

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 Ukhaia 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 educational & 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.

COAST is the best partners of Rehena to enhance education, capacity & skills



Rehena is demonstrating and presenting life skills training in group work session. Pic-Runa Dey, Community outreach worker, Teknaf MPC

Rehena Begum 15 years old adolescent, daughter of Abdul Gafur & Minara Begum living at East Godarbil. Rehena is 2nd among five siblings in their family. She is one of the beloved daughters of her father who was returning from Saudi Arabia. She was also born abroad. She started her academic studies here after coming back from abroad. Unable to adapt to the environment of this country, she felt a little afraid to speak with others and remain calm and isolated. But her skills were unique in computer, literacy and in English etc. Rehena Begum came to the adolescent club and received life skills sessions and psychosocial sessions. Nowadays she knows how to say “no” to difficult situations. He also received “Facilitation Skill Development” training as a peer facilitator. She has now also excelled in conducting sessions. Now she leads the campaigns to raise social awareness in her family and society. Her goal in life is to study and become a pilot. She says that these sessions and training will play a major role in achieving her goals.

Saddam was released from house captivity

Saddam is a 10 years old child who used to live with his parents and 5 siblings in a village named Rajarbil of Myanmar. During the influx they escaped from Myanmar and took shelter in Bangladesh temporary refugee camp-8E. Coming to Bangladesh it was a bit hard for them to adjust. But by time he managed to adapt the new environment and started to make new friends and went to MPC after getting the idea about life skill-based education. But suddenly he wasn’t coming to multipurpose center that was noticed by COAST staff. One day PSS worker went to regular home visit and found him shackled by his parents as he’s very stubborn. Saddam’s parents said that he frequently stays out of

home & doesn’t come back timely if he goes for playing with his friends and is also addicted to playing mobile games.



Social worker Shajia Khanam nipa discussed positive parenting with Saddam’s family. Pic- Noor Ahmed, FC, Camp- 8 extension

That’s why they have shackled him so that he couldn’t get lost. Social worker also talked to Saddam and he told, his parents torture him for his addiction to mobile games and very upset now. Social worker arranged a psycho social session to reduce his mental stress and to make him aware about the bad effects of mobile game addiction. Also, his parents were provided a positive parenting session and realized that physical abuse can’t be the way of learning and make him disciplined. So, every parent should discuss things with them so that they can understand the difference between good and bad. After getting an awareness session regularly, Saddam understands what he did was very wrong and harmful. He also understands the importance of education and dreams of being regular at school, multipurpose center. His parents also got relieved after receiving COAST case management service for their child’s case and were grateful COAST opened their eyes and worked for them with so much dedication.



COAST Child Protection project celebrated the International Rural Women’s Day-2022 in both Teknaf multipurpose center and Jaliapalong multipurpose Center. Photo- Monir Uddin, Social Change Agents Facilitator, Teknaf MPC

Rohingya adolescent Saddam is the name of inspiration



Adolescent Saddam is working on installing street solar lights along the road in the camp under IOM organization. Pic- Md Lokman, FC, Camp- 14

Saddam (18) years old, an adolescent of camp-14, has lived with his parents and 7 siblings since 2017. He is the elder son of his parents. He used to go to the learning center and besides his study, he was enrolled at COAST Multipurpose Center and participated in almost every session. Besides LSBE and PSS sessions, he was a regular participant of vocational training of solar installation repairing and maintenance. From this vocational training, he captured the skills of how to install, repair & house wiring of a solar system properly. He also got some ideas on self-reliance and how to make money with these skills. After the completion of his six months vocational course in COAST MPC, he used to repair solar panels and batteries of his neighboring houses and communities. Gradually he has become a trusted face in his community and got a name as a solar servicing agent. At present, Saddam is working for IMO and earns Tk.600/- daily for the placement of streetlights and repairing in camp-14. Saddam says, now I have found a way of earning money and also, I can support my family with my income.

Ongoing activities of the community-based child protection committee (CBCPC)

The COAST Child Protection project is working for protecting children from any kind of risk and provide



Ratnapalong MPC organized CBCPC Bi-Monthly meeting on child protection issues. Pic- Amir Hossen, MPCS

the mechanism with its outstanding services and also works for the development of the community people. The community engagement plays a great role in strengthening the child protection service both in the host & camp environment. Every MPC has a Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) with a six months advance plan. As a part of that COAST conducted 20 bi-monthly CBCPC meetings with CBCPC members and community People and made discussion in awareness on child marriage, child labor, drug abuse, sexual exploitation abuse and harassment (SEAH) and the complaint response mechanism (CRM) policy of COAST Foundation and UNICEF & etc. As per present situation of the camps, children are affecting skin related diseases & the community is also facing highly internal conflicts and murders etc. By this meeting the facilitators have tried to understand them not to engage in any conflict and criminal activism for social cohesion and peace building.



COAST Foundation took a part of awareness of the community for the cyclone "Sitrang" which was recently occurred. Pic- Md Shahadat, MPCS, Jaliapalong MPC.

Implemented activities during October- 2022

Activity Description	Target	Achievement
Training on Positive Parenting	20	20
Training on Safe guarding issues and disability inclusion	20	20
Case Management Service	50	67
PSS Session	20	19
VET session	22	22
LSBE session	18	18
Bi-monthly CBCPC meeting	20	20
Literacy and Numeracy Session	20	20
Day Observation	2	2

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