

# 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, Hnilla unions and 5 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh

## World Refugee Day 2021 Observation Together we heal, learn and shine

On June 20, 2021, COAST Improving Social Cohesion Project in collaboration with UNHCR observed World Refugee Day under the theme of “Together we heal, learn and shine” at Rohingya camp 14, Kutopalong and Hnilla with the participation of twenty Rohingya leaders from different categories comprising of community leader, youth leader, imam, women leader, PRATTASHA club members and social cohesion committee members. A participatory discussion was held where they have shared their views on World Refugee Day and the ways of social cohesion until they could return to their own country. Saifullah, a Rohingya youth, said, “We are here just to be saved from the persecution of the Myanmar army”. In the meeting with PRATTASHA at kutopalong High School Organizing Secretary of PRATTASHA Mr. Abdul Khalek said “Today the world is dangerously facing the refugee problem. According to UNHCR 1 in every 95 people on earth has fled their country or home as a result of conflict or persecution. We never know the sufferings of a refugee. We do not want to listen to their story. As human beings, we always should stand beside them”. He asked his club members to be do something for the welfare of Rohingya. He said “We do not have a direct opportunity to do something for millions of the refugee around the world, but we have the scope to do something for Rohingya. I request to my friends, please ensure co-existence with Rohingya but it should be in a peaceful way”.



Julfikar Hossain discussing about World Refugee Day with a group of Rohingya at camp 14. Photo Credit-Younos Rubel. 20.06.2021



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A young female leader and the member of PRATTASHA club Orpita Barua said “Rohingya came in Bangladesh as Myanmar persecuted them. As a Bangladeshi I have all rights in Bangladesh. I think Rohingya should have rights to enjoy their rights in Myanmar” in a meeting organized with PRATTASHA on the occasion of World Refugee Day. On 20<sup>th</sup> of June a discussion meeting held at Kutopalong High School. Twenty club members were present in the meeting on this day.

## Half yearly meeting with youth clubs

**“Youths of both communities should have patient to develop social harmony”-Aman Ullah, Youth Leader**



Mizanur Rahman the president of PRATTASHA sharing the future plan of PRATTASHA in the half yearly meeting at Kutopalong high school. Photo Credit-Shajahan. 26.06.2021

On 18th, 21st and 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021 three half-yearly planning meetings were organized by Coast Foundation in collaboration UNHCR with three local club members of Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas. These meetings are organized maintain covid 19 precautions measures and social distance. At the beginning of the planning meeting, a power point presentation was given purpose of the meeting, project activities updates and the future work plan of the project with club members. At the meeting each club shares their future social work plan. Besides they presented some challenges as they are facing regarding social cohesion building. Both project staffs and club members together developed a mitigation plan for challenges as they are facing. In the meeting, the member of Lambabil Kira Parishad Md. Zubair said- This kind of event will further increase the dynamism of our club. We will further promote social connectivity as the part of our club's voluntary work. PRATTASHA president Mizanur Rahman said “The youth can play a strong role in the social harmony, peace and development of the society. At present, due to the involvement of some youths in drug trafficking and smuggling of yaba, social harmony is being destroyed along with the increase in various criminal activities. In order to bring them back into the mainstream of the society, the youth society has to make arrangements for various skill-enhancing trainings and employment. All the clubs share their future plans like purchase of land for building an office, getting registration, creating social awareness about COVID 19 and drug addiction, Public awareness campaign on road safety, human trafficking and Provide skills enhancement training.

## Activity target and achievement June, 2021

Activity Name	Target	Achievement
Half yearly meeting with youth clubs	3	3
World Refugee Day	1	1
Youth Leadership and Conflict Management Training	1 batch	1 batch

### Youth leadership and conflict management training

**Youth clubs needs to be more strengthen and contribute to social changes.**

On 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021 a daylong training on leadership, conflict management, social cohesion and human rights with the youths of Domdomia Jubo Kollayan Somiti at Domdomia. To strength the leadership capacity of club members and miitigate any kind of conflict a training has been arranged with the youth of Domdomia Jobo Kollayan Somiti. total 22 influential youths from Domdomia Jubo Kollayan Somiti were participated in the training on leadership, conflict management, social cohesion and human rights. Participants have sensitized on importance of social cohesion and peaceful coexistence and agreed to work on conflict resolution among both communities.

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