



Bangladesh Association of Sustainable Development (BASD) Assistance for the Rohingya Refugees Community

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Location: Rohingya Refugee Camps -4, Upazila - Ukhiya, District - Cox's Bazar

Project Duration: 1st June 2020 -31 July, 2020

The Rohingya people are a stateless Indo-Aryan ethnic group who predominantly follow Islam and reside in Rakhine State, Myanmar (previously known as Burma). By December 2017, an estimated 625,000 refugees from Rakhine, Myanmar, had crossed the border into Bangladesh since August 2017. On 28 September 2018, at the 73rd United Nations General Assembly, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said there are 1.1 million Rohingya refugees now in Bangladesh (Information from Wikipedia).

They are suffering many difficulties & challenges for better living in refugee life. Many INGOs and NGOs have been working for betterment of their livelihoods, health, nutrition and protection. BASD also tried for betterment of living of refugees by the Project of Assistance for the Rohingya Refugees Community with the financial assistance of LUSH Limited which duration was from 1st June 2020 to 30th July, 2020 in Refugee Camp-4 at Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. It was a Permaculture Project at first but some new activities were included for COVID-19 situation.

Major Activities:

A. Seed distribution: Vegetable seeds (Gourd, Bean, Kolmi leaves, Lady's finger, Pumpkin, Red leaves, Spinach) are distributed among 800 families in camp-4. Volunteers have been facilitated for preparation and plantation of seeds bed. Project staffs were followed up regularly. Refugees distributed the seeds to their neighbors & friends after consuming their need. Refugees sold their excess vegetables



Vegetables Seeds Distribution

to others. Vegetables cultivation practice is rare in camp areas but BASD has been started the program since 2019 in another camp areas. By seeing the cultivation of vegetables other NGOs and camp in charge appreciated the program.

B. Folk Songs: We made a group of 8 members for singing Folk Songs. Songs have been highlighted on awareness of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19 like not touching face by hand, hand washing with soap or hand wash, mask using and staying at home for safety. That group visited among 800 families and community in Rohingya Camp-4.

C. Brochures Printed: 3,000 Brochures printed for distribution in the Rohingya Refugee Camps -4. People have been aware on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by it. It was made by Myanmar language for the understanding of Rohingya people with the assistance of RRRC of Bangladesh Government.



Brochures distributing by a volunteer

D. Distributon of Hand Sanitizers, Face Masks & Soaps: To protect from the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) we distributed the Hand Sanitizers, Face Masks & Soaps among 800 families at camp 4. We distributed these items in a day with the assistance of 4 Volunteers, Majhees (Local Leaders) & site management also assisted us to distribute properly. In distribution program we discussed about its uses.

E. Washing system installed in different entry location: We have been installed 5 sets Washing system in different entry location at Camp No. 4: Block E-10, E-8, G-4, E-16 and G-7. People are using those spontaneously.



Washing system installed

F. Training on Protection from COVID-19 for staff, volunteers & local people: A day-long training conducted at CIC meeting room in Camp No.- 4 for protection of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) where participated 2 staffs, 4.Volunteers & 14 Majees. Mr. Mahafujur Rahaman, CIC, inaugurated the training. Major points were discussed: What is Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), how it is attacks, what is its symptoms, protection techniques, role and responsibilities of the participants etc.



Mr. Mahafujur Rahaman, CIC, inaugurated the Projection training

G. Video Making: A result based Video has been made by this project.

H. Distributon of Safety Dress (PPE), Hand globes, Sanitizers and Towels: We distributed 20 sets of Safety Dress (PPE), Hand globes, Sanitizers and Towels among staff, volunteers and Majhees (Local Leaders) who received training for the

I. protection of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Staff of side office of RRRC presented in the distribution program.

Although the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) issue hampered the normal movement & plan wise activities implementation, we have completed all activities in due time. Refugees are living a healthy life in Camp No.4. They are grateful to BASD and the Donor.

