Training Unit of Bandhu was invited to hold a two-day Training on “Abuse, Stigma & Discrimination and Human rights related with SRHR of gender diverse people” for members of UNFPA based project staffs in Ukhiya, Cox’s bazar. The focus of the Training was to clarify concepts related to abuse, stigma, discrimination and human rights in relation to gender identity and to help participants understand the value of applying these concepts to their work. After the session on Youth Sexual Abuse, almost all of the participants felt a pressing need of breaking the silence around the issue. This issue was also identified as closely linked to burnout. The need of self-care was also addressed in the training program. Participants were led through a series of exercises to help them understand abuse stigma, discrimination and reproductive health from an affirmative and rights-based perspective.

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COMMUNITY VOICE:
Mx. Sheuli, shared her life history where she felt left alone and forlorn as her whole surroundings were against her dreams and desire.

Leading a life coping with social stigma and discrimination, she is now a self-educated and self-identified transgender woman who can place her voice with strong rationales when it comes to human rights issues and social inclusion of TGs.

She is thankful to Bandhu for contributing to developing and enhancing her capacities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- More such Training regularly for the enhancement of community capacity.
- Current behavioral practice of hijra community need to be improved for social acceptance.
- Arrange orientation program in Masjid, Madrasha, Mondir, Girja of Ukhiya.
- Establish an effective network of different stakeholders for working together.
- Local elected body and development organizations can consider working for gender diverse clusters along with Bandhu for accelerating their social inclusion process.