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CDD Cox's Bazar Operation

Background

CDD in Partnership with CBM started its health and rehabilitation services for both FDMN camp and Host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The projects have two-pronged approach by prioritizing rehabilitation service provision and disability mainstreaming.

The focus here is on provision of rehabilitation services that includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech & language therapy, eye screening, hearing screening, psychosocial counseling and provision of assistive devices as well as the strengthening referral system.

The mainstreaming activities are to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities along with strengthening the Age and Disability Working Group and the rights of persons with disabilities through formation and capacity building of Self Help groups (SHG) & Disability Support Committees (DSC).

Project Areas

Camp Name : 8w, 11, 13, 18, 19
Host Community: Holudiapalong, Rajaplaong, & Ratnapalong

Service Team Engagement

During the month of August 2021, Four Home Based Rehabilitation (HBR) teams, main camp staff & bus camp staff were on board as per Government instruction.

Service Provision at Host Community

In August 2021, we covered 181(58.12% female, 41.98%) people with rehabilitation services. Among them 27.62% were persons with disabilities and 22.65% were from elderly group (63 and above). A total of 920 service sessions were conducted which includes **physiotherapy (384 session), occupational therapy (167), speech & language therapy (99 session), visual assessment (171) and hearing assessment (99).**

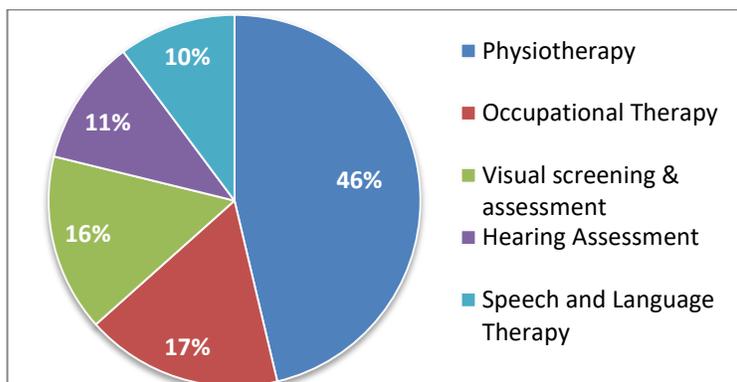


Figure: Service Provision at Host Community

Service provision at FDMN Community

In August 2021, we covered 404 (46.53% female, 53.47% male) people with rehabilitation services. Among them 63.36% were persons with disabilities and 43.56% were from elderly.

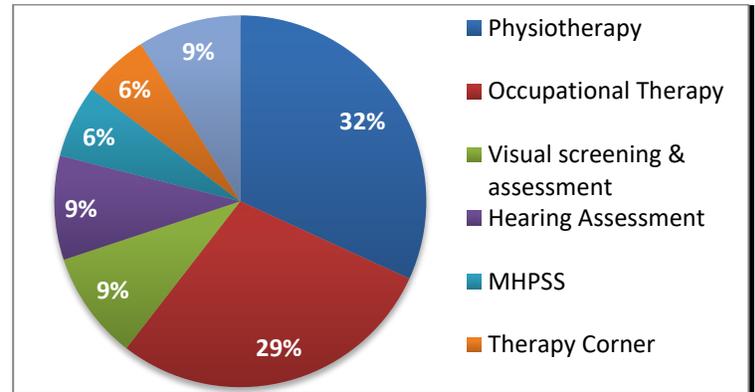


Figure: Service Provision at FDMN Community

CASE STUDY

"Bringing confidence and meaning to life"

"I have got my life back with the mental support and care received from Fattah Vai (Rehab Office, CDD). It brings back my confidence at my 69 years of age. I get relief when I saw the smile on the face of my wife who had to struggle a lot for my care." – Said Md.69 years old Nurul Islam FDMNs, with sparkling eyes during a therapy session.



Photo: Md. Nurul Islam; **Photo Credit:** Abu Fattah (Occupational Therapist)

Md. Nurul Islam lives with his wife since 2017. He came to Bangladesh during the influx leaving behind his other relatives in Myanmar. He has been struggling with difficulties in his daily living activities like using toilet, bathing, changing dress and mobility.

Our HBR (Home based rehabilitation) Team provided physiotherapy, occupational therapy and ensure some home adaptations like pathways. Besides, assistive devices like walking stick and toilet chair etc. were provided to him. So far, 6-7 therapy sessions were conducted to bring some development in his mobility.

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“Life is very challenging for an old aged man like me. We are the burden for a family. We couldn't work and earn for our livings. We had to depend on others. I always become upset to see the tired face of my beloved wife. I can felt both of her suffering and love for me. But I was really helpless during those days. But now, my joys know no bound. I am confident to live like others with hope and meaning to life.”

There are many like Md Nurul Islam among FDMNs (Forcibly displaced Myanmar Nationals) in the camp 8W as well as in other camps. We are working with different sector actors and the Government to expedite our support at our level best. However, sectors need an integrated plan and extensive efforts to stand with people like Nurul Islam.

There are 125 beneficiaries (21%) identified with different types of disabilities under this age category (Above 59). Most of them 35% are with lower back pain.

Service session provided in the community

Nationality	Age category	Male	Female	Total
Bangladeshi	Child	187	176	363
	Adult	292	335	627
	Old	141	84	225
FDMN	Child	154	222	376
	Adult	274	331	605
	Old	296	378	674
Total		1,344	1,526	2,870

Distribution and follow up of assistive devices

A total of 510 different assistive devices like spectacle, toilet chair, bed pan, urine pot, and walking stick have been provided among 376 beneficiaries from camp and host communities.

Referral and follow up

During this reporting month we have referred 309 (Male 51.13%, Female 48.87%) patients to other health service posts like Orbis Eye Clinic ENT Specialist, Cox's Bazar Medical Hospital, Ukhyia Health Complex, CBBSH, DAM Hospital, FH, MSF, BDRCS and Rtm for Karatiscs, Ear Infection, Neuro Medicine, Medical service, Cataract surgery.

Extended Support to Sectors and CICs for Covid-19 Vaccination

Total 255 individuals were referred by CDD for vaccination program from at camp 8w, 18, 11, 13 etc. Among 255, Male is 133 and female is 122. 70.19% are old persons and only 29.80 people are adult.



Photo: Referred clients for Covid-19 Vaccination **Photo Credit:** Mohammad Furkan, Volunteer

Community Awareness and Self Help Group Meeting

Team conducted 05 Community awareness sessions with FDMN community where 62 persons participated including person with disabilities, caregivers, family members, Majhi's etc. In host communities 03 SHG meeting conducted considering the COVID safety measures.



Photo: Self Help Group Meeting; **Photo Credit:** Anwarul Islam, Community Mobilizer

Caregiver Training

In the month of August, 150 caregivers were provided skill based training to ensure care for respective beneficiaries. Among them 114 were female and 36 were male.

Training Pool Meeting

To enhance training skill and problem-solving capability inclusion team organizes training pool meeting each Wednesday of week from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. One participant per meeting presents a

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presentation on different topics and other members give feedback and analyze the ways to enhance capability.

Mainstreaming Activities

- Provide technical support on AHP Bangladesh Consortium Newsletter, AHP Brochure 2021 and Concept note on Ground Truth Solutions (Qualitative research)
- Organized and coordinated training on Disability Inclusion in GBV Programming for ADWG members.
- Published a write up in AHP Newsletter and a representative of the CDD team attended an interview for a video documentary to share activity under the AHP project.
- Conducted and communicating with Self-Help Group members regarding capacity building and SWOT analysis in the host community
- Produced and printed IEC materials on causes of impairment before birth in the local language.
- Organize & Co-facilitate Training session: Disability Inclusion in Nutrition.
- Attended WASH, Nutrition, Protection, and ADWG meetings

Observance World Humanitarian Day 2021.

Team observed World Humanitarian Day 2021 on 19th August 2021 under the theme "The Human Race".



Photo: Discussion session on world humanitarian day

Photo Credit: Rasel Ahmed

The day started through a discussion among team members and frontliners with the participation of community leaders on human rights and community drives. Later a debating contest was organized among team members with the topic "**Only sector-based initiatives can ensure the active participation of persons with disabilities in the humanitarian response**". Participants from self-help group, representatives from mainstream organizations attended the event and enjoyed the day long occasions.



Photo: Prize giving ceremony on world humanitarian day after completion program; **Photo Credit:** Kawser Rezwan

A scoping study: Assistive Technology in the Humanitarian Context

Article 11 of the UN Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), notes that States' and other relevant humanitarian actors are obliged to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in all situations of risk, including armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.

Our team members are engaged in the study to conduct 30 clients' level survey and 5 KIIs with our Therapist. The study led by Dr Maria Kett Associate Professor in Humanitarianism and Disability UCL Institute of Epidemiology and Healthcare

Aim of the Study

1. Improve understanding of the need for AT in humanitarian settings;
2. Compile evidence of current provision and practice across a variety of humanitarian contexts;
3. Provide case study examples of 'what works', and how this is measures and assessed;
4. Provide recommendations for action by key stakeholders, particularly global humanitarian coordination bodies and actors

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