

The COAST Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF has been implementing a project in 8 camps and 3 unions in Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas to strengthen the protective environment for the host community people and camp-dwelling Rohingya people in Cox's Bazar district. The project provides various services including case management services, psychosocial services, life skills, pre-vocational training, follow-up services, social hubs and awareness campaigns to reduce child safety risks, referral services to enhance the participants of the project.

Representatives of UNICEF and KFW are monitoring the project activities



The delegation is discussing with the adolescents of Multipurpose Center. Photo: Al Mamun.

Last 22nd May 2022 high officials from the donor organization KFW and UNICEF visited the program interventions at the Child Protection Project's Multipurpose Center in camp 8E. The team visited the MPC activities, Life Skills Session, PSS Session, technical training session room and discussed with the adolescents. Discuss with adolescents what life skills sessions are and the need to know these things in every moment of our lives. The team also visited the sewing training and soap making activities and gave various suggestions to the trainees and trainers.

The team wants to know the purpose of training from the soap trainees. The adolescents said that they were mentally depressed when they came to Bangladesh in early 2017. Now they are very happy to get life skills and technical education through the COAST Foundation. They also said that even if they return to Myanmar in the future, they will be able to stand on their own two feet through this technical education. The visit team oversees all activities of the MPC and discusses with the COAST Foundation staffs. They expressed a positive interest in the COAST Foundation's activities and were pleased to see the learning interest of the adolescents who came to MPC. In addition to ensuring that adolescents wear protective equipment during technical training and at the same time they are advised to use this education properly in their home country in future.

Everyone on the project collaborated with the information to prepare this newsletter.

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With the help of the case workers, Afifa got back to a safe place



Case Worker talks to Afifa and her relatives

Afifa Akhter (6) and her parents moved to Bangladesh from Myanmar in 2017. Shortly after arriving in Bangladesh, his father fled the camp to Thailand. He lived with his mother. Shortly after her father left, Afifa and her mother were to be taken to Thailand. But Afifa's father did not contact any of their family members. Afifa's mother later decided to leave for Thailand. Her mother recently disappeared from the block. No one knows where Afifa's mother is. Although his relatives believe he crossed the sea to Thailand.

Afifa became an orphan while her parents were still alive. All of this was reported by Afifa's uncle. The matter came to his notice when Safinatul Hosna a social worker of Camp-19 went to follow up the case. He consulted with the camp maji and others to verify the matter. Later, with the help of a maji, Safinatul Hosna found Afifa's aunt. Afifa's aunt lives in Camp-14. Hosna contacted him and informed him about the affair. Afifa's aunt asked Hosna to make arrangements for Afifa to keep her and include her in her data card. "Right now there is no one to see the girl except me," she said.

Case worker Hosna discusses the matter with the camp in-charge of Camp-19 and seeks his help in getting Afifa back to her aunt. The camp in-charge referred the matter to the IOM for speedy disposal. It is hoped that Afifa will be able to visit her aunt soon. At present, Afifa's family has been given positive parenting ideas by colleagues at the Coast Foundation Child Protection Project so that her aunt can take as much as Afifa correctly. Afifa is also being given regular PSS support.