

Completion Report:

Parents Awareness Workshop on Girls' Education, Child Marriage, and Dowry

Organized by: Student Union for Rohingya Development (SURD)

Overview

In the **2nd week of October 2024**, SURD conducted a **Parents Awareness Workshop on Girls' Education, Child Marriage, and Dowry** in the **Kutupalong Registered Camp and Camp 4**. The workshop engaged **25 male and female adults** and **10 older participants**, focusing on building awareness and encouraging community action against these critical social challenges.



Key Activities (The workshop included)

1. **Interactive Discussions:** Addressing the importance of girls' education and its role in community development.
2. **Awareness Sessions:** Highlighting the physical, emotional, and social harms caused by child marriage and dowry practices.
3. **Strategic Engagement:** Sharing actionable steps for parents to support education and reject harmful traditions.



Outcomes and Impact

- ✓ **Increased Awareness:** Participants gained a deeper understanding of the issues and expressed a commitment to change.
- ✓ **Community Advocacy:** Many attendees pledged to advocate for girls' education and discourage child marriage and dowry in their community circles.



Challenges Encountered (The session faced several obstacles, including)

1. **Cultural Resistance:** Some participants initially hesitated to accept the concepts due to deep-rooted traditions.
2. **Skepticism About Change:** A few individuals doubted the feasibility of addressing such long-standing practices.
3. **Limited Literacy Levels:** Explaining complex issues required additional effort to ensure comprehension.

Through open dialogue, real-life examples, and relatable narratives, these challenges were addressed, fostering a supportive and interactive environment.

Funding and Support

This workshop was made possible with support from SURD representatives, the Senior Citizen Body, and the Camp Management Body.

Future Plans

SURD aims to extend its efforts by engaging more families and integrating broader strategies to tackle child marriage and dowry practices while promoting girls' education as a pillar of community empowerment.





Acknowledgments

We sincerely thank

- The **participants** for their willingness to engage and commit to change.
- The **Senior Citizen Body** and **Camp Management Body** for their invaluable support and guidance.
- Our **donors and representatives** for making this impactful workshop possible.

SURD reaffirms its commitment to creating an informed and empowered community, fostering a brighter future for all.



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