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CENTRE FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION ON DISABILITY (CSID)

A Centre for Services, Research and
Information Exchange



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Words from Chairman

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From the Desk of Executive Director

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 following Inclusive, Community Based Rights and Participatory Approach (ICBRPA).

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 15 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 49 information within this reporting year.
- Project made the linkage with Google, Yahoo, Facebook. From now, the website user can directly link to that website. From the website, the user can directly go to the Google, Yahoo, Facebook and they do not need to open another tab.
- During this period project collected 15 videos and 37 printed books on disability issues. The students, researches and other professionals continue using the materials of disability resource centre.
- Project made the linkage with Google, Yahoo, Facebook. From now, the website user can directly link to that website.
- The students, researches and other professionals continue using the materials of disability resource centre.
- During this period project collected 13 videos and 37 printed books on disability issues. The students, researches and other professionals continue using the materials of disability resource centre.

C. Community-Based development programmes with Rights Approach for Persons with Disabilities.

1. Project titled: Community Based Protection and Empowerment of Children with Disabilities in Bangladesh.

Location: Dhaka City Corporation(Dhanmondhi , Mohammapur, Adabor, Mirpur, Pallobi thana area)

Supported By: Save the Children Bangladesh

Goal: To address the problems/issues of education, protection, physical rehabilitation, health and psycho-social support of children with and without disabilities engaged in and at risk to be engaged in labour, including neglect and discrimination in order to promoting their rights

Major Focus:

- ☞ 3 Socialization centres active to provide comprehensive education, including vocational skill training.
- ☞ In total 600 working children with disabilities between 14 – 18 years will place in non-hazardous jobs.
- ☞ In total 800 children will receive education through 20 community learning
- ☞ Total 100 parents of children with disabilities will start income.
- ☞ Awareness raising, Sensitization and Advocacy to promote and protect the rights of children.
- ☞ Facilitate Self-Advocacy activities by children and youth themselves through empowering and activating Self-advocacy groups.

Results achieved:

- Three (03) Socialization Centres had functional till June 2015.
- In total 1,100 parents/caregivers (Female-970 and Male-130) participated in 109 sessions with 125 community people.
- In total of 544 children (311 girls and 233 boys) have been enrolled for vocation training. Among them 450 (girls 295 and boys 155-) children has completed vocational training on 06 trades (Cell phone servicing-87,Computer-124, Block-Boutique-58, Karchupi & Embroidery 49, Screen Print 39 and Home Fashion 166).
- After completing, the vocational and entrepreneurship training total 68 children and youth employed in this period. Among them 54 (girls-34 and boys-16) children and youth has started their own business and 68(girls-24 and boys-44) children and youth employed in different organization. In present 94 (girls-16 and boys- 78) children and youth are continuing their vocational training on 06 mentioned trades.
- The project has been organised three entrepreneurship training. In total 110 (25 male and 85 female) parents received the training.
- Through the project support 20-community learning centre had been established in community and total 800 children successfully completed their grade IV education level in 2014. But in June 2015 the funding from the Save the Children has been closed and already that time a total number of 250 children was registered for Primary School Certificate (PSC) exam. In this situation CSID management decided to run the school until the board exam by the contribution of teachers and staff of CSID. Finally 250 children have participated in the Primary School Certificate (PSC) exam in November 2015. Among the 250 children 188 children passed in PSC exam.

2. Project titled: Removing Cultural Barriers in Bangladesh: Improving the lives of Children with Disabilities and their carers

Location: Keranigonj Upazila

Supported By: Action Aid Bangladesh

Goal: Children and Youth with Disabilities of the target areas living in a barrier free and protected inclusive society with equal rights and dignity in comparison to other community members.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Transform the lives of 300 most disadvantaged children and youth with disabilities and their caregiver in Bangladesh.
- ☞ Direct medical intervention support for children and youth with disabilities; training to caregivers and health workers; and closely work with the Government to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities are protected for generations to come.
- ☞ Work collaboratively with the Government to review and develop a new teachers training curriculum, which will truly meet the need of children and youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Work with the Government and private sector vocational training institutions and employers to create access and opportunities of developing vocational skill and employment for youth with disabilities so that they can earn a living and lead a dignified life.
- ☞ Make a long term and sustainable change the project would advocate with the Government to implement the Rights and protection Act for persons with Disabilities 2013.

Major Achievements:

- Project facilitated to provide skill development training to 50 caregivers on appropriate care giving at home including therapy.
- In total 47 children and youth with disabilities received assistive devices and 3 children with disabilities received surgical support.
- The Local Government of Keranigonj issued a letter to the community clinic authority for providing therapeutic services at their community clinic.
- Project provided basic therapeutic training to the community health workers to ensure therapeutic services at community level.
- Enrolment of 22 children with disabilities in to regular school.
- Ensured Job of 3 youth with disabilities after receiving skilled development training
- In total 24 youth with disabilities has started small business by the training and financial support of project.
- 21 youth with disabilities has received vocational training according to their field of interest and capability.

3. Project titled: Inclusive Protection and Empowerment Project for Children with Disabilities (IPEP)

Location: Dhaka, Barisal, Rangpur, and Sylhet District.

Supported By: Save the Children

Funded By: European Union

Goal: The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the protection of children with disabilities (CWDs) in Bangladesh from all forms of violence.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Resilience building training to the children with disabilities and their caregivers
- ☞ Teachers training on child protection and working with schools
- ☞ Formation of Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) and child club in the community for awareness program

Major Achievements:

- Identified 7340 children with disabilities for resilience building training on to protect them against violence.
- In total 3104 children with disabilities received resilience building training
- In total 3400 parents of children with disabilities received protection training
- Orientation on Inclusive child protection has received the teachers of 7 schools.
- In total 61 Child led awareness activities has conducted
- Organized 29 sessions of capacity building training for 514 teachers in 4 districts.
- Organized capacity building workshop for 43 school management committees.
- In total 115 police personnel and 85 legal professionals received training on child protection
- Four folk media group received orientation on disability and child protection and to development theatre and music on awareness of disability and child protection.
- In total 4 community shows organized in four districts.
- In total 35 inclusive child clubs formed comprising 1065 children including 575 children with disabilities.
- In total 60 Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) formed and the members of CBCPC received 44 capacity building training.

4. Project titled: Reducing Marginalisation and Inclusion of Children and Youth with Disabilities into Mainstream Society - Sylhet

Location: Sylhet City Corporation Area, Sader Upozila & South Surma Upozila.

Supported by: Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Goal: Children and Youth with Disabilities including Girls and Women of the target areas living in a barrier free and protected inclusive society with equal rights and dignity in comparison to other community members

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of children & youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Awareness raising, sensitization and advocacy to promote and protect rights of children with disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate self-advocacy activities by children & youth themselves through forming, empowering and activating self-advocacy groups.
- ☞ 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:

- In total 72 teachers received orientation on Braille, Sign language, Inclusive Education, child protection, code of conduct & Child Act.
- In total 51 health workers received orientation on Disability and Violence against Women.
- Youth and children with disabilities received training on Reproductive Health, Violence against woman and protection issue.
- In total 86 School Management Committee members received orientation on Child Protection & Children Act
- In total 18 employers from several organizations and 20 micro finance persons are motivated regarding the rights of persons with disabilities
- The project is running 3 preschools with 91 learners.
- Because of project intervention 195 children & youth has been enrolled in formal and informal education systems.
- Project provided health and rehabilitation services to 107 children & youth with disabilities
- Total 24 children with disabilities received vocational as well as skill development training on different trades.
- In total 18 children and youth with disabilities engaged in wage and self employment activities because of project intervention.
- In total 12 complain boxes setup into 10 government primary schools for ensuring transparency & accountability of school authorities.

5. 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 for 431 persons with disabilities in different trades such as-computer, accounts/office management, mobile servicing, beautician, garments, dress making, entrepreneurship development, foundation Training.
- The project has been able to employ 221 persons with disabilities in different organizations.
- Project facilitated to engage 112 persons with disabilities with self employment/ entrepreneurship.
- Project organized 1 job fairs in this yea and through these fair 60 persons with disabilities placed.
- The project identified and registered a total number of 609 persons with disabilities and maintaining a database.
- The project organized Media & Corporate sensitization meeting with 146 Representatives from different government and non-government agencies, employers, media, and persons with disabilities.
- Project organized a discussion meeting in the Conference Hall of Barisal City Corporation. Mr. Md. Ahsan Habib Kamal, Mayoor, was present as the chief guest and the Chief Health Officer of the city corporation Mr. Dr.Motiur Rahman as special guest. City Counselors, Media persons and persons with disabilities, service provider organizations and LRC staff also attended in the meeting.
- Project organized a meeting with the Govt. BM College. Professor Md. Nazrul Islam Rahman, Vice Principal, Govt. BM College, and other 6 teachers were present at the meeting. The B.M college authority agreed to send the educated persons with disabilities to LRC for training and employment.

6. Project Titled: An Inclusive Approach to Empowering Working Children

Location: Mohammadpur, Adabor, Pallabi, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Sobujbagh, Badda, Jatrabari

Supported By: World Vision Bangladesh.

Goal: Reduction of children aged 6 to <18 engaged in the 5 categories of hazardous jobs in selected slums of Dhaka City by 2017.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Strengthened community movement and multi-level network of advocates for the enforcement of laws and policies that protect working children.
- ☞ Review of existing laws that protects child labourers specially children in domestic labour, in informal garments and waste pickers.
- ☞ National budget analysis on child labour
- ☞ Lobby meeting with different ministries (MoPE, MoLE, MoWCA, MoSW, MoLGRD, MoHA):

- ☞ Lobby with parliamentarians to convince them to raise voice in the parliament against child labour.
- ☞ Develop fact sheet, Policy Brief considering the child labour issues with special focus on children in domestic labour, informal garments and waste picking
- ☞ Launch a campaign for the ratification of ILO convention 138 in support to enforcement of Children's Act of 2013
- ☞ Initiate partnership with media (print & broadcast) to support the campaign for the elimination of child labour:
- ☞ Engage Child Ambassadors to facilitate campaign against child labour

Major Achievements:

- Allocation of Separate child budget in National budget which will benefit working children through the efforts of the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights.
- The Parliamentary Caucus on child Rights has made a commitment to include domestic child labour in the list of hazardous work and to enact the Domestic Workers' Protection and Welfare policy 2010 in the parliament by 2015.
- North Dhaka City Corporation resolved to follow the government gazette to provide free birth registration certificate for child labourer.
- The South Dhaka City Corporation Mayor declared the City Corporation would inspect the hotels/ restaurants and other hazardous shops and factories where children are working, to make sure that they do not recruit any child labourers. They will cancel trade license if any child labourers are found.
- The government has shown zero tolerance against the torture of children and child domestic workers (National Cricketer Shahadat and Children Razon & Rakib's murderer) as a result of our campaign.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has established another permanent unit in place of Child Labour Unit under the revenue budget.
- Media has given importance to the issue of Child Labour and published several investigative reports because of media campaign.
- Child Labourers & Children have participated in several dialogue with the Parliamentary Caucus on their different issues.
- Goodwill Ambassador confirmed to advocate on behalf of Child Labour to protect their rights. He is now actively perform his role.

7. Project Titled: ICT and innovative partnerships – responding to well-known challenges for children in new ways.

Location: Savar, Dhaka. CSID part is National level advocacy.

Coverage: 15000 students from 30 schools of Savar upazilla in Dhaka district. Would be creating impact on policy level.

Supported By: Save the Children

Goal: Improved WASH facilities in targeted schools through use of ICT and innovative partnerships with children, youth and their organizations.

Major Focus: Major focus of this project is in three areas:

- ☞ Student's empowerment by use of ICT and participation in decision making process.
- ☞ Establish governance in schools by increase accountability of SMC.
- ☞ Ensure improved WaSH in schools.

Major Achievements:

- Baseline study report covering WaSH, ICT use and governance situation of secondary schools have been completed.
- Advocacy Strategy Paper indentifying the policy gaps regarding school WaSH and governance and advocacy issues have been completed.
- Several policy papers addressing advocacy issues have been developed.
- Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights (PCCR) have committed to include school WaSH issue as one of their agendas.
- Director- Secondary, DSHE agreed to take initiative to initiate circular for segregating Development budget of schools and introduce line item for WaSH and also agreed to review the monitoring system of schools.

8. Project Titled: Socio-economic Reintegration and Rehabilitation for Survivors with Disabilities of Rana Plaza Disaster Project (LES Project).

Location: Savar,Dhaka

Supported By: Action Aid Bangladesh

Goal: Socio-economic Reintegration and Rehabilitation for Rana Plaza Survivors.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Short listing of Rana plaza survivors to provide support
- ☞ Form of 10 self help groups with Rana Plaza survivors
- ☞ Career guidance workshop to help the participants in choosing their livelihood option in a realistic manner
- ☞ Provide psychosocial therapy
- ☞ Exposure visits to factories where workers with disabilities are working to provide them with a practical knowledge
- ☞ Small business development plan for selected program participants (1 workshop)-2 days workshop
- ☞ Providing skills development training for 100 participants to the institution for capacity development
- ☞ Employ 180 Rana plaza survivors with disabilities as wage employment
- ☞ Employ 25 Rana plaza survivors with disabilities as self employment

Major Achievements:

- Developed a database on identified potential employers
- Empowered the 264 members of 10 self help groups
- Organised 2 exposure visit for the survivors
- Provided psychosocial support to 250 survivors
- Organized workshop for career guidance and business development plan
- In total 81 rana plaza survivors employed at various sectors.
- In total 75 Rana plaza survivors has started small business

- 45 Rana plaza survivors received vocational training on tailoring, Blok-Batik, driving, computer training
- About 200 rana plaza survivors received health support through linkages

9. Project titled: Investment in Children (IiC)

Location: Dhaka

Supported By: Save the Children

Goal: *Increased visibility and transparency of budget allocations for children and quality expenditure at national and local government level by 2015.*

Major Focus:

- By 2015, child budget methodology (guidelines, framework) has been finalized and will be piloted in selected ministries in the FY 2015/16 national budget
- Government officials, including PCCR members, are more capacitated and vocal about child sensitive resource mobilization and budget allocations through policy advocacy around PEFA and 7th Five Year Plan
- Developed stronger evidence base for advocacy regarding selected right-based services including strengths and weaknesses

Major Achievements:

- Under IiC project, advocacy and campaign were carried out to influence the policy makers. Following the advocacy initiatives of SC and CSID government declared child budget in Bangladesh. Its a great achievement indeed
- Ministry of Finance has to develop conceptual framework and guidelines; to do this government has taken initiative to implement a capacity building project on strengthening capacity on child focused budgeting in Bangladesh.
- Under the reporting period, couple of formal and informal meeting was held with PCCR members guided and supported by the Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Bangladesh. PCCR members promoting the advocacy issues in parliament and with concerned policy makers
- Increased knowledge and capacity of child and youth researchers on conducting right-based study and developed evidences for advocacy on stipend in secondary school, child health and public expenditure and sarkary shishu paribar.

Core Partners in the year 2014:

1. World Vision Bangladesh
2. Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)
3. Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)
4. ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB)
5. Handicap International (HI)
6. Save the Children

Work force:

Project Staff: 158(Female-49, Male-109)

Core Staff: 6(Female-1, Male-5)

Part-time: 27

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): 2015

SL	Categories	Male	Female	Total Coverage
1	Children with Disabilities	4276	3229	7505
2	Persons with Disabilities	280	230	510
3	Youth with Disabilities covered	245	91	336
4	Caregivers	110	150	260
5	Children without disabilities	2600	2520	5120
6	Community people	4320	6200	10520
7	Government officer	145	57	202
8	Local government representatives	190	105	295
9	Employers	120	41	161
10	Training institutions	31	24	55
11	Schools teachers	300	350	650
12	MFI's	71	39	110
13	SMC members	112	98	210
14	PTAs members	141	430	571
15	Journalist	30	16	46
16	Rana Plaza Survivors	55	202	257
17	Police personnel	42	06	48
18	Legal personnel	42	15	57
19	Member of Folk Media	72	44	116
20	Network Organizations	72	62	134
Total		13254	13909	27163