

Title: Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector joint field visit

Visit Date: 9 October 2023

Participants: AAB, BRAC, DRC, HelpAge International, IOM, NGO Forum, Protyashi, PIB, RIC, Shushilan, UNHCR, UN Women

Agenda:

- 1) **Protyashi Skills Development Center, Camp 11**
- 2) **Multipurpose Women Center, Camp 4 Extension**
- 3) **Skills Development Training & FHM Production Center, Kutupalong Registered Camp**

Agenda	Discussion points
<p>1) Protyashi Skills Development Center, Camp 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sector partners visited the Protyashi Skills Development Center at Camp 11, where Community Health Worker and Plumbing formal Competency Based Training (CBT) is currently being held. - The project titled ‘Improving Skills and Economic Opportunities in Cox’s Bazar’ is funded by GAC, and IOM is the Programme Partner. Protyashi’s target is 800 beneficiaries in different trades, by the end of the project in 2024. 50% targeted beneficiaries are female. - The duration of the formal CBT is 360 hours/72 days. After completion of 360 hours, external assessors are assessing the competencies of the beneficiaries/trainees. Once beneficiaries attain the minimum qualification marks, they will be declared as graduates. - The beneficiary selection criteria for this project is: age group of 18-24, basic literacy & numeracy skills, beneficiaries’ willingness/interest to learn a certain skill, previous relevant experience, and qualifying placement test conducted at the beginning of the training. - If a beneficiary is dropping the course for some reason before 10 classes of a particular training, the beneficiary will be replaced. - The training takes place in two batches, 8 am – 12 pm and 12- 4 pm. Also, one hour homework is given to the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries are receiving 150 BDT per day for the duration of the training, as a stipend. - Some of the challenges are: women getting married in other camps are moving to other camps; sometimes there are relocations and trainees are not able to continue with the training if the new location is far from the training facility; men are expected to earn as much as possible for family and 150 BDT which they are receiving from attending the training is not enough, so they look for other income generation opportunities.

Sector partners visiting the Community Health Worker vocational training, Camp 11



2) **Multipurpose Women Center, Camp 4 Extension**

- In the Multipurpose Women Center Action Aid Bangladesh (AAB), Implementing Partner of UN Women, is providing training on Jute products, Handicrafts, Sewing, Embroidery and Nakshikatha to female beneficiaries. Once trained, the beneficiaries receive in-kind support for self-employment/IGA opportunities. AAB staff does regular follow-up visits to the beneficiaries.
- Each beneficiary receives training for a particular trade in the duration of 320 days (4 hours x 20 days x 4 months), the training is considered a non-formal technical training and no stipend is provided for trainees for the duration of the training.
- They have 70 women engaged in the production so far. AAB receives orders from humanitarian community and diverts the orders to these production groups. The raw materials' cost is covered by AAB, the surplus of the sales is divided among the beneficiaries involved in the production as wages. AAB keeps a registration book to track the payments to the beneficiaries.
- Beneficiaries are also producing vermicompost at the center, they are receiving order through AAB well ahead.
- AAB is also producing sanitary napkins for free distribution among the Rohingya women and girls.
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Observing the Nakshikatha production at Multipurpose Women Center, Camp 4 Extension

1) **Skills Development Training & FHM Production Centre, KRC**

- UNHCR, through NGO Forum as its Implementing Partner, is implementing the same project funded by GAC 'Improving Skills and Economic Opportunities in Cox's Bazar'. Currently there are three formal CBT courses running: Concreter, Electrician, and Sewing Machine Operator.

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- The training duration is 360 hours/72 days, and external assessors will assess the competency of the beneficiaries after completion of the training.
- The training takes place in two batches, 8 am – 12 pm and 12- 4 pm. Also, one hour homework is given to the beneficiaries. Per day beneficiaries are receiving 150 BDT as stipend.
- The center is also engaging the volunteers in the production of female sanitary pads and underwear, funded by UNIQLO.



Vocational training on Concrete going on at the Skills Development Training & FHM Production Center in Kutupalong Registered Camp