CODEC with support of UNICEF and Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, GoB has been implementing the project “Protection of Vulnerable children and adolescents, empower Cox’s Bazar area since 2010 in host community (Sadumara & Leda, Teknaf Upazila; Palingkhali, Balukhali and Kutupalong, Ukhiya Upazila) with five Child Friendly Spaces where 3,926 children and adolescents were registered.

The aim of the project was to protect the most vulnerable children in and around Cox’s Bazar from illiteracy, poverty and from all sorts of social evils. As a result the overall objectives of the project was set to protect vulnerable children, children keeping protective environment and building capacity of family and duty bearer, aware children about their rights and protection and receiving services through referral mechanism. The project has been managed in conjunction with Upazila Government officials, Union Parishad and Centre Management Committee.

CODEC started the second phase of the project from January 2012. The main objective was to facilitate better access of the child protection and development services, empower adolescents to act as change-maker through life skill and occupational development, improve protection activities in the community level through formation and capacity development of CBCPC and to support positive parenting practice in the family and community level through awareness raising activities on child rights and child development issues. Identification of Vulnerable Children and inclusion to the case management system, Peer meeting and learning session for formed Peer group inside the Child Friendly Space (CFS), ability based learning programme for drop-out children to ensure hundred percent enrollment of children in education, cash support programme for vulnerable children under enabling environment for child rights project (ECEP) by MoWCA, GoB, drama stage by Interactive Popular Theater (IPT) team both inside CFS and at village level. National and International day observation such as, Independence day, Bengali New year celebration, International Literacy day, International Women’s day, inclusion of adolescent in adolescent club for life skill based education and occupational training, stipend programme for adolescent to develop them occupationally and empowered them in the society, facilitating CBCPC to come forward more effectively towards the protection of children from all kinds of risk and other social harmful manner, providing effective training from CBCPC members to enhance their capacity, parents group meeting to raise awareness on child protection issues and their development through conducting Child Development Session. Major achievement are, a total 7214 children were registered under five Children Friendly Spaces and significant number (300) of parents and community members, service providers, representatives of local Government, teachers and member of civil society were involved in protection of child rights.

At present CODEC UNICEF is going to implement integrated programme responses for children and adolescents closely across the Child Protection and Education programme. Accordingly, UNICEF and CODEC have prepared (“Protective Environment Creation for Children and Adolescents in and around Cox’s Bazar area”) Programme Document and proposed to transform 20 existing Child Friendly Spaces into Multi-purposes Child and Adolescent Centre (2 in the host community and 1 in makeshift settlement). This will result in 23 Multipurpose Child and Adolescent Centre (7 in host communities and 16 in Rohingya communities) targeting 29,660 children and adolescents of both the Rohingya refugee and host community. The Multi-Purpose Adolescent and Child Protection Center® is a safe physical space and structure intended to access and serve as a ‘one-stop center’ for the provision of an integrated package of services for Rohingya and Host community children. This approach offers an opportunity to provide an integrated service and ensure the effective fulfillment of children’s rights.

The Multi-Purpose Child and Adolescent Centre will offer a range of services to children and adolescents with an approach to supporting girls and boys to achieve their full development - physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual. Multi-Purpose Children and Adolescent Centre aims to promote and address children’s wellbeing in a variety of ways and to ensure child participation.

To further strengthen community engagement in disseminating messages on key life-saving behaviors and practices, C4D Section will provide coordinated support to the project. The Section will provide support in enhancing knowledge of adolescents on life-saving behaviors and practices through organizing Adolescent Radio Listeners Clubs (ARLC) activity in the selected Multipurpose Children and Adolescents Centers facilitated by the C4D Partners.

From the inception the stakeholders of this project is very much appreciated to the project intervention and gave good comments to us to carry forward the services as long as we can. Total 327 staffs are involved to implement the project.

Hand Washing Day is observing by participants
The School Feeding Programme (SFP) has been undertaken by the World Food Programme (WFP) in camp areas. The SFP aims to reduce hunger among school children through live telecast by Myanmar private TV Channel and UNICEF Facebook page.

**UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Paid Her Visit in CODEC-UMN Project**

On 4th April 2019 UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and Malaysian Actor as well as Model Lisa Surhania along with UNICEF Cox’s Bazar Education Team visited CODEC UNICEF implemented Clustering Learning Center in Camp-18, Bakukhali – Ukhiya, Bangladesh. They observed teaching learning process at Sgovrika, Golap, Shikhon & Sun Learning center. They also talk with the learners, teachers and other project personnel about the project activities. They feel very happy to observing Numeracy, PSS Life skill & Story telling classes. They showed the learners’ performance in numeracy and others learning activity & child engagement on teaching learning. After observed the learning activity they check the learners learning progress as well as their handwriting, they also talk with learners about their aim in life and how they pass their lives in Rohingay camp. They saw the learners’ handwritings demonstration and act with the learners.

They talk about newly providing Intermediary materials, lesson plan, Burmese book, Story book both English and Burmese language. After the visit Ms. Surhania express her satisfaction about Learning center – visiting experience through live telecast by Malaysian private TV Channel and UNICEF Facebook page.

During visiting period Anika Tanjim Konoc of UNICEF and CO-DEC related project personnel were present.

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and Learn about how to reduce hunger among school children so that it is no longer an obstacle to their learning and mental development. CODEC has been implementing SFP for last two years. Although WFP School Feeding Programme started in registered camps in 2002, CODEC took under School Feeding Programme (WFP) from January 2017.

**Objectives of the projects:**

- Increasing student enrollment and attendance rate; Reducing dropout rate of the student from the school and literacy activities; Decreasing nutritional vulnerability of the children as the food (biscuits) provided are fortified with micronutrients; Enhancing attention and learning capabilities of the children; Enhancing attention and learning capabilities for students learning through short-term hunger, etc.

- Main activities of the project are CODEC – SFP project: collecting, storing and distributing biscuits fortified with micronutrients for the Rohingya Refugee Settlement’s children in the camp area, etc.

- At present, there are in total 2,805 units of school, learning centre and play center where, in everyday, 230,593 students get per packet per student highly nutritious biscuit for their presence.

**Coverage as on October 2018 of the project:**

- **Total Number of Camp:** 34
- **Total Number of Office:** 21
- **Total Number of LC:** 2805
- **Total Number of Students:** 230,593

**Name of the Partners:**

- CODEC, DAM, BRAC, YPSA, SCI, MUKTI, RISDA, COAST Trust
- OBAT, PLAN, ISDE, LMC
- PBL, Action Learning, Friendship, ICF

**Total 77 staffs are involved to implement the project with 451 refugee volunteers.**
strengthen protection of children. Under the special protection approach as child protection. The main objective of this part is to For 2019, UNHCR are for child protection part. evening schools at KTP and NYP RC and unregistered camps. access to education, strengthen the protection of refugee children and improve community involvement in education, child protection issue, and ensure more child friendly and eco-friendly environment suitable for children’s education and protection and strengthening school management committee by engaging more representatives from the community. Overall, the project envisages outcome that will provide optimal access to education, strengthen the protection of refugee children and improve community involvement in education, child protection issue, and ensure more child friendly and eco-friendly environment suitable for children’s education and protection and strengthening school management committee by engaging more representatives from the community.

A moment of new comers’ reception

For 2019, UNHCR-CODEC EPRC Project combined a new approach as child protection. The main objective of this part is to strengthen protection of children. Under the special protection approach, 5 Child friendly spaces will be established for 1750 structures for learning centers. Total number of children under this project is 54,412 through 20 primary schools, 03 Lower Secondary schools, 195 LCs, 50 Adolescent clubs, 1154 CEEDs, 46 evening schools at KTP and NYP RC and unregistered camps. Total number of staffs and volunteers are 1546 for EPRC and 79 are for child protection part.

Multi Sectoral Development Centre (MSCD) for the Safety and Security of Rohingya and Host Children, Bangladesh Project

MSCD project

CODEC is implementing “Multi Sectoral Development Centre [MSCD] for the Safety and Security of Rohingya and Host Children, Bangladesh” Project with the financial support of ERIKS Development Partner in the Camp 7 and 24 and adjacent areas (host community) of these camps along Ukhipara, Teknaf, Ukhiya Upazila of Cox’s Bazar District. It’s an 18 months long project and started its journey from November 1, 2018.

The main purpose of this project is to reduce risks of trafficking and abuse by creating safe and secured environment for the 2,600 children and adolescents who are 5 -12 & 13-18 years old. “Selected activities of this project are Space and Adolescent Club”. The only objective of this project is to strengthen protection of children. CODEC will also provide support through CO-DEC training center and CODEC will share cost in the training.

For its fruitful and popular services children treated these development centers as “Aarar Alom Khana” (This our education center). This project also formed four MSDPs (multi sectoral development platform), a local watchdog committee (15 - 25) consisted by different professionals in order to for smooth implementation of the project activities in the camp and host area, proper operation/ managing of MSDCs, children enrollment and so on. Actually they are playing key advocating role for ensuring overall wellbeing of their children and more caring about their children’s interest. They are bound to strengthen the community protection mechanism more functional. It is found that, children related to MSDC besides their daily routine life. They feel it is their space, in where they can share their feelings, sorrows, concerns, questions. MSDC’s Corner based activities – Art corner, Play corner, Reading / Story Telling corner and Handicrafts corner; Provide Gender, DRR, Health, Hygiene protection related awareness; Provide Counseling session to Adolescents and their parents, care givers, Majhi, social leaders; Need based Skill training and management of CFS and adolescent club. 

An uncommon approach in common situation in Refugee Community: Child Protection

Children represent 55% of the refugee population in Cox’s Bazar. Many of them have experienced the torture and killing of family members and show signs of psychosocial distress. For understanding and managing children’s needs, it is fundamental to recognize the unique presentations of trauma resulting from conflict as well as climate disasters has left children increasingly exposed to early marriage, the dangers of child trafficking and labor, or other forms of exploitation and abuse. The makeshift camp areas are congested and children don’t have sufficient place to play and move. Opportunities for recreation is also limited in the camp and it impact on psycho-social development.

Adolescent girls particularly are often invisible and hard to reach with services as cultural norms severely restrict their mobility. In this regard a holistic approach is need for the prevention and protection of children. Considering all of the visible and invisible stumbling blocks in the refugee community, UNHCR proposed to add a child protection approach with the existing project for 2019 project period. The main objective of this project is to strengthen protection of children.

CODEC will provide technical support in CFS material development and training module development for CFS management. Case management; Child safe guard and community based child protection. CODEC will also provide support through CO-DEC-Finance team, HRM, Logistics and Procurement, Admin, Internal Audit, M&E Cell. CODEC will also provide support in Architectural designing of CFS and Adolescent club. Service rendering will be arranged in CODEC training center and CODEC will share cost in the training.

Intended impacts of the project as Community based child protection structures established and functioning. Prevention and response services for children at risk, 5 Child friendly spaces will be established and 1750 children aged 4-5 years and 6 to 11 years who are out of school/ learning opportunities will get psychosocial support and basic knowledge through the project activities, 10 Community based Child Protection Centre will be established for 600 vulnerable and at-risk children. CODEC will also provide support through CO-DEC-Finance team, HRM, Logistics and Procurement, Admin, Internal Audit, M&E Cell. CODEC will also provide support in Architectural designing of CFS and Adolescent club. Service rendering will be arranged in CODEC training center and CODEC will share cost in the training.

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