

Meeting Minutes of CSO-NGO-INGO Coordination Meeting

Date: 5th October 2017, Time 8 p.m.

Place: COAST Cox's Bazar Management and Training Center

A CSO-NGO coordination meeting was held on 5th October at 8 p.m. at COAST Cox's Bazar Management & Training Center.



Local, National, INGO leaders and CSO leaders were present in the meeting. A short presentation was presented by Mr Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director of COAST on objectives and management system of the coordination in the meeting.

Objectives and management system of the coordination as follows:

Objectives:

- Coordination in operation (especially in Rohingya Relief), not to duplicate resources and efforts
- Contact information for all for cross communication

- Building independent CSOs responsive to human rights and refugee rights
- Promoting localization and accountability
- Collective and coordinated relation with government administration. Supporting for CSO/NGO sector development



Management

- Website both in Bengali and English
- Base line information on projects
- Membership from all local, national and international NGOs,
- Leadership / Co chairs system, from local NGOs,
- Secretariat COAST
- Fortnightly meeting.

Following leaders are spoke in the meeting and presented their opinion.

Aklima Khatun, Director, GK

Importance of NGO Coordination is necessary. I welcome the initiatives. Now in relation rohingya influx many coordination group has been sought daily/weekly report, but not possible to providing for us such type of report regularly.

Ajit Nandy, District focal Person, BRAC

Is there any coordination conflict arising with ADAB or FND?

Ranjit Chandra Das, Head of Program, BASTAB

FND and ADAB are not focused very much now. I have not got any benefit from these coordination groups.

Prodip Kumar Ray- Project Coordinator, Dun Church Aid (DCA)

FND and ADAB are a national NGOs coordination group but here needed a local coordination process.



Md Idris, Agrajatra, legal, advocacy & project manager

We are doing work here in Cox's Bazar since 1980. I would like to convey our organization leader Nilima Akhter Chowdhury that, we all local organization will do together and emphasizing NGOs alliance.

Farid Uddin, Deputy Director, CDIP

I have met Army leader at Ukhiya today. Army created scope for NGOs to establishing information center and office. We informed 43 NGOs got approval for operation emergency work to responding Rohingya influx and temporay CAMP, while only 13 NGOs doing operation only.

Local, national and international NGOs will have to forward all together for sake of our interest.

Md Sirajul Islam, Jonal Manager, Boro Bangladesh

If we, all NGOs meet together and form a common platform then our voice will be strong.

Md Giasuddin, PO- IDF

I feel very well to know that a common platform going to formation with all cooperation NGOs here in Cox's Bazar.

Anam Ahmed, Chief Executive, Jalalabad Foundation

It is very good initiative to formation a common platform with alliance of NGOs.

Md Hossain Chowdhury, Regional Manager, ANANDO

The alliance will be good for not only Rohingya affairs but it will have rcreating opportunity local development issues also.

Abdul Mannan, Branch Manager- POPY

If we make common platform of NGOs and meet together regularly then we will have faced all sort of local problems.

Mark Keye, Advocacy Manager, Save the Children

Okay. We are very much like the initiatives of the alliance. Here many people are forwarded for helping the Rohingya people.

Jon Bugge, Communication with Communities Working Group

Explained about the role of the working group to coordinate efforts by all organizations to engage the communities affected by this crisis. He acknowledged that the real experts in this were the local and national NGOs, who are experienced in engaging these communities. He invited the Network to nominate a co-chair of the working group to help the working group with strategic decision-making and ensure that we are building on existing capacity and knowledge.

Jeremy - ICVA

Thanked the participation of the group in the meeting and welcomed the commitment to coordinate and collaborate. He pointed out that there had been some positive changes since the meeting with Mark Lowcock (Under Secretary General/Emergency Relief Coordinator). The request of the CwC WG to have a local NGO co-chair was one important

step. In addition, a team within the ISCG is established for NGO engagement, to specifically follow up on these issues raised during the meeting with the USG and to find ways for meaningful engagement. There are further discussions about how to follow up on the issues raised to improve the collaboration between the international and local organizations. He also offered his continued support and assistance even when he was not in Bangladesh.