Dialogue outline V10	*Virtual Dialogue, Name mentioned here does not mean, he / she is confirmed, unless it is written (confirmed)*
Event Title	**World Humanitarian Day 19th August 2024** **Act for Humanity: Leave No One Behind**
Venue	Virtual Zoom meeting.
Dates and Time	19th August, 11h00 to 12h30 Dhaka time
Zoom link	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87254580853?pwd=ucf7BC6EEccgEiByUHEVU8j4SqHaNa.1 Meeting ID: 872 5458 0853 Passcode: 12345
Registration link	**Registration link**
Organized by	COAST Foundation (www.cooastbd.net), BDCSO (www.bd-cso-ngo.net) and CCNF (https://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org) in cooperation with Alliance for Empowering Partnership - A4EP (https://a4ep.net)
Background	**Why the world observes World Humanitarian Day (WHD)?** Twenty years ago, on August 19, 2003, a terrorist bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, claimed the lives of 22 humanitarian aid workers. This tragic event left the world in shock and raised a question: Why are those who dedicate themselves to aiding and rescuing others targeted for violence? In a world grappling with diverse opinions, political divisions, beliefs, religions, castes, and cultures, it is essential to acknowledge that these differences should not fuel smear campaigns or ignite conflicts. Despite these challenges, humanitarian organizations stand resolute, ready to aid the 250 million people affected by crises. They are the lifeline to those in need, offering timely assistance, risking their lives, and providing vital health support to vulnerable populations. It is disheartening that aid and rescue workers often find themselves caught in the crossfire of conflicts, becoming victims rather than heroes. This contradiction sends a wrong message about their noble mission. In light of these sobering realities, the United Nations General Assembly, recognizing the critical role of humanitarian workers, designated August 19 as World Humanitarian Day (WHD). This day advocates for the survival, well-being, and dignity of crisis-affected individuals and communities, and emphasizes the safety and security of aid workers and all. World Humanitarian Day was established in 2008 by the United Nations General Assembly and was first officially celebrated in 2009. Each year, World Humanitarian Day focuses on a theme, bringing together partners from across the humanitarian system to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers. **Past Themes for Campaigns:** World Humanitarian Day was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009. Subsequent years have focused on a particular theme- 2010: We are Humanitarian Workers. 2011: People Helping People. 2012: I Was Here. 2013: The world needs more. 2014: #HUMANITARIANHEROES. 2015: Inspiring the World's Humanity. 2016: Impossible Choices / #ShareHumanity. 2017: #NOTATARGET.

2018: #NotATarget.
2019: #WomenHumanitarians.
2020: Real Life Heroes.
2021: Join #TheHumanRace.
2022: It Takes a Village.
2023: No Matter What.

World Humanitarian Day in Bangladesh

After the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul in 2016, World Humanitarian Day Campaign got a strong momentum across the world. Humanitarian Leaders and Practitioners highlighted how the world can come together and make strong commitments to support the people affected by crisis and ensure that aid workers can safely and more effectively deliver aid to those in need. The Campaign also got momentum in Bangladesh with a pledged to work to serve humanity better.

Why We Campaign to Leave No One Behind in Bangladesh?

We envision an inclusive world where everyone, including Rohingya people in the camps, climate migrants, flood-affected populations, frontline workers, and communities in crisis and vulnerability, is protected and receives the assistance they need to uphold their right to life and dignity. In Bangladesh, Rohingya people living in the camps face additional challenges. On August 25, 2017, nearly one million people crossed the Naf River, fleeing to Bangladesh to save their lives. Tragically, hundreds of women and children lost their lives while crossing the river and the sea. In response to this humanitarian catastrophe, and at the request of the international community, Bangladesh provided shelter to nearly one million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals in Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazilas of Cox's Bazar District. Since then, the government, alongside UN agencies such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, IOM, and local and international humanitarian organizations, has been working to meet the needs of the Rohingya people. To ensure a coordinated and effective response to the Rohingya crisis, all responding agencies collaborate annually to prepare the Joint Response Plan (JRP).

Under the leadership of the Bangladesh Government, the 2024 JRP for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis was launched on March 13. The JRP is developed each year as an annual fundraising document and outlines the shared vision of how the humanitarian community will respond to the assessed and expressed needs of Rohingya refugees and the affected host communities. Through the 2024 JRP, the UN and its partners are urging the international community to provide financial support to address the prioritized needs of Rohingya refugees and the Bangladeshi communities hosting them as the refugee crisis enters its seventh year. The 2024 JRP requests $852.4 million to reach 1.35 million people, including Rohingya refugees sheltered in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char, as well as Bangladeshi host communities in Ukhiya and Teknaf. However, as of June 2024, only $259.3 million—30% of the needed funds—had been received. Similarly, the 2023 JRP requested $876 million but received only $560.5 million, or 64% of the required amount. The persistent funding gaps highlight the need for enhanced coordination among all agencies to ensure an effective response with limited resources, so no one is left behind.

On this World Humanitarian Day, we also call for an end to attacks on humanitarians and civilians. Everyone deserves protection, safety, and security. Mutual accountability must be established in humanitarian response efforts to make response plans more effective.

Objectives	1. To advance a shared understanding of the rights and dignity of frontline NGO workers, affected communities and civilians. 2. To strengthen the safety, security, and wellbeing of frontline NGO workers, as well as people and communities in crisis and vulnerability and promote peaceful coexistence of Rohingya and host communities.

	3. To encourage governments, international, and national humanitarian responders to effectively apply international humanitarian laws to protect the lives of humanitarian workers and affected communities.
Chair	Shireen Huq, Member, *Naripokkho* (Confirmed)
Special Guest (s)	1. Sumbul Rizvi / Soo Jin Rhee, UNHCR, Bangladesh 2. Mirela Shuterigi, ICVA, Switzerland (Confirmed)
Distinguished panel member (s)	3. Gawher Nayeem Wahra, Disaster Forum, and Vice Chairman COAST Foundation. (Confirmed) 4. Nanette S. Antequisa, Chairperson, A4EP and ED, ECOWEB, Philippines. (Confirmed) 5. Palwashay Arbab, Community World Service Asia, Bangkok (Confirmed) 6. Sudhanshu S. Singh, ED, Humanitarian Aid International, India. (Confirmed) 7. Zareen Khair, Muslim Aid in Bangladesh (Confirmed) 8. Dr. Md. Shahid Uz Zaman, Start Fund Bangladesh & ESDO (Confirmed) 9. Mr. Ariful Islam, Chief Executive, YPSA, Chittagong (Confirmed) 10. Rafiqul Islam, Rupantor, Khulna (Confirmed) 11. Rajkumar Shaw, ASUS, Rajshahi (Confirmed) 12. Fazlul Kader Chowdhury, Green Cox, Coxsbazar (Confirmed) 13. Mariana Narhi, Coordinator, NGO Platform, Coxsbazar (Confirmed)
Presentation	Md. Iqbal Uddin, Joint Director, COAST Foundation. (It will be available in our website at least one day before)
Moderator	Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director, COAST Foundation.
Methodology for the Dialogue	1. After welcoming everyone, the Chair and the Moderator will set the ground roles; ie, speech should be brief and dignity to all and as much as possible to avoid duplication, maintain time discipline. 2. Presentation of slides. 3. After keynote presentations, there will be space for honorable panel members, after each of the panel members, there will be invitation for intervention from floor. For each of the panel member's time will be 3 to 4 minutes, and for the participants who will be invited each will get 1 to 2 minutes. 4. The Chair will give summary and conclusion on the session.
Translation	Simultaneous Bangla and English facilitation will be provided.
Dissemination of the Dialogue	1. Press release both in English and Bangla will be given to local, national, and international media by the next 3 hours of the event held. The press release will also publish our website www.coastbd.net. 2. A short video document will be prepared and published in COAST's social media platform.
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