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CENTRE FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION ON DISABILITY (CSID)

A Centre for Services, Research and
Information Exchange



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Preamble

Primarily CSID formed and registered as Charity Trust under the Ministry of Law in December 1997. Later in February 2011 the organization has been registered with the Department of Social Services under the Ministry of Social Welfare. The registration number: Dha- 08858, dated- 20 February 2011.

It is also registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of Government of Bangladesh under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance. Registration number: 1322, dated 15 December 1998.

Vision

CSID envisions "An inclusive society where all disadvantaged people including Persons with Disabilities are living with equal rights, opportunities, access and dignity in comparison to other citizens of the country".

Mission:

Reducing discrimination against marginalized people including persons with disabilities in all aspects of life including gender disparity; creating a Physical and Socio-economic barrier free environment; Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and marginalised people through capacity building; Resource and information networking; Promoting opportunities and access to education, information and socio-economic activities in order to mainstreaming them into society with equal rights and dignity.

Values

- ☞ Disability should consider as development issue, not as Special or Welfare issue as Persons with Disabilities constituting 15% of population (according to the World Report on Disability).
- ☞ Equity of opportunities and dignity.
- ☞ Children and Women first.
- ☞ Freedom of expressing opinion and enjoying rights.
- ☞ Accountability and transparency.

Programmed Dimension:

- Information and Resource sharing and Networking including Promotion of access to information using digital technology and accessible formats for disadvantaged people including persons with disabilities.
- Conducting Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues and dissemination.
- Community-Based Support Services for development of Disadvantaged and Marginalized people including Persons with Disabilities.
- Promotion of Inclusive Education.
- Promotion of Livelihood opportunities for marginalized including persons with disabilities.
- National and local level Advocacy.

A. Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues

CSID conducted 22 researches including international research on different disability issues which include –Inclusive Education, Situation of Children and Women with Disabilities, Disaster & Disability, Employment Situation of persons with disabilities etc.

B. Project titled: Accessible Internet-based Disability Information Dissemination Network (DID-N) and Disability Resource Centre (DRC):

Location: The project is being operated from the Head Office situated in Dhaka City.

Supported by: Handicap International

Goal: Information on Disability & Development issues is available electronically as well as at Disability Resource Centre for a range of Stakeholders including policy makers, programmers, disabled persons themselves, professionals, researchers and students in accessible format (print, audio-visual and Braille) to contribute in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities

Major Focus:

- ☞ Collect/translate information and arrange for dissemination utilizing the DID-N & the DRC.
- ☞ Upgrade the search engine and the archive by uploading key documents/info.
- ☞ Disability Information and other resource materials are made available in print, Braille and audio-visual format & digital reading materials for DRC and DID-N archive
- ☞ Information on existence of accessible cyber café, DID-N and resource centre is well circulated and use of resource centre increased.
- ☞ Develop networking & linkage with other information/social networks.

Major Achievements:

- Project has disseminated 20 information within this reporting year.
- Project has introduced the latest option of Zoom out and Zoom in for the persons with visual impaired people.
- Because of advocacy Bangladesh government organized the National IT competition for physical, hearing & speech, visual and Neuro Developmental Disability (NDD) youth with disabilities. The contestants who got the first prize in physical, hearing & speech, visual and Neuro Developmental Disability (NDD) category participated in the Global IT Challenged Competition in Delhi from November 8-12, 2018. One of the youth with physical disability from Bangladesh has won the 1st prize on e life map challenge competition.
- Website made linkage with some social networking like Facebook, Tweeter.
- Collected 6 video documents, 20 printed documents and 2 Braille Documents for the Disability Resource centre.

C. Development programmes with Rights Approach for Persons with Disabilities.

1. Project titled: Inclusive Care and Protection for Children Affected/infected by AIDS (CABA) and Children with Disabilities (CWDs) through Empowerment and System Strengthening.

Location: Sylhet District.

Supported By: Save the Children

Goal: All girls and boys particularly children with disabilities(CWDs) and children affected by AIDS(CABA) in 21 targeted communities live free from all forms of violence and are better protected through strengthened local community systems and family care.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Targeted girls and boys including CWDs and CABA in chosen communities are better protected through improved family care and aware of local child protection response mechanisms.
- ☞ CWDs and CABA are accepted and better protected by community members with stigma, violence and discrimination.
- ☞ Strengthened national and local level government systems, authorities and committees engaged collaboratively to respond and intervene to improve the protection, care and welfare of girls and boys at risk including CWDs and CABA.

Major Achievements:

- In total 100 children with disabilities received resilience building training.
- In total 50 CABA children received training on their rights.
- 20 parents of CABA received training on rights and protection.
- 18 parents/caregivers received training on parenting.
- Conducted sensitization meeting with 73 religious leaders regarding the rights of children with disabilities and CABA children.
- Conducted 23 schools awareness meeting with 368 participants.
- The 188 members of child club received capacity building training.
- Conducted meeting with 81 CBCPC members regarding the rights of children with disabilities and CABA children.
- Identified 30 children received education and health support.
- Organised 02 multi institutional meeting with 17 participants.

2. Project titled: Improving education and health for deaf blind people in Bangladesh

Location: Keranigonj, Dhaka.

Supported by: Sense International and CDD.

Goal: Improve the lives of deaf blind children and include into the mainstream schools.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of deaf blind children & youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Awareness raising, sensitization and advocacy to promote and protect rights of children with disabilities.
- ☞ Creating access to disability treatment/surgery/therapy services and having assistive devices.
- ☞ Creating access to mainstream education system, PHC, reproductive health, games & cultural activities, recreational activities, skill training and dignified IGA.
- ☞ Ensuring community participation.

Major Achievements:

- 70 Identification and need assessment of deaf blind child & youth disabilities.
- Provided health support to 6 deaf blind children.
- Assistive devices support to 10 deaf blind children.
- Provided orientation to a project staff on Community Based Rehabilitation and disability.
- Provided nutrition support to 4 deaf blind children and adult.
- Continue education support to 10 deaf blind children.
- 10 Awareness raising meeting at Union Parishad, school & Vocational Training centre.
- Home based Activities of Daily Living support to 60 children and youth with deaf blind.

3. Project titled: Access to Livelihood

Location: Dhaka and Barisal

Supported By: Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)

Goal: To create employment opportunities for person with disabilities and mainstream them with socio economic activities in an inclusive society.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identifying and addressing legislative, policy and attitudinal gaps to promote employment rights of persons with disabilities.
- ☞ Career guidance and counselling.
- ☞ Providing market based vocational and technical training.
- ☞ Providing training to job seekers with disabilities and support them to undertake work placements and apprenticeships.
- ☞ Sensitize government and corporate sector employers for offering employment and training opportunities to persons with disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate disabled people's access to social protection and other resources offered by public and private sectors.

Major Achievements:

- Project provided/facilitated training to 80 persons with disabilities in different trades such as computer, accounts/office management, mobile servicing, beautician, garments, dress making, entrepreneurship development, foundation Training etc.
- The project has been able to employ 76 persons with disabilities in different organizations.
- Project facilitated to engage 22 persons with disabilities with self employment/ entrepreneurship.
- Project organized 1 job fair in this year and through these fair 73 persons with disabilities placed. Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, Honourable State Minister, ICT Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology was the Special Guest of the event.
- The project identified and registered a total 196 persons with disabilities and maintaining a database.

4. Project titled: Communications Aids for people with speech disabilities in Bangladesh

Location: Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal

Supported By: Inventions labs

Goal: Identify the communication devices and Apps use by children with disabilities and the scope to use Avaz Apps.

Major Focus:

- ☞ The expectations and priorities of parents/teachers from the children/students
- ☞ The methods and tools that are currently used by teachers, parents in Bangladesh for communication and language development of children with speech disabilities in Bangladesh
- ☞ The current level of access to communication aids - low-tech, mid-tech, high-tech
- ☞ The current level of comfort with technology of teachers, parents and children
- ☞ The current accessibility of speech therapists

- ☞ The current level of expertise in communication intervention strategies of teachers and therapists
- ☞ The current level of support system in place for children (and parents) - schools, parent support groups, government

Major Achievements:

- A semi-structured interview schedule in local language was canvassed for data collection form from 25 children with disabilities, 50 parents, 25 special education teachers, 20 therapist, 25 school and NGOs administrators and 5 government officials.
- Among the 25 interviewed children with disabilities 22 children use the smart phone and only 3 of them use button mobile. The children with disabilities use the smart phone mainly for Music and videos and some of them use smart phone for games also.
- Project interviewed 50 parents of children with disabilities and among most of them are mothers. One issued identified during the interview that the primary caregivers of most of children with disabilities are mother and father.
- Project interviewed 25 Special Educators and among them 14 was male and 11 were female. Most of the Educators are post graduate and from general education with and received training on special education.
- Project interviewed 25 School Administrators and NGO Administrators and among 16 of them are from special schools and 6 of them from other non formal NGOs schools.
- Project interviewed 20 therapists in Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagonj division and most of them are form 18 to 35 age. All of the therapists use face book for information and networking. Among the interviewed therapists 13 have completed post graduation on therapeutical intervention, 6 are not graduate who have informal training and rest 1 have completed diploma on therapy.
- Project interviewed 05 government officials. Ministry of Social Welfare is the lead ministry for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. Project interviewed 3 district social service officers who are working under the ministry of Social Welfare at Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagong.

5. Project titled: Develop child friendly training manual for children including for children with disabilities on UNCRPD and provide training.

Location: Dhaka

Supported By: RI Korea

Goal: Develop child friendly training manual for children including for children with disabilities on UNCRPD and provide training.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Develop a child friendly training manual
- ☞ b. Provide training to the 30 school children including the school children with disabilities @UNCRPD

Major Achievements:

- Developed a child friendly training manual for the children with disabilities
- Provided training to 30 children with disabilities .

6. Project titled: Protection and Empowerment of Children with Disabilities through an Inclusive Approach

Location: Kamrangirchar, Dhaka, Barishal City Corporation, Barishal, Nurabad, Bhola .

Supported by: UNICEF.

Output : By 2020, national and sub-national child protection systems have the technical, Management and financial capacities to provide high-quality services and protection against violence to girls and boys, including children with disabilities and children in hard-to-reach areas, urban and in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of children with disabilities.
- ☞ Conduct Base Line Study
- ☞ Resilience building training to children with disabilities
- ☞ Direct support to the children with disabilities in the targeted area (treatment/therapy services and having assistive devices).
- ☞ Training to the parents and caregivers of the children with disabilities
- ☞ Awareness raising, sensitization and advocacy to promote and protect rights of children with disabilities
- ☞ Creating access to mainstream education system.
- ☞ Provide Skill training and dignified IGA.
- ☞ Strengthen CBCPCs
- ☞ Ensure physical accessibility for children with disabilities in 4 mainstream schools
- ☞ Meeting with Disability Rights and Protection Committee, Local government & DSS to ensure social security scheme and other services accessible for children with disabilities
- ☞ Sensitization meeting with local police personnel, traffic police and legal professionals in project areas regarding the protection issues of children with disabilities

Major Achievements: The project has been signed and started on 19 November 2018 and did not receive fund till 31 December 2018, there was no major achievement in this period. However, by 31 December 2018

- All project staffs were on board.
- Around 100 children with disabilities were identified.
- Communication with service provider organization is continuing to get service for children with disabilities
- List of CBCPC Members of Barishal City Corporation has been collected.

7. Project titled: ICT training for the Persons with Disabilities using Innovative Video Tutorial and a Mobile Application.

Location: Dhaka .

Supported by: ICT Division of Bangladesh Government.

Goal : Develop Innovative Video Tutorial and a Mobile Application for the persons with disabilities.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Organise Inception Meeting on the project.
- ☞ Preparation of Script for the Video Tutorial and Apps.

- ✍️ Develop the Video and ensuring accessibility.
- ✍️ Develop the Apps and ensuring accessibility.

Major Achievements:

- Developed special video tutorials on Basic Computer & Office Application orientation to the persons with disabilities so that they can leverage their ICT skill to get access in job sectors
- A mobile App has developed for the persons with disabilities to revise the lessons even after their scheduled training.

Core Partners in the year 2018:

1. UNICEF
2. Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)
3. Centre for Disability in Development(CDD)
4. Sense International
5. Handicap International (HI)
6. Save the Children
7. RI Korea
8. Inventions labs

Work force:

Project Staff: 31(Female-11, Male-20), **Core Staff:** 6(Female-1, Male-5), **Volunteer:** 40

Future Plan:

Establishing a centre of excellence to facilitate persons with disabilities in developing vocational, technical, soft and ICT skills including life skills so that they can be productive citizen of the country and able to gain economical independency.

Total Coverage (Direct): 2018

SL	Categories	Male	Female	Total Coverage
1	Children with Disabilities and CABA children	70	55	125
2	Persons with Disabilities	90	140	230
3	Youth with Disabilities covered	22	27	49
4	Caregivers	60	155	215
5	Children without disabilities	90	55	145
6	Community people	1200	1000	2200
7	Government officer	10	8	18
8	Local government representatives	9	12	21
9	Employers	10	3	13
10	Training institutions	6	8	14
11	MFIs	6	9	15
12	Journalist	18	7	25
13	Network Organizations	72	62	134
Total		1663	1541	3204