

HARMONY

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

Dialogue between Rohingya and host community

“We can do application to PM to allocate land and house for host community people who live inside the camp 1 East and West”- Md. Ruhul Kuddus, Assistant CiC, Camp 1.



Assistant CiC, Camp 1 discussing the matters addressed by community people regarding social cohesion and peaceful co-existence at camp 1 East. PC-Riaz

- To reduce the tension of host community people, live inside the camp we can apply to PM for allocating them land or house.
- 380 host families inside the camp 1 will get hassle free movement regarding in and out of the camp if they show proper ID.
- 189 is a toll-free number both Rohingya and host community can seek legal aid
- If host community people can offer land; Camp administration will build school house for host community children
- Already a drain construction work is going on so that no waste can fall to cultivated land of host community.

On 23rd of November 2021, COAST in collaboration with UNHCR organized a dialogue among CiC, camp management, APBN, all actors, journalists, UP members, Rohingya community leaders and host community people. To find out a way forward or solutions against the issues or problems addressed in the dialogue between Rohingya and the host community on the last 29th of September; this dialogue has been organized. At the very beginning of the dialogue advocacy and communication officer, Tanjir Uddin Roni presented the findings and problems to the participants through PPT. After that, we all discussed the solutions and way forward.



“We always try to ensure hassle free movement of host community people who live inside the camp”

Md. Asaduzzaman, ADSP (ABPN)

Md. Asaduzzaman, ADSP (ABPN) said “We always try to ensure hassle-free movement of host community people who live inside the camp. No host community people have to face any obstacles regarding In and Out of the camp if they have proper identification” in a dialogue on 24th of November, 2021. At the Dialogue organized by COAST in collaboration with UNHCR both Rohingya and the host community were present. Assistant CiC Md. Ruhul Kuddus and Md. Asaduzzaman, ADSP solved and planned a way forward against the questions/problems addressed by both Rohingya and host community people. At the dialogue, Rohingya chairman of camp 1 East Md. Rafique paid his concern to lead Rohingya youths to social and good works. To answer a question from a participant about the increasing number of pocket gate Md. Asaduzzaman said “the matter of increasing pocket gate depends on Bangladesh army, we may talk with BD army on this issue to fix it

**Youth skill development training at host community
COAST in collaboration with UNHCR providing skill
development training to Rohingya youths.**



Participants are in the practical class of solar panel repair and maintenance at camp 1West, Photo Credit-Tanjir Roni. 22.11.2021

Under the project titled “Improving Social cohesion among Rohingya and host community people” COAST in collaboration with UNHCR is providing training on Solar panel repairing and maintenance, LPG burner maintenance and repairing and Mason to Rohingya youths. From the 15th of November, four batches have been started at camp 22 and 1West in COAST MPC. A total of 60 Rohingya youths from camps 22 and 1West are getting this training. In Solar panel repairing and maintenance trade 40 youths, in LPG burner maintenance & repairing trade 10 youths and in Mason 10 youths are taking the training. The partnership between COAST and Ait (Academy of Information Technology) the training is executed by Ait at COAST multipurpose centres in camp 22 and 1West. COAST expect that after the completion of skill development training an opportunity will be created for Rohingya youths. These 60 youths will enter the income generated activities within the camps and also, they can teach other youths who wants to. Besides this, whenever the Rohingya go back to their country they will surely be able to utilize their skills in the related working sectors.

Growing of cohesion, peace and trust

It’s been four years of Rohingya influx occurred in Bangladesh. A million Rohingya now living in 33 camp settlements in Ukhiya and Teknaf. In many camps area, both Rohingya and host community people live together very closely. But the frustration about the longevity of repatriation growing in both communities. A potential risk of conflict is lurking. Peace and cohesion may deteriorate. To the consideration of avoiding such a situation COAST in collaboration implementing a project to improve social cohesion among Rohingya and host communities. Under the project, COAST arranged a friendly football match between Rohingya and host youths. Two teams comprising 9 players from each side Played a 60 min football match. Before the match, both community youths exchanged greetings to each other. In the march host community youths won by 2-1 goal. Local UP member Helal Uddin had enjoyed the match and handed the prize to both team’s players.

**Activity target and
achievement November,
2021**

Activity Name	Target	Achievement
Half yearly Meeting with host community youth	3	3
Dialogue between Rohingya and host community	1	1
Sports competition between Rohingya and Host youths	2	2

**To improve social
cohesion and peaceful
co-existence COAST
in collaboration
UNHCR will also work
in 2022**



Both team’s players in photo session before the match. PC-Shajahan

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