

# 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.

## Nazim got back the borrowed money

Nazim Uddin Khan, son of late Nur Mohammad and late Hosneyara Begum. He is 48 years old. Md. Dulal Mollah, son of his neighbor Md. Abdur Rob and Taslima Begum. He is 33 years old. They are residents of South Krishnakathi village in 3rd ward of 11th Bharpasha union of Bakerganj upazila. Dulal Mollah borrowed 10,000 taka from Mr. Nazim Uddin on 15/01/2022. While borrowing money, Dulal Mollah promised to repay 10,000 taka in the next one month, in February. But he did not pay. Repeatedly asked to pay but did not pay. Later on 12/05/2022, when asked to repay the money, he said he will not be able to pay. And there are argue and fights among them. Local people saw the incident and stopped them. The victim wants to file a case with the police station to recover the money.

RJF Dulal Mollah came to know about the incident and he talked to both the parties and he said that the dispute needs to be resolved. Then RJF Dulal Mollah held a separate preparatory meeting with the accused and the victim separately on 15/05/2022. Dulal Mollah had a discussion with them and told the accused and the victim about the disadvantage of filing a case. He told with victim and wrong doer If you file a case, a lot of money will be wasted and both the parties will be harassed. He offered locally settle them through RJ Procedure. Both the accused and the victim agreed to settle. The RJF negotiated with the accused and offered to pay 5,000 taka on the day of settlement. The accused agreed. Requested to be present on 23/05/2022 at 10:00 AM for resolve in RJF system with the consent of all. Then on 23/05/2022, RJ meeting was held in the presence of accused, family of accused, victim, family of victim, 2 members of community, RJF & community paralegal. Provided the opinion of the accused, the opinion of the victim, the opinion of the community at the meeting. The accused then paid 5,000 taka in rj meeting. And promised to pay the remaining 5000 taka within 1 month and signed the agreement accordingly. Nazim Uddin was very happy to get 5000 taka on 26/05/2022.



RJ Mediation at Bharpasha union, 23 May 2022, Photo by Shamima Akter-M&EO.

## Correction of mistakes through RJ

Rubel sardar and sweetie sardar are the inhabitants of 2 no ward, Anwara sadar. Their marriage was fixed by family wise. But sweetie's father decided to give marry his daughter with another boy. Sweetie informed the matter to Rubel. Rubel claimed it as cheating because he did all shopping for weeding. Then Rubel reported it to RJF with respected people of society. RJF arranged a meeting taking the matter seriously. At meeting RJF said to girl's father to work thoughtfully. Sweetie said that she wouldn't marry anyone except Rubel. Everyone presents at that meeting gave priority to girl's speech. Sweetie's father realized his mistake. Then sweetie is married to Rubel with everyone's opinion. Now they are happily married.



RJ Anwara sadar Union, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Photo by Seli Bhattacharjee.

## COAST help to fisheries for get VGF Card



Laxmi Rani received VGF slip, Madhobpasha union, Photo by Kazol akter

Community paralegals raise awareness through home visit and courted session about legal aid support and social SafetyNet programmed. In the Barisal division 4 lakh fisheries involved with fishing but only 3 lakh 7 thousand people are getting VGF support. For this reason COAST has special concentration for fisheries FGF and others support in the area. Already 17 VGF cards received by the COAST initiation in the GIZ A2J project are. 4 people referred through home visit and 13 people referred from courtyard meetings. All people are very poor and marginalized.

Community Paralegal put their information in the registrar and fill the referral form. They went to the relevant office with that form. Take the applicant directly to the Fisheries Office or Union Parishad with the required documents (Voter ID Card and Photo) for VGF Card. Provides a slip within 30 days of the applicant applying. Later, when the card arrives at the Union Parishad, the card is handed over to the applicant. When they get the card, they get rice from Union Parishad. After getting the VGF card Mr. Shibu Chandra Said `` We received the card in collaboration with Kazol Apa of the COAST Foundation, and got information from the courtyard meeting how to get Jele card. Then he showed us the way of support. We are happy to get rice``

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## Dispute settlement of illegal relationship through mediation

Kamrun Nahar and Jalal Ahmed are the inhabitants of 2 no ward, Sadhonpur union of Bashkali upazilla. They are spouse in relation. Jalal lives abroad. After few years he came home. After coming home their family relation was good. After few days Jalal involved in illicit relation with a female. As a result, there were disputes when Kamrun Nahar understood the matter and tried to stop him. Kamrun Nahar went to her father's house when Jalal bit her.

The next day her elder son returned him in house. Then Kamrun Nahar talked with RJ facilitator Abdul Khalek and wanted a solution. RJF talked with both of them and tried to solve the disputes. Jalal realized his mistakes. Later RJF and Community paralegal follow-up them. Now they are well as before.



RJ Mediation at Sadhonpur union, 19 May 2022, Photo by Any dey

### Monthly work Description:

S/L	Type of work	Target	Achieve
1.	Monthly coordination meeting among project staff	02	02
2.	Monthly UP stakeholders meeting	15	08
3.	Monthly meeting among RJFs	15	15
4.	Legal aid clinic	09	04