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CENTRE FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION ON DISABILITY (CSID)

A Centre for Services, Research and
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INTRODUCTION

Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID) is a non-government development organization established on the 24 December 1997. It became registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of the Government of Bangladesh on 15 December 1998 (no.1322).

CSID is the sitting President of National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD), a networking and coordinating body of over 250 organisations. It is also a member of The National Coordination Committee for the Development of People with Disabilities, formed by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh. At the Regional level it is the member of Asia Pacific Disability Forum (APDF) and Associate Member of Asia Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD).

Below are the four core aspects of what CSID do. The vision and mission have been developed in consultation with the Persons with Disabilities CSID serve. CSID aim to raise public awareness, sensitize people on disability issues and undertake specific interventions after analyzing of actual situations through research and baseline survey. Activities typically include an emphasis on 'Community Based Rehabilitation' (CBR), globally recognized as the most appropriate and effective approach to establishing a barrier free, rights-based inclusive society. In fact, the Government of Bangladesh recently gave emphasis to CBR for effective and sustainable development of Persons with Disabilities. Much of our work also involves the facilitation of self-advocacy by children/persons with disabilities and national, regional and international networking on disability issues. CSID's accumulated reputation of working effectively in disability issues, maintaining harmonious relationships with the Government and NGO partners in the existing working districts and their close proximity within the district puts the organization in an advantageous position to offer such services.

Vision

An inclusive society where People with Disabilities are living with equal rights, opportunities, access and dignity in comparison to other citizens of the country.

Mission

Reducing discrimination in families and community, creating a Physical and Socio-economic barrier free environment and promoting rights of all Persons with Disabilities irrespective of types age and gender.

Values

- ☞ Disability is not a special or Welfare issue.
- ☞ Equity of opportunities and dignity amputee.
- ☞ Children and women First.
- ☞ Freedom of expressing opinion and enjoying rights.
- ☞ Accountability and transparency.

Programme Dimension:

- A. Disability Information Networking and Resource Centre
- B. Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues
- C. Community-Based Support Services with Rights Approach for Persons (Specially Children and Women) with Disabilities.
- D. Promotion of Inclusive Education.
- E. Advocacy.

Programme approach/Strategy:

- Participatory and Inclusive.
- Community based with Rights approach.
- Advocacy and sensitization.
- Capacity building.
- Flexibility.

A. Disability Information Networking and Accessible Resource Centre:

Location: Dhaka Office

Supported by: Sight Savers International and Handicap International

Goal: **Disability friendly and favorable environment created towards inclusion of People with Disabilities in mainstream society with equality of rights, opportunities and participation.**

Major Focus:

- 1 Formation of Steering/Consultative Committee and a Moderator group for improving and smooth operation of the DID Network and DRC.
- 2 Develop/update the online resource library
- 3 Develop registration form for subscribing with the DID Net
- 4 Gather and process Information
- 5 Disseminate diversified information including case studies, best practice, funding agencies etc.
- 6 Improve the Website to make it more effective and user friendly.
- 7 Install internet system and screen reader software to make it accessible and usable by Persons with Visual Impairments as Internet cafe.



MoU sign with CCOAB



Blind persons using mainstream Cyber cafe



Computer training at BCC & Certificate distribution ceremony



Achievements:

- 1 In total 121 Information has been gathered, categorized, processed and disseminate within this reporting period.
- 2 One automated forum is developed and launched on the Facebook named "Bangladesh Disability and Development Dialogue Forum" and 150 members already included with this social network. The aim of the forum is to create an inclusive society with no discrimination where every Person with Disability is able to exercise her/his right to a life of dignity on an equal basis with others. By using this Forum the members of this social network share their views and experience and also disseminate the information related to disability.
- 3 'Member login form' and poll option introduced in this year. The member can now use the DID N website by using user name and password. The DID N users now offer vote on circulated issues by using poll option.
- 4 Project selected two mainstream cyber cafés one in at the Tolar Bag area of Mirpur and another one is at Nilkhet area and make it accessible for the persons with disabilities. There are so many persons with disabilities live in both of these areas and they are very happy to hear this news. Both of this Cyber Cafes situated on the ground floor which are also very favourable to the persons with disabilities especially for the wheel chair user. Project provided financial support to make these cyber café accessible for the persons with disabilities. Advertisement is necessary for circular this news and for this purpose the project prepared some festoon and displayed on public place.
- 5 Project organized a Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on "Making Cyber Café's Accessible and Employment of Persons with Disabilities" at Dhaka Reporters Unity conference room, Topkhana road, at 10:30 am on Monday, the 27 December, 2010. Alhaj Md. Dabirul Islam Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee, Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology, attended as chief guest in this program. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed among Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID), Cyber Café Owners Association of Bangladesh(CCOAB) and Sightsavers.
- 6 CSID arranged Computer training (Basic Computer) for the Persons with Visual Impairments with the collaboration of BCC (Bangladesh Computer Council), which is a Government owned high quality computer training Centre. The training started from June 28 at BCC Computer Lab, Agargaon, Dhaka and completed on August 22. Mr. Yafez Osman, Honourable State Minister of Science and Technology to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh inaugurated the Computer training and also attended in the certificate ceremony and distributed the certificate among the persons with visual impairments who participated in the computer training.
- 7 DID Network linked with Facebook, Yahoo and Google. Because of this linkage the DID net user can directly linked from DID N to Facebook, Yahoo and Google.
- 8 The project facilitated to prepare a ramp at the entrance of CSID head office where Resource Centre situated. Persons with disabilities now easily enter the resource centre by using this ramp.
- 9 Project communicated with UTSOA a NGO to convert some documents like UNCRPD, CRC, and National Disability Welfare Act into brail. In this year UTSOA developed and provided these materials to CSID.

B. Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues

A study on "Situation of Child Labour among Children with Disabilities" has been completed in December 2009. CSID conducted 12 Researches including International Research on different disability issues which include – Education of disabled persons, Situation of Children and Women with Disabilities, Disaster & Disability, Employment situation of Disabled people etc.

C. Community-Based Support Services with Rights Approach for Persons with Disabilities.

1. Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) for the Visual Impaired Persons in Barisal District.

Location: Barisal

Coverage: Barisal Sadar, Babugonj, Bakergonj, Uazirpur and Gouranadi Upazila.

Supported by: Sight Savers International

Goal: People with visual impairment enjoy the same rights, opportunities, responsibilities and privileges as the sighted people.



White cane support



Group Meeting



ADL mobility support



Income Generating Activities

Major focus:

- 1 Equipped Barisal Medical College Hospital and Barisal District Hospital and build capacity to increase quality IOL surgery rate.
- 2 Identification of persons with visual impairments and Referral for ensure surgery (IOL) of identified cataract patients.
- 3 Inclusion of Persons with Blindness and Low Vision in to mainstream education system.
- 4 Promoting self-help groups of persons with VI and activate them in rights movement.
- 5 Rehabilitation of incurable blind persons through providing ADL/Mobility training and IGA support.
- 6 Raising Community Awareness of Causes, consequences and prevention of Visual Impairment.

Major Achievement:

1. Surgery (Male-308, Female- 305 Boys- 2, Girls-2) completed in this year of 2010 out of which 550 adult cataracts (Male-294, Female- 256), 63 DCR (Male-14, Female- 49), 4 Child cataract (Boys- 2, Girls-2) operations (IOL) were done during the period.
2. Provided ADL & Mobility training to 30 new incurable blind persons and refreshers to 58 old IB persons and they are now self dependent in mobility and ADL.
3. During the year total 19 children enrolled into the schools. Among the enrolled children 01 irreversible blind child (Boy-1) has been enrolled in to the Mainstream School & 01 irreversible blind child (Boy-1) has been enrolled in to the special School. In total 17 LV children (Boys-12, Girls-5) were enrolled in different mainstream schools of Barisal.
4. Project provided 20 low vision devices (Boys-11, Girls- 9) to the identified LV children. After receiving these low vision devices, the identified LV children are doing their educational and daily activities easily.
5. The project advocated/facilitated for 24 VI clients to receive loans/ linkage from different government, non-government and local sources.
6. Project organised 3 days non residential Vocational Skill training for persons with Visually Impairment. The trainer was from Government Dairy Farm and he trained the persons with visual impairment on Poultry, Cow Rearing etc. Total 20 VI persons from four Upazillas participated in the training and among them 15 were male and 5 were female.
7. Project with the support of National association of sports for the Person with Disability (NASPD) organized a Divisional Sports at Barisal Division. In total 152 different Persons with Disabilities participated in the Sports program. Among the participants 12 were VIs and out of them 5 won the prizes.
8. CSID supplied 07 OSRAM Halogen Optic lamps as replacement of the existing lamps of the operating microscope as it became out of order in SBMCH operation theatre (OT). The project also provided following equipments to SBMCH and District General Hospital (DGH) in this year:
 - IPS
 - 01 mirror ,
 - 04 Seals,
 - 02 Stapler ,
 - measurement Nikthi
 - 01 Scissors
 - 20 one SPT Canula
 - 08 Ductrum Dialeter
 - 02 clazion scop Medium
 - Clazion clamp Medium
 - 06 Half plate
 - spoon
 - Knif
 - pin Box
9. Forty (40) Medical check-up/screening sessions (MC) against the target of 40 were conducted in different locations at upazilla/union level by CSID with the necessary support from SBMCH.
10. Medical Officer provided treatment to 78 (male-50, female- 28) VI persons located at Kashipur, Barisal in this year as part of this project.
11. Project organised 5 Days non Residential Teachers Training on Inclusive Education at CSID office training room at Barisal. In total 19 teachers (Male-11, Female-8) attended the training. Mr. Jahangir Alam, Coordinator, Training from CDD conducted the training on Inclusive Education.

Case Study:



Sahidul Islam Akon, 57 Years live at Islampur village, Under Babugong Upazila. When Sahidul Islam Akon was 47 years old he quarrelled with his neighbours because of land. Because of that quarrelled some neighbours removed both of his eyes by a knife. His family immediately took him to the doctor but there was no result. From this time he was a person with visual impairment. He is completely blind. He was a freedom fighter. He felt helpless when he went blind. He was a farmer and was the main earning member of the family. So the family dropped in a critical condition.

Sahidul Islam lives with his wife, three sons, three daughters in law, one grand daughter and one daughter. His wife and three sons help him to maintain the family. His sons are also farmer and earning for the family. Before identification by the CBR staff he could not earn much money for his family. He depended on his son's income for leaving. He tried to do something but had not got the opportunity. At this stage of his life CBR staff identified him and thought to rehabilitate him. After assessed his need CBR staff found that ADL/OM training can change his life. CBR staff started to ADL/OM training and after some days he had improved his mobility and ability to move any where without assistance. After the training they proposed him to do income generating activities and he agreed to do something instead of staying ideal. CBR staff facilitated him to manage TK 10000.00 from the Government Social Service Department in 2008. He bought 1 milking cow with a little cub from this money and started income.

Sahidul is now earning Tk. 3500 per month by selling milk. Now he has six cows which he purchased by the profit of selling milk. He joined a self help group and become an active member. CBR staffs facilitate him to received Disability Allowance from Government Social Service Department. Now Sahidul is the main earning person of the family and self dependent and very much happy to do this income generating activity.

CSID field staff identifies him through survey. CBR staffs politely and carefully shared and discussed his life history and inform him the activities of CBR and positive result also. He become inspire and involved himself in the CBR support and changed his life style.

2. Promoting the socio-economic empowerment of the people with disabilities and mainstreaming disability within their community in Barisal District

Location: Barisal Sadar.

Coverage: Barisal City Corporation and Sadar Upazila

Supported By: Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)

Goal: "Promoting education rights and inclusion of children with disabilities in to mainstream education system increased" and "An inclusive Employment Environment is created for Persons with Disabilities".



A boy with visual impairment studding at school



Teachers training



Art competition on the occasion of Child Rights Week



Project running Pre School

Major focus:

- ☛ Awareness raising and sensitization on education and employment rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- ☛ Support for initiate self-employment and facilitate having wage employment.
- ☛ Enrolment of Children with Disabilities in to mainstream schools through creating enabling environment in school community.
- ☛ Developing, empowering and activating Self-Advocacy Group of Children and Persons with Disabilities.

Major Achievements:

- Enrolled 84(Boys-51, Girls-33) children with disabilities in to mainstream schools.
- Project facilitated to enroll 19 boys and 12 girls with disabilities and 47 boys and 32 girls without disabilities in project running 4 pre schools.
- Oriented 71 (Male- 35, Female-36) teachers of 36 schools on inclusive education and education rights of children with disabilities.

- Project facilitated to manage 9 disability certificates, 7 disability allowances and 3 loans for the Persons with disabilities from Department of District social welfare services
- Project facilitated to ensure 14(Female-5, Male-9) wheel chair from Barisal City Corporation Mayor
- In this year the project facilitated to manage loans for 5 persons with disabilities.
- A very good relationship and friendship has been developed among disabled and non-disabled students in most of the schools, where they have been enrolled due to project intervention.
- On the occasion of National Disability Day, New Year, Eid reunion and the children with disabilities were participated in the completion and won prize.
- National & Divisional sports for the persons with disabilities, arranged by NASPD had strong participation of our PWDs & CWDs. They got a lot of prize in sports programs.
- Children of 57 schools have received primary knowledge on disability, gender and diversity issues.
- The project established 4 disabilities Resource Centre. People came there to take information about disability and other issue. In this year the persons with disabilities and their family member's regular visited the disability resource centre.
- 1552 community people sensitized by the project activities.

Case story-Alam Gazi



Alam Gazi is playing



Alam participate at a program

Alam Gazi

Alam Gazi, 10 is a multiple disabled boy from a very poor family in Barisal City Corporation. His father Aynal Gazi is a poor farmer and mother Fokrun Nesa is a housewife. He has four brothers and three sisters. He is the last child of his parents.

Alam was born with multiple disabilities. He has some intellectual problem and his right leg is little bent and short. As a poor family his parents is unable to bear his treatment and education cost. So, he hasn't got proper treatment and enrolled in to school. When project staff identified Alam he was not properly walk and sometimes he needed assistance to stand. CSID-LCD project staff provided physiotherapy support to him. As a result of physiotherapy support the condition of Alam improved. He can stand and walk without assistance now.

Due to social ostracism he did not get any opportunity to participate in social activities. Other children were not eager to play or spent time with him. As a result he became shy and always hiding himself from others. But Alam was very interested for going school. When CSID-LCI staff identified Alam he was not yet enrolled in any school. His parents also disagreed to enrol him to any school. That time his parents opined that it would be waste of money to admit such a multiple disabled child in school (31/01/07). CSID-LCI staff motivated the parents and finally the parents agreed to send Alam to school. Another problem rose when the project staff went to the nearby primary school. The school authority refused enrolling Alam because of his disability. They

even opined that the other student would be embarrassed if Alam enrol in the school. The project staff did not walk out from this situation. They regular maintained liaison with the school authority and tried to motivate them. As a result finally the school authority agreed to enrol Alam in their school. At the beginning of his schooling the fellow students become ridicule with him. The project staff conducted school meeting and discussed with the general pupil of the school and explained them about education right of Alam and children with disabilities like him.

But day by day the intellectual condition of Alam was deteriorated. Project staff and his parents tried their best to retain Alam at school. Every day his parents bought him to school. But Alam fled from the school regularly. The school authority also tried their best but there was no result. Alam was droop out from school. Now project is trying to re enrol Alam at school. Alam's mother is an active member of parents group. She opined that though Alam dropped out from school but his physical condition improved because of the physiotherapy support of Project staff. She also commented that Alam was more social than previos because of his participation invarious program organised by CSID-LCD project.

3. Reducing Child Labour among children with disabilities and Rehabilitation

Location : Dhaka City. **Coverage** : (Dhanmoni, Mohammadpur, Mipurr, Pallobi thana area).

Supported By : Save the Children Sweden-Denmark (SCSD)

Goal : The "Child laborer with Disabilities in urban informal sector" is living in the mainstream society with equal access to functioning child protection system that effectively prevent, address and respond against abuse, discrimination, exploitation and violence against children by the year 2018.



Children with Disabilities receiving prize at National Sports



Children performing drama



Vocational skill training (Mobile Servicing)



CDDC Meeting

Major Focus:

- ☞ Awareness raising, Sensitization and Advocacy to promote and protect rights of Child labour among Children with Disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate Self-Advocacy activities by children themselves through empowering and activating Self-advocacy groups.
- ☞ Creating access to Disability treatment/therapy services and having Assistive Devices.
- ☞ Creating access to mainstream education system, PHC, Reproductive Health, Games & Recreational activities, Skill training and dignified IGA.
- ☞ Ensuring family and community participation.

Results achieved

- 36 teachers are trained on inclusive education.
- Enrolled 82 children with disabilities in to mainstream, non formal special schools & Pre-school.
- In total 7 children with disabilities are earning through engaged in descent work like making greeting cards & Mobile repairing.
- Economical condition of 18 families of disabled children improved receiving dress making training and sewing machine and able to take care of disable children and will not engage them in work.
- 1 separate website (www.childrenwithdisabilities-bd.org) developed for children with disabilities.
- Staff received training on speech therapy, Bangla Sing language, accelerated learning, media communication, TOT, Positive Discipline etc.
- Posters and Stickers developed for awareness building
- Organised 1 TfD workshop and 7 drama show and photo/ painting exhibition.
- In total 3000 community people have been aware regarding the rights of children with disabilities
- Observed 5 days and child rights week observed.
- Empowered 4 parents group
- Project staff oriented SCSD partners on disability.
- In total 90 Policy makers and journalists are sensitised regarding the rights of disabled children through roundtable.
- Mobility and functional ability of 32 Children's increased having referral services and Aids & Appliances.
- Physical condition improved for 40 children by having therapy services.
- Care givers are aware and skilled on how to care disabled children at home.
- 96 boys & 84 girls & their family members receiving health services from Marie Stopes.
- 40 children received training on reproductive health & HIV/AIDs.
- 3 meeting and 4 workshop with CDDC conducted and members are aware of & sensitized on rights of disabled children and capacitated to plan action.
- Coordination and networking established among CDDC, BTS, Children's groups & Partners groups.
- One Community-based Multipurpose Centre is in operation with the facilities of Inclusive Pre-school education, therapy service, meeting/workshop, vocational training etc.

Case Study:

Nabir Hossain Rubel wants to help his mother.

Nabir Hossain Rubel is a 13 years old physical disabled child. He reads in class three at Borabo Government Primary School. Rubel's family was living at char fashion thana of Bhola District before migrated to Dhaka. He was born in a poor family. During his mother's pregnancy period his father migrated at Dhaka city for finding job. His father was a day labour and that time his mother was house wife. Rubel was not a disabled boy from his birth. He grew up normally. When Rubel was 5 years old, suddenly he had an accident. His right leg became affected by this. His parents could not afford appropriate treatment due to unawareness and economical hardship. Due to inability of her parents and the lack of medical facilities the life of Rubel had transformed into a dark world. His knee joint is stiff and he can not walk easily. At this situation his father left their family and got another marriage. His mother started to work as a housemaid for survival of the family. As the income of the family was not adequate to maintain the family Rubel had been forced to start begging on the street for earning income to contribute to the family. After few days his father came back at home. Now Rubel with his family lives at Veri Badh area of Bosila under Mohammedpur thana of Dhaka city.

From his very childhood, Rubel was not able to make friendship with children of his age in the community. The children used to ignore Rubel as he was begging and in the other hand he is a disabled child. Just he is being deprived of fundamental rights in the home as well as not being accepted in the community. He was living an inhuman life.

The project staff of CSID identified Rubel when he was 08 years old. CSID at first identified his problem and assessed his limitation of the range of mobility. CSID referred him to Specialist doctor for assessment. The doctor said that the condition of Rubel was not curable. He also suggested to cut off his leg. The project staff counseled with his parents and supported to admit him in specialized hospital for amputation. As a result of operation Rubel started to walk with Crutches easily and going outside of his house. At a time he became a member of CSID advocacy group. He participated in different advocacy activities of the group. CSID decided consulting with his mother to enroll him in a school. Project staff discussed with Headmaster of Bosila new model Govt. Primary school and motivated him to enroll Rubel. His headmaster is a very good man. He is very cooperative to Rubel all time. Rubel attended primary school certificate (PSC) in this year 2010 and his result was good. Rubel is very happy to be admitted in high school. The project is providing his all educational cost. He is actively participating in self-advocacy activities. He is also member of Theatre group and performing theatre in the community.



Rubel attending in training on
Greetings Card production



Rubel in a workshop

4. Removing cultural barrier and promoting rights of Children with Disabilities

Location: Dhaka City.

Coverage: Tejgaon, Mirpur thana of Dhaka City

Supported By: Action Aid Bangladesh

Goal: Cultural Barriers have been removed and Children with Disabilities are living in society with equal rights, dignity and free from discrimination.



Workshop on Preparing Teaching Materials



Primary Care Orientation



Parents Meeting



Meeting with CDDC members

Major Focused:

- ☞ Physical Rehabilitation services for the Children with Disabilities.
- ☞ Ensuring institutional responsibilities towards the care and development of the Children with Disabilities
- ☞ Sensitizing community members so as to form an environment which enables growth and development of the disabled children
- ☞ Encouraging families to take an active and supporting role in the care and development of their children
- ☞ Livelihood development of children and family members.

Major Achievements:

- Access to education has been created as yet 65 children (31 boys, 34 girls) Mainstream school -52 (B - 25, G - 27) Special Education -13 (B - 06, G - 07) enrolled and continuing their education.
- Facilitate to receive govt. scholarship and supports for continuing education of 04 children (Boys-2 Girls-2)

- In total 49 (Male-13, Female-36) teachers oriented on Disability and UNCRPD
- Operating 02 inclusive pre-school with 74 children (Boys 32 Girls 42).
- In total 31 children(Boys 14 & Girls 17) referred for treatment, 01 boy child provided with surgery, Regular medicine Support to 15 children (Boys-08 & Girls-07), provided 12 assistive device (Girls -07, Boys-5), Primary therapy services support to 40 children (Boys-18, Girls-22).
- In total 131 family members sensitized by parents meeting (Male-24, Female-107)
- 268 mainstream school students sensitized on inclusive education and about children with disabilities (Boys – 148, Girls – 120)
- In total 95 children participated in a picnic (Boys 50, Girls 45).
- Empowered 2 self advocacy groups of children with disabilities.
- Empowered 1 Community Disability Development Committee (CDDC).
- Staff received training on preparing teaching materials.
- Observed National Disability Day and World Autism Awareness Day, Child Rights Week, World White Can Safety Day, Mental Health Day and International Disability Day.
- Project oriented 48 parents on Primary Care Orientation.
- In total 37 children with disabilities have been participated in the divisional & national sports organized by NASPD. Among them 07 children won prizes.

Case study 02 **Ruma's Mother Kahinur Begum**

There are some people in the society who become example for others. Such a woman is Kahinur Begum. She has no child of her own. But she reared seven adopted children. Among those seven children youngest one is Ruma who is a physically disabled child. Kahinur begum adopted her when she was only seven days. Now Ruma is seven years old. The project identified Ruma and included her into the service program. The project organizes different programs for parents of the children with disabilities to empower them so that they can take care of their children with disabilities as well can work to establish rights of these children. Kahinur Begum always tries to attend this entire program. She is strong enough to go to any where for Ruma's treatment. Their economical condition is not good. Kahinur Begum works in string factory in Mirpur 10. In spite of this she is very sincere about Ruma's treatment, speech therapy and education. At the same time Kahinur apa is such enthusiastic woman that she wants to do something for other children like Ruma. For this reason she always tries to attend all program organized for parents by the project and helps a lot to organize different program. She maintains a regular communication with the CSID staff. She comes to the therapy centre with Ruma regularly. As a result Ruma's condition has been improved. On the other hand Kahinur apa has learnt how to provide therapy to other children. Kahinur apa is also an active member of parents group. She always shares her valuable opinion with other group members. She is a very good informal counselor. She provides motivation to other parents to be aware of their children with disabilities. When she comes to the children centre she brings other children along with her. She also works for awareness on the issue of disability as per her capability.



Kahinur apa with other parents



Kahinur Apa providing therapy to Ruma

5. Inclusion of Women with Disabilities into mainstream development process

Location: Dhaka City.

Coverage: (Mohammadpur, Adabar, Mirpur, Shah Ali Bag and Pallobi Thana)

Supported by: Action Aid Bangladesh (AAB)

Goal: Women with disabilities are living in the society with equal rights, opportunity and dignity.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Formation of self-advocacy groups of women with disabilities and capacity building.
- ☞ Raise social awareness and sensitise rights issue of women with disabilities (Women with Disabilities).
- ☞ Advocacy to protect the rights of Women with Disabilities.
- ☞ Creating access to education, health and disability treatment /therapy, recreational, social services and IGA.



Circle Session



Half yearly meeting

Major Achievements:

- Organized 161 sessions circle sessions and took 04 action points and implemented.
- 05 women with disabilities have been provided with disability specific treatment services.
- In total 38 women with disabilities participated in the half yearly meeting of the project
- Provided assistive Women with disabilities participated in the Divisional and National Sports Competition of Persons with Disabilities and won 02 prizes.
- In total 29 women with disabilities participated in different program facilitated by the project
- Observed national and international day by the circle members.

Case study-Shahanaj

Shahanaj Begum 35 is a pleasant and active young lady from Block-C, Jeneva camp, Mohammadpur. She had come from an ill-fated poor family. His father was a day laborer. They are two brothers and three sisters. She is second among them.

When Shahida was two year's old one of her aunt told her mother that Shahanaj can not walk properly and advised to took her to doctor. Her mother took her to doctor and after assessment doctor said that due to mother's pre-natal problem Shahanaj got physical disability. Doctor suggested her to use special shoe but she didn't use it regularly. Her left leg is shorter than the right leg, so she walks in a crippling manner.

From the very childhood Shahanj had to encounter many odds and barriers. At the age of 12 Shahanj had to involve as a domestic worker as her family was poor and unable to maintaining daily needs. The community people treated her as a bad woman and also as a symbol of ill luck. Shahida used to ridicule for her disability.

Shahida's parents gave her marriage at the age of 19. She had to live a bitter life there. She has no child. Her husband's financial condition is not well of. He is a rickshaw puller. His physical condition is not good, very often time he feels very sick. He could not proper treatment for lack of money. Day by day Shahanj's mental pressure increased.

A participant of the circle named "Shapla" of Jeneva camp told her about the reflect circle and its activities. Then Shahanj been encouraged joining as a participant of the circle. The activities of circle influenced her life and she want to do something to improve the condition of her family. In circle she makes tonga and sell it. She earns money by selling tonga. Now she contributes some money in her family and her acceptance in the family and community has increased. Now her mental pressure has been reduced. She dreams a life with dignity and happiness with her husband.



Shahanj Begum in a circle session



Shahanj Begum is working at circle (ware black colour sharee)

6. Promoting rights and dignity of street, working and slum Children with Disabilities

Location: Sylhet City.

Coverage: Whole City.

Supported by : Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Goal: The Street and working Children with Disabilities in Sylhet City are included in the mainstream society with equal rights, opportunities and dignity.



Children in special Olympic (Special children)



Dialogue with Traffic police & Transport Owners



Cultural Group members in Regional Beter,



Seminar on "The Role of Local Government Authorities, the Political leaders, Councilors and Mayor" in promoting rights of CWDs

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of Street, Working and Slum Children with Disabilities.
- ☞ Awareness raising, Sensitisation and Advocacy to promote and protect rights of Street, Working and Slum Children with Disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate Self-Advocacy activities by children themselves through forming, empowering and activating Self-advocacy groups.
- ☞ Creating access to Disability treatment/therapy services and having Assistive Devices.
- ☞ Creating access to mainstream education system, PHC, Reproductive Health, Games & Recreational activities, Skill training and dignified IGA.
- ☞ Ensuring community participation.

Major Achievements:

- Self Advocacy groups capacities with advocacy & leadership enhances. Now they are involved in advocating with duty bearers (GO, NGO and private sectors).
- 01 child's cultural group developed. Now they perform in Regional Beter Sylhet as well as local function also.
- 01 parent's group capacities with providing necessary information on disability issues.
- 05 School awareness meeting conducted. It creates favourable environment for children with disabilities continuing their study.
- 05 community awareness meeting conducted. It creates positive & favorable environment for children with disabilities in community level, people are informed about cause, prevention, opportunity as well as responsibility on children with disabled children.
- 04 post drama dialogue conducted after drama. Group member shears what was right or wrong or what should do for the better of children with disabilities.
- Observed National & International day for person with disabilities, Child Week and World White Cane Safety Day. About 100000 people awarded and sensitized on disability issues by day observance.
- 22 media persons sensitized on CRC as well as CRPD.
- 03 Sports for Persons with disabilities conducted in Divisional & National level for all. Children also participated special Olympic for intellectual child. It helps children establishing their right on sports. It helps increasing children's physical & mental health for children. Participating such games children got maximum prizes among children participated from Sylhet Division.
- 01 Community Disability and Development Committee (CDDC) committee capacited. Now they are advocating Government, NGO as well as their local area for the children with disabilities in Sylhet City Corporation area.
- 30 traffic police and transport owners sensitized by a dialogue with them.
- Conducted 01 Dialogue with local Government authorities, Political leaders Mayor & Counselors conducted. City Mayor and most of the Counselors participated in the dialogue. Many political leaders and local government officials also participated in the dialogue.
- 50 local, social & religious leaders sensitized
- 02 theatres for development training conducted
- 04 Staffs received training on sign language. Project sent staffs to CDD saver for this training.
- 92 children have been supported for assessment and treatment.
- 05 children have been supported for corrective surgery. Among them 04 children for club feet, 01 hare lip and rest one for cataract. Most of all are leading normal life with other children.
- 36 children received aids & appliances by the advice of concern specialist.
- 79 children received therapy services from project 120 children enrolled in formal and informal education system, among them few of children migrated from Sylhet City Corporation area.
- 43 children received tuition fee & conveyance from this reporting year, without having such support it was not to easy to enrol children in education system.
- 191 children received education materials from the centre.
- 16 children received vocational train on multi trade.
- 14 Family members of children with disabilities received entrepreneurship training from the project

Zakaria hates begging

Mohammed Zakaria who was on road long time for begging couldn't think as he would be a successful business men. Preparing Candle by his own hand for sailing. He became surprise for his tremendous achievements. Zakaria who had to thing for his food, starving many days for rain or hot. No medicine for fever, no body to look after him. He was alone, days was passing as no income no food. Now he is dreaming to be an owner of a big factory.

Quadriplegic Zakaria using a wheel Chair which was provided by CSID Sylhet project. Motor function of his left hand is grade iii and lower portion his body is fully paralyzed, can use right hand partially not too active like others. Can't move Wheel Chair easily. Zakaria is 18 years old. He is owner of a candle factory. Now He is preparing candle whole day instead of begging. He is a member of Children's Advocacy Group. He is advocating Government officials for changing their existing policy, Transport owner for reserving sits, District Education

office for ensuring education rights, schools for creating friendly environment for disabled student or other relevant places as their group members decided for establishing rights and dignity for the disabled children staying in Sylhet City. 'He says with confident, no drought we will establish rights as well as dignity of person with disabilities with his advocacy group' in Sylhet City.

"I have never thought even dream for my present situation by the cooperation of CSID, thinking his early age which was full of sorrow." He is living alone in Bug Bari area at Sylhet City Corporation. Zakaria from an extremely poor family. He is the second child of his 5 brother and sisters. His father Abdur Rashid Mia is day labor and mother is working as a maidservant in the village Royal Bari at Netrokona districts. Father has no ability to bear expenses of family members. So Zakaria was send for begging when he was 12 years old. At first he started begging in Biani Bazer, Sylhet and stayed their for 2 years. Then was migrated Sylhet City in 2006. Project finds him when he was begging in front of Zinda Bazer area by crawling on the busy road.

Zakaria become paralyzed when he was only three years old by Typhoid. He was treated by local quack instead of qualified doctor. As a result he lost mostly four limbs. After introducing CSID staff, he was motivated several weeks for secure life with dignity instead of harmful begging which was no future. Finally he agreed to participate with Children advocacy group and attends the monthly meeting regularly. He felt well and happy to meet other members like him in project office who are trying to change their hazarded life. He realizes and inspired to leave begging for future. He expresses his plan to CSID for establishment by any kinds of vocational training what was possible for him considering his physical condition.

In January 2010 projects arranged and send him to a local candle factory for getting candle preparing training. After completion of vocational training successfully CSID supported him buying a Candle machine and capital.

Now he is preparing candle and other Disabled children named Kowser Mia who is also a wheel Chair user boy helping him by marketing the products in market. Zakaria not only owner of candle factory also running a call centre and marketing Agor bati, poli packet, Jorda etc among the whole City Corporation area using a Tri - cycle ..

Now He never thinks him as a slum boy. He is leading a dignified life which increase dignity his family members also.

"Getting the Candle Machine, Capital and proper guidance, I am in a well-off condition and have food security for three meals in a day. I am encouraged to live with dignity. Now I am almost OK" said Zakaria.



Zakaria on Candle Training



Zakaria in own Candle factory

7. Support Disabled Beggars in Dhaka City

Location: Dhaka

Coverage: Dhaka City

Supported By: Neuro Physiotherapy- UK

Goal: **Street Beggars with Disabilities have been withdrawn from begging and engaged in dignified profession.**

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identified the Disabled beggars and access their need
- ☞ Awareness raising and sensitization on employment rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- ☞ Support for initiate self-employment



Filling up survey form on the street



Counseling with Disabled Beggars



Roni(extreme left) receiving prize



Faruk(middle) receiving prize



Nur Hossain before (left) and after project intervention (right)

Major Achievements:

- Project identified a total of 10 disabled street beggars and assessed their need.
- The project organized a sensitization meeting with disabled beggars.
- Facilitated to provide Vocational Training to 31 male and 4 female with disabilities.
- Project provided 3 wheel chairs, 1 tri cycle, 1 air cushion and 4 crutches to persons with disabilities who were so poor to buy this for their accessibility.
- During this year, the project staff provided economical support to 8 disabled street beggars on the basis of their interest, skills and feasibility in order to create alternative income earning opportunity instead of begging on the street. As the result those disabled street beggars given up begging on the street and earning income through dignified occupation.
- The project organized 3 quarterly sharing meeting with disabled beggars in this year. A total of 52 disabled beggars participated in the meeting.
- The project facilitated disabled beggars to participate in the Divisional and National Sports Competition for the Persons with Disabilities organized by National Association of Sports for Persons with Disabilities (NASPD). In total 06 disabled beggars have been participated in the divisional sports. Among them two were won prize. After participation the self-confidence level of disabled beggars increased.

Case Study (Faruk)



Faruk receiving Crutches from CSID



Faruk (Vocational Training)



Faruk receiving prize

Faruk, 20, lives at Hanif Market of Mirpur area. He has three brothers and three sisters. His father is so ill that it is not possible for him to earn money. His mother is a housemaid.

Faruk was born as a healthy child. His parents were spending a happy life with their child at their village home of Netrokona. When he was five years old he got high fever, which continued for three days. His parents took him to the local religious and traditional healers. But there was no result and the damage took place. The treatment was able to bring the fever under control but his parent's observed that both of his legs became thinner and was not moving. Now he lives with permanent physical disabilities and use crutches for mobility. Faruk grew up amidst neglect and maltreatments. His father's lack of interest and the economic condition he has never been to school.

After five years Faruk's parents came to Dhaka for livelihood. His father sends him to street for begging at the age of ten and from this time he was a street disabled beggar.

When project staff identified Faruk he was 18 years old and was begging at the Shrine area of Mirpur. After identification project staff thought to rehabilitate him. Project staff assessed that his self confidence needed to increase for his rehabilitation. For increasing his confidence project staff regular counseled with him on the street where he was begging. The project staff also motivated him to give up begging and start any income generating activities which is decent than begging. As a result of motivation Faruk agreed to do something decent and he was interested to do Karchupi(hand embroidery) work for earning. Project staff found that he needed vocational training for Karchupi(hand embroidery) work. Project staff discussed with some vocational training institutes for Karchupi training but that was expensive. At last a Karchupi(hand embroidery) owner agreed to train Faruk on Karchup. But Faruk's parents especially his father did not agree to enroll him for training and they thought that their income would decrease if Faruk star any work instead of begging. His parents used to see him their income source. Project staff success to motivate his parents and Faruk enrolled for Karchupi training.

Faruk is now working with a Karchupi production house. He also lives in this production house. Faruk is now earning BDT 5000 for his livelihood. Faruk is now very expert to do his work and more confident and become independent. His parents also become cooperative to him. He no longer considers himself as helpless. Whenever he sees any disabled street beggars on the road he tried to motivate them to give up begging and start a decent income generating activities like him. He also participated in the Divisional and National Sports Competition for the Persons with Disabilities organized by National Association of Sports for Persons with Disabilities (NASPD) and got first prize.

08. Promoting Rights and Dignity of Women and Adolescent with Disabilities in Urban context"

Location: Dhaka

Coverage: Dhaka City

Supported By: Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Goal: Ensure equal rights, opportunity and dignity of women and adolescent girls with disabilities in the project area.



Regular group meeting



Capacity building workshop



Vocational skill training & Income generating activities



Honorable Member of Parliament Mr. Al-Hajj Elias Uddin Mollah inaugurated the rally & cultural program at Eid-gah field section-12,

Major Focus:

- ☞ Develop, capacitate and activate 3 self development groups of adolescent girls and women with disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitating regular meetings and discussions.
- ☞ Continue multipurpose centre at community level.
- ☞ Raise mass awareness and sensitise the stakeholders/duty bearers on child rights including rights of adolescent girls and women with disabilities
- ☞ Provide education, aids and appliance support.
- ☞ Provide financial support for initiating group production and income generation.

Achievements:

- Formed 3 self development groups. Among them 2 groups of women with disabilities formed consisting of 25 members and 1 group of Adolescent Girls with Disabilities formed consisting of 20 members.
- Conducted 21 regular group meeting.
- Established a Community Multipurpose center and play important role to access to information technology for adolescent girls with disabilities.
- Provided assistive devices to 12 women and adolescent with disabilities.
- Observing International women's day at community level Eid-gah field, Mirpur-12. Honorable Member of Parliament Mr. Al-Hajj Elias Uddin Mollah was the chief guest of the program. More than 150 children women and adolescent with disabilities and 1000 community people attended the program.
- Conducted 4 Community Awareness meeting. More than 2000 peoples in different level are sensitized.
- 8 Adolescent girls with Disabilities received education materials support and have been able to retain in education.
- 35 Women and adolescent with disabilities received training on Karchupi (Hand embroidery), Tailoring and wishing/greetings card they are engaged in dignified work.
- Produce handicraft, tailoring and other materials in the community multipurpose centre and sold.
- 6 Women with Disabilities participated in the Divisional and National Sports Competition for Persons with Disabilities and 2 women have won the competition.