

“The bulletin on the activities of the “Improving Social Cohesion Project (ISCP)”. The project is being implemented by COAST Foundation in collaboration with UNHCR to improve ‘Social Cohesion’ among Rohingya and Host communities at Rajapalong, Whykong, Hnila unions and 5 Rohingya camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh”

Seminar on world human rights day (WHRD) observation-2022

The role of local stakeholders are more important in Rohingya issue and to promote knowledge based pro-human rights

The interlocutors expressed their views on the full development of human personality through quality education and strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Seminar on world human



Recommendations provided by UP Chairman, Whykong on WHRD seminar to promote pro-human rights on 08/12/2022, Teknaf. Photo: Julfikar Hossain-FC

rights day was organized in Teknaf Upazila on 8th December and Ukhiya Upazila on 10th December under Cox’s Bazar district separately. The session was attended by government representatives, elected representatives of Unions Parishad, Police officers of highway station, local journalists, teacher representatives of various institutions, women leaders, youth society, and representatives of civil society.

The objectives of seminar was to promote knowledge-based pro-human rights narratives and advocacy for dignity, and justice for all, to maintain



The duties of highway polices and village polices on knowledge-based pro-human rights narratives shared by Mr. Saiful Islam (OC-Shahpuri HWP Station) on 26/12/2022 in Ukhiya Upazila. Photo courtesy by Md. Shahajahan-FC

the existing social harmony between the local people and the Rohingya population, and to protect the human dignity of the Myanmar’s citizens until their repatriation.

International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women

Everyone should work together to stop violence against women

We know that the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual campaign that begins on 25 November, the International Day



“If we violate human rights, it will treat as abuse to the nation. So, we should be aware of and stand together for human rights” mentioned by Mr. Jahangir Kabir Chowdhury (Chairman, Rajapalong UP)

The participants shared their opinions on the seminar and said that educational institutions have suffered greatly due to the situation of Rohingya community and this caused a great loss to the students of this region. We all have to work to protect human rights from our respective places. Redressing the damage caused to the local population due to refugee Rohingya is also part of human rights. We all have to be human rights workers to protect human rights. We must ensure that human rights are not violated by anyone.

for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs through International Human Rights Day on 10 December. In this continuation, COAST, ISC Project organized awareness session with local youth clubs and community people in Hnila and Whykong Union of Teknaf Upazila and Rajapalong Union of Ukhiya Upazila. The session was attended



We should work together to protect gender-based violence and make ourselves in leading position as women leader mentioned by Ms. Nasreen Parveen (MUP, Hnila UP). Photo courtesy by Ahammad Ullah-FC

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The objectives of 16 days of activism was to aware the community people about their rights so that they can raise voice, to encourage community people so that they will be in leading position as women leader, and to give lesson learning to community people by distributing leaflet on gender-based violence.



Mr. Mujibur Rahman (Deputy Inspector, Shahpuri Highway Police Station) is talking about what can be done to prevent violence against women.

The participants shared their opinions and said that only women know how much neglect, disrespect and introspection they have to go through. Only women know how many women spend sleepless nights with heart-to-heart depression, sighs, neglect, regrets. A society is built with equal participation of men and women. Since the past we have been seeing the picture of neglect, deprivation, fraud and torture towards women in the society. So we must collectively come forward to prevent violence against women. Now people from every corner of the world have raised their voices against violence women. We want women to be more aware of their rights, development of a country is not possible without women development.

Awareness raising campaign with local youth clubs members

Public awareness is the key of solution

The arrival of nearly 10 lac Rohingya in 2017 and the settlement in Ukhiya and Teknaf have had a devastating impact on local population. One of them is increased traffic and additional passenger pressure. Besides, there is unconsciousness of drivers and passengers. As a result,



Public awareness is the key of solution and we will work for people's safety said by Mr. Abdul Kaium (OC of Nayapara Highway Police Station)) on 18 December 2022 in Teknaf. Photo courtesy by Mizanur Rahman Bahadur-FC

road accidents are happening constantly. On 18th December, a campaign organized with Whykong Highway Police Station, passengers, transport workers, representatives of transport owners' associations and local public representatives to raise awareness on road accident prevention.



“We should keep in mind that gender equality is not only woman’s issue but also is a human issue. So, we have to educate our girls to get next educated generation” mentioned by Ms. Sanchit (woman entrepreneur)

Immediate results was about 200 community people and 80 local youths were aware on present context towards GBV, the local youth club members and participants were sensitized and they will incorporate with their regular activities, and In particular, the role of police force to stop gender-based violence (GBV) will be more strengthened.

The participants shared their opinions and said that some of the reasons for road accidents are excessive speed driving, illegal parking, un paved roads, driving by incompetent drivers. It is important for us to be more aware to prevent road accidents. Everyone including passengers, transport workers, drivers must obey the traffic laws and stop speeding on the roads” He also assured to take steps to stop illegal car parking on the roads along with local administration. There is pressure in the transport sector to stop the alternative income of the locals.

ISCP Activities Implementation in December 2022

S L	Name of Activity	Target	Achieved
01	Seminar on world human rights day (WHRD)-2022	04	04
02	16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence	03	03
03	Quarterly planning meeting of local youth clubs (HCYC)	03	03
04	Social awareness-raising campaign with local club	01	01
05	Advocacy meeting with UP regarding social cohesion	02	02

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