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COAST Foundation is implementing a multi-dimensional project entitle “Enhancing Self Resilience and Protective Environment for Rohingya and Host Community Children, Adolescents and Youth in Cox's Bazar district (ESRPE) in 8 camps and 3 unions in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila. The duration of the project is from 01 January to 31 December 2021. During the project children, adolescents and youth will be benefitted from Child Protection services and educational opportunities such as Case management, Psychosocial Support & recreational activities, Life skill-based education, Literacy & numeracy, Vocational educational training including social hub facilities through the multi-purpose centre and Adolescents club. This will strengthen self-Resilience and ensure protective environment among the children, adolescents, and youth.

Jomila promises a new beginning



@Selina_Camp-19_COAST Foundation_Moments of positive parenting tips

An adolescent girl named Umme Jomila (14) is the youngest child of her parents. Since 2017, they have been staying at camp-19. They are four siblings – two brothers and two sisters. A married shopkeeper near their house started seducing her by giving free products from his shop and even gifted her a costly mobile phone. Consequently, they developed an emotional attachment, and her family got informed. To avoid social stigma, her parents tried to send her to India to a relative's house for managing a marriage with the help of a broker. But fortunately, she failed to move to India and she returned home to camp-19 after one week. Again, she continued their relationship with that man. One month ago, she eloped to his house which was spread throughout the community. Then extremist group named Al-Akin did 39 flagellated with emotional tortures. That day COAST campaigner with the help of CBCPC members stopped physically abusing and managed medical support for her. After this incident, her family also neglected her, and she was severely depressed. In addition, she has been provided psycho-social support and positive parenting tips to her parents.

Now, her mental condition has improved, and frequent follow-up has been going on for further improvement. All the family members including her parents are behaving well with Jomila.

The children of the Rohingya camp have been protected from floods and landslides caused by heavy rains



@Aysha_Camp-20_COAST Foundation_volunteer rescuing affected children

Thousands of Rohingya have been relocated to refugee camps after monsoon rains triggered landslides and flash floods in the hilly settlements. Their houses are made of tarpaulin and small. In this emergency, the COAST Child Protection team and volunteers are working actively. A total of 69 workers are working regularly. The team has especially focused to protect and save the lives of affected children. A total of 89 displaced children were provided shelter in COAST facilities, 73 children were referred for other services. Besides, 2 households have been provided tarpaulins to repair their damaged houses. COAST response team in the field includes 8 Caseworkers, 97 Volunteers, and 25 Community Based Child Protection Committees.

Many Rohingya children and their families are risk-free with the help of the COAST Mobile Team



@Taiub_Camp-22_COAST Foundation _ mobile team emergency response

Due to the recent heavy rains from the 26th of July, floods and landslides are taking place in the camps. In this situation, the Rohingya people are living in unprotected conditions in the camps. The Rohingya people are frightened because of the floods and landslides. Many Rohingyas’ homes were washed away in times of continuous rains. Psychosocial workers are working as a mobile team under the COAST Foundation's Child Protection Project in this disaster situation. In addition, psychosocial volunteers are helping adolescents in a variety of ways. Moreover, they are raising awareness among children and adolescents on how to stay safe and take them to safe havens. After talking to them, they shared that COAST staff is providing regular service and helping them at any moment.

Social change agents have become more aware of solving social problems



@Rasna_Jaliapalongs_COAST Foundation _ Worksop on social issues

The project is implementing some activities in Ratapalang, Jaliapalang and Teknaf Sadar Unions through social hubs. These social hubs are mainly working for adolescents and youths to acquire knowledge, develop skills as well as in changing behaviour. For this purpose, by enriching various

facilities Such as - library, computer, internet cafe, play materials, social harmony sessions, etc. these hubs have been built. Society has different problems. Such as child marriage, sexual abuse, child labour, environmental pollution, climate change, gender inequality, poverty, drug use, eve-teasing, etc. To build a healthy, beautiful, and developed society, we have to take steps to reduce these problems. And our young society will play a key role in that. But even if they have the necessary enthusiasm and strength but they have lack of experience and knowledge. The elders of the society are coming forward to enrich them. These differences are coordinated through the **Social Innovation Workshop**. In this one-day workshop, Social Change Agents (SCA) discuss various issues of their society, present their views and try to implement that by finding new ways to solve the problems. In workshop uses power point presentations, concept papers, problem trees, planning tables, etc. to enhance the skills of the SEAs. Topics that emerge from these workshops include drug addiction, eve-teasing, child marriage, abuse, gambling, online game addiction, child abuse, and more. They have made plans on these issues, such as awareness campaigns, yard meetings, parent meetings, etc. will try to address the problem. We hope that this initiative and hard work of SEAs will bring positive change to society.

Implemented activities during July 2021 at a glance:

Activity Description	Target	Achievement
MTC quarterly sports	20	17
AC quarterly sports	50	46
Innovation Workshop	20	7
Day observation	0	0
SCA training on PSEA, CP, and social issues	4	3
Leadership and communication development training	1	1
COVID-19 Adolescent kit	1000	1000
Case management service	60	67
Psychosocial Support	1600	1608

To publish this newsletter all project staffs have provided their continuous effort in providing information and photograph.
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