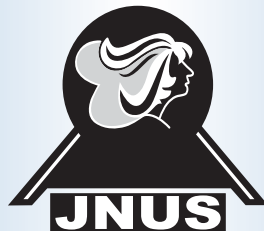


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Abbreviation

BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BLAST	Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSO	Civil Society Organization
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GIZ	The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Development Agency)
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JNUS	Jago Nari Unnayon Sangsta
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SSC	Secondary School Certificate
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Message from Executive Director



Jago Nari Unnayon Sangstha (JNUS), a women-led development organization in Cox'sBazar has been engaged in promoting gender equity, women empowerment and preventing Gender Based Violence in the society. Since its journey in 2010, JNUS has partnered with numerous organizations to bridge among the local communities and duty bearers for improving human rights situation, and stopping violence against women and girls. The activities and programs of the JNUS ranges from service delivery to capacity building to advocacy and networking at local, national and international level.

Over the years the initiatives and efforts of JNUS have earned due recognition from the local communities, partners and concerned authorities. JNUS has implemented twenty different types of projects with the support of national and international partners.

Among these projects, five were implemented in last year (2019-2020) in Rohingya Refugee camps and in the host communities. From its long experience, JNUS believes that the intercommunity collaboration and connectivity among the Rohingya Refugee people and the local community will be helpful for peaceful coexistence among the two communities.

The achievements of JNUS are also reflected among local communities in the form of better awareness and actions on trafficking, child marriage, sexual harassment, health rights, child rights, WASH, climate change, environmental protection, disaster management, human rights and rights issues of marginal and excluded communities. JNUS firmly believes that women empowerment at all level will accelerate implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other global development priorities. JNUS has proven and long experience on advocacy network; training; capacity building; producing quality policy papers, documents and conducting research; and program implementation in collaboration with national and international institutions.

This annual report demonstrates the overall programs and activities of JNUS and I hope it will be helpful for development practitioners, academicians, journalists, and people of other occupation to get a better understanding about the trend of development works and emergency response programs in Cox'sBazar.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, stylized lines that form the name 'Sheuly Sharma'.

Sheuly Sharma
Executive Director, JNUS

Acknowledgement

We are delighted to prepare the annual report (2019-2020) of Jago Nari Unnayan Sangstha (JNUS). It has been certainly a remarkable experience for us to bring out this report for the first time with sincere and commendable efforts of JNUS team and consultants. Though it was little challenging to have face to face meeting to work on the report in context of COVID-19 but we have made it possible with online meeting, incorporating feedbacks of our team members in the report and finally printing out the final report. We acknowledge the efforts and expertise of our colleagues and our consultants. We would like to thank Mr. Shekhar Kanti Ray and Mr. Ashish Banik—two consultants of JNUS for their generous and sincere efforts towards this report. We also acknowledge the kind support of GIS analyst Mr. Sunbeam Rahman for preparing JNUS working area map. Again, we acknowledge all the supports from our field office, partners and other stakeholders for supporting us to bring out the annual report.



JNUS at a glance

JNUS is an independent, non-profit and non-political women-led Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The organization designs, develops and delivers programmes for the promotion of Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Social Cohesion, and initiates measures which are vital for the prevention of Gender-based violence. JNUS offers network, resources and platforms for the community actors, government and non-government stakeholders to organize regular consultations, dialogues, seminars and workshops, conducts researches and surveys, and identifies issues requiring suitable intervention for ensuring the human rights and justice of the vulnerable women. JNUS does have a strong advocacy network, collaboration with the community actors, enjoys high national and local reputation, and regularly undertakes initiatives along with other development partners.



Chapter 1: JNUS Profile

- **Vision, Mission and Aspirations**
 - **Focus Areas and Programmes**
 - **Stakeholders**
 - **Partners**
 - **Networks**
 - **Lawyer's Network**
 - **JNUS Team**
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1.1 Vision, Mission and Aspirations

Vision

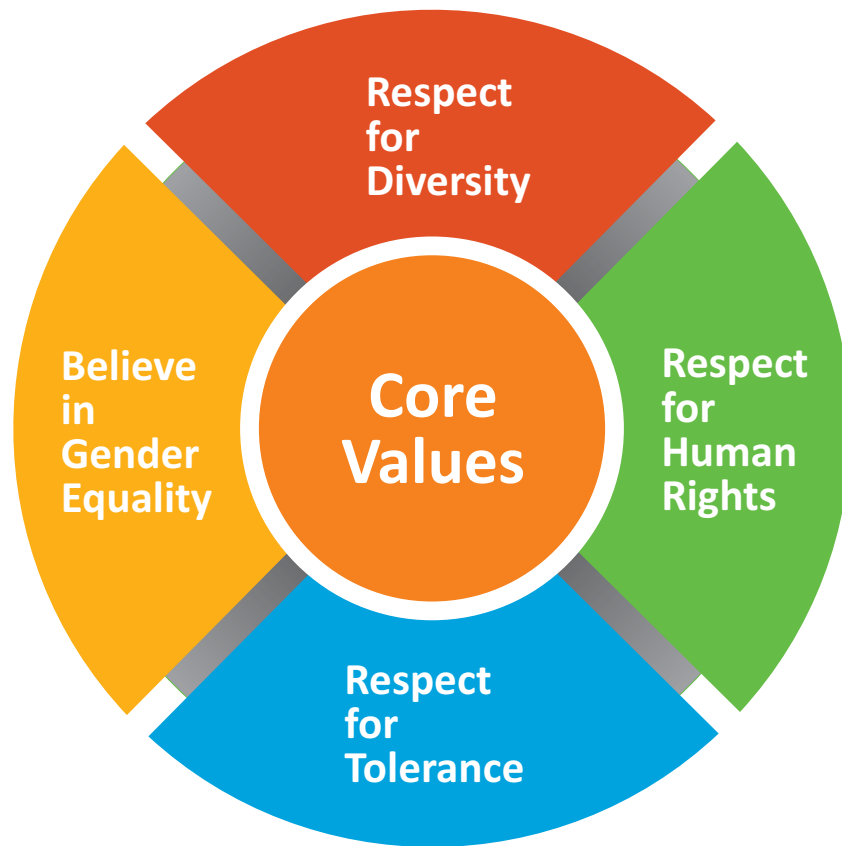
To bring an end of all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls irrespective of gender, race, religion and culture.

Mission

To promote a just, inclusive and democratic society where the women and girls will take the leadership for sustainable development.

Aspirations

JNUS aspires for a society free of all sorts of exploitation, deprivation, oppression, malnutrition, dominance, and starvation, in which every women will enjoy equal rights. JNUS wants to promote gender equality by ensuring human rights, social security, justice, human dignity, and democratic values in the society. JNUS promotes women's participation in peacebuilding and social cohesion for building social harmony & preventing conflict and extremism.



1.2 Focus Areas



1.3 Stakeholders

Government	Local Community	International Community
Department of Women Affairs	Local Women and Girls of Rohingya and Host Community	UN Agencies operating in Cox's Bazar
Department of Youth Development	Youth and Youth-led Organizations	International Development Partners operating in Cox's Bazar
District Education Office, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE)	Local Religious Leaders	
Office of the Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC)	Local Legal Aid Service Providers	
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Cox's Bazar	Local People's Representatives	
Office of Police Superintendent, Cox's Bazar	Members of Civil Society	
Office of the Upazilla Nirbahi Officer, Ramu, Ukhiya, Teknaf	Local Journalists Associations	
Upazilla Parishad and Union Parishad, Ramu, Ukhiya, Teknaf	Local Cultural Organizations	
Department of Agricultural Extension, Ukhiya	Teachers: Male and Female	
Department of Social Services	Educational Institutions	
Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)	Upazilla Health Complex	

1.4 JNUS Partners

National

- Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)
- Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS)
- BASTOB
- BLAST
- BRAC
- Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)
- Naripokkho
- Research Initiative Bangladesh (RIB)

International

- ActionAid Bangladesh
- Australian Aid
- British Council
- GIZ
- Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), USA
- Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), Switzerland
- ITED LIMITED, UK
- Laudes Foundation
- Management System International (MSI), USA
- National Endowment for Democracy (NED), USA
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK
- OXFAM
- The Global Women's Institute (GWI), The George Washington University
- UN Women
- USAID

1.5 Network

Local Level

Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) of UN Women, Cox's Bazar: It is a network of organizations working on gender issues in humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar. JNUS is the active partner of this network.

Cox's Bazar CSO-NGO Forum (CCNF): A network of local CSOs and NGOs in Cox's Bazar to promote a human Rights and gender-responsive society through positive engagement with the government. It is also promoting the localization agenda at the local level. JNUS is the active member of this forum.

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA): It is a network of organizations who are directly involved in preventing sexual exploitation and abuse. JNUS is an active member of this network.

Gender Hub: This network works for strengthening the accountability of humanitarian actors for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls from Rohingya refugees and host communities. JNUS is a member of this network.

NGO Platform: This network, established in 2018 is the platform of more than 100 local, national and international NGOs active in the humanitarian response programs in Cox's Bazar. The key functions of the network include information sharing and coordination, humanitarian advocacy, representation, capacity strengthening and enhancing partnerships and accountability among NGOs. JNUS is an active member of this network.

National Level

Bangladesh Women's Humanitarian Platform: This network of women-led organizations is maintained by OXFAM, Bangladesh. JNUS is the active member of this platform.

Amrai Pari Paribarik Nirjaton Protirodh Jot (WE CAN): It is a collective platform of civil society, organizations, individuals, institutions and others aiming for ending violence against women. JNUS is running a local committee under this platform for extending support to the women victims.

Bikashito Nari Network of the Hunger Project: It is one of the largest networks of women-led organizations and women leaders in Bangladesh. JNUS is an active member of this network.

Vision 2021 Forum: It is a network of civil society voluntary organizations working towards creating a self-reliant and hunger-free Bangladesh. JNUS is an active member of this forum.

Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB): ADAB is the leading and largest coordinating organization of the NGOs working in Bangladesh. JNUS is the partner of ADAB.



Global Level

Global Network of Women Peace-Builders (GNWP): GNWP is a coalition of over 100 women's rights organizations from over 40 countries around the world. JNUS is a partner of this coalition.

Generation Equality Forum's Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) and Humanitarian Action (HA) Compact: It is a global network to bring together key supporters and champions of the WPS and HA agendas to focus on monitoring and accountability, coordination and financing to implement WPS and humanitarian action commitments. JNUS is a member of this network.

Community Level

Women's Forum for Building Social Cohesion: Thirteen Women's Forum for Building Social Cohesion have been formed comprising women leaders in Rohingya and host community supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). Eight groups with twenty members in each, have been organized at Camp 9, Camp 26 and Camp 27 and five groups have been formed in adjacent host communities. These women forums are organizing dialogues, discussions and consultations with other stakeholders at the community level to develop common understanding on issues affecting the safety and security of the women in both communities. They are also trying to generate mutual understanding how to expand opportunities for the women in both communities. It is expected that the activities of these forums would contribute to enhance social cohesion between Rohingya and host community.



Local Women Leaders in Host Community in Ukhiya

Young Women Leaders (YWLs): JNUS, in partnership with GNWP, has been running a network of young women leaders in Cox's Bazar to promote literacy education, social cohesion, leadership and economic empowerment. These young women leaders are very much active to undertake advocacy on various issues relating to gender equality



Young Women Leaders in Cox's Bazar

and women empowerment at the local level. At the moment, they are running literacy classes with 60 adult women of host community in Cox's Bazar. They are also planning to organize dialogues with different stakeholders including religious leaders and members of civil society to forward various issues related to women, peace and security

Women Groups in Rohingya and Host Community: JNUS, in association with Ain-o-Salish Kendra and UN Women, has formed twelve women groups, six with women of host community and six with the women of Rohingya Refugee Camps, for promoting women's participation in peace-building and social cohesion initiatives. Each group comprises of twenty women leaders who are provided with training on GBV and role of paralegal. Three women from each group will play the role of Maitree Apa in both communities. These women groups are engaged in building communication, collaboration and cooperation among women leaders of both Rohingya and host community with an aim to explore opportunities for developing mutual understanding and mutual trust between them. They are also active to play the role of mediator in their respective community.



Rohingya Women Group at Camp 3 at Kutupalong, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar

Self Help Groups: Forty Five Self Help Groups (SHGs) were formed in Ukhiya Uapzilla of Cox's Bazar in 2018. Each group had twenty members, fourteen of them were adolescent girls and women and six of them were adolescent boys and men. These groups are still active to prevent GBV, human rights violations through offering legal aid, alternative dispute resolution and referral to the vulnerable women and women victims at the community level. They are also playing the role of mediators to safeguard and protect the rights of the women victims in Rohingya and host community in Cox's Bazar.



Members of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) at Rajapalong Union, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar

Ramu Sampriti Parishad (RSP): This parishad was formed in 2018 under, "Strengthening Inter-Community Engagement against Violent Extremism" project supported by "USAID:Road to Tolerance" initiative. The parishad was comprised of members from civil society, women leaders, local influential actors including religious leaders and teachers to promote social cohesion across communities and institutions at Ramu Uapzilla in Cox's Bazar. The parishad always remain vigilant to any forms of extremism and



Members of Ramu Sampriti Parishad (RSP) meeting with the Members of Youth Forum

take quick response as such to address the issue in the form of dialogue, discussion and consultation. Their social network, ability to influence other are considered a big asset for establishing peace and stability in the society.

Influential Women's Network: Two Hundred Influential women of eight upazillas in Cox's bazar have created this platform under the leadership of JNUS. These women have been playing a commendable role in all Upazilas of Cox'sBazar by organizing alternative dispute resolutions involving relevant stakeholders. They are very active to ensure the rights of women and girls and facilitate the participation of women in decision making process to raising their voice on their rights. These women are also independently taking initiatives to promote awareness against GBV and violence against women and girls.



Representatives of Influential Women's Network at Ramu Upazilla at the Annual Gathering.

1.6 JNUS Women's Lawyer Association (JWLA)

JNUS has recently formed a network titled '**JNUS Women's Lawyer Association**' consisting of ten prominent women lawyers in Bangladesh. The members of this association are dedicated and committed to extend any form of legal support to the helpless, poor, vulnerable women and girls including women victims. It has been a long-cherished dream of forming this kind of association since JNUS started its operation in 2010 to strengthen the women's protection regime in the country. The primary objectives of this association are to provide legal aid support & policy advocacy for women to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women. JNUS Women's Lawyer Association (JWLA) is now in its early stage and planning to administer a series of activities to promote gender equality and end all forms of violence & sexual exploitation against women across the country.

The members of this network are as follows:

Advocate Shahnaj Parvin Bela Membership No: 12549, Dhaka Judge Court	Advocate Manowara Akter Membership No: 13615, Dhaka Judge Court
Advocate Zohera Begum Membership No: 7393, Dhaka Judge Court	Advocate Shahnaj Sathi Membership No: 7688, Dhaka Judge Court
Advocate Zaheda Morsheda Cox's Bazar Judge Court	Advocate Rebeka Sultana Membership No: 15857, Dhaka Judge Court
Advocate Runa Laila Dhaka Judge Court	Advocate Doly Akter Membership No: 5610, Dhaka Judge Court
Advocate Rehena Akter Membership No: 11478, Dhaka Judge Court	Advocate Nipa Akhter Membership No: 7684, Dhaka Judge Court

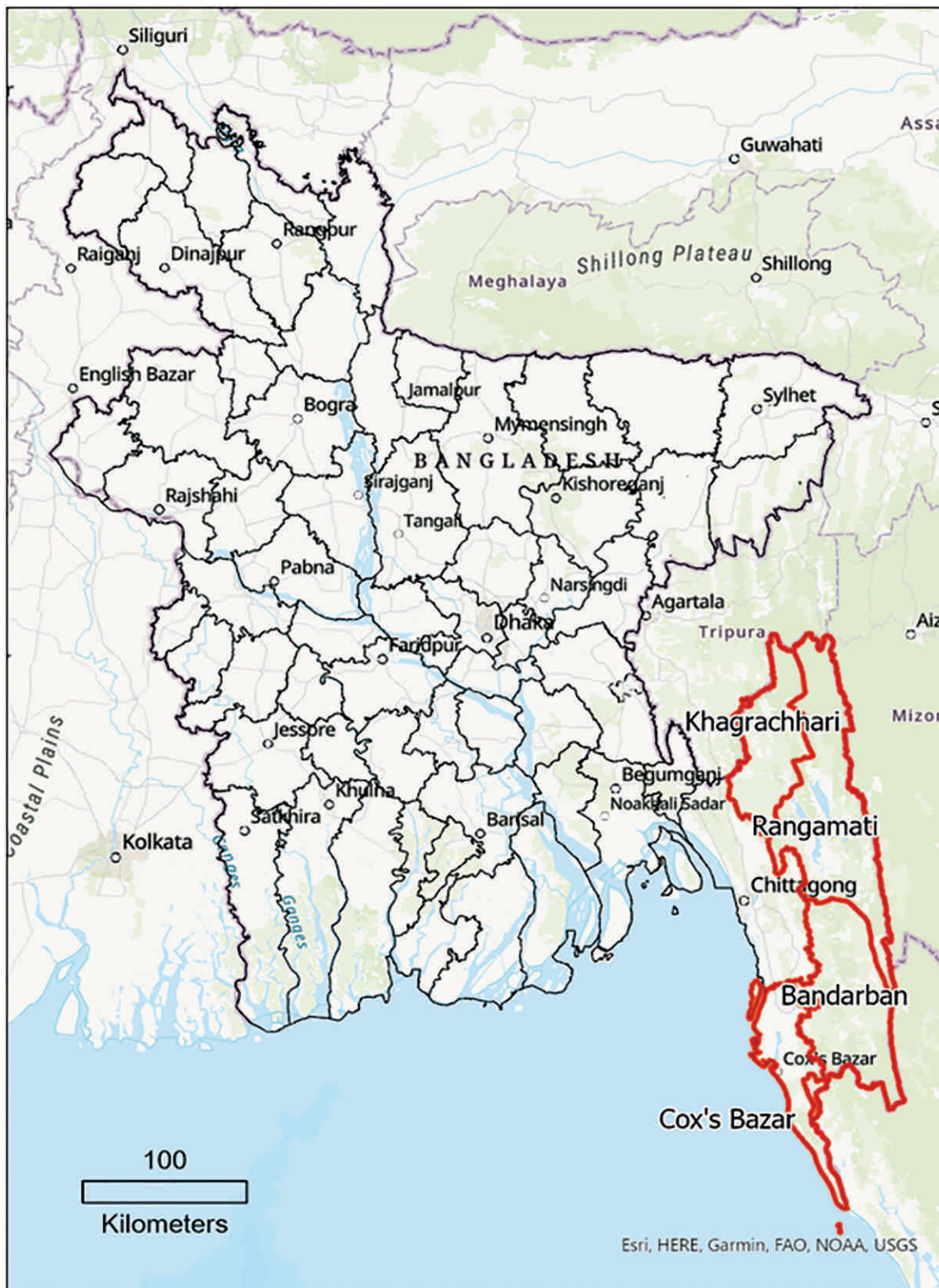
1.7 JNUS Team

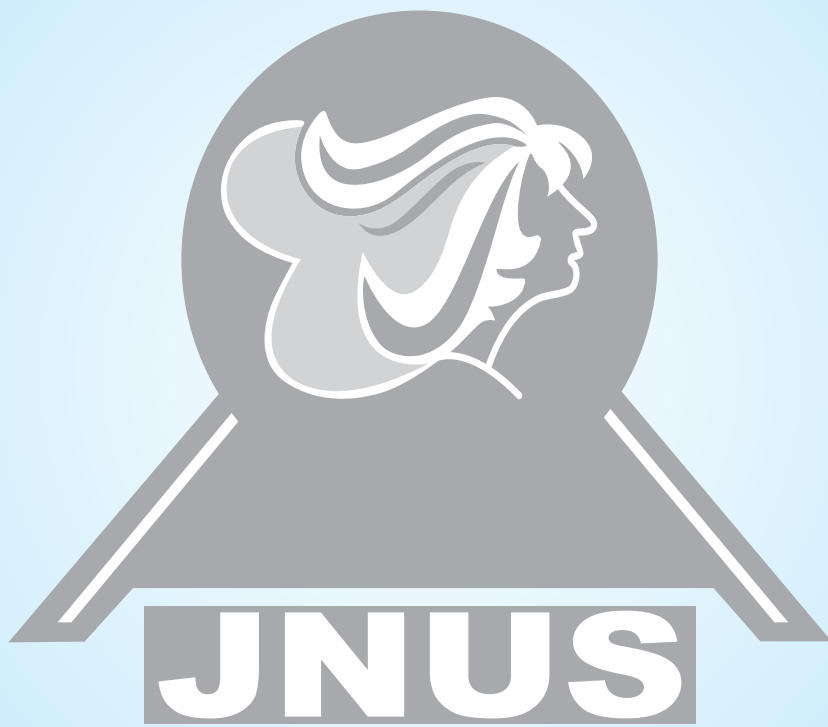


From left to right: Shilpy Barua (Community Development Organizer), Suprava Barua (Field Organizer), Umme Habiba (Field Organizer), Bilkis Nahar (Case Worker), Sheuly Sharma (Executive Director), Tasmia Aksi (Programme Officer), Sharia Nahrin Momota (Data collector), Sanjida Jahan Akhi (Youth Organizer), Oli Ullah (Admin officer), Md. Abdul Aziz (Project Manager), Rupu Datta (Finance Manager), Nihar Ranjan Roy (Director-Programme), Md. Salim (Community Development Organizer), Rabi Hasan (Legal Aid Officer), Abrar Al Amin (Project Officer), A H M Imrul Hasan (Project Engineer), Himu Mallik (Accountant), Jhuntu Kumar Dey (Project Officer) and Rafsan Bin Jaman (M&E Officer).

Photo: JNUS

1.8 JNUS Working Area





Chapter 2: JNUS Initiatives

- **Gender Equality and Women Empowerment**
 - **Women in Promoting Social Cohesion and Peace-Building**
 - **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**
 - **Research and Advocacy**
 - **Emergency Response to Rohingya Refugee Crisis**
 - **JNUS Response to Prevent COVID-19**
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2.1 Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

Strengthening Women's Effort in Humanitarian Response in Cox's Bazar

JNUS, with the supports of BRAC and Australian Aid, has been implementing this project since July 2020. The project has four components: Localization, Gender Mainstreaming, Social Cohesion Social Cohesion and Gender Mainstreaming and Disability Inclusion. The localization and gender main streaming component include, the formation of women groups; organizing livelihood trainings, developing rapport with the standing committees at Union Level on women affairs, and finally administer a research to explore the role of women to promote safety and security at the community level.

The social cohesion component include, trainings on peaceful use of social media, livelihood and GBV to increase the capacity of the women groups and formation of networks. The component "Social Cohesion" include activities related to peace dialogues with community people, awareness campaign and screening events using video content. The final component on disability inclusion contributed to the preparation of a comprehensive list of persons with disabilities undertaking household visits. In addition, regular psychosocial counselling services are provided to the disable persons and their families and finally awareness campaign are organized across educational institutions to sensitize them about the rights of persons with disabilities.



Community based protection for Rohingya and Host Community

JNUS, as a sub-grantee of BRAC, implemented this UK Aid funded project at Rajapalong and Rantapalong Union of Ukhiya Upazilla and at Rohingya refugee Camp-9 in Cox's Bazar. This project was particularly focused on developing woman led community based GBV protection mechanism. The project was further intended to promote awareness against Gender Based Violence (GBV) and had successfully addressed the issues relating to early marriage, family violence, violence perpetrated against child and women, human trafficking (child & women) and Sexual harassment. The activities of this project included group formation, courtyard meeting, training for men and boys on GBV, livelihood support for GBV survivors, multimedia display and theatre-based road show.



Theatre show on GBV

SHEBA

JNUS, in association with BLAST and Naripokkho and funded by the C&A foundation, has implemented a three years (2018-2020) project to enhance the protection regime of vulnerable women and girls in the refugee camps and host community. Under this project, JNUS provided support, referral, mediation and, where appropriate, litigation services to Rohingya camps and host communities; engaged local administration and the leaders of host community through prevention and responding Gender-Based Violence (GBV); helped women affected by violence in Myanmar becoming survivors and activists; extended services to adolescent girls and boys, women in host and refugee population, men in host and refugee population in five Unions of Ukhiya Uapzilla in Cox's Bazar District. The project had specially delivered legal services that included legal advices, support to litigation, mediation, referral and psychosocial counselling. Under this project, fifty Self Help Groups (SHGs) had been activated to act as a preventing force against any form of violence and discrimination against women and girls.



Court YARD Meeting on Prevention of GBV

Empowering Women to Contribute to Sustainable Peace

JNUS, in partnership with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), has been implementing various projects since 2018 at Ramu and Ukhiya Upazilla of Cox's Bazar. The objectives of these projects are; to increase the capacity of young women and girls through promoting literacy, advocacy and network. Thirty Young Women Leaders (YWL), previously called Girl Ambassadors for Peace (GA4P), formed under this initiative, are now leading designing, delivering and implementing various project activities at the local level involving the women and girls of the Rohingya and host community. This initiative is now particularly focused on promoting the issues relating to Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) resolutions for contributing to an inclusive and sustainable peace and development in the region. As of now, sixty Rohingya women leaders and one hundred twenty women in the host community have received literacy education under this initiative. The GA4Ps/YWL have been using theatre and literacy education as a tool to engage young women with the efforts of this initiative. They are also getting engaged with dialogue and discussion with the young women in the host community and at the Rohingya refugee camps for building awareness on gender rights and the available national and international instruments for safeguarding women against gender-based violence.



National Roundtable on WPS and YPS



A Delegation from NAMA at Camp 9 to Visit Literacy program



Training on Read, Lead and Build Peace with Girls Ambassador for Peace



Rohingya women attending the literacy classes

2.2 Women in Promoting Social Cohesion and Peace-Building

JNUS has been implementing the second phase (July 2020 – June 2021) of “Women in Building Social Cohesion in Cox's Bazar” project funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) at Rohingya Refugee Camp- 9, Camp- 26 and Camp -27 and surrounding host communities. Some influential women have been selected from the host community, who will act as animators to initiate discussions and dialogues with the women in the Rohingya refugee camps. They are provided with leadership and life skill training and which are further transferred to other women members of both communities through group formation and discussion approach. The trained and skilled women play key role

in organizing the peace dialogue within their own community and opinion exchanging session across the communities. The project empowered them to get engaged with a wide range of stakeholders especially the youth and the community leaders who are the gatekeepers to the Rohingya Refugee camps and host communities. Thirteen forums, comprising influential women, twenty in each, have been formed under this project, out of which seven have been organized in the refugee camps and the rest of the groups are active in the host community.

Maitree

JNUS, in partnership with Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) and UN Women, has been implementing this project since January 2020 among the women of Rohingya Camp-3 and adjacent host communities at Rajapalong Union of Ukhiya upazila in Cox's Bazar. The aim of this project is to understand the drivers of conflicts between the two communities as well as to develop a deeper insight on the norms and values responsible for breeding tension at local level. In order to tackle this rising tension and for promoting social cohesion, this project has been empowering the women leaders, and the women networks to play a positive role. Women leaders and



Ms. Kamrunasa Baby, Women Vice-Chariman, Upazilla Prishad, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar attends as Chief Guest in a meeting with local stakeholders.



Production based Workshop with Maitree Apas and Members of Women Groups for Outdoor Street Drama

networks have been offering inclusive platforms for initiating discussions and dialogues with the local stakeholders to share their opinion on how to maintain peace and stability in the refugee camps and its surrounding areas. In addition to that, JNUS and ASK extended support to twelve women networks for preparing masks and distributing hygiene materials among the 2000 families in the host community and Rohingya community. Under this project, the members of Women Group (WG) have been trained as paralegal to facilitate mediation session at the community level with the aim to maintain peace in the society.

Strengthening Inter-Community Engagement against Violent Extremism

JNUS, under “USAID’s OBIRODH: Road to Tolerance programme”, had implemented two projects (2018-2020) for strengthening inter-community engagement at Ramu Upazilla for Preventing Violent Extremism. This initiative was supported by the Management System International (MSI). It has empowered the youths and other social actors with peace-building and conflict resolution skills to take initiatives at the community level for preventing the norms and values responsible for fomenting radicalization at the local level. Their activism had eventually helped the youth, and the community leaders to become the agents of change by proactively engaging themselves with other stakeholders and influencing the local opinion. JNUS had initiated two inter-community platforms: 1) the youth forum and, 2) the Ramu Sampriti Parishad (RSP) to undertake initiatives for the promotion of social cohesion and peaceful coexistence across communities. The project contributed to create an environment where local community actors from Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Rakhine ethnic Communities were encouraged to exchange views and self-evaluate their respective positions and attitudes. The main objective was to create mutual understanding and mutual trust among these communities so that they could come together in times of crisis and need.



Professor Dr. Amena Mohosin in the training Session on Preventing Violent Extremism with the Members of Youth Forum in Cox's Bazar.



Professor Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed and Mr. Abdul Haque, Principal of Ramu Government College in the training Session on Preventing Violent Extremism with Ramu Sampriti Parishad.



Representatives from USAID and MSI at Courtyard meeting on creating intercommunity engagement against violent extremism.

Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism through Building Community Resilience

JNUS, as a Sub-Recipient (SR) of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), under the consortium of the Principal Recipient (PR) Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), had implemented a one and half year project (2015-2016) entitled, “Community Engagement in Countering Violent Extremism in Cox’s Bazar (CEVEC)” at all Unions of Ramu upazilla. The objective of the project was to increase community engagement and build resilience to prevent violent extremism. The initiatives designed through this project would strengthen the capacity of the social groups that included the Youth, the women and the undocumented Rohingyas and institutions, community based Civil Society Organizations, local government institutions, educational and religious institutions for preventing the appeal of violent extremism and the signs and signals of radicalization at the community level. It was one of the comprehensive efforts that this project had adopted to fight radicalization and extremism at the local level.



Participants at the leadership development training

2.3 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Covid-19 Response in Rohingya Camps and adjacent Host Communities

JNUS, in partnership with the ActionAid Bangladesh, funded by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) and UKAID, had implemented this project at Rohingya Camp -11, camp- 12, camp-26, camp-27, and Hnila Union of Teknaf and Palongkhali Union of Ukhiya in 2020. The objectives of this six month's project were; to improve knowledge and understanding about personal protection and good hygiene behaviors; increase access to hand washing facilities and masks; and enhanced access to mental health and counselling centers; and reduce insecurity and psychological trauma caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Awareness Campaign on Personal Protection

JNUS successfully implemented this project with some key activities which included establishing sixty hand washing facilities; distribution of 12000 masks and mental health and counselling services to reduce trauma associated with this pandemic. In addition to this local journalists and youth Ambassadors of JNUS were trained to promote COVID-19 prevention initiatives through community journalism and using social media outlets.

Sustainable DRR, WASH and GBV Protection for Rohingya & Host Community

JNUS, in collaboration with BRAC, implemented, "Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Wash and GBV Protection for Rohingya and Host Community" project from November 2018 to February 2019 at Rohingya Refugee Camp- 9. This project had extended sanitation and hygiene services to the Rohingya people by setting up tube wells, wash rooms and bathrooms. In addition to these, JNUS also organized awareness campaigns on hygiene promotion among the Rohingya people. JNUS also installed disaster resilient infrastructure including four tube wells,



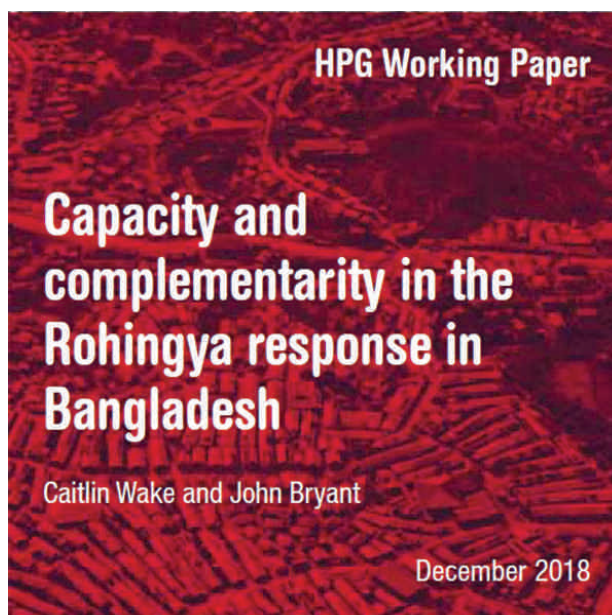
Safe & Sanitary Latrine at Camp-09

four double chamber latrines and four double chamber wash rooms to protect the quality of the water supply and treatment centers. This support was also helpful to prevent the outbreak of water and vector borne diseases during monsoon and to ensure the safety of the refugee population living in settlements in the Cox's Bazar area. While developing these wash facilities, JNUS wash team also ensured the private spaces for the women within each wash facilities in the refugee camp.

2.4 Research and Advocacy

Understanding Complementarity in Humanitarian Response in Cox's Bazar

JNUS, in association with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and the Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB), had facilitated the collection of primary data through Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and the analysis with graphical visualization in 2018. The objective of the research was to understand the complementarity in humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar. The findings of these studies had been presented in a publication titled, "Capacity and Complementarity in the Rohingya Response in Bangladesh." The research was published in the website of ODI which can be obtained at <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/12554.pdf>. In this publication, the role of JNUS has been duly recognized.



An Evaluation of WFP's Country Strategic Plan (2016-19)

In 2020, JNUS was commissioned by the Itad Ltd., a consultancy firm based in UK, for administering the local support and leading the collection of primary data through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Peer Youth Survey following Community Scorecard Techniques in both host communities in Ukhiya and Teknaf and in all 37 Rohingya Refugee Camps where WFP conducted its interventions. WFP recruited Itad Ltd. for the strategic evaluation of its intervention in Bangladesh and JNUS supported itad in Cox's Bazar District. A total of 68 FGDs (consisting ten to twelve homogeneous people in each) and 100 peer to peer survey was conducted by the JNUS under the close guidance from the evaluation team of Itad.



Trends in Humanitarian and Security Situation at Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilla in Cox's Bazar: An Update on Rohingya Refugee Crisis

JNUS, in association with the Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB), funded by the Humanitarian Dialogues (HD), a Swiss-based private diplomacy organization, had prepared three monthly situational reports (February-April in 2017) on the trends in security situation in refugee camps and in host community by undertaking field visits, observation and media survey.



Understanding the Role of Women in Preventing GBV and Promoting Social Cohesion in the Host Community in Cox's Bazar

JNUS, funded by BRAC and Australian Aid, conducted a research titled “Understanding the Role of Women in Preventing GBV and Promoting Social Cohesion in the Host Community in Cox's Bazar” between August and September 2020. The study categorically focused on understanding the risks, vulnerabilities, challenges and social tensions among the women and girls in the host community in Cox's Bazar in context of influx of Rohingya refugee crisis and the spread of global pandemic. The study further focused on getting an in-depth understanding on the dynamics of GBV and the role of women as an agent of change and promoter of peace and social cohesion in the host community in Cox's Bazar.



2.5 Emergency Response to Rohingya Refugee Crisis

Rescue, Shelter and Relief Distribution

As a local community organization, JNUS always remains at the forefront to undertake emergency initiatives to respond to the Rohingya crisis. JNUS rescued the survivors, especially women & child, settled them in the camps and provided primary support at the very initial stage of the outbreak of this refugee crisis.



2.6 JNUS Response to Prevent COVID-19

Distribution of Mask & Hygiene Kits

JNUS, in partnership with Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) and funded by UN Women, had taken initiatives to protect the community people from COVID-19. JNUS had produced 8000 masks and distributed hygiene kits among 2000 families in the host & Rohingya community of Ukhiya. Each package contained four



Mask Production by a local Community Woman Mask & Hygiene Kit Distribution

masks, two detergent bars, and two hygiene soaps. Besides, JNUS had also distributed 16,000 Masks at Ramu Upazilla on various occasions by its' own fund. It is mentionable that JNUS had produced three-layer masks made of cotton fabric and prepared by a group of young women who received the training under another project of JNUS.

Distribution of Food Items

As most of the labor force in Cox's Bazar is engaged in the informal sector, this segment of the population mostly bears the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. JNUS had therefore distributed food Items among 500 poor families at Ramu Upazilla in Cox's Bazar. These activities were administered on 12 May 2020 and 14 June 2020. Each family were provided with rice, potato, dal, soyabean oil, soap, detergent bar, and masks. JNUS conducted this food distribution program in coordination with the local government, and other influential local actors. JNUS staffs are distributing food items among the poor families



Disinfectant Spray in Ramu Upazilla:

A group of ten members of youth volunteers, mobilized by the JNUS, took part in anti-germ spraying activities for a week (5 April-11 April, 2020) at various public gathering spots of the Ramu Upazila in Cox's Bazar. The public spaces like market places, entrances, Shop premises, drains, religious premises, premises of holly places like Mosque, Temple, Buddhist Pagoda, and Vehicles, etc. were came under this program. JNUS also donated the spray machine, medicine, and personal protection equipment to these youth members and many educational institutions.



A Youth Volunteer is spraying disinfectant in local Hat-Bazar

Announcement through Loud Speaker for the Prevention of Covid-19 Pandemic

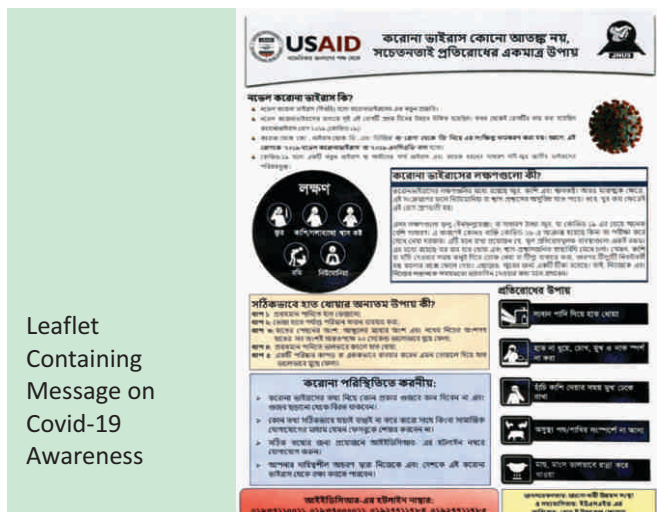
JNUS conducted awareness building and information dissemination on COVID-19 among the local people through loud speaker in vernacular language. The announcement program on preventive measures regarding COVID-19 took place for a week (10-16 May, 2020) at Fathekharkul and Kawerkhop Union of Ramu Upazila. The initiative was highly appreciated by the community people and it helped them to become aware about COVID-19. announcement through Loud Speaker for the Prevention of COVID-19



Announcement through Loud Speaker for the Prevention of COVID-19

Distribution of Leaflet Containing Messages on Covid-19 Awareness

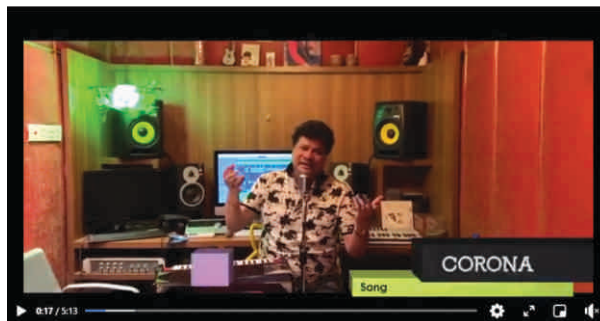
JNUS, funded by the Management Systems International (MSI) under Obirodh-Road to Tolerance Programme, distributed 5,000 copies of leaflet containing messages on COVID-19 at Fathekharkul Union and Kawerkhop Union of Ramu Upazilla. Same program was also extended to different places of Ramu Upazilla and Ukhiya Upazilla. Volunteers of JNUS made the people aware about the pandemic. Leaflet Containing Message on Covid-19 Awareness



Leaflet Containing Message on Covid-19 Awareness

Awareness Songs in Vernacular Language

Popular singer Robi Chowdhury sung a song for JNUS in vernacular language on awareness about COVID. This song was prepared under “Obirodh-Road to Tolerance Programme” funded by Management Systems International (MSI). JNUS shared the song on its official facebook which got very good response from the community people. The songs can be obtained at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/jnus.cox/videos/251513045780343>.



Famous Singer Mr. Rabi Chowdhury is singing the CORONA song on COVID-19 Prevention

2.7 Achievements: case studies

Rakib is now very much aware of the use of social media

Md. Rakib (17) an SSC examinee from Chowdhury Para (Ward No. 2) of Haldiapalang Union of Ukhiya Upazila has been using social media for a long time. He had little knowledge about the difference between fake and real contents on social media and as a result he used to share the news without knowing its merits. He explains his situation, "I was very scared when I saw the news about the beheading of people in the name of construction of Padma bridge on Facebook." Rakib came know about JNUS initiative on awareness campaign on peaceful use of social



media and he along with his friends participated in the campaign event. Now he can check any news with the websites of appropriate authorities and newspapers. This learning has helped him to get refrain from disseminating unpleasant contents on social media. It has also made him responsible for proper use of social media.

Ayef Ali now leads a healthy life

Mohammad Ayef Ali (19), a disabled child of Mohammad Jagir Hossain and Ambia Khatun couple from Madhughona village (ward no.1) of Haldiapalang union in Ukhiya Upazila has been suffering from physical disability since his birth. He has also hearing disorders and can ask for others' help during his needs. His family members were not much aware about how to take care of a disable person like Ayef. He was deprived of proper attention and take care from others which were very essential during urinate and defecation and most of the times he had to wear dirty



clothes. There was also a lack of awareness among family members about getting Ayef's initial physiotherapy.

In August 2020, one caseworker of the Jago Nari Unnayan Sangsta spoke to Ayef's family about his plight. They were invited to participate in the monthly psycho-social counseling meetings and various awareness campaigns of Jago Nari Unnayan Sangsta. Since then, Ayef and his mother attends in regular meetings from where they came to know about how to treat person with disabilities. Now they are much more aware of Ayef's physical and mental conditions. They now regularly apply initial physiotherapy (exercise) to him in the morning. Now someone of family member is always there to take care of him. He is now made to wear clean clothes all the time.

Rimu determined to bring gender equality to Bangladesh

Rima Sultana Rimu, a member of Young Women Leaders for Peace in Cox's bazar, was selected one of two Bangladeshi women for hundred inspiring and influential women's list 2020 globally conducted by BBC. Young Women Leaders for Peace in Cox's Bazar is a program of "Global Network of Women Peacebuilders", which aims to empower young women from conflict-affected countries to become leaders and agents of peace. Rima responded to the Rohingya refugee crisis in her community by advocating for gender-responsive humanitarian action since the influx of Rohingya Refugee in 2017. She is engaged in organizing gender-sensitive, age-appropriate literacy and numeracy classes for Rohingya refugees, and for women and girls in the host community who lack access to education. She also uses radio broadcasts and theatre performances to raise awareness of UN Security Council resolutions, relating especially to women, peace and security, in her community. "I am determined to bring gender equality to Bangladesh. I believe in the power of women and girls to fight for their rights. We will succeed," she said.



রূপসীগ্রাম

শনি বঙ্গের দৈনিক

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রামতে এনজিও বিষয়ক ব্যারের যুগ সচিব শোকল কুম্ভ খোঁষ উগ্রবাদ-সহিংসতা রোধে যুব সমাজকে এগিয়ে আসতে হবে

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক রাম
রামতে উগ্রবাদ ও সহিংসতা প্রতিরোধে জীবন দক্ষতা শিক্ষা ও নেতৃত্ব বিকাশ ও উন্নয়ন শীর্ষক ৩দিন ব্যাপী প্রশিক্ষণ কর্মশালা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। 'কক্সবাজার জেলায় জনগনের সামাজিক সম্পৃক্ততার মাধ্যমে উগ্রবাদ ও সহিংসতা প্রতিরোধ' কর্মসূচির আওতায় জাগো নারী উন্নয়ন সংস্থা'র উদ্যোগে সিন্ডিক প্রকল্পের আওতায় এ কর্মশালার আয়োজন করা হয়।
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অতিথির বক্তব্য রাখেন বাংলাদেশ এনজিও বিষয়ক ব্যারের যুগ সচিব শোকল কুম্ভ খোঁষ। তিনি সংশ্লিষ্ট নেত্রী যুবদের কাজের প্রশংসা করে বলেন, উগ্রবাদ-সহিংসতামুক্ত বাংলাদেশ গড়তে হলে ছাত্র, তরুণ ও যুব সমাজকে প্রশিক্ষিত হয়ে কাজ করতে হবে। এ প্রশিক্ষণ থেকে প্রাপ্ত জ্ঞান ও দক্ষতা দিয়ে যুবরা উগ্রবাদ ও সহিংসতা প্রতিরোধে ভূমিকা রাখতে সক্ষম হবে।
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উল্লেখ্য দাতা সংস্থা জিসোর্ফ এর অর্থায়নে ইপসা সিন্ডিক কনসোর্টিয়ামের অধিনে রাম উপজেলার সিন্ডিক প্রকল্পটি বাস্তবায়ন করছে জাগো নারী উন্নয়ন সংস্থা।

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কক্সবাজার জেলায় সর্ব প্রথম দৈনিক সংবাদপত্র

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2.9 Awards and Recognition







Chapter 3: Conclusion and Way Forwards

3.1 The Pandemic

COVID-19 has been one of the major challenges throughout the world. JNUS has been playing an active role in emergency response in Cox's Bazar since its establishment.

JNUS has delivered necessary commodities including masks, hand sanitizer and other hygiene materials to the people with lower income who have been the worst victims of this pandemic. The challenge is not only the disease but the response to the disease- the economic hardship and family feud, the increasing rate of early, forced and child marriage and GBV in both Rohingya and host communities. With a team of dedicated staff and the women network, JNUS is planning to organize more social awareness campaigns both online and in-person maintaining all kinds of precautions like social distancing, providing sanitizers etc. to avoid any further consequences with the infection of the virus.

3.2 Mitigating Conservative Outlook towards Women

Due to conservative society and patriarchal ideology women empowerment and women led initiatives are not appreciated in both Rohingya Refugees and host communities. In a male dominated community, it is a challenge to convince the local men to let the women come outside. To bring change in the condition of women, it is important to change the mentality of the society. JNUS acknowledges that male family members can act as empowerment gatekeepers for women, by giving them access to information and networks that would otherwise remain out of their reach because of the gender barriers. Considering that, JNUS is setting out some programs to involve men in the process of empowering women and change their conservative and patriarchal mentality towards women.

3.3 Developing Socio-economic Status of Women

Women possess the capabilities and effective networks to bring out solutions for sustainable peace in the society. They hold key roles across society that can influence in ending conflict and breaking down the stereotype mindset. Education and economic empowerment are essential to unlock women's potential in this space. JNUS is already working to contribute to enhancement of literacy rate of women in both Rohingya and host communities. Economic empowerment means giving women a voice in the development process. But due to the gender barriers, women of both Rohingya and host communities don't have enough courage or opportunity to make a financial contribution to their families. JNUS aims to provide them with trainings on entrepreneurship, entrepreneur kits and other necessary so that they can start their own business that will play a significant role to develop the socio-economic status of the women of Cox's Bazar.

3.4 Quarterly Advocacy Networking Meetings

JNUS is committed to develop and implement concrete plans that promote the institutionalized inclusion of youth and women in decision making processes related to building peace and security in the society. JNUS has created a strong network of women including the young girls. These women and girls are very much eager to learn new tools, ideas and knowledge and willing to communicate and maintain network with the members of local government elected bodies, if they are provided with platforms, and resources. Advocacy and networking meetings with the local stakeholders will be

organized regularly at least once in every quarter. Such meeting will be benefited for the women leaders to make better linkage with those stakeholders and get better support. JNUS will invest in building capacities, agency, and leadership of women and youth ensuring that they have safe and accessible learning opportunities for participation in peace processes and governance. Thus, the women leaders will make better contributions to build a better society in the Rohingya and host communities.

3.5 Research Focused on GBV Against Female Humanitarian Workers

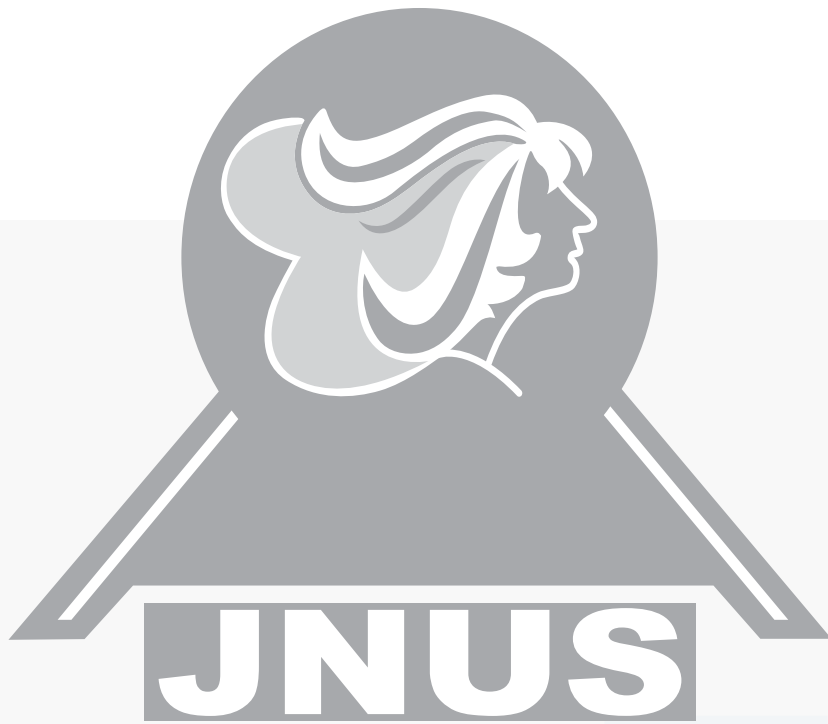
In both communities (Rohingya and Host), the common people tend to possess a patriarchal mindset towards women. The situation of women is deteriorating day by day due to the rise of religious fundamentalism and insecurity within both communities. The beneficiaries as well as the female staffs and volunteers from both Rohingya and host communities have to go through discrimination and harassment. Existing laws that protect women are inadequate, thus an appropriate framework is still needed. JNUS aims to conduct a research on gender-based violence against the female staffs and volunteers. The research will determine the gaps in the existing laws to protect the female staffs so that a women-friendly work environment can be created in the allocated area.

3.6 Promotion of Social Cohesion by Preventing Stigma, and Stereotypes

Conflict prevention, sustainable peace, gender equality, and women's empowerment are inextricably linked. It has been established that the gendered impact of conflict increases the levels of sexual and gender-based violence, marginalization, stigmatization and discrimination in varied forms experienced by girls and women. Therefore, countering stereotypes and stigmatization has become a major priority for JNUS. JNUS is now focused on increasing interaction through positive youth engagement, using a methodology that supports young people both male and female to identify key areas of concern within their communities and assist them tell their stories on these issues; share their viewpoints with the wider community; spark discussion on the issues raised (including with local government and other actors in authority); facilitate mutual listening and understanding; and embed joint problem-solving within a process of developing inter-community relationships.

3.7 Strengthening Opportunities for Promoting Inclusive Development and Shared Prosperity

The exclusion of marginalized, disabled and women has dire consequences for the wellbeing and security of the society. Women and girls, disabled and marginal people in conflict are denied equal access to basic rights. Armed conflict and the resulting forced displacement and humanitarian emergencies have a deeply gendered impact on women and girls' access to public services, such as education, maternal care, health care, food and water security, employment opportunities and fair pay, and representation in political decision-making. The priority of JNUS is to extend livelihood opportunities to the young and adult women, disable persons so that they can get equal access to resources, social protection, and economic opportunities to realize the potential of shared prosperity.





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