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E-learning on Corona prevention

BITA has launched E-Leaning Initiatives for inspiring the juveniles during corona epidemic from a platform titled “We Are.” To make the juveniles aware on ‘Generate Awareness to the youths on Covid-19 and digital literacy.’ It’s an innovative initiative to aware the young persons of prevention from Corona virus.
This program is being conducted based on 5 subjects as Self-protection from Covid-19, Cultural Motivation, Psychological wellbeing (particular emphasis on stress management), Violence & Gender, Basic understanding of digital literacy and online safety.
This online based youth programs were launched from June 8, 2020 and 5 youth trainers are conducting the programs. In the meantime, eight batches and 133 trainees received these training in each session.

Comments:

1. Fatema Akhter Swarna (Trainee) : told that- These programs have shown us new ways during this corona situation. She said the programs will remain milestone for the juveniles as a pathfinder in future.

2. Md. Iqbal Hossain (Trainer) : said- We have acquired a lot of information while undergoing training and this BITA programs is really praiseworthy.


4. Anisur Rahman: Beautiful and future related training that will help young people progress.
Let’s go ahead BITA.
Good luck

5. Asma Ul Hosna : It was a great initiative to spread awareness among people.
Go ahead.

6. Afida Afnan Lisa (Trainee): I participated in the 7th batch. Can I participate in the 8th batch again? Moreover, I really enjoyed this BITA e-learning program. So can I participate again?

The training is held on Mondays & Thursdays of every week.
Honorable Member of Parliament Wasika Ayesha Khan (female seat 7) and Honorable Member of Parliament Khadijatul Anwar Soni (female seat 6) have expressed solidarity with the anti-tobacco organizations in protecting the youth from tobacco products and controlling the COVID-19 epidemic. As part of national campaign, they said their express through press release & social media respectfully.

MP Wasika Ayesha Khan said, Smokers are more likely to be infected with the corona virus. She called on the Prime Minister to take immediate steps to curb the spread of the corona virus and keep tobacco products out of reach. Then public health will be protected in this epidemic. This is the best time to quit smoking. She also said, The number of patients infected with corona virus is increasing day by day in Bangladesh. Now is the right time for the government and relevant policy-makers to take strong action on tobacco control, especially to limit the sale of tobacco products to protect public health, increase tobacco taxes and increase the development of tobacco cessation services.

Honorable Member of Parliament Khadijatul Anwar Soni said, Make an appeal to the Honorable Prime Minister to make arrangements to keep cigarettes and other tobacco products out of the purchasing power of children, adolescents and youth out of reach. He expressed concern that according to the Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2013, about 7.6% of 13-15 year old students in Bangladesh use tobacco. She further mentioned that one of the main reasons for the large number of people using tobacco in Bangladesh is the easy availability of tobacco products in Bangladesh. As a result, day after day, a huge part of the next generation is severely affected by the terrible touch of tobacco. At present, the trend of e-cigarettes among teenagers in Bangladesh is significant. Many countries, including neighboring India, have already banned the sale and import of e-cigarettes.
Adolescents’ initiatives

BITA-ESHRHC project has conducted capacity building training for social change agents in Ukhiya and Teknaf Rohingya camp. Social change agents have taken an initiative on prevention from Corona Virus. Proper hand washing demonstration was the main initiative. The social change agents also has been disseminated information in their own community about the importance of mask using, stay at home, frequently washing hands by soap, maintain social distance, don’t neglect affected person, showing humanity to others persons, in needed call to the hot line numbers, avoid any type of rumor, etc by maintain the governments rules in different 5 hub located at Ukhiya and Teknaf. The social change agents’ awareness initiatives has started from middle of the April 2020 and continued their work till now. Through the awareness initiatives, we covered 2850 host families and 2275 of Rohingya families in the working area.

BITA distributed the corona prevention materials to the Char Algi, Barakheri, and Char Gazi union inhabitants of Ramgati upazila in Laxmipur district by the help of HelpAge International. BITA distributed 400 musk, 400 hand gloves to the 400 volunteer of Disaster Management group. BITA also distributed 3450 pcs soap among the 1725 older families and 95 packages food among the 95 ultra poor families. There were rice, potato, oil, Lentil (dal), Chickpea (Chola) and sugar in the package.
Student allowance distribution

BITA the project Reaching out of school children ROSC , Phase 2 has implemented 40 school under Director of Primary Education, Ministry of Primary & Mass Education Department. China firstly indentified the covid 19 but after that from the beginning of the year 2020 it spreads all over the world. The first covid patient identified in Bangladesh on 8th march. The school closed since March”2020 due to effect of Pandemic situation. Anondo schools students also have been suffering much to lead their life due to pandemic. They spend their days in fear and uncertainty. During the pandemic situation. School teachers regular follow -up students by phone. Teachers are aware about health protection tips, hygiene, Child abuse, Early marriage to students by phone.

The student’s families are very poor. As there going a lockdown situation they are facing a lot of problem to earn their income and some family don’t have any income at all. This allowance has come to very helpful to them .The officers of Sonali Bank have distributed allowance among 4828 students in a proper hygienic way.
Child Forum formed in Teknaf by Y- Moves project

Executive committee of NCTF formed in Teknaf upazila. The committee consisted by 11 members whereas 5 girls and 6 boys. All the NCTF members are underprivileged children of Baharchara union in Teknaf upazila. Children and their families are involved with NCTF. Before the committee formation children’s family members discussed and arranged meeting with Y-Moves project personnel several time. The committee formed by formal election. The committee members are working on hand washing practice for Corona virus prevention.

Food and hygiene kits distribution within the vulnerable families

In this Corona situation when people cannot go outside freely then BITA – EWASC project distributed food and hygiene kits to the 138 families in 29 no and 9 no ward in Chittagong City Corporation. 29 no ward Councilor Mohammed Jubaer inaugurated the distribution work. BITA youth volunteer distributed the package in house to house by using PPE. Per package food for 15 days of a family. There were Rice, Lentil (Mosoor dal), potato, onion, salt, oil, chickpea (Chola), Flour (Ata), soap, detergent powder, bleaching powder and menstrual kit in the package. Poor families were very happy to get the food and hygiene kit. BITA youth group also distributed 500 musk and leaflet in the community. They were trying to aware the people to prevention of Corona virus by miking, leaflet distribution and posturing.
Effective response on COVID-19 through ARLC at Rohingya camps

Rohingya Refugee camp in Cox’s Bazar is the largest refugee camp in the world. Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts-BITA is playing a very vital role in the camps by disseminating the awareness message on covid-19 from the very first day during this period. BITA implement various activities usually, Adolescent Radio Listeners Club (ARLC) is one of them. We have 36, Adolescent Radio Listeners Club (ARLC) around ten camps. Each club consisted with 25 members. But this pandemic situation we allow 3 to 5 members in a session so that 25 members can join with the program divided in 5 times. Through this program we basically reach the adolescent boys and girls by broadcasting the radio program from Bangladesh Betar Cox’s Bazar which are developed with the Rohingya dialect. The programs have been selected by UNICEF especially on covid-19 as well as monsoon preparedness. Basically, we make sure the participation of adolescent with the arrangement of this program. After joining this program adolescent tell the others which they have learned from the program. As a result, the message can reach the people those who don’t join with our program.

Refreshers Training for Peer Leaders’ Under the BC/TIP project, Chattogram

BITA arranged a refreshers training for Peer leader on 10th June 2020 in BITA Cultural & Communication Trust (BCCT) Patiya, Chattogram by the funding of USAID & Winrock International. **The main objective of the training was to prepare the youth as a social watch dog to combat human trafficking and ensure safe migration.** There were 9 peer leader of Patiya upozila (Male 5, female 4) are attended in this training. BITA conducted this day-long training while maintaining physical distance as per the guidelines of the Department of Health. The main topic of the training was Characteristics of peer leaders, Roles and responsibilities of peer leaders, Safe Migration, obstacles in case of safe migration & the main relevant factors for safe migration there were also discussed on Human trafficking, relationship between human trafficking & migration. Also what are the differences between human trafficking, migration & human. Winrock International’s Representative Majibur Rahman (Prevention Manager- BC/TIP Program) joined this training through video conference.
Health Kits distribution by BITA in Teknaf

Social Hub is an innovative initiative of BITA for youth-focused program to learn and engage in peace-building and social cohesion. The project participants are 15-24 aged adolescents and youth of both Rohingya and Host community. In this COVID-19 situation BITA distributed soap by this project for supporting protective practice of participants’ family by proper hand washing to prevent Covid-19. 4000 families in different 5 locations including Burmapra 800 and Jamtoli 950 families under Ukhiya upazila, and Shamlapur 775, Leda 775, Jadimura 700 families under Teknaf upazila got the soap. Female member (7,8,9 no wards’) of Nhilla union parishad under Teknaf upazila Morjina Akter Siddique was present in the distribution event at Leda BITA Social Hub dated on 22/06/2020. She said, “BITA’s initiative is good for Covid-19 situation, hand washing is very important and essential. People can be washing their hands for few days by this soap. Thank you BITA team.” Hosneara, a participant of Jadimura Hub, said, “From BITA I got 3 pieces of soap. By using this soap I will try to protect me and my family members from Corona virus. Thank you BITA.”

International public service day celebration

BITA –EWASC project arranged a virtual dialogue to celebrate the International Public service day. It was the starting of month long celebration of public service day. Institute of health technology principal Dr. rakhal Barua, Chattogram Mohila technical training centre principal Engr. Ashrifa Tanzim, Bangladesh-Korea Technical training Centre vice-principal Engr. Nowrin sultana, executive director of BITA and Inspirator of ActionAid bangladesh participated in the dialogue. Youth group members of BITA youth volunteer group also participated in the dialogue. The main topic of the dialogue was gender responsive public service.
BITA arranged drama show on prevention of human trafficking in the Ukhiya and Teknaf from its BC/TIP Cox’s Bazar project by the help of Winrok International and USAid. Track campaign, mobile singing, leaflet distribution, booklet distribution are continuing to aware the people about 10 stage of safe migration. BITA arranged mobile campaign theatre at the Rajapalong and Palongkhal of ukhiya upazila and Hoikong, Unchiprang, Mowlowibazar, Hrnila, Leda, Mosli, Jadumora, Domdomia, Bus station, Powrasava, teknaf zero point, sadar, Noakhalipara, Shaparirdip of Teknaf upazila. The subject of the drama was Human trafficking prevention act 2012 and the punishment of human trafficking. People are recognizing about the rules of human trafficking. Child marriage prevention was the another issue of the drama.

Virtual dialogue on gender responsive budget

BITA-EWASC project arranged a virtual dialogue on gender responsive budget in City Corporation by the help of ActionAid Bangladesh. Chief Executive officer of Chittagong City Corporation was the chief guest of the dialogue. @9 no ward councilor and executive director of BITA were participated in the dialogue. 30 youth members of BITA youth volunteer group participated in the dialogue and they took part in question answer session. Reporters of several news paper were also participated in the dialogue. Youth members appealed to the Chief executive officer and councilor for special budget allotment for youth and women development in the City Corporation budget.
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