

LSDS Joint Field Visit Report

As part of LSDS’s monthly workplan, the Sector with interested partners had taken a joint field visit on 24th february. The main idea of the field visit was to monitor the ongoing activity, interact with beneficiaries, measuring the progress of the implementation and mutual learning among the partners. Sector partners visited the project sites implemented by NRC, Humanity & Inclusion (HI), UNHCR-CNRS, IOM-PHALS.

1. Camp-25 NRC-Hand made- Soap Production



LSDS partners conducted a field visit to the Uttaran Training Centre in Teknaf (Camp 25), implemented in collaboration with NRC under the RAF project, where 10 Rohingya learners were actively engaged in a hand soap-making training. The learners shared diverse post-training aspirations, including initiating small-scale home-based soap production, forming group enterprises with peers, and exploring potential linkages with nearby markets targeting specially the tourists –reflecting promising pathways toward income generation and self-reliance.

Hand-made organic soaps made by Refugee Beneficiaries in camp 25

2. Camp-04- Assistive device pilot workshop for assistive device repair and inclusive tool production -Hi



The LSDS Sector, in collaboration with partners, conducted a field visit to the Assistive Device (AD) Repair Pilot Workshop in Camp-4, established by Handicap International – Humanity & Inclusion (HI). The initiative has successfully engaged 15 youth with disabilities in hands-on training, equipping them with practical skills in the repair and local production of assistive devices. Following the training, participants have demonstrated the capacity to independently repair and produce essential assistive devices, marking a significant step toward enhanced functionality, inclusion, and self-reliance. During the programme, 14 participants actively contributed to practical repair and production activities, reflecting strong engagement and skill acquisition

Different range of assistive device being made in camp 04 and partners are engaging in conversation with Persons with Disabilities.



3. Camp-04Ext – UNHCR-CNRS (Skill training, English Language training and green innovation Hub)



LSDS sector team along with partners visited UNHCR -Green innovation hub implemented by CNRS where they provided Vocational training, English language training, Digital skill. The program is supported by FCDO-RAF. During the visit LSDS team observe some activities such as vocational training -small engine Mechanic, Solar installation and repairing, International English language test (IELTS) under English language development and ICT training under green innovation hub. The average number of learners following Vocational Training 25 learners, IELTS 25 learners and 30 learners ICT. During the visit the partners interact with the learners and observe the skill development activities, hub-workshop, profit sharing mechanism, employment engagement (Self and wage employment).

Partners observing Competency-based Training Programme in Camp 04 Ext.

4. Camp-20- PHALS-“Innovative Soap-Based Livelihoods for Hygiene Promotion Among Rohingya Refugees and Vulnerable Host Communities in Cox’s Bazar”- Supported by IOM

As per the planned schedule, LSDS partners conducted a visit to the PHALS soap production facility supported by IOM, where both Rohingya and host community learners are receiving skills development training in soap production. During the visit, the LSDS team observed the end-to-end production process, including laboratory testing of pH balance, moisture, and other quality parameters by a chemist; the mixing of raw materials; drying and cutting processes; and storage systems. The team noted that the training is progressing well, with a strong emphasis on quality assurance and practical learning. PHALS has already received the BSTI, and in line with compliance requirements, a laboratory has been established within the facility. As BSTI approval is obtained and branding is finalised, PHALS planning on systematic supply of soap to the WASH sector. Additionally, PHALS has applied for a Bangladesh Polli Biddut (BPBS) connection to reduce production costs and enhance operational efficiency.



Bathing and laundry soaps are being produced in Camp 20.