

COAST Foundation is implementing a multi-dimensional project entitled "Strengthen the Protective Environment for Children & Adolescents in Rohingya & Host Communities in Cox's Bazar District (SPE4CA) in 8 camps and 3 unions in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila. The duration of the project is from 28th April 2022 to 27th April 2023. During the project children, adolescents and youth will be benefited from child protection services and educational opportunities such as case management, psychosocial support & recreational activities, life skill-based education, literacy & numeracy, vocational education & training including social hub facilities through the multi-purpose centers and adolescents' clubs. This will strengthen self-resilience and ensure a protective environment among the children, adolescents and youth.

### Fruitful Monthly Coordination Meeting held by the engagement of stakeholders



COAST Child Protection Project has arranged Monthly Coordination Meeting at Ukhiya Relief Operation Centre. Photo- Md Arif Ullah, Technical Officer, Date- 18/12/22

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022, COAST Child Protection Project has arranged a monthly coordination meeting at UROC antechamber with its all staff. More than 130 staff members of this project participated in the meeting. The Regional Team Leader & Assistant Director -ISC, Zahangir Alam, and the General Secretary of Cox's Bazar Press Club, Muzibul Islam Mujib also joined the meeting as a special guest. The RTL said that, "COAST can be referred to as an ideal institution for building up skilled workers. The locals of Cox's Bazar district always get the priority in any recruitment here. The present era is an age of competition, so all of you have to be skilled in basic computer learning and to be in the English language". Besides that, Md. Mujibul Islam said that, "COAST has been working with good reputation for a long time and they participated in several programs before. The quality and accountability of administrative tasks are highly impressive. I'm always with this organization if there are any needs and wishes for the highest prosperity of COAST". After that the CP Project Manager as well as the others staff made an effective conversation about the updates of last month's activities from where they took initiatives on how to strengthen the present status of enrolled adolescents in host areas and camps in future.

### A small initiative of Nazma Akter

Nazma Akter, an adolescent girl of Jaliapalong union, is the youngest of her family & now a college going student. Her father died when she was only eight. No other better way, her mother took the responsibility of her family by working as a maid servant.



Nazma is working at her desk as a computer operator. Photo- Mehedi Hassan, Computer Trainer, Jaliapalong Multipurpose Centre

It was a common scenario from her childhood to survive in a poverty-stricken family. However, COAST Child Protection Project identified Nazma as engaged with a multi-purpose center. She expressed her interest in learning computer operations besides other sessions. She was very regular here and enriched her knowledge through various sectors and got motivation to do something for her family. After becoming a graduate here, she understood if she uses these soft skills in an effective way, she could do better. She prepared a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and applied in various job sectors related to computer operators. Later on, she appointed as a computer operator at Sonar Para Modern Medical Center. Joining the hospital, she is able to bear her educational expenses and help her family financially. She said, "I want to be the main income source of my family upon completion of my studies. Gradually I want to develop my skills and do a better job in future".

### COAST CP Project plays a great role to stop Child Marriage with the help of CBCPC Member



CBCPC Member of Camp 8E, Achiya Begum discussing with an adolescent's mother on the demerits of child marriage. Finally, the child marriage stopped due to an effective effort.

## Plant trees to save the environment



For protecting the environment Sadia Haque Happy planting trees and taking care of them regularly. Photo: Nazrul Islam, SHF-Jaliapalong Social Hub

Sadia Haque Happy is a regular Social Change Agent (SCA) of COAST Foundation. She has been very fond of taking care of plants since childhood. Due to her engrossment in studies, she could not be able to manage time to plant new saplings and take care of them in spite of her desire. She started coming to the COAST social hub and attended regular social cohesion and resilience sessions & learnt about the story of 'Tree of Life', through which she understood the interdependency between nature & humans. The people can protect nature if they want. But the trees are cut down and the environment is becoming more dangerous day by day. After days, she came to know how to take care & protect the balance of the environment for the next generation maintaining a pollution-free environment. In line with this, COAST is constantly conducting various activities such as sapling distribution, planting trees and World Environment Day celebration where youth and community people are involved. By these, she gets new ideas and is self-inspired to protect the environment. COAST helped to relive her dream and she started planting trees at her home. Also, she took initiatives to plant and made awareness about environmental protection in the community. She thanks COAST Foundation for conducting such beautiful and environment friendly programs frequently.

### Shabana wants to be a self-dependent woman

Shabana Akter Rofi is a student of class 10, living in west Sonaichori village with family. She was very inattentive in her studies having no future plan for her life. Her family's financial condition was not so good; that's why her parents tried to get her married off without her consent. But she was afraid of getting married due to some unwanted incidents of her neighbors happening after their marriage. Usually, she couldn't go out of home except for school. Shabana received psycho-social support from Jaliapalong Multi-purpose center through PSS sessions. She felt very happy being admitted there, because she got a chance to go out of home as well as other locations. Moreover, she learned about child



Shabana Akter Rofi is provided PSS at Jaliapalong Multipurpose Centre. Photo- Shadat Hossen, MPC Supervisor, Jaliapalong marriage and its demerits, and usefulness of helping others. In this way she got able to understand the reason behind the miserable condition of child marriage. Now she promised herself not to let herself down on anyone else. PSS worker of Jaliapalong made her parents understand the demerits of child marriage. Through PSS sessions, Shabana found a real meaning of life. She is taking computer sessions and PSS sessions three days in a week. Currently, she is more focused on her studies, and her results are getting better than before. She is having a happy and joyful time nowadays. After her regular work schedule, she attends PSS sessions. She wants to be a self-dependent woman as well as a good human being. She wishes to get her post-graduation from a reputed university in Bangladesh. After completing her studies, she wants to get a job. Shabana's family is thankful to COAST Foundation for her massive change in the shortest period of time.

Implemented activities during December - 2022		
Activity Description	Target	Achievement
Entrepreneurship Development Workshop	03 Batch	03 Batch
Facilitation & Leadership Skill Development training for Peer Leaders	10 Batch	10 Batch
PSEAH training for social change agents and U-reporter	2 Batch	2 Batch
PCC Quarterly Meeting	45	45
Case management service	49	49
PSS Session	08	07
VET session	17	17
LSBE session	10	10
MeWeUs session	06	06
CBCPC Bi Monthly Meeting	07	07

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