



Climate Communique

Since January 2018, the COAST Foundation has been implementing a project in 7 coastal districts of Bangladesh entitled "Climate Justice Resilient Fund-CJRF", which will be continue until September 22. The main objectives of the project are facilitating information and education to strengthen community practice on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Climate Change, and resilience for reducing climate risk affecting factors, Strengthen government practice and expand facilities at the remote and climate-vulnerable areas through networking and advocacy with CSO leadership, ensure economic security by providing and promoting Climate Adaptive Income Generating Techniques (CAIGTs) and input support to coastal communities in reducing income erosion.

Rahima Begum's smiles at the success of vegetable cultivation in sacks

Rahima Begum's vegetable garden in synthetic sacks on abandoned land near the house. Rahima Begum has planted gourd, sweet pumpkins, and vigna Sinensis in her garden. Even the cultivation of chilly and coriander was not left out. From this vegetable garden, Rahima meets the family nutrition, not only does she sell the vegetables produced here in the local market but with the income, she earns she can support her children's education. Rahima Begum's full name is Mahabuba Rahima. She is a resident of Muralia village in Baraghop Union of Kutubdia Upazila.

Speaking to Rahima Begum, it is known that no crop is grown in this coastal area due to salinity. The effects of salinity have increased in this region almost every year due to the tidal wave caused by natural disasters. In this situation, she started cultivating vegetables in sacks to meet the family's needs with the help of the COAST CJRF project and to earn extra income.

She said that the cost of cultivating vegetables in the sack method is less. Takes up less space; There are no problems of crop disease. Yields are also high, and vegetables can be grown all year round in waterlogged areas. After fulfilling the daily family needs, the profit of this method of vegetable cultivation is not bad. She said that she has been making a good profit for the last few months, In the last 3 months, she has sold vegetables worth around Tk 12,000. At present, she has also cultivated other vegetables including gourd, sweet pumpkins, Vigna Sinensis, chilly, and coriander in 25 sacks.

Claiming to be a successful farmer, Rahima Begum said, "I have seen many women in the area now start cultivating vegetables in sacks. I like it very much. Since the cost is low, hopefully, everyone will benefit.

Income- Generating skills development training for coastal adolescents

In addition to providing life skills education to the school dropouts adolescent in the climate-vulnerable coastal areas, various income-generating training is being organized and



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various inputs are being distributed among them to enhance their economic capacity. Which will help them to achieve economic capacity and contribute to the development of family and society with dignity. CJRF Project is encouraging them to engage in small-scale- Income Generating Activities through the Adolescent Centers.

Economic incapacity is one of the main reasons coastal adolescents are driven toward gender inequality and because of this they are deprived of their deserved rights. The training covers the cultivation of seasonal vegetables on abandoned lands around the house, preparation and use of organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers for economic saving



Upazila Livestock Officer, Dr. Md. Shahbuddin is conducting training on raising cattle and poultry. Kutubdia, Cox's Bazar, Photo-Shahadat, TO, COAST

and environmental protection, rearing of livestock and poultry, care, and diseases. At the end of the training, seeds, saplings, chickens and other income-generating inputs are being distributed among them. Upazila Agriculture and Livestock Department officials are conducting this training.

International Women's Day-22 Awareness of people's representatives will prevent the gruesomeness of child marriage

International Women's Day-2022 has been celebrated separately in Charfashion Upazila of Bhola district and Kutubdia Upazila of Cox's Bazar district with the technical assistance of the COAST Foundation and CJRF project. The human chain program was held separately in front of Charfashion and Kutubdia Upazila Parishad at 10 am. Human chain, discussion meetings, and leaflets distribution activities have been organized for celebrating this day. In addition to the teachers and girls of the Adolescent Center, the various Civil Society representatives, Journalists, and women leaders also participated in the human chain and they expressed their solidarity with the demands.

Adolescent girls in the human chain generously appealed to all

levels of citizens in the society to build a strong social movement against women and children violence and they also raise their various demands to the government to ensure effective enforcement of the law to ensure rights and security. They say there is no substitute for

raising public awareness in the family and society for effective measures to change existing perceptions and behaviors of society or family to prevent violence. Especially if the people's representatives are aware, it will be easier to eradicate the gruesomeness of child marriage from society.

They further said, the reality is that child marriage has become a social disorder at present. The income of the coastal people is declining every year due to various natural disasters, poverty is on the rise, at the same time, the Corona pandemic has led to an increase in child marriages due to parents' unemployment, which now puts adolescents in coastal areas at even greater risk. The participants said very strongly now is the time to take effective action to end violence against women and adolescents.



Mr. Al Noman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer is speaking at the human chain of International Women's Day 22 organized by Adolescent Center. Adolescents in the human chain presented various demands to take effective initiatives for preventing child marriage, 8 March 22, Char Fashion, Bhola. Photo - Atiqur Rahman, TO, COAST

Awareness campaign to reduce the use of plastic for preventing environmental pollution

To reduce the use of plastic for preventing environmental pollution, the campaign activities are being implemented with the participation of various levels of community people at the initiative of Madraz Union Adolescent Center of Char Fashion Upazila. It is a continuous initiative of the Adolescent Center in support of the COAST CJRF project of the necessity for raising public awareness to protect future generations and the environment by reducing the use of plastic.

Kamrun-Nahar Begum of Madraz Adolescent Center teacher, said that we're trying to influence community people that the widespread and indiscriminate use of plastics is causing massive damage to the environment and its use is pushing to more and more disasters, when plastic enters the soil, it does not erode or mix with the soil. If there is plastic, groundwater can no longer flow, water infiltration into the soil is severely hampered, and plastics are causing waterlogging and destroying agricultural fertility, but none of us are aware of this at all.



To reduce the use of plastic, teachers and students of the Adolescent Center are conducting awareness campaign, 20 March, 22, Madraz, Char Fashion, Bhola, Photo - Atiqur Rahman, TO, COAST.

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