

JUSTICE NEWS



COAST Foundation is executing a project called "access to justice in the community" with the technical assistance of GIZ Bangladesh beginning in July 2021. The COAST Foundation is continuing this initiative in Bangladesh's Chattogram and Barisal regions. This project aims to provide legal aid to the underprivileged and poor members of our society. The project's goal is to establish justice rights for persons who are gender diverse and minorities. Restorative justice meetings, mediation, referral, diversion, and a legal aid clinic will all be used to provide them with legal assistance.

Providing legal aid through legal aid clinic



Legal aid clinic at chatary union, chattogram
27th February 2022, photo by Mamunur Rashid

COAST Foundation has been organizing legal aid clinic for increasing awareness about government legal aid among backward poor communities at Anwara & Banshkhali upazila of Chattogram district. It was also organized in different unions of Babu Ganj & Baker Ganj upazilas of Barisal district. Legal aid clinic is an effective way to provide organized legal information and services at the grassroots level. Through a legal aid;

- Try to increase awareness about govt. legal aid, Basic law & human rights.
- Provide information according to problems.
- The Litigant is referred to the appropriate place for legal assistance.

As a result, it is very easy to get Justice & legal aid at grassroots communities

Courtyard meeting for legal support & awareness

COAST Foundation's "Access to justice" at community level project increases awareness about Govt. legal aid and social safety net through courtyard meeting among poor people. Thirty-eight courtyard meeting was held at Chattogram and Barisal during February. Total 309 female, 117 male participants were known about Govt. legal aid and social safety net through it. Beside this, a hot line number was given so that they can easily connect with these services.



Courtyard meeting at Chandpasha union, Babugonj, Barishal, Photo taken by Jannate.

Dispute resolution of partnership business

Md. Simon Rubel is a local resident of Khankanabad union of Banshkhali Upazila. Md Alam is also a same resident. They are both business partner of each other. Recently they have fallen lose in their business. For this reason, Md Simon tried to sell his share, but Md Alam interrupted. Then Md Simon informed RJF Md. Sirajul Islam about it. After that, RJF arrange a meeting. Finally, he resolved the issue through mediation. Now they are in harmony.



Mediation at Charadi, Bakergonj, Barishal.
February 2022, photo by Md. Sohag howlader.

Referral

Social safety net and legal issue referral for the disadvantaged people are arranged in two districts, in which total referral was 34. Barisal referred 28 cases, whereas Chattogram referred 6 cases.

Diversion

To lessen the litigation few cases are diverted to society from Thana, Fare and Court, and the total diversion of cases are in number of 6. In which, Barisal diversion 2 cases and Chattogram diversion 4 Cases.

Monthly work Description:

S/L	Activities Name	Target	Achieve
1.	Monthly staff coordination meeting	02	02
2.	Monthly PNGO meeting	02	02
3.	Monthly RJF meeting	15	15
4.	Monthly Union level stakeholders meeting	15	04
5.	Quarterly Legal Aid Clinic	08	06
6.	Monthly DLAC meeting	02	02
7.	RJ & Mediation	105	132
8.	Referral	97	34
9.	Diversion	15	07

PNGOs Coordination meeting for experience sharing

With the technical assistance of GIZ, monthly coordination meetings were organized among the PNGOs among the affiliated NGOs of Chittagong and Barisal districts.

In this way the relationship between PNGOs is strengthened and legal referrals and diversion work are linked.



PNGO meeting COAST Office at Chattogram, 9th February 2022, photo by Mamunur Rashid.

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