

44th Edition, Date 03 November 2021, Enhancing Self Resilience and Protective Environment for Rohingya and Host Community Children, Adolescents and Youth in Cox's Bazar district, COAST Ukha Relief Operation Centre, Ukha, Cox's Bazar

COAST Foundation is implementing a multi-dimensional project entitled “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 Ukha 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 center and adolescents club. This will strengthen self-resilience and ensure protective environment among the children, adolescents, and youth.

Youth of Teknaf Upazila are at risk of drug and child marriage: Need collective endeavor



UNO Mr. Parvez Chy is delivering his speech at Upazila Youth Conference, Photo: Al Mamun Khan, Teknaf

COAST Foundation has organized Upazila Youth Conference at Teknaf Model Pilot High School on 25th October 2021. This program is funded by UNICEF. Adolescents engaged in Social Hubs and Multipurpose Center are the main participants of the conference. “Innovative thinking of Youth is necessary for enriching tomorrow’s world” – was the theme of the conference. The main purpose of this program was to think about the future of youth and develop participation with the actors who have similar goals. In addition, it also aims to bring positive changes in society and develop leadership among the youth. Nurul Alam- Upazila Chairman was the chief guest and the UNO- Parvez Chy chaired the program. The UNO said that “the youth are getting involved with drugs and women are being the victim of early marriage”. Moreover, the problem of poverty is seen. He emphasized the collective approach to protect and save the future of youth. He added that “Teknaf is the center of diversified beauty and this can be the opportunity for youth to proper utilization available resources to be good use”. Many small-scale initiatives can be taken to create opportunities for the youth. The other guests said the COAST is working for protection and skill development of children since a couple of years and them raising awareness to the children.

Where vocational skills among the adolescents and youth. Psychosocial support, Case management services are the other key intervention for child protection. In end, participants took an oath for keeping themselves protected from the curse of drug addiction and early marriage.

SCA have continued their efforts in raising awareness among the community people



Social Change Agents are busy raising awareness among their community. Photo: Kamal Hosen, Ratnapalong

235 Social Change Agents have received training on Social Cohesion and Resilience Building. Besides, they have received training on leadership and communication, safe internet use, social innovation workshops. This training aims to help understand them for self-development and their engagement for positive change in society. This enables them to think about the problems in society and prepare action plans to resolve the problems. To minimize the child protection risks in the society, they are raising different types of awareness messaging in the community people within their village. The awareness topics include early marriage, drug addiction, child labor, child trafficking, sexual harassment, and abuse. A total of 224 Social Change Agents from 3 Social Hubs are engaged in these activities where 124 are girls and 100 boys.

Graduate adolescents are successfully engaged in production activities

COAST Foundation is providing various services for children and adolescents coming to multipurpose centers. It includes Life skill-based education, Psychosocial support, Computer training, Sanitary pad making, Tailoring, etc. Display centers have been set up two points to promote product displaying and market



Seven graduate adolescents who successfully engage the Women-Led Community Center of Gano Unnayan Kendro

engagement. This helps the graduate adolescents to get the opportunity to be involved in the local market, products made by graduate adolescents to be oriented to the public which in turn will help. Recently 7 graduate adolescents have successfully gotten involved in the Women-Led Community Center of Gano Unnayan Kendro. Through this engagement, they will be able to earn BDT 7000-7500 per month. This will enable them to support their families financially and contribute to family welfare.

CBCPC and PPC members engaged in COVID awareness have received reusable cloth mask

COAST Foundation is continuously raising awareness as a measure to prevent coronavirus. Washing hands, keeping social distance, avoiding mass gatherings, and wearing a mask are key awareness messages. Besides, to help communities for self-development and avail a lively environment for children and adolescents, it provides psychosocial support services, critical case management services both in the Camps and Host Communities. Therefore, adolescents and their parents are being aware of child protection and other members are being indirectly benefited from such activities.



CBCPC member is receiving reusable cloth masks at Jaliapalong MPC. Photo: Nazrul Islam, Jaliapalong MPC

Recently mask produced in Camp 8E are distributed among CBCPC and PCC members. They are very happy to receive the masks and are being encouraged to wear the mask regularly.

Implemented activities during October 2021

Activity Description	Target	Achievement
MPC quarterly sports	20	4
AC quarterly sports	24	5
Innovation Workshop	6	3
Day observation	1	1
Online safety and internet browsing training	5	3
Leadership and communication development training	4	3
Life skill-based education	ongoing	ongoing
Case management service	60	60
Psychosocial Support	Ongoing	ongoing

All project staff have provided their continuous effort to publish this newsletter providing information and photograph.

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