

# **Monthly Bulletin**

Inclusive Rohingya Response Program





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#### **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. CDD and CBM organized Advocacy Training to enhance the knowledge and capacity of SHG group members on advocacy and to prepare action plan on advocacy related activities among the local govt. authorities and humanitarian actors. The training was held separately on 28th February and 7th March 2022 at Foodies Cafe & Catering, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. Total 22 participants from SHG group Oikko, Odhikar, Alor Dishari and Nirvoya attended the training.



**Photo:** Participants are taking part in an energizer. **Photo Credit:** Md.Rashed, Community Mobilizer, CDD

**2.** Disability Inclusion Technical Unit (DITU) conducted a day-long training on "Disability Inclusive Education" for Save the Children's implementing partner YPSA on March 06, 2022. The training's goal was to build knowledge about disability, inclusion, inclusive education, and identify strategies for including different types of learners with

disabilities. Total number of 18 participants attended this training where 12 participants were men and 6 participants were women.

**3.** DITU conducted a 3-hour long session for CMU's Communications and Advocacy Working Group (CAWG) members on "Disability Inclusive Communication and Accessible Materials" on March 15, 2022. The goal of the training was to ensure the accessibility of the word documents, PPT, video and how to communicate with persons with disability while considering disability inclusive communication etiquette. Participants who attended were from different consortium partners and a total of 6 participants attended the training. Among the 6 participants 3 were women and 3 men.



**Photo:** During Training session on Disability Inclusive Communication and Accessible Materials

- **4.** DITU conducted a SHG training for RDRS, CAN DO on "Basic Understanding of Disability, Advocacy and Self-Help Group (SHG)" on 27 February 2022.
- **5**. DITU visited the Child Protection and Education activities with Plan International at a multipurpose centre at Math Para, Teknaf, Oxfam's implementing partner NGO Forum's WASH activities at Whykong, Teknaf, and Save the Children's Health Center at Camp-4.
- **6**. Attending RPA Workshop hosted by Protection Sector.
- **7**. Attending workshop for annual work plan for ADWG.
- **8.** Attending ADWG core member meeting and general meeting.
- **9**. Attending health protection and GBV Sector meeting.

## **Service Provision at FDMN and Host Community**

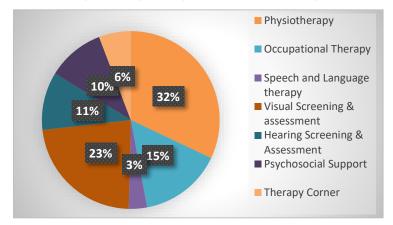
In March 2022, we registered 739 (52.63% women, 47.36% men) new project participant for providing rehabilitation services at FDMN and Host community. Among them 88.63% were people with disabilities and 23.27% were from the elderly group (60 and above). A total of 1,622 service sessions were conducted which included Physiotherapy (581 sessions), Occupational therapy (360 sessions), Speech and Language therapy

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(66 sessions) Visual screening & assessment (283 sessions), Hearing screening & assessment (131 sessions), Psychosocial Support (129 sessions) and 72 sessions in the therapy corner for children with severe disabilities.

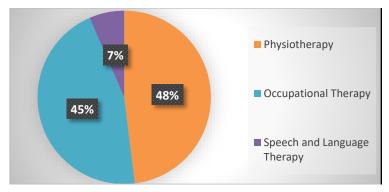
#### Service wise coverage at FDMN community

In March 2022 we covered 608 (49.84% women, 50.16% men) people with rehabilitation services. Among them 86.51% were people with disabilities and 23.19% were from elderly. The figure represents the service provision.



#### Service wise coverage at Host community

In this month, we provided rehabilitation services to 131 ( 64.12% women and 35.88% men) new clients and as usual old clients. Among them 98.5% were people with disabilities and 19.08% were from elderly. The figure is demonstrating service provision.



#### Caregiver training

During the reporting period, 120 caregivers were provided with skill-based training to ensure home care for respective beneficiaries. Among them 94 were women and 24 were men.

#### **Community awareness session**

Community awareness session on disability was conducted in FDMN and host community. A total of 14 awareness sessions (Host Community: 5, FDMN Community: 9) were conducted where 125 persons participated including people with disabilities, caregivers, family members, Majhi's etc.



**Photo:** Awareness session on disability sensitization conducted in collaboration with Danish Refugee Council (DRC) at their hub at Camp 11.

Photo Credit: Abdul Kader, Community Mobilizer, CDD

### Referral and follow up

In this reporting month we have referred 23 (women:10 and men:13) to other health service post like Orbis Eye Clinic, CBBSH, DAM Hospital, FH Hospital, MSF, BDRCS and RTM for Karatiscs, Ear Infection, Neuro Medicine, Medical service, Cataract surgery.

#### Support to other organization

Home Based Rehabilitation team of CDD provided clinical assessment and therapeutic services to 14 people with disabilities at Horinmara, Rajapalong; those who are referred and project participant of World vision.



**Photo:** Rehab professional conducting clinical assessment **Photo Credit:** Salauddin, Community Mobilizer, CDD



**Photo:** CDD Rehab professionals assessing beneficiaries at IOM health post at camp 13

Photo Credit: Rashed, Community Mobilizer, CDD

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#### **Day Observation**

CDD staff along with project participants those who were women and girls with disabilities attended the observation of International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 which was organized at CIC camp 13 with collaboration of different mainstreaming organizations. This year's theme was "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."



**Photo:** Women's Day observation at Rohingya Camp 13 **Photo Credit:** Amir Hossain, Community Mobilizer, CDD

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, was World Hearing day. This year's theme was "**To hear for life, listen with care.**" CDD observed this day by arranging hearing screening camp and awareness sessions at both Rohingya camp and Host community. People with disabilities actively participated and shared their voice during the awareness session.



**Photo:** Audiometric technician sharing tips on hearing awareness with the community people at Rohingya camp **Photo Credit:** Titu Barua, Volunteer, CDD

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CDD has distributed some hygiene kits among the students of Moricha Palon Government Primary School which included cloth mask (3000 Pcs), Hand sanitizer (300 Bottle), Hand wash (300 Bottle), Soap (600 Pcs). It was funded by Malteser International.



**Photo:** Some students who received hygiene materials **Photo Credit:** Salauddin, Community Mobilizer, CDD

## Case Study

Belal Uddin, a 21 year old boy living in Jamtoli, Ukhiya. He has his parents, one brother, and two younger sisters in his family. He was not able to hear properly when he was a child.

When he attended school, he faced challenges due to his impairment. He was unable to properly respond when the teacher or his classmates called him. They would make fun of it and sometimes criticize him. Finally, after class eight, he discontinued school. He tried to help his father in the shop but was unsuccessful due to his challenges.

In 2020, he saw some people using hearing aid, and felt interested in knowing about the device and where they got it from. He was informed about CDD services and communicated with CDD's mobile bus camp services. He was screened for his hearing loss. After a couple of months, he received a hearing aid from CDD, which helped him hear properly and communicate with others. He can now take part in playing, social work, and helping his father in the shop.

After the COVID pandemic, he started selling mask in the market, especially in front of the hospital. He is now able to support his family. Furthermore, he is planning to get admitted to an open university for further study.



**Photo:** Belal Uddin selling mask in front of UHC, Ukhiya **Photo Credit:** Salauddin, Community Mobilizer, CDD

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