



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.

Stopping child marriage

Girls power, an united force for driving social change

In the end, Jhumur's parents could not gave her married due to strong resistance from the Adolescent Center girls. They decided to educate their daughter without giving marry her at an early age. Excitedly Jhumur said, I want to study more. Others like my parents should understand that it is important to educate the girls without giving child marriage, girls are not a burden to the family; they can also contribute to the development of society and family if given the opportunity.

Jhumur, daughter of Rahman Miah of Ward 4, Char-Manika Union, Char Fashion Upazila, Bhola District. Her father is a fisherman by profession, her mother is a housewife, Rahman Mia's family with 3 daughters and 2 sons. Rahman Mia did not give much importance to the education of his child's due to poverty. So Jhumur did not go to school after studying class 7. 13-year-old she used to do housework with her mother. Ultra-poor family, so, according to the traditional social custom, her parents start her marriage initiatives.

When the girls of the Adolescent Center came to know about this, they informed teacher Taslima Begum and they all went unitedly to Jhumur's house. At one point, Jhumur's mother changed her mind after learning about government rules-regulation, including the harmful effects of child marriage, but Jhumur's father Rahman Mia is adamant in his decision to give marry his daughter and continues to arrange the marriage.

Finally, when the girls of the Adolescent Center quickly informed Abdul Mannan Mia, the public representative of the Manika Union Parishads, he came to the spot and ordered to stop all arrangements for marriage. Otherwise, he warned them to take necessary action if they disobey the government law. With the united efforts of all, Jhumur was finally saved from the cursed life of child marriage. Her father Rahman Mia had promised the public representative and the girls of the Adolescent Center that he would not give marry his daughter again until she was an adult and would give her a chance to take education. Jhumur, along with other adolescents, now



Now Jhumur goes to Adolescent Center regularly with the others adolescent, "I want to study more, I want to be self-reliant," said self-confident Jhumur [Midle]. Manika Adoloscent Center, Manika, Charfashion, Bhola. Photo: Atik, COAST, CJRF, Bhola.

comes to the Adolescent Center regularly. Taslima Begum, teacher at Manika Adolescent Center, said, that Adolescent Center is raising awareness among community people through courtyard meetings. As well as keeping in touch with the local people's representatives and the administration to ensure proper enforcement of the law. Life skills education is being provided to make them self-reliant and confidence is being built in them to fight against social fallacies. As a result, they are now unitedly resisting child marriage, Jhumur incident is just an example.

Community-based campaign

To Expand Climate Adaptive Techniques for Building Community Resilience



Campaign activities to expand Climate Adaptive Techniques to improve the socio-economic conditions of the climate-vulnerable community people, 4 no-ward, Musapur Photo: Mr. Jewel, SDI, Sandeep, Chattogram

Due to the impact of climate change, the frequency of natural disasters is increasing in the coastal areas of Bangladesh. As a result, the socio-economic condition of the local community is declining day by day. This change is directly or indirectly affecting the socio-economic activities of most of the population i.e., around 90% of the population. Which is reducing the economic potential of the residents here.

In the Climate vulnerable coastal areas of Bangladesh, the COAST CJRF project is implementing promotional activities and initiatives to expand various Climate- Adaptive Income-Generating Techniques at the community level [CAIGT]. These activities are being implemented through courtyard meetings with the participation of vulnerable community people.

Cultivation of vegetables by Bed Method **Year-round income opportunity for coastal women and meets family nutrients**

In tackling climate change, coastal women are practicing Climate-Adaptive Income-Generating Techniques to restore economic stability to their families. In the meantime, vegetable cultivation by bed method has already become widely popular among the coastal affected women. By cultivating vegetables in this manner on fallow lands due to waterlogging, they are now able to create additional income opportunities as well as meet the nutritional needs of the family. which is helping to provide education and other expenses for their children.

Coastal people are most at risk from the negative effects of climate change, with extreme salinity in soil and water turning farmland into barren land. Local people are failing to cultivate vegetables and other crops traditionally. Instead of losing hope, women in coastal areas are now finding alternative ways to earn for livelihood by using the bed method. They are now cultivating all kinds of vegetables like - lady's finger, spinach, radish, cauliflower, cabbage, red spinach, and chilly in different seasons.



Saleha Begum cultivated seasonal vegetables in 5 beds with the technical support of the COAST CJRF project, After meeting the daily needs of her family, she is selling vegetables on an average of BDT 3-4 thousand per month.

COAST, CJRF project is working to expand Climate-Adapted Income-Generating Technologies among the various climate-affected communities in Kutubdia Upazila of Cox's Bazar District and Bhola District in the most climate-affected coastal areas of Bangladesh. In addition to promotional activities, the above

farming techniques are being distributed experimentally among the climate-vulnerable families, among them- the sack method, bed method, integrated method, etc. Observing their income and success, the coastal women have already started cultivating vegetables in these methods and they are earning up to BDT 3-4 thousand per month.



Mr. Mansoor Rabbi, the panel chairman of the North Dhurung Union Parishad, Kutubdia is speaking at the campaign, Photo: Parvez, COAST, CJRF, Kutubdia.

Campaign against child marriage; **Our awareness will prevent the gruesomeness of child marriage**

The initiative of the Adolescent Center community-based campaign titled " Our awareness will prevent the gruesomeness of child marriage " is being held at the community level in different areas of Coastal District Bhola and Kutubdia Upazila. The campaign objectives are to create community awareness for building a strong social movement to prevent violence against women and adolescents. Through such campaigns, besides raising public awareness, difficulties to prevent child marriage are being identified at the local level and recommendations are being made to the local public's representatives and administration to solve those barriers.

The campaign in the North Dhurung Union Parishad Complex was held on 26 April 2022 at the initiative of the Lemshekhal Adolescent Center of Kutubdia Upazila. Local dignitaries, parents, Adolescents, and local people's representatives also participated in the campaign. Among the other participants, Mr. Mansoor Rabbi, the panel chairman of North Dhurung Union Parishad, said child marriage was a social disorder and everyone needed to work together to prevent it. Child marriage prevention committee will be formed in each ward. He appreciated such initiatives of the Adolescent Center and assured all possible cooperation from the Union Parishad.

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