

As part of the humanitarian assistance and response, Coast Foundation is providing pre-primary and non-formal education to Rohingya children under the education project with financial and technical support from UNICEF. COAST Foundation has 84 learning centers and 50 ECD centers in Camp-14. Where a total of **6890** students are receiving quality education in a pleasant environment.

## Completed training on Social cohesion and Refugee Rights

*Actively participation of Host staff and Rohingya teachers*



*Participating in training of Rohingya teachers, Photo - Salahuddin, P.O*

The day-long workshop was held in 2 batches at Ukhiya Relief Operation Center and Camp 14. Member of Cox's Bazar Upazila Parishad was present as invited guest. The following discussion were highlighted by invited speakers and training facilitators.

Social cohesion is an essential aspect of society because it promotes unity, trust, and cooperation among members of a society. It refers to the bonds that connect individuals within a community and can be manifested in various forms, including shared values, norms, and beliefs. When social cohesion is present in society, people are more likely to work together towards common goals, reducing conflict, crime rates, and other social problems. Social cohesion also helps to create a sense of belonging among individuals, which can improve their mental health and well-being. Conversely, when social cohesion is weak, divisions within society can emerge, leading to increased levels of mistrust, fear, and conflict. Therefore, fostering social cohesion is critical for the overall health and well-being of society as a whole. The importance of social cohesion can be seen in a number of ways. Firstly, social cohesion fosters a sense of unity and trust among members of a society, which leads to greater cooperation and collaboration towards common goals. This can help to reduce conflict, violence, and crime rates within a society. Additionally, social cohesion helps to create a sense of belonging and identity among individuals, providing a foundation for strong communities and social networks. Furthermore, social cohesion can have positive effects on economic growth and development. Cohesive societies are

more likely to be politically stable and are better able to focus on economic development and prosperity. Social cohesion can also help to reduce inequality and promote fairness within a society.

Overall, social cohesion is an important aspect of a healthy and sustainable society. It promotes cooperation, trust, and a sense of belonging among individuals, leading to social and economic benefits for all members of the society.

Refugee rights are important because they provide protection to individuals who are forced to flee their home countries due to persecution, war, or other forms of violence. These individuals may face significant risks if they return to their home countries, including physical harm, imprisonment, or death.

Refugee rights provide legal protections to these individuals, including the right to seek asylum, the right to non-refoulement (i.e. the right not to be returned to their home countries if they would face persecution there), and the right to basic services such as healthcare and education.



*Zilla Parishad member presenting the speech, photo- Dileep Bhowmik, MEO*

These rights are essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of refugees and for upholding the principles of human rights and dignity for all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Furthermore, refugee rights are important for promoting peace and stability in the world. By providing protection to individuals who are fleeing conflict and persecution, refugee rights can help to prevent the escalation of violence and instability in affected regions. In this way, refugee rights are an important part of the global effort to promote human rights, justice, and security for all people.

## Story of Hasan & Husan

*They are growing up under the care of their grandmother*

Orphaned and helpless Hasan and Husan both are twin brothers. Their mother's name is Arefa Begum and their father's name is Md Zubair. Both are born in Camp 15 on 01-01-2019. After 8 days of birth, their mother died due to childbirth. But due to their father's second marriage, they were left with their Grandmother home in A-1 block of



*Past and present condition of Hasan and Huson, Photo - Salma Jahan, Mentor*

Camp-14. Jamalida faced many difficulties in bringing them up. They experience loneliness due to childhood events that make them not easy to socialize with. As a result, their physical and mental development has not been done properly. Salma Jahan, mentor of the project came to know about the matter through the concerned and met their grandmother along with Arefa Begum, facilitator of Circle ECD Center. During the conversation, Jamalida said that she was facing various difficulties with them. As she was unable to ensure their care and protection, she was depressed. Children were always upset and did not behave like normal children due to lack of parental contact. It should be noted that COAST Foundation is working for the mental & physical development of children aged 3-5 years through 50 ECD centers in different camps of Camp-14. Representative Salma Jahan spoke to Hasan and Husan as their grandmother lives in the project's work area. During the conversation, the COAST representative informed their grandmother about the ECD center and tried to explain that she would be relieved of a lot of stress if the children went to the center. After explaining to her the opportunities for children's development in the ECD center, she agreed to admit the grandsons to the nearest ECD center. On July 17, 2022 they were admitted to the Circle ECD Center. They are very happy to make new friends as a result of going to the center regularly. They come to the center regularly and socialize with other children. They are growing mentally and physically because of coming to the center and now they are much better than before. Their grandmother Jamalida observed the activities of ECD center and thanked the COAST Foundation for Hasan & Huson's safe and healthy growth.

## Safe education is the right of children

*Coast ensures the safety of children in learning centers*



COAST Foundation is implementing an education program for children

### *Previous condition, Photo-Joshna, PO*

through 84 LCs and 50 ECD centers in Camp-14. Ensuring student access to each center is among the other equally important tasks of the project. E-2 Block has 4 LCs (Newton, Shakespeare, Meghna, and Plato) in a cluster. About 200 students from different classes are studying in the Newton cluster and the attendance rate is more than 85%. There is a small canal in front of the LC but children could not come to the center regularly as there was no way to cross it.

Due to last year's flood and fragile condition, the old bamboo bridge collapsed.



### *Reconstructed the bridge*

About 2 months ago the bamboo bridge was damaged due to which students could not come to LC easily. Parents did not want to send their children to learning centers because they often felt insecure as children got hurt while walking. Hence attendance rate decreased. The SGC and CESG committee members filled the holes in the canal, but after a few days, it returned to the previous situation.

It is our request to rebuild the Bamboo Bridge and pathway during the CESG & parental meeting to overcome this situation. Eventually, the COAST Foundation decided to rebuild the bridge to solve the problem. Children can reach safely the learning center due to the reconstruction of the bridge. At present, the centers have an average attendance of more than 85%. Community people and CESG members thanked COAST for taking up the initiative.

*Colleagues at all stages of the project have contributed information and images to this publication. Images displayed are provided with consent of the individual and Program Participants.*