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Inclusive Rohingya Response Program

Background

CDD in Partnership with CBM started its health and rehabilitation services for both FDMN camp and Host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh since December 2017. 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 aimed 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

Host Community: Rajaplaong, Ratnapalong, Haldiapalong

Mainstreaming activities

1. Organized "Gender and Disability Inclusive Development Training"

CDD and CBM organized a day-long training on Gender and Disability Inclusive Development on 9th February 2022 at Foodies Café & Catering, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. A total of 19 CDD staffs attended the training. Participants: men-14, women-05, persons with disability-02 (men-02, woman-0). The contents of the training were: understanding gender key concept, gender based violence, and mainstreaming gender into MFAT.



Photo: Participants attending ice breaking session during the training.

Photo credit: Ariful Islam Arman, CDD

2. Provided technical support on Disability Mainstreaming and Inclusive Protection Training

International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Age and Disability Working Group (ADWG) organized 2-days-long training on Disability Mainstreaming and Inclusive Protection on 15th and 16th February 2022 at Best Western Heritage Hotel, Cox's Bazar. A total number of 23 participants from IRC attended this training. Participants: men-15, women-08, persons with disability-0. CDD Inclusion team provided technical support on training co-ordination and facilitation.

3. Other Mainstreaming Activities

- Organized ADWG core members monthly meeting at Foodies Café & Catering, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar on 23rd February 2022.
- Disability Inclusion Technical Unit (DITU) team has conducted total number of 6 field visits with World Vision, Oxfam, Plan International, and gender working group.
- Provided technical support on Basic Understanding of Disability, Advocacy and Self-Help Group (SHG) Under AHP Project at Moheshkhali.
- Attended WASH, Protection, and GBV Sector meetings
- Co-ordinated SHG meetings and activities of core self-help groups.



Photo: Self Help Group meeting at Host community

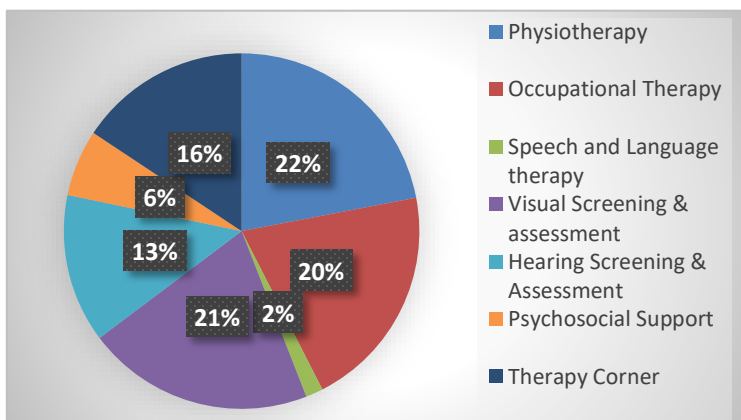
Photo credit: Ayaz Mia, SHG member

Service Provision at FDMN and Host Community

In February 2022, we registered 720 (55.91% female, 44.09% male) new people for providing rehabilitation services at FDMN and Host community. Among them 81.22% were persons with disabilities and 21% were from the elderly group (60 and above). A total of 1,049 service sessions were conducted which included physiotherapy (416 sessions), occupational therapy (395 sessions), Speech and Language therapy (22 sessions) visual screening & assessment (253 sessions), hearing screening & assessment (164 sessions), Psychosocial Support (73 sessions) and 90 sessions in the therapy corner for children with severe disability.

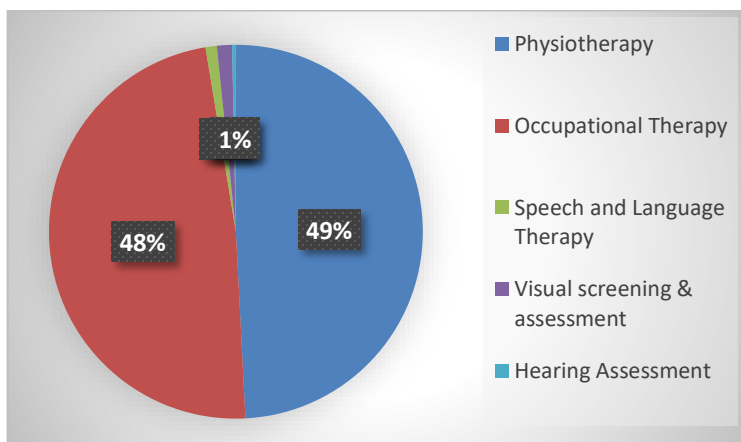
Service wise coverage at FDMN Community

In February 2022 we covered 663 (47.05% female, 52.95% male) people with rehabilitation services. Among them 80.1% were persons with disabilities and 21% were from elderly. The figure represents the service provision.



Service wise coverage at Host Community

In this month, we provided rehabilitation services to 57 (female 74.5% and male 25.5%) new clients and as usual old clients. Among them 95% were persons with disabilities and 14% were from elderly. The figure is demonstrating service provision.



Caregiver Training

During the reporting period, 40 caregivers were provided with skill-based training to ensure home care for respective beneficiaries. Among them 33 were female and 7 were male.

Case Study:

Shahida's story towards independence

Shahida is an 8-year-old child with cerebral palsy living in a Rohingya camp in Balukhali, Cox's Bazar. As she was growing older, her parents noticed that she was facing some delay in learning new activities and was having difficulty standing or walking. Day by day, her condition was getting worse. After coming to Bangladesh, because of Shahida's impairment, her father abandoned her and her mother, and they now live with a new family.

Shahida's mother was very concerned and depressed about the future of Shahida in these circumstances. Later, she was informed by her neighbor regarding CDD and CBM's service for children with disabilities in camp.

After coming to the therapy corner, Shahida received an assessment by a rehabilitation professional and her therapy session started. She received therapeutic counselling, cognitive therapy, gait training, training for self-care activities, etc. She has been taking therapy service for the last 5 months. In the meantime, CDD also made a linkage with the Department of Social Services so that the family can get financial support. She was also provided with a knee ankle foot orthosis for both legs so that Shahida could walk.



Photo: Shahida attending session at the therapy corner
Photo credit: Titu Barua, Volunteer

Her mother said that "I am very grateful to get the service as my daughter is gradually learning to walk. She has become more able than before. Thanks a lot for the support."



Photo: Shahida continuing gait training at her shelter
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