved with social work in Ukhiya and Teknaf. To this sense COAST in coordination UNHCR has come up to aware marginal women about Human rights and social cohesion.

### Activity target and achievement February, 2021

Activity Name	Target	Achievement
Ward level session with women	4	4
Meeting with religious leader	2	2
Meeting with Bazar Management Committee	2	2
Youth Leadership and Conflict Management Training	2	2batch

### Youth skill development training Total of 120 youths from Rohingya and host will get skill development training in five trades.

Eighty host youths and forty Rohingya youths are going to get skill development training in different trade. With the consultation with UNHCR five training trade have been selected primarily. These are-Driving, Mobile repairing, Basic computer skill, Plumbing, General Electronics for host community youths and Masonry, general electronics and solar panel repairing training for Rohingya youths. From July, 2021 the training will be started.

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