

FSS joint field visit

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RESILIENCE/LIVELIHOOD

Organization | Implementing partners:

WFP/ BRAC



Program/Project title: Homestead Gardening and Community Aquaculture.

Visited location: Homestead vegetable gardens and community gardens in CAMP 4 Extension, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar.

Overview: BRAC has been implementing WFP funded self-reliance project (homestead gardening and community aquaculture) to strengthen food security and nutrition among Rohingya people especially vulnerable women and persons with disabilities since 2018. Community based intervention are also being implemented to strengthen the bonding and positive relationships among the community members.

Project duration: 1 February 2023 to 31 December'2023

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria:

15,000 Rohingya participants engaged in homestead vegetable gardening and 500 Rohingya participants engaged in pond aquaculture. Female headed households, widows, PWD, vulnerable households having more than 5 family members, were selected as project participants.

Produced items: Different types of vegetables (bottle gourd, bitter gourd, sweet gourd, cucumber, and snake gourd). Tilapia fish is raised under pond aquaculture activity.

Markets: Excess quantity of vegetables beyond the level of homestead consumption are being sold in local markets.

Good practices:

- ❖ Capacity building on advanced crop production technology using limited physical space.
- ❖ Community engagement through fishpond aquaculture and community gardens
- ❖ Engagement of PWD in both homestead gardening and pond aquaculture
- ❖ Development of vegetable seed-growers and vegetable aggregators
- ❖ Strong adherence to CFRM and Safeguarding policy
- ❖ Creating opportunities for income generation.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Organize need based capacity building training.
- ❖ Develop market linkage and seed producers.
- ❖ Scale-up group vegetable farming as per available fallow land to create income generation & introduce integrated farming.

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Organization | Implementing partners:
Concern Worldwide



Project title: Comprehensive, Integrated Multi-Sector Response for Rohingya Refugees and Host Communities in Cox's Bazar

Visited location: Camp 15

Overview: The current BPRM ShuBash Consortium (Shundarvabe Bachi Shobair, meaning 'living happily together') has made significant gains since starting in September 2020. However, the protracted nature of the Rohingya crisis means large gaps still exist (as identified in Section 1) while creating a need for longer term resilience-building amongst the refugee and the host communities impacted by the crisis. As such, the next 3 years of BPRM support is essential to improve the health, safety, well-being and self-reliance of vulnerable women, men, boys, and girls in camps and surrounding host communities in Cox's Bazar.

Project duration: 01 August 2023 to 31 July 2026

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria:

Direct: 289,273

Indirect: 184,948

Vulnerable pregnant & lactating women, men, boys, and girls in camps and surrounding host communities in Cox's Bazar

Good practices:

- ❖ Homestead Gardening tiny space in Rohingya Camps
- ❖ Applied different agriculture cultivations method both camp & Host community,
- ❖ improving Dietary diversity

Recommendations:

- ❖ share good practice/ lesson learn among all FSS partners.
- ❖ Organizing meeting for discussing good practices & recommendation.

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Organization | Implementing partners:
HELVETAS / PROTTYASHI



Project title: Supporting Harmony, Improving Nutrition and the Environment for the Rohingya and Host Community (SHINE)

Visited location: Camp-4, Block E 21, E-4.

Overview: The objective of the project is to increase resilience of the host communities and Rohingya refugees, in Cox's Bazar, by improving food security, reducing disaster vulnerability, and increasing social cohesion

Project duration: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025.

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: 11000 as Homestead Garden Beneficiary in camp 3,4,5,8W and 17.

Selection criteria matrix based on vulnerability scoring of collected data from camp emphasizing inclusion of HHs with PWDs, women headed, widow and separated women, lactating mothers and old aged.

Good practices:

- ❖ Climate adaptive agriculture technologies like sack culture, vertical gardening, taro and kangkong cultivation during rainy season in low land, papaya cultivation, roof top gardening.
- ❖ Community awareness through youth group
- ❖ Training and mentoring support on homestead gardening by the Local service Provider-LSP. LSPs are trained and oriented by the project.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Organize cross-visits for beneficiaries for their exposure.
- ❖ Joint field visit is an effective learning event and allows to exchange views and ideas.

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Organization | Implementing partners:
UNHCR/ MUKTI



Project title: Improving Peaceful Co-existence and Self-reliance Opportunities for Refugees and Host Community (IPCoSO) Project

Visited location: Camp 2W.

Overview:

The objective of this project is to empower refugees and host communities in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar by enhancing their self-reliance and livelihood opportunities. Livelihood and self-reliance initiatives encompass comprehensive homestead development and IGA in the host community, along with vegetable gardening, Pond Fish Culture within the refugee camps. Small-scale businesses will also be developed for the refugees.

Project duration: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: Total beneficiaries: Camp - 4500, Host -1550, Total 6050.

- ❖ Poor and extremely poor families
- ❖ Families with pregnant and lactating women (PLW)
- ❖ Families with elderly, long-term ill, and disabled members.
- ❖ Child-dependent Families
- ❖ Female-Headed Families
- ❖ Malnourished Child-bearing Family.

Good practices:

- ❖ Actively engaging both the refugee and host communities through consultations and involving them in decision-making processes ensures their needs and perspectives are considered, promoting a sense of ownership and sustainability.
- ❖ Incorporating a comprehensive approach that includes homestead development, income-generating activities, vegetable gardening, and Pond Fish Culture maximizes the impact on livelihoods/ self-reliance.
- ❖ Providing technological solutions and appropriate training to both community families.

Recommendations:

- ❖ While the project focuses on homestead development, income generation, and vegetable gardening, consider diversifying livelihood activities to provide beneficiaries with a wider range of skills and opportunities.
- ❖ Facilitate stronger linkages between the produced goods and local markets.
- ❖ Establish an effective feedback mechanism.

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Acronyms:

CWW – Concern Worldwide

HHs – Households

IGA – Income Generating Activity

LSP - Local service Provider

PLW – Pregnant and Lactating

PWDs – People with Disabilities

SARPV – Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable

SHINE – Supporting Harmony, Improving Nutrition and the Environment for the Rohingya and Host Community

UN WFP – United Nation World Food Program

UNHCR – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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