

## Success story

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NGO Forum for Public Health has been implementing a project named Improved WASH Services to the Myanmar Refugees Population in Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar District taking financial and technical support from UNICEF Bangladesh in camps 6 & 7.



As part of hygiene promotion activities, the project is implementing several community engagement & behavioral change approaches. Among different approaches, Child-focused Hygiene is one of them. To implement child-focused hygiene activities in the camp, the project established 01 Children Leader Group in each sub-block which consists of 07 members in each group. The objective of this group is to find out & develop more the natural leadership of the community children, improve the knowledge level & delivery capacity of the children's leaders and to empower them through proper orientation as change maker among other community children.

Mohammad Supait, a 10 years old boy who is the son of Md Solim & Mst Zuhura (FCN No: 174743) lives in Block C, sub-block C 31 in Camp 6 is one of the leaders of the Children Leader Groups.

To establish Children Leader group the project Community Hygiene Volunteer (CHV) and Community Hygiene Promote (CHP) started to conduct mini sessions on hygiene promotion with 5-6 children in each session and from this session Mohammad Supait selected as a Leader for the Children Leaders group for his attention, commitment, participation and dedication to work as a volunteer for his community on March 2021. During participating in different sessions CHV & CHP observed that day by day skills on counseling of Mohammad Supait is increasing and finally CHV & CHP mobilized him to start working as a Peer Educator or Change Maker to the children in the same community. Accordingly, Mohammad Supait started mobilizing the children on hygiene promotion (critical times, proper steps of handwashing, water safety plan, latrine use, solid waste management & open defecation free community) & as well engaging community children in playing “Hygiene Chakkha” (An IEC & BCC material) which resulted a significant change on practicing positive hygienic behaviors in the Camp.

On the other hand, the project recently organized a refresher training for the Leaders of the group where Mohammad Supait participated. In the training, Mohammad Supait was very attentive and briefed his experience as a leader and also informed that now he is more confident than previous to deliver the messages to the children. Mohammad Supait also informed that his objective of mobilizing children to develop a disease-free healthy camp to change the life of the children in the Camp.