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Message from Light House Chairperson

The year 2020 - 2021 were very much crucial for the people of Bangladesh, and of course, for the global human society as well. COVID -19 expanded its wings from the crowded city of Wuhan in the East through Europe, Asia and Americas-and indeed, all around the world. And now in early 2021, it still a threat for the lives and human living.

During this crisis situation, I was very much worried about Light House staffs as I frequent updates from the Chief Executive of Light House. So far, I was updated, leaving the fears of infection behind, how the Light House team members were running towards beneficiaries to serve using innovative implementation techniques. I know that the usual activities had to be rescheduled in relevant respects through the reporting year and we are blessed that the development partners always supported and guided Light House members. The helplessness and demands of the large number of the poor people across the Light House working area covered by various Light House programmes and projects faced new and complicated circumstances, to which, in response, the team have had to skillfully improvise. However, I feel good that at the end of the year, the 'Annual Report for the fiscal year July 2020 - June 2021 comes off and requesting you all to have a little time to read.

I would like to thank the officials of all ranks at Light House for their dedication, commitment and I believe, their performance has been the key to all the successes that we achieved in 2020-2021 fiscal year under a pandemic crisis situation.

Finally, I want to show my gratefulness to Government of Bangladesh for tireless works to stand behind the citizen during the pandemic crisis and I am thankful to our development partners, other stakeholders, Media and even community networks for their dedication and support during the pandemic.

Professor Habiba Begum
President
Light House



Message from Light House Chief Executive

The global pandemic presents a crisis on that a scale, I am sure, many of us have never experienced before. It impacted the human life, heartbreaking, when the pandemic hit the economy and beside impacted the marginalized population for whom we to work. 2020-2021 fiscal year of Light House was a year of challenge where COVID -19 hit the world with full force.

I am proud to say that we have weathered the pandemic and emerged stronger, continuing to pursue implementation excellence by undertaking various new techniques and tools keeping pandemic associated situation in front. I feel proud of my team, seeing their dedication and commitment for the beneficiaries, leaving the fear of pandemic, how they run behind the beneficiaries to serve, how extended hand of support to the marginalized population.

As we move into a new normal, there is still much uncertainty lies ahead. With the tenacity that my colleagues have shown and solid foundations of our vision, mission and shared values, I am confident that we will be able to handle any challenge the future may bring.

We are pleased to share with you our newly published annual report for the period of July 2020 - June 2021, which captures just how much, was achieved by Light House Team during extraordinarily challenging circumstances. I encourage you all to take some time to read about the journey we 'have been on over the past year.

On behalf my colleagues, our beloved beneficiaries, and communities we work with, thank you to Government of Bangladesh and all of our dedicated funders, Medias and supporters, for your ongoing belief and commitment to Light House Vision.

Md. Harun or Rashid
Chief Executive
Light House

List of Acronym

ADAB	:	Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh
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ASP	:	AIDS/STD Program
AUSAID	:	Australian Agency for International Development
BCC	:	Behavior Change Communication
CSS	:	Community System Strengthening
DGFP	:	Director General of Family Planning
DTRRC	:	Drug Treatment, Research and Rehabilitation Center
DGHS	:	Directorate General of Health Service
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DIC	:	Drop-In Centre
DU	:	Drug User
DSS	:	Department of Social Service
EPI	:	Expanded Programme on immunization
EWG	:	Election Working Group
FP	:	Family Planning
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FYP	:	Fiscal Year Plan/ Five-year Plan
FSW	:	Female Sex workers
GoB	:	Government of Bangladesh
GBV	:	Gender Based Violence
HTS	:	HIV Testing Service
HBSW	:	Hotel Based Sex Worker
HSS	:	Health System Strengthening
IEC	:	Information, Education and Communication
icddr,b	:	International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh
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KAP	:	Knowledge Attitude and Practice.
KP	:	Key Population
LLA	:	Local level Advocacy
MARA	:	Most At-Risk Adolescent

List of Acronym

MJF	:	Manusher Jonno Foundation
MIS	:	Management Information System
M&E	:	Monitoring and Evaluation
NFM	:	New Funding Model
NMS	:	Nari Mukti Sangha
NTP	:	National Tuberculosis Program
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NFOWD	:	National Forum of Organization Working with the Disabled
NCSC	:	National Center for State Courts
PSM	:	Procurement and Supply Management
RMG	:	Ready Made Garment
SJA	:	Sylhet Jubo Academy
SDG	:	Sustainable Development Goal
SRHR	:	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
GAFTAM	:	The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
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USAID	:	United States Agency for International Development
UNICEF	:	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	:	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	:	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNOPS	:	United Nations Office for Project Services
UN-W	:	UN Women
GCPA	:	Governance Capacity and Performance Assessment
DLAC	:	District Legal Aid Committees
UZLAC	:	Union Legal Aid Committees
UPLAC	:	Upazila Legal Aid Committees
SSN	:	Social Safety Net
SSAO	:	Sub Assistant Agriculture Officer
UP	:	Union Parishad
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About Light House

Light House is a well reputed non-profit voluntary development organization established in 1988, working for the development of rural and urban asset less poor, marginalized and high-risk population including sexual minorities particularly male, female and transgender sex workers, youth and adolescents including especially vulnerable adolescents (Y&A and EVA), drug users, men who have sex with men (MSM), Rohingya, Ethnic Communities as well as distressed, school dropouts, child labor, and other disadvantaged, marginalized adults and children, etc.

The experience of philanthropic response, in the form of relief, to the devastating flood of 1988, inspired a group of young social workers of Bogura district to establish Light House as a non-profit organization. Md. Harun or Rashid, current Chief Executive and founder of the organization is one of them remains committed to continue his effort with the motto "Putting people First". Mr. Rashid has started his new journey through huge adversities with a very small team and that is today's Light House - one of the National Leading NGO in Bangladesh which gradually achieved the trust of people through its work and transparent dealings.

Light House's expertise includes primary health care services; SRHR, HIV and PMTCT program; GBV and protection services, mental and psychosocial services; managing shelter home services for GBV victims; training and capacity building; health system strengthening; community system strengthening; training material development; IEC/BCC material development; harm and demand reduction of drug abuse; youth leadership development; civic engagement; humanitarian response program and disaster management; community capacity building and resilience program to promote female migrant workers right; education program; micro finance program; justice and legal aid services; life skills program; social mobilization; prison intervention to improve the life of convicted persons; TB program; skill development and IGA support services; gender responsive community policing program; access to menstrual regulation services; promotion of legal and social empowerment of women program; SOP/Guideline development; online based training and court yard material development for social media (Facebook and youth tube); arrange and facilitate seminar; workshop and training at national level; program to change harmful social norms to SRHR education and child marriage prevention; Family planning services; MCH; etc.

Light House Mandate

Vision: A society, where all the people, irrespective of their ethnicity, age, economic status and sexual identity, can enjoy a healthy life with dignity.

Mission: Light House serves the socially and economically less privileged people in Bangladesh, who are deprived of quality health care facilities in terms of both general and reproductive health, nutrition, income generating opportunities, and equitable access to justice; and are vulnerable to climate change effects.

The organization works with both supply and demand sides, emphasizing on capacity building and facilitating accessibility to and availability of required services and products.

Historical Time Lines (1993 - 2021)

Since inception, Light House has successfully completed more than huge projects in the arena of human rights, social security, democratic actions, election monitoring, voter awareness & good governance, SRHR and gender issues, HIV/AIDS prevention, health system strengthening, poverty reduction and alternative livelihood.

2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House, supported by Pathfinder International/USAID awarded to Light House in 2021 2. Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package, supported by UNFPA/UNAIDS, amended in January 2021 3. Comprehensive prevention programs for Female Sex Workers and their clients, (NFM- III), supported by SCI/GFATM awarded to Light House in April 2021.
2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package, supported by UNFPA/UNAIDS 5. STI Strengthening program for the public and private doctors in selected district, supported by UNFPA 6. Comprehensive prevention programs for MSM/Transgender population, supported by icddr,b/GFATM 7. Comprehensive prevention programs for Female Sex Workers and their clients, supported by SCI/GFATM 8. Awarded project on COVID -19 responses for vulnerable women, girls, children and elderly Rohingya population living in Ukhiya supported by University of South Wells. 9. Awarded Project on Women led Gender Sensitive COVID-19 Response Project at Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, supported by UN-WOMEN. 10. Awarded project on COVID -19 Advocacy and Response Program, Supported by Counterpart International/USAID-UKAID; 11. Awarded Humanitarian Response program for the women and girls at Cox's Bazar to support with Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS), supported by UNFPA. 12. Providing food support to the poor transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW) during COVID-19 supported by German Doctors and icddr,b
2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Awarded Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, Supported MoLGRD&C/ADB 14. Awarded project on Drug Abuse Resistance and Understanding, supported by Counterpart International/USAID-UKAID; 15. Awarded Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package for BBFSWs through Light House, Supported by UNFPA 16. Awarded Improve the quality of life of the women and children residing in the brothel of Mymensingh and Tangail through capacity building and facilitating essential HIV/PMTCT and SRH services, supported by UNICEF. 17. Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package, supported by UNFPA/UNAIDS 18. Awarded Peace and Justice Project Bogura, supported by Democracy International/USAID 19. Awarded Peace and Justice Project Tangail, supported by Democracy International/USAID 20. Enhancing Community Capacity and Resilience to promote female Migrant Workers Right in Bangladesh, supported by British High Commission.

2018	<p>21. Situational Assessment in 11 brothels of Bangladesh, supported by UNFPA</p> <p>22. Awarded HIV, SRHR and PMTCT project for brothel-based sex workers, supported by UBRAF/UNAIDS, UNICEF & UNIFPA</p> <p>23. Comprehensive prevention programs for MSM/Transgender population, supported by icddr,b/GFATM</p> <p>24. Comprehensive prevention programs for Female Sex Workers and their clients, supported by SCI/GFATM</p> <p>25. Establish new DIC at Teknaf (Cox's Bazar district) to prevent HIV and STI among the host and FDMN community under GF-FR, FSWI</p> <p>26. Awarded project on Improving health and social well-being of adolescent female sex workers through enhanced access to essential services, supported by SCI/UNICEF</p> <p>27. Strengthening Civic Engagement in Elections and Political Processes for Enhanced Transparency & Democratic Accountability, supported by The Asia Foundation/EWG</p> <p>28. Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prison in Bangladesh (IRSOP), supported by GTZ</p> <p>29. Exchange knowledge- and practices of health services among the young key population through South-South cooperation project, supported by FK Norway</p> <p>30. Empowering Young Widow through Skill Development and IGA Support, supported by Aus-Aid</p> <p>31. Justice for All (JFA), Pabna supported by NCSC/USAID</p>
2017	<p>32. Established School of Established Light House School of Learning and Diversity at Bogra; Supported by Light House</p> <p>33. Comprehensive prevention programs for MSM/Transgender population, supported by icddr,b/GFATM</p> <p>34. Comprehensive prevention programs for Female Sex Workers and their clients, supported by SCI/GFATM</p> <p>35. Justice for All (JFA), Bogura, supported by NCSC/USAID</p> <p>36. Improved Justice and Legal Aid Services (IJLAS), supported by UKAID, Maxwell Stamp inc.</p>
2016	<p>37. Comprehensive prevention programs for MSM/Transgender population, supported by icddr,b /GFATM</p> <p>38. Comprehensive prevention programs for Female Sex Workers and their clients, supported by SCI /GFATM</p> <p>39. Survivors network for prevention and better inclusion, supported by UNICEF in partnership with ASF</p> <p>40. Active Citizens Youth Leadership Training Program (ACYLTP), supported by British Council</p> <p>41. Flood Affected Households in pursuit of Sustainable livelihoods (FAHIPUSUL), supported by AusAID</p>
2015	<p>42. Providing HIV Prevention Service with Males Having sex with Males & Transgender in Bangladesh, supported by icddr,b/GFATM</p> <p>43. Peoples Action for Democratic Governance, supported by The European Union</p> <p>44. Expanding Provision of Essential Harm Reduction Service for Injecting Drug Users, supported by CARE, Bangladesh</p> <p>45. Ensuring Rights of Fair Justice for the Vulnerable and Adibashi Groups, supported by USAID/ NCSC</p> <p>46. Tuberculosis control program by TB CARE-II, supported by URC/USAID</p> <p>47. Better Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Young People affected by HIV (Linkup), supported by HASAB</p> <p>48. Strengthen Health system in Bangladesh (MaMoni-HSS) Introducing Chlohexidone 7.5%, supported by USAID/Save the Children Bangladesh</p>

2014	<p>49. Launching of five programs; Restorative approaches to improve the quality of life of the convicted persons and their associates, supported by GTZ</p> <p>50. Essential health services for the RMG workers and strengthening health system;</p> <p>51. Awarded MaMoni - health system strengthening Project, supported by SCI/USAID</p>
2013	<p>52. Expanding Provision of Essential Harm Reduction Service for Injecting Drug Users, supported by CARE, Bangladesh</p> <p>53. HIV/AIDs Prevention services for Injecting Drug User (SP-6), supported by NASP, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare</p> <p>54. Empowering Widows Through Developing Sustainable Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship, supported by AusAID</p>
2012	<p>55. HIV/AIDs Prevention services for street Based Sex worker and their clients (SP-2) , supported by NASP, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.</p>
2011	<p>56. Road Safety, supported by GTZ</p> <p>57. Mobile election observation during Paurashava Elections -2011, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>58. Community Based Policing Program, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>59. Widow Headed Households in Pursuit of Sustainable Livelihoods project, supported by AUSAID</p>
2010	<p>60. Gender Responsive Community Based Policing Program, supported by GTZ</p> <p>61. Community Justice rogram, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>62. Improving Access to Menstrual Regulation for Marginal & Underserved Population, supported by WHO</p> <p>63. Gender Responsive Community Based Policing Program, supported by GTZ</p> <p>64. Promotion of Legal & Social Empowerment of Women (PLSEW) , supported by GTZ</p> <p>65. Providing HIV Prevention Service with Males Having sex with Males & Transgender in Bangladesh, supported by icddr</p> <p>66. Widow Headed Households in Pursuit of Sustainable Livelihoods project, supported by AUSAID</p>
2009	<p>67. HIV AIDS Targeted Intervention for IDU, supported by Care Bangladesh</p> <p>68. HIV AIDS Targeted Intervention for HRBSW, supported by UNICEF</p> <p>69. Addressing the Causes and Effects of Acid Attack, supported by MJF (ASF)</p> <p>70. Strengthening Psycho Social Services for Survivors of Acid Attack, supported by UNICEF (ASF)</p> <p>71. Gender Responsive Community Based Policing Program, supported by GTZ</p> <p>72. Voluntary Stationary Observer (EWG), supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>73. Develop Citizen group for Volunteerism, supported by VSO</p> <p>74. Improving Access to Menstrual Regulation for Marginal & Underserved Population, supported by WHO</p> <p>75. Election Working Group, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>76. Community Justice Program, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>77. Gender Responsive Community Based Policing Program, supported by GTZ</p> <p>78. Community Justice Program, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>79. Develop Resource Centre for youth, supported by VSO</p> <p>80. Gender Responsive Community Based Policing Program, supported by GTZ</p> <p>81. Civic awareness by Election Working Group, supported by The Asia Foundation</p> <p>82. HIV and STI Prevention Project (Modhumita), supported by FHI 360Prevention of Transmission and Harm Reduction of HIV among the Female Drug Users (RAS/13), supported by UNDP</p>

2008	83. Launched Voter Education Election monitoring program nationally; 84. Initiative for addressing women violence;
2007	85. Strengthen WATSAN program and Establishment of sanitary materials production center targeting the rural population.
2006	86. Introduce program on Justice and legal empowerment; 87. Strengthen democracy through increase Civic Awareness.
2005	88. Inclusion of Hotel and Residence based sex workers under STI/STD/HIV/AIDS prevention initiatives.
2004	89. Inclusion of Transgender and MSM (Men who have Sex with Men) population under HIV prevention Program. Started piloting of Community Policing Program.
2003	90. Initiated actions to make aware the People with Disabilities about assistive devices and its use. Started piloting of Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) development program.
2002	91. Started HIV prevention program for street based female sex workers and Restructured poverty alleviation program.
2001	92. Addressing Worst forms of Child labour; 93. Established Center for non-formal and basic pre-primary education; 94. Established Research, Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Drug Users.
2000	95. Started Tree plantation program for environmental protection; 96. Introduced food security program and women in development program;
1999	97. Started basic education and primary health care services for Dolits and Initiated Enterprise Development among the rural women.
1997	98. Launching of HIV Prevention Program for Injecting Drug Users
1995	99. Initiation of health (general) awareness raising program
1993	100. Launching of Poverty reduction, disaster response and adult literacy program.



Light House implements its projects based on the four strategic area/programmatic priorities of Light House which has identified considering the needs of the constituents, national and global policies/plans and the agenda of the existing and potential Development Partners. From the view point of strategic areas/programmatic priorities, Light House is perfectly prepared for each of its interventions to be proven positive in their impact, convinced of the accuracy of the priorities. The glimpse of the project implemented under the four programmatic priorities given below:

Strategic Area: Health, Nutrition and Population

"Health is a right, not privilege. It needs to be delivered with equity." Well, no denying the fact that health is a basic requirement to improve the quality of life. National economic and social developments depend a lot on the state of health services. Access to health service is also guaranteed in our constitution and is accepted as a basic human right. The country health indicators and statistics show that we have achieved considerably in the health field. However, lot more remains to be done. All our developments will go in vain unless we can develop a sustainable primary health service delivery on a solid footing and make it accessible to all irrespective of rich, poor, cast, creed, sex, color or culture. Keeping the thing in mind; Light House has been working towards achieving sustainable improvement in health, nutrition, and reproductive health, including family planning, particularly of the constituents whom Light House work with and contributing to SDG Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing.

During the reporting year, Light House has managed a couple of projects. The progress glimpse includes:

Project Name: Comprehensive prevention programs for sex workers and their clients, supported by The Global Fund/SCI

Light House Consortium has been implementing the female sex workers' intervention since February 2016 and through an amendment, it has extended to continue until November 30, 2020 under NFM-II and later from December 2020 the agreement has extended till March 2021 and then NFM -III awarded from April 2021 to March 2022.

Goal:

To minimize the spread of HIV and the impact of AIDS on the individual, family, community and society.

Project beneficiaries:

Female sex workers including most at-risk adolescents and their clients.

Coverage:

The project targeted 23,000 FSWs under NFM-II extension period through operating 25 centers (DIC: 09 and Outlets: 16) and 30,000 under NFM - III through operating the same number of centers. The district coverage includes, Dhaka, Sylhet, Chottogram; Cox's Bazar, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Tangail, Dinajpur, Satkhira, Khulna, Cumilla and Jashore.

Major activities:

The project planned to support female sex workers and their clients through implementing the activities which includes community system strengthening; management of STIs and general ailments; HIV testing services; ART adherence services promotion and distribution of protection logistics (condoms and lubricants); capacity building; advocacy and sensitization; M&E services; peer education at outreach and mass awareness through day observation; GOB integration initiatives as well as other SRH services like MCH; family planning; cervical cancer screening, gender-based violence; etc.

Significant achievements (July'2020 to June'2021):

- * Reached 23,291 female sex workers with prevention message and condoms of which 22,738 were adult sex workers and 555 were adolescent sex workers;
- * 6,212,387 male condoms distributed, of which, 5,554,861 were distributed free and 657,526 were distributed under social marketing initiative;
- * 199,678 lubricants distributed free;
- * 23,462 HIV tests performed including re-tests for female sex workers
- * 2041 HIV tests performed for partners of sex workers
- * 14,327 episodes of sexually transmitted infection (STI) managed, of which, 13,680 episodes (FSW: 11,924 and Partner: 1,756) were managed by center based trained clinical service staffs; 272 episodes of complicated STIs were managed through referral services and 375 episodes were managed through voucher scheme.
- * 4,173 cases of general ailments managed by center based trained clinical service staffs
- * Out of screened 14,295, found 122 suspected TB cases who were referred to NTP partners, and no TB positive case diagnosed;
- * 37 cases of other SRH were managed through referral services
- * ART ensured to 30 HIV positive individuals

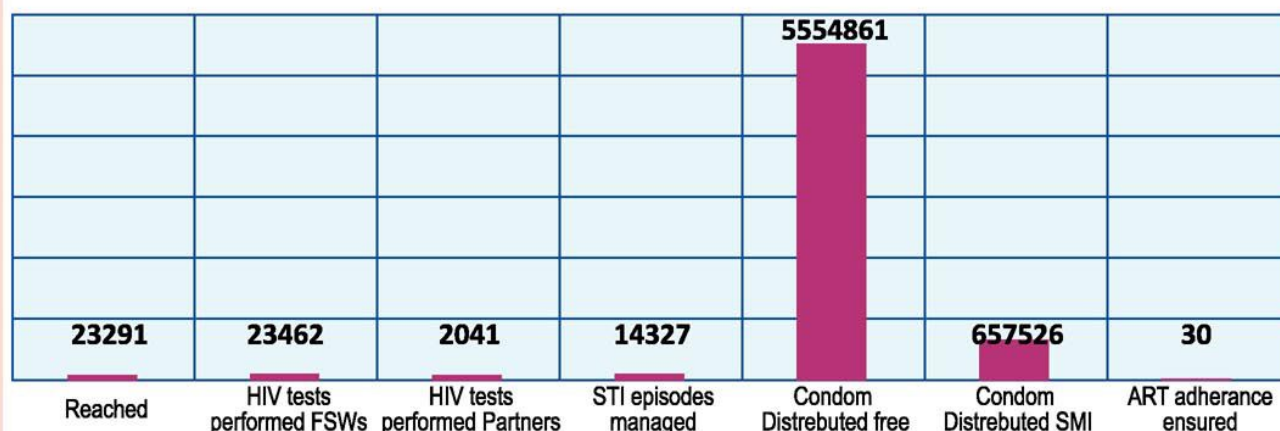


Figure 1: Major achievement at a glance

Coordination; community system strengthening and capacity building efforts: As part of strengthening coordination efforts, Light House consortium initiated several advocacy and sensitization meeting with the referral service providers, department of social services; department children and women affairs for mainstreaming the key population, of which, 2 district level advocacy meeting held in Satkhira and Dinajpur. Beside the project also observed Internal women day 2021 and World Aids Day 2020 in close collaboration with government, civil society and community where colorful rally, discussion session, participating in the different seminars, conducting week round activity campaign etc. were took place.

To enhance capacity of the staffs, refresher training for Field Organizers and Community Organizers took place throughout the reporting period where 20 and 182 respectively participated. Besides refresher training, Progress Reflection, Learning and Team Building Workshop arranged through hiring an expert consultant in November 2020 where 35. The purpose of the workshop was to make staffs learn about team building approach and its benefit through sharing progress and learning.



Photo: district advocacy meeting at Deputy Director, DSS, office, Satkhira

With mandate of community system strengthening, the project worked a lot as regular activity like community group formation and orientation; community outreach monitoring; involving community in micro planning of the outreach execution; involving community in different advocacy and community level sensitization efforts. Throughout the reporting year, the Light House arranged leadership training for the sex worker leaders who runs community-based organizations where participated 30. The purpose of the training was to build leadership skills as community advocate for GBV prevention and stigma reduction towards sex workers community.



Photo: Leadership Training for selected CBO leaders

Project Name: Comprehensive prevention programs for sex workers and their clients, supported by The Global Fund/SCI

Light House Consortium comprised of Khulna Mukti Seba Sangstha (KMSS) has been implementing the project for the MSM, MSW and transgender in Bangladesh who are vulnerable, marginalized, sexual minority groups and not accepted by socially, religiously or culturally through from December 2020, the KMSS being sub-sub-recipient (SSR) of the consortium was dropped.

"Prioritized HIV prevention services for key populations (MSM, MSWs and hijra) in Bangladesh", the GF supported NFM program has ended on 31st March 2021. Under the Funding Request (FR) stream within an environment of budget constraints, "Prioritized HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for Key Populations in Bangladesh" will be implemented for next thirty-three (33) months starting from 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2023. icddr,b as Principal Recipient (PR) will be responsible for ensuring Technical and Financial support to implement HIV prevention and treatment services for men who have sex with men (MSM including MSW) and hijra, where Light House as one of the sub-recipients (SRs) will be playing role in implementing and monitoring activities in some specified geographical areas of Bangladesh.

Light House has been operating and managing a total of 23 service centers (04 DICs, 10 SDICs and 09 Outlets) covering 19 districts of Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barishal and Dhaka division and provide support to the 15,836 MSM and Hijra populations (MSM- 14,428 and Hijra 1,408) including Most at Risk Adolescents (MARA) beneficiaries

Project Goal: To prevent new HIV infections, reduce incidence and HIV related morbidity and mortality in Bangladesh by improving and further expanding targeted HIV interventions focusing on key populations and their partners.

Project beneficiaries: MSMs and Hijra Population, in addition, married MSMs along with most at-risk adolescents from the same target groups also under the prevention services.

Coverage: Targeted 1,408 hijra and 14,428 MSM population covering 19 districts namely Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Bogura, Natore, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Tangail, Khulna, Bagherhat, Satkhira, Jashore, Kushtia, Magura, Barishal, Patuakhali.

Major activities: The major activities of the service centers include HIV testing services (HTS) as well as STI treatment for MSM and Hijra population including MARA beneficiaries and their regular partners (parikh and phanthi), counseling, provide Behavior change communication (BCC) messages, condom promotion and free distribution of condoms and lubricants, create awareness among beneficiaries through one to one and group education sessions. In addition, project is conducting sensitization meetings with relevant stakeholders to make service centers as a safe place for MSM and hijra population. Beside the DIC-based activities the project includes some referral linkage activities like- complicated STI cases, etiological management of complicated STI cases, reward-based referral of female partners of married MSM and presumptive TB cases. Peer Navigator is providing patient navigation services to PLHIV by accompanied linkage to ART center, adherence counselling and follow up of treatment adherence.



Significant achievements (July'2020 to June'2021):

- * Reached 14,506 MSMs and 1,434 hijra population through peer education;
- * 2,359 most at-risk adolescents and married MSMs and 308 hijra population through group education;
- * Distributed 3,055,736 pcs of condoms and 259,262 pcs of lubricants for ensuring safer sex
- * Treated 5,237,877 cases of STIs and 5,928 episodes of general ailments;
- * 10,125 MSMs and 919 hijra population received HIV testing and counselling service;
- * A total of 3,438 MSM including Most at Risk Adolescents (MARA) and 451 Hijra population received education on HIV, STI, TB, & Hep-C.
- * A total 232 health service provider, religious leader, lawyer, journalist, law enforcement agency and CBO representatives reached through advocacy and sensitization meetings;

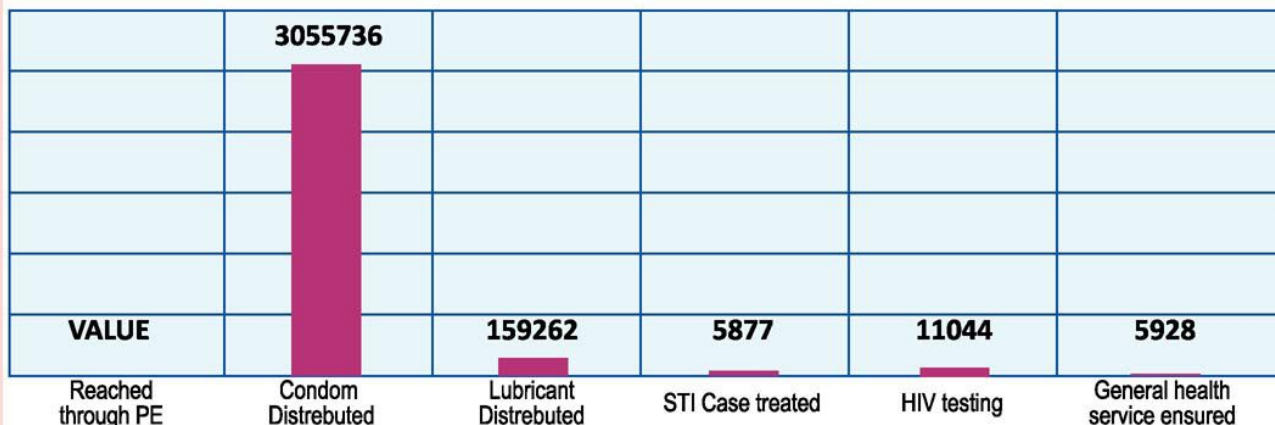


Figure 2: Major progress at a glance

Project Name: Urban Primary Health Care Project- UPHCSDP, Phase- II supported by Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives- MoLGRD&C/Asian Development Bank-ADB.

Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, a Public-Private Partnership is an innovative initiative with the goal to improve the health status of the urban population, especially for the poor, women and children. Light House has been awarded for implementing the UPHCSDP-II project in Rangpur City by Partnership Agreement with the Rangpur City Corporation from August 2019 to March 2023. Its purpose is to improve the health of urban poor by improving access to the healthcare services, and changing the ways through which health services are provided in the urban areas. Its aim is to improve the reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health & nutritional status; to reduce vulnerability to the communicable diseases; to combat the non-communicable diseases; and to enhance the quality of life of the target population who are living in urban setting. The project Service delivery model to utilizes frontline health workers and health centers, connecting them with the public health facilities to improve access, coverage and quality of health services at both individual and at community level.

Project Goal: The goal of the project is to improve access, equity, quality, utilization and institutional sustainability of urban primary health care (PHC) services in all city corporations and selected municipalities, particularly for the poor and women and children.

Project objectives:

- * Improve access and utilization of urban primary health care (PHC) services center in Rangpur city for the poor, women and children;
- * Provide cost effective quality Essential Services Delivery Package (ESD) in line with UPHCSDP efforts to improve health status of poor, Poorest of Poor, women, adolescent, children and new-borns
- * Enhance institutional sustainability of urban primary health care (PHC) services centers of Rangpur city corporations by improving utilization and health care financing to meet the needs of the urban poor.

Coverage: The project planned to provide services to a total of 366,600 (Male: 186,966; Female: 179,634) urban population, especially the poor lives in 15 wards (Ward # 16-30), Rangpur City Corporation through 4 urban primary health care centres, located at Satmatha (Maternity), PHCC (Jummarpara, Ershadnagar and Sommanipur) and 36 Satellite Clinics.

Major activities/components: comprehensive reproductive health services comprised of family planning services; child health care; limited curative care, communicable disease control; STI/RTI prevention; prevention of violence against women; tuberculosis control; primary eye care; health awareness through BCC; counselling; provision of medicines, clinical and pathological services; referral services to meet the unmet needs, etc.

Significant achievements:

- * Reached 53,479 population
- * 4,871 antenatal care service provided
- * ensured vaginal delivery care to 75 mothers and caesarean section to 336 mothers
- * 1,288 post-natal care service provided
- * 911 neonatal care service provided
- * 63 menstrual regulation service provided
- * 57 post abortion care related service provided
- * 4,458 family planning service provided
- * 1450 maternal nutrition service provided
- * Reported case of violence against women found 142
- * 511 services provided for adolescent reproductive health care
- * 444 individuals received STI/RTI treatment service
- * EPI service provided to 1,326 under immunization program
- * NID service provided to 1,489 under immunization program
- * 164 individuals received diarrhoea management services
- * 493 ARI service provided
- * 1,089 children received nutrition service
- * 22,108 services provided for minor infection services under disease control initiative
- * 5775 diagnostic service provided
- * 4,354 individual received health education
- * 27,369 individuals received clinical counselling
- * 916 individuals received other reproductive health services
- * 2,586 individuals received ultrasonogram service

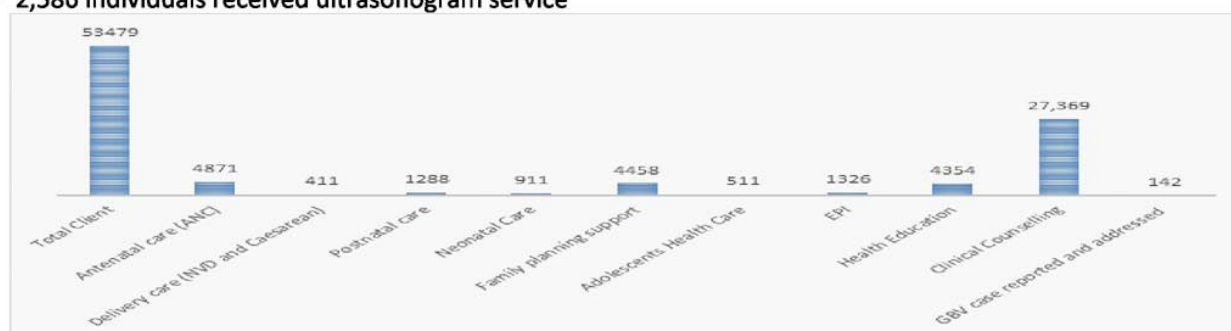


Figure 3: Major progress at a glance

Project Name: Ensure Sexual Reproductive Health Services among Women & Girls from the Refugee and the Host community who are at higher risk of STI & HIV, supported by UNHCR.

The influx of nearly one million refugees (December 2019 situation report, 914,998) along with a good number of HIV positive (# 46 at the time) in Cox's Bazar district has become a threat of spreading HIV-AIDS among the refugee and the host community in Bangladesh. Poor accessibility in SRH services revealed due to lack of awareness; ignorance and initiative to link even the women and girls from the refugee and host community to health services which lead to increased risk of HIV/AIDS transmission, unsafe abortion; GBV, etc. Besides, the poverty, unawareness, uncertainty, etc. are creating demand among the refugees to earn any way which become a plus point for the brokers/procurers to take out them from the camps and involve with sex trade. Interestingly, the procurers are providing just sex venue during day in district town and putting them out after the evening to stay with their own arrangement but in reality, the refugee women and girls are unable to arrange shelter at night which cause them to stay on street or sea beach or even in park area where they experience force unsafe sex, violence, and even being get robbed etc.

In circumstances, UNHCR awarded Light House in implementing a prevention and protection program for providing Sexual and Reproductive Health services to vulnerable women and girls who are most at risk with the specific objectives described below:

Specific Objectives:

1. To ensure SRH services to Especially Vulnerable Adolescent (EVA) and women from host community and refugees through Drop-In-Centers (DIC) referral service providers
2. To provide HIV & STI prevention and control services to targeted people from host community and refugees
3. To increase capacity of targeted women and girls including EVA from the host community and refugees for meeting their entitlements as human being;
4. To provide shelter home services to homeless vulnerable girls and women including victims of violence

Under this reporting year, the project planned to work for the improvement of the health status of 2,090 refugee and 1,282 host community women and girls, 211 MSMs, 250 MSWs and 61 transgenders from the both host and refugee community through delivery of quality sexual reproductive health services by operating 5 Drop-in Center (DIC's) along with a specialized centre branded with "RAINBOW" for MSM, MSW and transgenders and in addition, a "Shelter Home" at Cox's Bazar established particularly for those who comes from outside the town and due to lack of shelter faced GBV at mid night while they stays on cruising spots right after completion of the sex work and gradually later, the shelter home was accepting the court victims as well based on the referral of local administrations.

Coverage: the project implemented and ensured essential SRH services in the peripheral host communities of Cox's Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf. Beside the same services also ensured for the refugee community covering the camps 1E, 1W, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8E, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19 and KRC in Ukhiya and 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27 and NRC in Teknaf.

Project beneficiaries: vulnerable women and girls including key population like male, female and transgender sex workers and especially vulnerable adolescents form the host and refugee community.

Major activities: Build capacity of the targeted beneficiaries by involving in psycho-social supports/social activities; provide sexual reproductive health services like treatment and management of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), HIV testing services and counseling, Mental Health Psycho Social Support (MHPSS) services, ANC/PNC, cervical cancer screening; gender-based violence; outreach services for awareness raising peer counseling and referral and follow up. The unmet need of the beneficiaries, the project planned to address through referral services.

Significant achievements:

- * Reached 3,350 women and girls from the host and refugee community;
- * 807,189 condoms and 46,559 lubricants distributed among the beneficiaries
- * Treated 663 beneficiaries for STI,
- * Through referral services from SCI and IOM, total 3 complicated cases managed, of which, 2 were the case of STIs and 1 was the case of pyrexia.
- * 698 beneficiaries were tested and counselled for HIV;
- * 845 beneficiaries received mental health and psychosocial counselling;
- * 3316 beneficiaries brought under temporary family planning and dual protection services;
- * 698 beneficiaries received screening services for Hepatitis-B, pregnancy, breast and cervical cancer, diabetes etc;
- * Cash support ensured to 845 beneficiaries as part of psychosocial support;
- * Addressed 76 GBV cases received management and legal support
- * A total of 129 women and girls received shelter home support;
- * 40 beneficiaries received training and sewing machine under the top up support of UNFPA
- * Day observed (World AIDs Day; International Women Day; World Mental Health Day; World Population Day, etc.) with different activities like human chain, colorful rally, and seminar, etc.

Project Name: Drug Abuse Resistance and Understanding (DARAU) Project, supported by USAID and UKAID

Partnering with Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), APOSH and NSKS, Light House being lead organization, has been implementing, two years long project titled "Drug Abuse Resistance and Understanding-DARAU (????)" which started in November 06, 2019 under the technical assistance of Counterpart International.

Project Objectives:

- * Create awareness on the adverse effect of the drug abuse at the family and community level in Rajshahi and Natore districts through social mobilization;
- * Introduce policy measure and increase the allocation for combating drug abuse through sensitizing and influencing the local government including the politicians of Rajshahi and Natore districts
- * Develop the strengthen the CSO engagement mechanism law policies and protocols available.

Coverage:

The project coverage area includes 9 upazila of Rajshahi districts; 8 wards of Rajshahi city corporation (Wards # 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 19, 24 & 28); 6 upazila of Natore district including municipality area. The upazila of Rajshahi districts includes Durgapur, Bagmara, Puthiya, Charchat, Bagha, Gudagari, Poba, Mohonpur and Tanore and Natore districts includes Natore Sadar, Singra, Lalpur, Bagatipara, Baraigram and Noldanga.

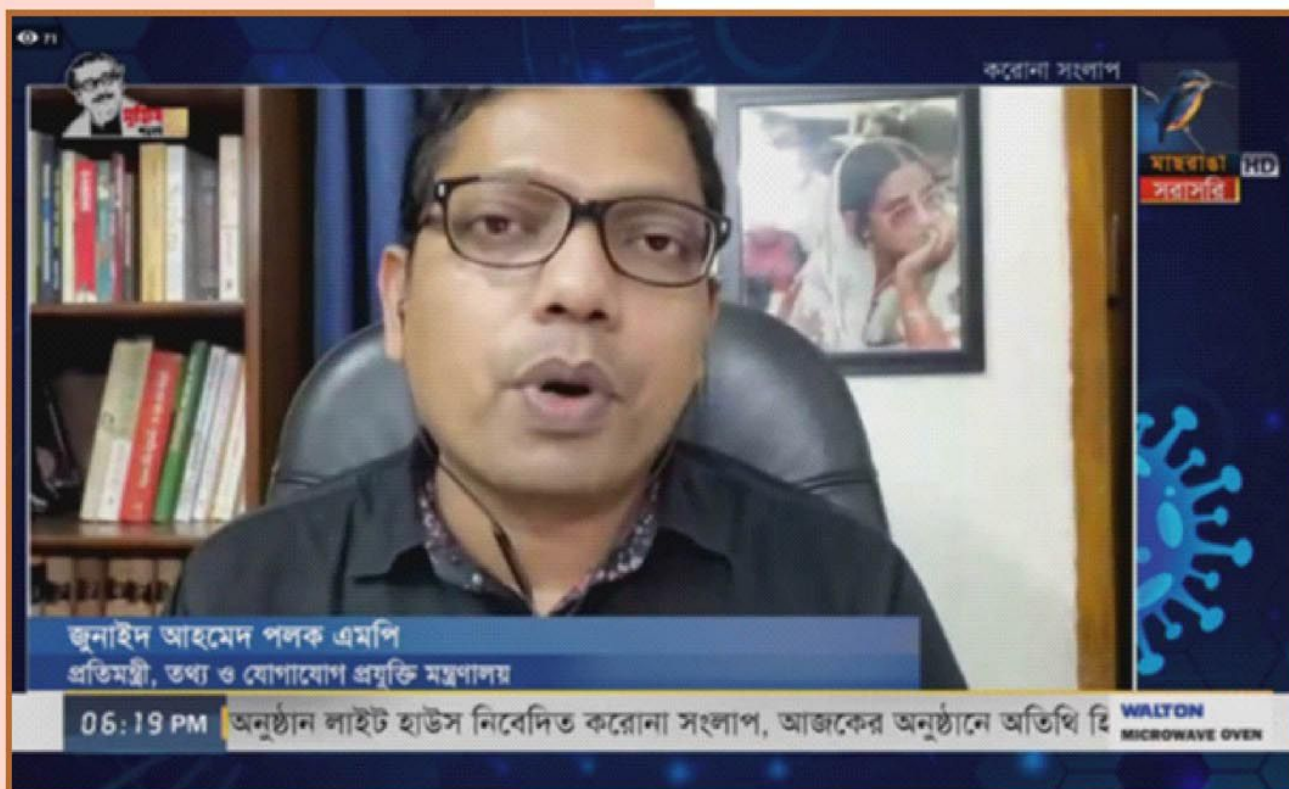
Significant achievements:

Throughout the reporting year, the project reached different stakeholders like NGO/CSO, Public Office, Ethnic Minorities, Academia, Media and Youth and Local Government Institute through its different planned activities stated below:

- * Form Community Action Group; * Form Youth Brigade; * Form Civil Society Led Network; * Day Observation;
- * Mosque committees and Imam societies.

And beside also, the project performance is significantly achieved all output indicators which the below table states.

- * 12 community action group (CAG) formed
- * 23 CAG members participated orientation program
- * 1 youth bridged formed
- * 2 district level CSO led network formed
- * 2 batches of orientation arranged for district level CSO led network
- * 5 consultation meeting with district level CSO led network completed
- * 4 round table meeting arranged with journalist community
- * 2 advocacy meeting with NGAOB and DNC arranged
- * 2 advocacy meeting with local government arranged
- * 2 dialogues arranged with religious leader's association
- * 13 meeting performed with upazila narcotics control and publicity committee
- * 5 batches of training completed for volunteers and youth bridged members.



Project Name: COVID-19 Advocacy & Response Programme (CAR-P) Project, funded by Counterpart International/ USAID and UKAID

Addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, Light House has implemented the Covid-19 Advocacy and Response Programme (CAR-P) project from July 19, 2020 at the location of Rajshahi, Natore and Bogura with technical assistance from the Counterpart International and funded by the USAID and UKAID.

Objective:

1. Objective is to establish alternative mechanisms for collecting information and subsequent dissemination, focusing on the increased risks of COVID-19 pandemic and related human rights violations;
2. Conduct oversight on government service delivery and monitor the human rights aspects.

Coverage: The project has been implemented at 5 Upazillas of Rajshahi -Bagha, Puthiya, Durgapur, Charchat, Bagmara along with 4 Wards of the Rajshahi city-corporation (6, 19, 24, 28), 3 Upazillas of Natore (Singra, Natore Sadar, Boraigram) and 5 Upazillas of Bogura -Dhunat, Bogura Sadar, Kahaloo, Gabtali, Dupchanchia.

Project Achievement:

- * The awareness may be played as vital role to change the behavior of the general population to reduce the COVID-19 vulnerability. With a view to this, Light House published the messages of the prevention and remedies through electronic version of the daily Prothom Alo newspaper, as well as printed and electronic version of dailies Karatoa and the business standard for 30, 45 and 15 days respectively. The three messages have been published and awareness messages have been reached by the viewers of Prathom Alo 78,43,152 lac plus, the daily Karatoa electronic and printed version 95,000 plus and The Business standard 293,762
- * With a view to aware the general people by disseminating preventive and remedies messages and reducing the stigma and discrimination upon the COVID-19 Pandemic, Light House telecasted 101 times TV advertisement through reputed satellite televisions such as Maasranga Television, NEWS24 TV, Independent Television, Jamuna TV, and Channel 24 TV. By these initiatives, unlimited population has been reached to aware to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic.

- * With a view to create awareness by disseminating the preventive and remedies message related to the COVID-19, among the people of remote area. Light House has completed the Miking across the 150 Unions/Ward of Rajshahi, Bogura and Natore districts. By this initiative about 1171,355 people have been reached where Male 582,751, Female 588,322 and Third Gender 282.
- * During this Project period, Light House conducted 10 live TV talk shows at different prominent satellite Televisions such as Maasranga TV, Jamuna TV, Chennel24, News24, SA TV under the activities of PAR, COVID-19 response grant, to address the specific issues such food supplies, Cash transfer, NID difficulties, Stigma related to migrants, poor socially excluded group and COVID-19 infected and affected people including health provider. Where different intellectual and influential representatives were the attendance such as Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Chairman, Standing Committee on Ministry of Social Welfare, Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad Chairman, PKSF, Dr. Chinmoy Kanti Das, Public Health Specialist, Upazilla Chairman, Kahalu Upazilla Parishad, Bogura, Member of Parliament, Natore-1, Health Specialist, Ex professor Community Medicine, Councilor, Rajshahi City Corporation, EX Pro-VC, Rajshahi University, Professor Geology & Mining Department, Rajshahi University, Mayor, Natore Pourosova, Minister of State for Information and Communication Technology Division, Bangladesh, MP, Constituency number, Rajshahi-2, RMO, Bogura, Mohammad Ali Hospital Ms. Sagufta Yasmin Emily, Member of the Jatiya Sangsad, Member, Ministry of Social welfare parliamentary Committee, Gender Chief, UNFPA. Meher Afroz Chumki, Honorable MP, Chairman, Ministry of Women Affairs Standing Committee, Chief of Party, Save the Children, Country Manager, UNAIDS, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh as its founder Director and Executive Director, Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Hon'ble Chairman Human Rights Commission Ms. Nasima Begum NDC, Mr. Mohammad Joiniul Bari, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Communication Analyst, UN-Women and Chief Executive, Light House. The in-depth discussion helped to make way forward that how marginal population live better and to link them to government facilities. These live telecast were watched by the unlimited population, around 11,775 population enjoyed through its Facebook and about 557 people watched these by their YouTube.
- * The advocacy and dialogue through community Radio for reducing stigma and discrimination during service delivery was conducted at local level at Radio Padma (9), Rajshahi and Radio Mukti (9) at Bogura. A total of 18 events have been conducted in this reporting this project period to aware and try to link the marginal community people with the government relief and incentive to address the COVID pandemic. Different professionals, Social activist, representative of the Local Government Institute, medical professional, Representatives of the Civil Society Organization and Human Rights activist participated. By this initiative the uncountable number of the population of remote area of Bogura and Rajshahi have been reached which will help them to live better and to prevent the second wave of this Pandemic. A total of 136,000 population have been covered through this initiative.
- * Light House broadcasted the awareness raising campaign through community Radio Padma, Rajshahi through daily broadcasting awareness messages on COVID-19 effects 12 times in a day. A total of 75,000 populations have been reached through this initiative.
- * Awareness-raising campaign through local online TV channel. By making partnership with online Barendra TV at Rajshahi, telecasted TV spot (one-minute) awareness messages on COVID-19 and human rights. 69,000 people have been reached by these initiatives.
- * Light House delivered 600,000 SMS among 300,000 mobile subscriber through prevention and remedies message by Grameenphone and Robi network to create awareness among the mobile subscriber to prevent the second wave of the COVID-19
- * Light House boosted 3 video clips on the issue of proper utilization and distribution of Government fund; Health advisory for COVID 19; we are with you during pandemic; Use mask and washing the hands. By these initiatives a total of 9, 35,995 people have been reached through its Facebook.

- * In this project period Light House conducted three press conferences at Rajshahi, Natore and Bogura on August 27, 2020, October 06 and October 08, 2020 respectively for disseminating different report findings so that authorities got attention on protecting human rights, their service delivery by their published article through the print and electronic media. The press conference was focused on the ongoing Covid-19 relief efforts of Light House as well as other programs.
- * As part of the COVID-19 Advocacy and Response Programme (CAR-P), Light House organized 9 Online Advocacy event at Bogura, Rajshahi and Natore with participation of a 194 invited guest were present (Male 176, Female 17 and TG-1) in addition, 76 participants from member of Parliament, Deputy Commissioner, ADC, Deputy Civil Surgeon, DGM, Sonali Bank, AGM Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, DD Women's Affairs Department, DD Social Welfare Department, DRRO, UNO, representative from Civil Society Organization, Local Government and media participated. Mostly the discussions were centered around implementing local measures to manage the spread of Covid-19 and prevent a second wave as well as articulated the ways that how the agricultural loan will be disbursed by easy condition among the poor farmers'. The authorities of the central government committed to implement no mask no service tag onward.

Project Name: Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package for BBFSWs through Light House

Light House conducted a 11 brothel's situational assessment in early 2018 with the support of UNFPA Bangladesh Country Office under UBRAF, channelized by UNAIDS for exploring the real scenario of health services including GBV and human rights violation. The assessment revealed no such program at brothel settings and no condom promotional activities neither HIV testing and STI case management facilities available. Poor knowledge and myths on health behavior exist and brothels residents found willingly accept unprotected sex due to earn more money. In one side easy access and safe welcoming to the sex workers of residence and hotel settings and on the other hand, increase movement of law enforcement agencies, harassment, etc. making clients negative towards the brothels which resulted poor clients flow in brothel setting which impacted unprotected sex. It has revealed during FGD that if any sex worker gets one client, she doesn't want to lose and even do unprotected sex. In most cases; FSWs makes condition based on sex type with level of money like sex act with condom is comparatively in lower rate and sex act without condom with higher rate. Gender based violence and human rights violation found as major concern, the brothel residents now accept GBV as normal part of their life. Still funeral of the sex workers is the major concern reveled in few brothels. There are CBOs in all brothels but just 3-4 found active through running microcredit program and all are found non-functional and inactive. Safe MR and safe delivery revealed a major issue, still traditional approach they maintain and few cases found, sex workers go to private chamber of the GOB family planning staffs.

Based upon the study findings, with the joint support UNFPA and UNICEF, under the UBRAF, channelized by UNAIDS established Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) in Tangail (Kandapara) and Mymensingh (Ganginarpar) and Daulatdia brothels in 2018 and later in 2019, expanded support to rest all brothels through developing a sustainable SRHR service model jointly with the leaders of community-based organizations situated at brothel settings which includes a technical assistance providing flowchart to bring the success for SRHR model. The below 2 diagram states the sustainable SRHR service model.

Beside support for the brothel-based residents, UNFPA included fund for STI strengthen program in public and private sector where Light House has to ensure program facilitation support to national AIDS/STD control programme/Directorate of Health Services (DGHS).

Specific objectives:

- * Improve the quality of life of the women and children residing in the brothel of Mymensingh and Tangail through capacity building and facilitating essential HIV/PMTCT and SRH services.
- * Strengthen STI program at public and private sector through advocacy and capacity building

Coverage:

Light House established 11 Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) inside the brothels of Kandapara (Tangail), Ganginarpar (Mymensingh), Raniganj (Jamalpur), Daulatdia (Rajbari), Baniashanta (Khulna), Nagerbazar (Bagerhat), Babubazar and Marwari Mandir (Jashore), C&B Ghat and Rothkhola (Faridpur) and Potuakhali brothel (Potuakhali).

STI Strengthening Program:

Netrokona, Munshiganj, Dhaka city corporation, Narayanganj, Bhola, Bagerhat, Sunamganj, Gaibandha, Lhagrachari, and Bogura.

Project beneficiaries:

The brothel residents mainly targeted for the project which includes adolescent Sex workers (MARA aged 10-19), adult and active sex workers (aged 20-45 years) and old aged in-active sex workers (aged 45+ years and above) and the children. The project has designed to cover 3,114 (FSW: 2,833 and Children: 281) brothel residents with essential services to address SRH, PMTCT, HIV and human rights issues of which 120 are adolescents Sex Workers; 2,327 are adult sex workers and 386 are old aged sex workers. Beyond sex worker, found a total of 281 children who are the age of 0-12 years.

STI strengthen program: Doctors at public and private sector and district health authorities

Major activities:

- * Brothel Intervention: STI case management and HIV testing service, PMTCT and ART enrollment, peer education, life skill training, health screening, TB-HIV co-infection, health screening, ca cervix and breast cancer screening (VIA test, TB test and Blood sugar testing), antenatal and post-natal care, FP counseling, safe MR, institutional delivery, etc. Beside building CBO capacity so that in the long run the program can sustain while the project gets phaseout added one of the major activities of this project.
- * STI Strengthening Program: Training on STI management following national guideline; master trainer development from the public and private sectors; divisional advocacy with the district and divisional health authorities including private sector leaders.

Significant achievements, Brothel based Intervention

- * 2,464 population reached
- * 1792 episodes of STI cases managed
- * 5584 cases of general ailments addressed
- * 69 pregnant mother received ANC
- * 31 pregnant mother delivered baby of which, institutional delivery ensured for 22
- * 15 cases of MR done at institutional facilities
- * 860 FSWs received cervical cancer screening at brothel settings and no abnormalities detected
- * Diabetic test performed for 457 sex workers
- * 182 cases ensured with unmet needs through referral services of which 97 from GOB facilities and 85 from NGO facilities.
- * 1447 cases of GBV mitigated
- * 261 sex workers enrolled to different social Safety Net support of Bangladesh Government



Photo: Director, Office of the Social Services is visiting the Ganginarpar Brothel, Mymensingh



Photo: Advocacy at Dhaka division where Line Director and Director NASP Handover STI Treatment flow chart to Divisional directors of Health and Family Planning of Dhaka

Significant achievement, STI strengthening program

Under same agreement, UNFPA assigned Light House ensure facilitation support to ASP/DGHS for the implementation of STI strengthening program for the public and private sectors and the glimpse of the achievement throughout the reporting year includes:

- * Completion of 2 batches of STI training for doctors covering Netrokona and Bagerhat districts where participated 39 (Bagerhat: 19, Netrokona: 20);
- * Completion of 5 batches of STI training for doctors covering 8 districts including its upazilas namely Khagrachari, Bogura, Narayanganj, Dhaka (city corporation only), Bhola, Bagerhat, Sunamganj and Gaibandha where participated 128 (Gaibandha: 15; Sunamganj: 12; Bhola: 16; Bagerhat: 13; Narayanganj: 13; Dhaka City Corporation: 12; Bogura: 25; Khagrachari: 22).
- * Completion of 5 divisional advocacy meeting covering Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Barisal, Dhaka and in addition 1 advocacy meeting completed in Cox's Bazar district where participated 220 divisional and district health authorities and private sector's doctor association's leaders (Rangpur: 26; Rajshahi: 32, Mymensingh: 29; Barisal: 55; Dhaka: 40 and Cox's Bazar district: 38).
- * 2 batches of Training of Trainers (TOT) completed where 33 doctors from district level public and private sector participated.
- * 2 meeting of STI Technical Committee completed where participated 43 representatives with the objective to develop STI register for the use of public and private sector doctors.

*love Asma and eager to take care of her.....
May Allah live her long and stay safe.....*

This is Mst. Khaleda Begum, working as Medical Assistant, UNFPA supported and Light House managed Comprehensive Service Center, Daulatdia Brothel, Daulatdia, Rajbari. Since my working, I have faced huge challenges and have seen, how the sex workers of the brothel are fighting with the life to earn bread and to make smile the family members. I am one of the witnesses of lots of stories of the daily life of the sex workers and from that, one experience I am sharing here.

Bringing a brothel-based sex worker under HIV testing service, always a big challenge and to make this happen requires huge counselling, motivation and even sometimes personal rapport building helps. The sex workers always remain in fear of disclosing the status if tested positive than they will lose clients and incomes as well which I saw in the face of the sex workers because their earning bring smile and happiness in the face of their family members.



But I was getting failed after doing counselling and motivation to bring the trust of the sex workers about not disclosing the test status. However; later as part of owing their trust, took strategy to test the CBO leaders; other sex worker leaders and the change agents (peer workers) with a view to making them free from the fear of HIV testing which ultimately helped. Beside I motivated and involved the sex worker leaders, mashis and house owners to create awareness among the sex workers for HIV testing services which also worked a lot.

On November 7, 2019, Asma (fake name), a sex worker, aged 34, came to my center who can't able to say exactly his permanent address and can't even able to say where she grown up. She just can say that she was in the Kamlapur Railway Station and from there; she came to this brothel, around six years back. Found her, mentally abnormal, distressed and no hope in her face. However; I tested her for HIV and found determine positive. When I shared test result, found her surprised, depressed and seen tear in the corner of her black eyes and no sound even, just quiet..... I counseled a lot, assured that it's not a major issue. There are the treatments and people can remain alive if any one complies with the treatment, I hugged her and hold for a while until she gets normal.

I informed to the project focal as per the communication protocol for further step. Both of we talked, and decided to do the confirmatory test by bringing her to BSMMU and accordingly we proceeded. As she was mentally distressed, in such case, I along with the CBO leader talked to Mashhi under whom she stays. We were fortunate, and convinced the respective Mashhi for taking Asma to BSMMU to do confirmatory test and further initiative like ART enrolment. Accordingly, I brought her to BSMMU on November 11, 2019, found confirmed positive through the rest two confirmatory test at BSMMU and enrolled to ART. ART Doctor also suggested her to use condoms while having sex and asked me to do follow-up her whether she is taking medicine regularly or not. Doctor also shared about the side effects of taking medicine and asked her to communicate over phone if there is any side effects occurs, and also asked me to do follow-up regularly and consult directly if there is any.

After one-month, surprisingly, the respective Mashhi along with Asma came to me and asked me to take her to BSMMU for taking medicines and for the further test if there is any. I was really delighted when they came to me and asked me to take her for medicine and further check-up. It was a great success of the initiative to involve sex worker leaders, mashis with the program. And already, the sex worker leaders of the brothel along with the respective Mashhi are talking to me to keep Asma in a safe home rather keeping in the brothel because keeping her in side brothel will create more risks for her life. I am working to arrange a safe home for her where she will remain safe and she can continue treatment without any stigma and discrimination.

We all love Asma and egger to take care of her..... May Allah live her long and stay safe.....

Humanitarian Response Program for the women and girls at Cox's Bazar to support with Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS), supported by UNFPA.



Under support of humanitarian grant from FCDO, UNFPA supported Light House a six month long program to ensure top up support for the Cox's Bazar based Light House's SRH and HIV prevention projects. Though the funding support was for 6 months, but it was extended further until June 2021, starting from October 2020.

Project Objectives:

Top up support to strengthen the current SRHR, COVID -19, MHPSS and GBV services of UNHCR and GF-supported programs of Light House in Cox's Bazar districts. The main objective was to ensure increase coverage and support through adding additional resources.

Beneficiaries:

Women and girls from the host and refugee community

Coverage:

The fields of UNHCR and The Global Fund supported SRH and HIV prevention program sites in Cox's Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf.

Major activities:

Strengthen the extended wing of community squad to address gender based violence; etiological management of STIs, skill building training and equipment distribution; cervical cancer screening and referrals, MHPSS services, mass awareness through celebrating 16 days activism.

Significant achievements:

o Capacity building of front-line staff on psycho-social and psycho sexual issues for FSW and PLHIV in CXB: Light House developed a tool kit to address the MHPSS needs of vulnerable women where National Institute of Mental Health, Dhaka provided Technical Assistance in the development. Right after that in June 2021, Light House organized a 2 day long Training of Trainer (TOT) in close collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health, Dhaka where participated 20 Master Trainers from the UNFPA supported brothel based Intervention; the Global Fund supported female sex worker Intervention and UNHCR supported SRH project. The main objective of the training was that the master trainers will arrange further training for the front line staffs aiming to retain the skills and knowledge at community level.

- o Livelihood development for the community through skill building training (IGA) in preparing disinfectant solution, reusable cloth masks etc. in CXB: The project distributed 40 sewing machines to 40 FSWs after providing them hands-on training. During follow-up, it was found that all are working, 10 FSWs are making and selling cloth masks, 15 FSWs are collecting orders for making dresses and 5 found sewing own and other dresses with payments.
- o Organize training for front line staff on SRH, GBV and COVID -19: A 2-day long training for 30 front-line staff of UNHCR, and Global Fund supported project staff organized with an aim to enhance community capacity so that they can contribute in referral for SRH services as well as in preventing COVID-19 and respond to GBV. The trained front line staff referred 150 beneficiaries to the Drop-in Center, as reported by the Global fund and UNHCR supported project.
- o 16th day's activism observation: Light House with the support of UNFPA, a colorful campaign organized in Cox's Bazar district covering Cox's Bazar Sader, Ukhiya and Teknaf to raise mass awareness for preventing GBV and reduce inequalities. The event of the campaign program was included with colorful rally, cultural program, island decoration with information, seminar, etc. where UNHCR, UNFPA, Government representative and the member from the key population participated. Around more than 2000 people's participations made the event successful.
- o A small study also conducted by Light House to identify SRHR modality under the changed scenario of COVID -19 pandemic. The purpose of this study was to support Government to plan effective SRHR program keeping the pandemic in front. Under the technical assistance of UNFPA program focal, the entire assessment arranged through hiring a renowned and expert consultant who submitted the report to UNFPA and Light House for review. With the inputs of UNFPA, the study report was finalized.

Project Name: Women Led Gender Sensitive COVID-19 Response Project

The Light House has been mobilizing women and women groups to combat diseases, including COVID-19 outbreak, gender-based violence (GBV), trafficking and other forms of violence (DV), by imparting gender-sensitive COVID-19 response project at Cox's Bazar district, supported by UN Women/Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF).

The project intend that the collective drive will improve the well-being and peace in the targeted camps and adjacent host communities and for which, collaborative and coordinated actions, involvement of women and girls in all decision-making processes to address the COVID-19 outbreak planned.

Project Objectives: Reduce the prevalence of disease outbreaks and GBV through imparting gender sensitive women led COVID-19 response.

Beneficiaries: Host and refugee community of selected camps

Coverage: The project targets eight camps (1E, 1W, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and adjacent host communities, with a goal to reached all 29,072 women and 10,572 girls in the targeted camps and adjoining host communities. A total of 41,550 people directly benefited from the response program (disaggregated by sex, age group, or other gender variables 29,072 women, 10,572 girls, 420 FSWs and 35 LGBTI community members, 1200 men, 250 boys.

Major activities: awareness on COVID-19 preventive and protective measures; linking to alternative livelihoods; access to MNCH, SRHR, GBV referral treatments, psychosocial support services, and victims of GBV; social mobilization, etc.

Significant achievements:

- * 50093 women, girls, FSWs and LGBT group members participated awareness session (women: 37,634; girls:13,547; FSWs: 421 and LGBTI:35)
- * 1 community radio program developed and launched
- * Distributed 52 radios among the women leaders
- * 40,288 women and girls received IEC/BCC materials covering gender responsive women led message
- * 4 bill boards with awareness message installed
- * Arranged 120 meeting on prevention of pandemic by maintaining social distance where participated 1,200 majhis, religious and social leaders;
- * 6 women led organizations/groups received support to establish/strengthen soft skill development and counseling centers
- * 420 families received voucher/cash support
- * Established 20 women led small business
- * 1961 cases of SRHR, MNCH, GBV, treatment, psychosocial support managed/ensured through referral services

Ferdous dreams of making her shop larger gradually



Ferdous Begum, a 28 years old Rohingya Refugee who received support from "Women-Led Gender-Sensitive COVID-19 Response" project implemented by Lighthouse, funded by the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF).

Ferdous Begum is 28 years old Rohingya refugee and a survivor of armed conflict who fled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, from Rakhine State, Myanmar, in 2017. Ferdous is a single mother with a 6-year-old daughter and a 1.5-year-old son. She is a part of the "Women-Led Gender-Sensitive COVID-19 Response" project implemented by Lighthouse, funded by the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), and technically supported by UN Women Cox's Bazar Sub-Office in Bangladesh. In Myanmar, she had her husband, and they were involved in agricultural activities to earn a living. They used to produce paddy and seasonal vegetables there. As a survivor of armed conflict, they were forced to leave their country. At first, her husband came to Bangladesh, while the rest of them stayed back.

However, a few months later, Ferdous and her daughter (around two years old at that time), and her parents and siblings, came to Bangladesh. She said, "We were walking for 14 days to cross the border with my two-year-old daughter in my arm. We had no food. We were starving, and I had a hard time bringing my daughter. After arriving in Cox's Bazar, we were fully dependent on the relief of different agencies and others' kindness. We opened a small shop with the little savings we had in hand to earn something. By that time, I became pregnant. We were having a good time. However, it did not last very long. My spouse became enamored with a young woman and married for the second time. He then shifted to another camp and started to live with his second wife. In the beginning, he used to visit us occasionally. Once, when he came, I informed him that there is no wood for cooking at home. Hearing that he beat me ruthlessly, I was in my six-month pregnancy at that time. After that incident, he divorced me and stopped taking care of us. My son is 1.5 years old now, and he never came even to see him."

After the divorce, Ferdous tried to run the shop independently to earn a living since the food relief ration they received in the camp was not sufficient. She also got help from her parents and siblings. However, the outbreak of COVID-19 affected her earnings. Her shop was closed and she was again reliant entirely on the aid and mercy of others. Seeing her situation, the Majhee of her block connected her to Lighthouse, where she participated in skill development and entrepreneurship training for shop operation. The selection of her business outlet for the voucher scheme helped her restock the shop with different products (chips, soft drinks, cookies, etc.), materials for a tea corner, and she started to make earnings. According to Ferdous, "Once my husband left us, I had to seek support from others to make our living. After getting support from Lighthouse, I am making some profit. The location of my shop has given me an added advantage. As it is in front of the playground, my kids can stay there and earn around 200-400 BDT daily. With that money, I refill the shop, purchase daily necessities, and also save a portion. Now, I can afford medicine for my children if they are sick. I do not need to depend on others' mercy for our living."

Ferdous dreams of making her shop larger gradually. She wants to send her children to school to afford their living once they are back in Myanmar.

COVID -19 response for vulnerable women, girls, children and elderly Rohingya population living in Ukhiya supported by University of South Wells.



A Community led gender sensitive COVID - 19 responses for vulnerable women, girls, children and elderly Rohingya population, implemented by Light House in 1E camp under Kutupalong, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar district. UNSW Forced Migration Research Network, Australia supported the project with the objective to increase awareness and ensure protection from the COVID-19 through providing safety materials and prevention information.

Major activities: Protection kits distribution; education; volunteer orientation and sewing machine distribution, etc.

Progress: The project was for 3 months starting from April 2021. A total of 300 families received 1 liquid hands wash (300 pcs in total) along with 2 refills packets (600 packets in total) and 5 masks (1500 in total) under the support of this project. 3 layer cotton fabrics masks produced by the rohynga women were procured and distributed. As part of women empowerment, the project took opportunity to distribute 6 sewing machines to 3 the women are in difficulties economically. The women groups who received sewing machine produced masks and have taken order from Light House which has been distributed.



Providing food support to the poor transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW) during COVID-19, Supported by German Doctors/icddr

From March 2020, Light House experiencing new kind of emergency, the COVID-19 pandemic like rest of the world encountering. Impact of the COVID-19 is unimaginable in the areas of economic activities, healthcare, transportation, and education systems around the world. It impacted mostly daily wage earners among them transgender women (hijra) and Male Sex Workers (MSWs) are common. To address the most felt need and demand of Hijra and MSWs, Light House was supported "German Doctors" and icddr, b to provide food support to Hijra and MSWs of 19 districts who suffer most from the direct impact of COVID-19.

Project Objectives: Provide food support to poor transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW) during COVID-19

Beneficiaries: Poor transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW)

Coverage: 20 districts namely Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Bogura, Natore, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Rajbari Tangail, Khulna, Bagherhat, Satkhira, Jashore, Kushtia, Magura, Barishal, Patuakhali.

Major activities: Procure the relief items (i.e. foodstuffs) as per approved budgeted items, Prepare the packets for distribution, Prepare a plan to distribute the foodstuff in compliance with the safety requirements and distribution of food foodstuffs among the Poor transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW)

Significant achievements:

- * Provide food support to total 2939 transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW) among them 1163 were transgender women (hijra) and 1716 were male sex workers (MSW)

- * Each Hijra and MSW provide a food package containing 12 kilograms of rice, 4 kilograms of potato and 2 kilograms of Pulse, Soyabin Oil, Salt, Onion and 2 pcs of washable masks.



Project Name: Light House Shukhi Jibon Project, supported by Pathfinder International/USAID

Light House awarded Shukhi Jibon project, effective from May 2021 for next 2 years, the project will end on April 30, 2023. Different research and study report revealed, the parents and the local community don't feel even the importance of SRHR issues of the adolescents and youths; poor SRHR knowledge among the youth and adolescents and they don't even want to go to health facilities and not even shares the problems. Found the girls get marriage before age of 18. Contraceptive use rate is also not that much high and still even unprotected sex ratio is high. Religious leaders not even ready yet to talk about the SRHR issues which is a major barrier in change community norms related to gender, adolescent sexuality, early marriage, and childbearing. Youth friendly Health Services are also not functioning yet, and even other service providers attitude create barriers for the next visit what Light House always receives complaints from the youth, adolescents whom we work with.

Considering the above circumstances and need to change the harmful social norms related to SRHR education for youth and adolescents, Light House planned to implement the project covering the 3-city corporation area of Gazipur, Dhaka (north and south) and Gazipur district (5 upazila).

Project Goal:

Increased access to SRHR services to the young key population through creating an enabling social environment.

Objectives:

1. Increase health seeking behavior of 21,600 especially vulnerable including most at-risk youth and adolescents including transgenders, lesbians, RMG workers and parents and community leaders on SRHR services through creating awareness and making them empowered
2. Create functional referral linkage with 25 public and NGO facilities for providing SRHR services to 15,000 targeted youths and adolescents
3. Sensitizing 5,000 stakeholders for ensuring increased access of especially vulnerable including most at-risk youth and adolescents including transgenders, lesbians, RMG workers to SRHR information and services.
4. Connect 100 young advocates and policy makers for fostering supportive policies to promote youth and adolescents' health and rights through print and electronic media
5. Create mass awareness to change community norms related to gender, adolescent sexuality, early marriage, and childbearing using media platform

For May and June 2021, the project proceeded with the preparatory work and few programmatic works like completion of staff recruitment; formation of youth bridges, identify volunteers and ensure selection; completion of training for the volunteers and youth Bridget's, etc.

Strategic Area-2 : Poverty Reduction & Sustainable Livelihood

Prevalence of poverty in Bangladesh is high, and for most of the people, it is difficult to secure water, food, medicine, shelter clothing and the capacity to acquire above necessities working either individually or as group by using endowments (both human resource and materials) for meeting the requirements of the self and his/her household on a sustainable basis with dignity. From its experience, Light House has identified a number of factors limiting livelihood security e.g livelihood shocks (price hikes and natural disasters, for example), social, economic and political context, and limited resource for livelihood. More particular cause of disadvantaged people's livelihood insecurity includes: a) inadequate scope to determine their own future as well as to access financial resources and influence institutions and decision-making process (b) limited access to appropriate techniques and skills (c) vulnerability to disaster, both short and long term, including climate change. In response to above, Light House wants to ensure sustain wellbeing of the community especially women led households and enhance their economic development by contributing to:

SDG Goal 1: No poverty

SDG Goal 2: Zero Hunger

Project Name: Micro Finance Program, supported by Light House

Since 1993, Light House has been motivating the grass roots poor people to establish a decision-making system in their family and society, organizes the poor into groups, conducts awareness development campaigns and helps the poor to identify various issues relating to the economic stability as well as to protect human rights.

Light House has been working on Micro Finance under MRA Approval No: 21112-00583-00774, 09.04.2017, from the viewpoint of supporting small-scale entrepreneurs to grow and nursing communities' own thoughts and initiatives on their own. Light House has started the program on 1st, September, 2014.

Micro Finance program and Income Generation Activities (IGA) has been implementing in order to empower landless and disadvantaged poor villagers, especially women in both urban and rural areas.

Major activities: Beneficiary mapping, identification and selection; group formation; member enrollment; group meeting; loan disbursement; savings collection; loan realization and group dynamics training, etc.

Coverage: The table below states the details of program coverage and achievements for the period of July 2020 - June 2021.

Districts	Name of Upazila	# of Union	# of Group Member / BHHS	
			Direct	Indirect
Bogura	Bogura	03	659	2,631
	Dupchanchia	03	368	1,672
	Kahaloo	04	469	1,706
Rangpur	Sadar	03	539	2,345
	Kawnia	03	185	1,455
Kurigram	Chilmari	03	524	2,022
Joypurhat	Khetlal	02	81	235
Total	07	21	2,825	11,336



Light House has been implementing Income Generation Activities (IGA) in order to empower landless and disadvantaged poor villagers, especially women in both urban and rural areas where Light House provides assistance for promoting income generating activities.

The progress for the period of July 2020 to June 2021 states, comparing to targets group members enrolled 93%; group formed 96%; savings collected 78%; savings balance was 89%; loan disbursed 81% and loan recovery rate (CRR) and outstanding loan found respectively 90% and 78%.

The project arranged 2 workshops for the group leaders on leadership development where participated 85 and beside 2,825 group members received awareness session through weekly group meetings.



Strategic Area-3 : Environment Disaster & Climate Change

Climate Change (CC) is a serious threat not only for Bangladesh but also for the globe that makes it difficult for the human society as a whole to balance the need of the present generation without compromising the prospects of future generation. CC has its multi-faced effects on many areas. The GoB, in its 7th FYP mentioned that a rise in both sea level and frequency of cyclone-storms due to the escalating atmospheric temperature is likely to have grave food and energy security consequences, which will also facilitate different types of diseases and frequency of other natural calamities. The issue of environment is closely related to CC and any initiatives under the first impacts on the later. Similarly, in managing CC the relevant actions influence the natural environment. Therefore, Light House addresses these interlinked issues under one sector with an aim to ensure environmental sustainability while effectively coping with natural disasters and climate change effects. Implementing program under this sector, Light House has been contributing to:

SDG Goal 13: Climate Action

In Bangladesh COVID-19 patient identified in the starting of 2nd week of April 2020 and part of preventing COVID 19 outbreak, on March 25, Bangladesh declared the enforcement of lockdown for 10 days effective from March 26 which ultimately carried till 2021 end as part of 2nd and 3rd wave of the pandemic. With the enforcement of this lockdown, travel on water, rail, and air routes is banned and road-transportation is suspended. All non-essential organizations, businesses, and educational institutions are closed, except for pharmacies, groceries, and other unavoidable necessities. Following the declaration, many people from the major cities, especially from Dhaka, started to leave the city by various means, including overcrowded public transport services, with a high risk of contracting COVID-19 and in violation of the government instructions which ultimately fuel more the infection detection, later on April 5, the country announced a suspension of all international travel except flights to and from China until April 14. It also declared that, as of April 9, some 60 areas of the country, with half of the places in the capital city, would be under a specialized form of localized lockdown to fight the spread of COVID-19. A specialized lockdown was also imposed on Cox's Bazar, a southern district of the country where many Rohingya refugees live. These Rohingya refugees, as well as older individuals anywhere in the country, constitute the most potentially vulnerable groups to virus infection.

Seeing the worsen situation, GOB, civil society, donors and NGOs etc. started work together to keep reduce the impact of the pandemic and Light House was not exception to that. As part of COVID-19 response, Light House took immediate measures to save both community people and staffs from the virus. Ensured hand wash point at office and community, ensure hygiene kits, mask, gloves, gowns, goggles and other PPEs. Light House continued to provide health services at the field level, Doctors Helpline, enhance mental health counseling, distributes food support to most affected marginalized groups, step up fund raising, and enhance networking to ensure relief for its beneficiaries including all sex workers and Hijra as well continued awareness raising among the community and beneficiaries.

Light House's COVID-19 response initiative:

Light House, from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, has taken measures to save both community people and staffs from the virus. Ensured hand wash point at office and community, ensure hygiene kits, mask, gloves, gowns, goggles and other PPEs. Light House continued to provide health services at the field level, distributed IEC and BCC to create awareness, send SMS on COVID-19, aired TVC on TV channel and YouTube, established a doctors Helpline, enhance mental health counseling, distributes food support to most affected marginalized groups, raise fund , conducted online advocacy to link the marginal people to the government incentives, Human Rights monitoring and reporting during this pandemic and enhance networking to ensure relief for its beneficiaries including all sex workers and Hijra as well continued awareness raising among the community and beneficiaries who suffered from the coronavirus.



Honorable deputy commissioner Bogura Mr. Md. Ziaul Hoque is distributing food support among the Hijra community during COVID-19 pandemic

From the responsible project, Light House with the support from FCDO and MJF had disburse BDT-72,95,000 among the 1006 excluded people. Each of the people received 2500 taka each time. A total of 29 males and 977 females have got those cash support. Besides, for creating awareness among the local community people, Responsible project has distributed mask and sanitizers, miking at Hatbazar and conduct campaign of handwashing. With those efforts It reached over 50, 000 people from Kahaloo and Dhunut upazila of Bogura.

Under the PPJ program at Tangail and Bogura miking campoaign done in 10 Upazila and reached 279,500 people. Light House has distributed 81,624 IEC/leaflet of COVID-19. At the same time, Light House urban primary health care project at Rangpur City Corporation have done miking and reached at least 140,000 people.

Besides by the Online version of Daily Prothom Alo and Daily Karota Light House reached more than 79 lac people. By Prathom Alo 78,43,152 lac plus, and the daily Karatoa electronic and printed version 95,000 awareness messages have been reached.

In order to create the awareness among the mobile subscriber Light House delivered 600,000 among 300,000 mobile subscribers through prevention and remedies message

With a view to aware the general people by disseminating preventive and remedies messages and reducing the stigma and discrimination upon the COVID-19 Pandemic, Light House telecasted 101 times TV advertisement through reputed satellite television such as Maasranga Television, NEWS 24 TV, Independent Television, Jamuna TV, Channel 24 TV.

To address the most felt need and demand of Hijra and MSWs, Light House was supported "German Doctors" and icddr,b to provide food support to distributed food support for 2939 Hijra and MSWs in its 19 working districts who suffer most from the direct impact of COVID-19. On the other hand, Light House with support from UNFPA and its own fund have distributed foods among female sex worker of brothels and Dhaka city Corporation. A total 505 sex worker directly dot food support.

Light House conducted 11 live TV talk shows at different prominent satellite Televisions such as Chennel24, News24, SA TV under the activities of PAR, COVID-19 response grant, funded by USAID/UKAID, technical assistance has been provided by Counterpart International; to address the specific issues such food supplies, Cash transfer, NID difficulties, Stigma related to migrants, poor socially excluded group and covid-19 infected and affected people including health provide. Where different intellectual and influential representatives were the attendance such as Ms. Sagufta Yasmin Emily, Member of the Jatiya Sangsad, Member, Ministry of Social welfare parliamentary Committee, Ms. Shamima Parveen, Gender Chief, UNFPA. Meher Afroz Chumki , Honorable MP, Chairman, Ministry of Women Affairs Standing Committee , Dr. Lima Rahman, Chief of Party, Save the Children, Dr. Saima Khan, Country Manager, UNAIDS, Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh as its founder Director and Executive Director, Ms. Shaheen Anam, Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Hon'ble Chairman Human Rights Commission Ms. Nasima Begum NDC, Mr. Mohammad Joiniul Bari, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare Mr. Shararat Islam, Communication Analyst, UN-Women. These live telecast were watched by the unlimited population, around 11,775 population enjoyed through its Facebook and about 557 people watched these by their YouTube.

Light House has established hand washing point in every office and major public gather place which was 79 point. It has arranged and distributed 104,445 pcs of PPE and protective gears, hand sanitizers, mask, face shield among the staff, community people and beneficiaries from different project. It has distributed those during awareness sessions, provide service, health service etc. It has also distributed hand wash liquid shop and hard shop among the community people and beneficiaries.

Awareness raising program at Rohingya camps at Cox's Bazar:

Light House has been implementing ESRH service project for the vulnerable women and girl from both FDMN and Host community under the funding of UNHCR. Under this project, light house covered 4,450 adult FSWs and EVA by providing HIV/STI, FP, and livelihood as well shelter support by safe home. Apart from the usual project activities, Light House provides COVID-19 response by providing awareness massage, cash support, mask and soap distribution.

In 2020, During COVID-19 pandemic, Light House implements Gender Sensitive COVID-19 Response in refugee camps under funding of WPHF, technical support by UN Women. Under this project, Light House provides services for 41,550 through COVID-19 awareness raising program, Hygiene kit distribution (Mask and soap),

Strategic Area-4 : Governance, Human Rights and Justice

Promoting good governance, accountability, access to justice and ensuring human rights are critical to advancing economic growth, health, education, and the ability to provide high quality public services. Article 27 of the constitution of Bangladesh guarantees that "All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law" Article 33 (1) of the constitution entails that no person arrested shall be detained in custody without being informed immediately the ground for such arrest, nor shall he/she be detained the rights to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner of his choice.

Despite such provisions, many people in Bangladesh are deprived of their constitutional rights to access to justice and enjoy human rights. Beside lack of governance and accountability is one of the barriers which influence people indirectly not to protest when their human rights violated and not getting access to justice system as well. Poverty, illiteracy, lack of knowledge keeps the indigent people illiterate and wants has still kept them ignorant of the basic human rights and amenities.

To support the implementation of the government legal program across the country and improve governance, human rights and democracy different donors has been supporting Light House through awarding different projects.

Light House works to strengthen institutions of good governance, promotes human rights and combats trafficking in persons and create bridging in between the poor justice seekers and legal aid committees. Through implementing program activities under this sector Light House has been contributing to

SDG Goal 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced inequalities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Project Name: Promoting Peace and Justice-in the districts of Tangail and Bogura with support of USAID/ Democracy International

Promoting Peace and Justice Project has been implementing by Light House covering Tangail and Bogura districts with the financial support of Democracy International/USAID. The project planned to increase confidence in public institutions, counter violent extremism by improving the delivery of legal aid in the justice system, and raising citizen awareness of their legal rights and responsibilities. The project works closely with the National Legal Aid Service Organization and Legal Aid Committees, and local civil society organizations for improving the capacity of District, Upazila and Unions level relevant wings with the objective to serve better the citizens who basically are applying for government legal aid and to their legal rights and responsibilities under Bangladesh law.

Project Goal:

To activate and support legal aid committees at the district, Upazila, and union parishad level and increase the visibility, public awareness and community acceptance of government legal aid services and use of the formal justice.

Major Objectives:

- a. Enhance the capability of justice agencies to ensure justice for vulnerable groups and provide fair and effective services through communication, coordination and cooperation.
- b. Increase awareness of legal rights to access legal aid services to the poor, women, children, religious and ethnic minorities and other marginalized groups as well as the acceptance of the use of the formal justice system among communities.

The project expects to reach all most all the people of Bogura and Tangail district targeting specifically the vulnerable women, poor & hardcore poor, person with disability, TIP survivors, potential migrants, at-risk population of child marriage, and GVB victims, Hijra and sex workers etc. Apart from the project beneficiaries, project fix the target group as member of UPLAC, UZLAC and DLAC who will be made aware about their legal rights & justice through awareness raising activities, meeting and other events about NLASO activities. DLAC (Distract Legal Aid Committee), UZLAC (Upazila Legal Aid Committee) and UPLAC (Union Legal Aid Committee) to provide assistance to the community people with legal aid & Justice, especially for the poor income group, elderly citizens, persons with disability, abandoned women with minor children for dowry, rape victim, polygamy, Child marriage, domestic violence, land dispute, torture, injury at local rivalry, trafficking etc.

Coverage: The project covers 10 upazilas of Tangail and Bogura districts along with 76 unions. The tables below state the details of the geographical coverage.

Table A: Bogura district

District	Upazilas	Unions
Bogura	Bogura Sadar	Fanpore, Erulia, Namuza, Shekherkola, Shakharia, Razapur, Sabgram, Nishindara, Gokul, Lahiripara, Nungola
	Sonatala	Balua, Tekanichukainagar, Madhupur, Digdair, Jorgacha, Pakulla, Sonatala
	Dhupchanchia	Talora, Gobindapur, Dhupchanchia, Chamrul, Gunahar, Zianagar
	Kahaloo	Birkedar, Kalai, Narahatta, durgapur, Kahaloo, Malancha, Jamgram, Murail, Paikor
	Nandigram	Burail, Nandigram Bhatgram, Bhatra, Thaltamajhgram
District coverage (Bogura)		05 38

Table A: Tangail district

District	Upazilas	Unions
Tangail	Tangail Sader	Baghil, Dainna, Gala, Gharinda, Hugra, Karatia, Katuli, Kakua, Mogra, Silimpur, Porabari, Mahamoodnagar
	Bhuapur	Arjuna, Falda, Gabsara, Gobindashi, Nikrail, Aloa
	Delduar	Atia, Delduar, Deoli, Dubail, Elasin, Fazilhati, Lauhati, Pathrail
	Basail	Basail, Fulki, Habla, Kanchanpur, Kashil, Kakrajani
	Shakhipur	Baheratail, Gazaria, Hatibandha, Jadabpur, KakrajanKalia
District coverage (Tangail)		05 38

The project was able to brought 120,861 beneficiaries (Tangail: 62,380; Bogura: 58,481) directly under service coverage and also an analysis says, the project benefited 594,704 beneficiaries (Tangail: 262,880; Bogura: 331,824) indirectly through implementing the below described major activities:

Major activities:

Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly Meeting of UZLAC; Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly of UPLAC; Half-yearly Coordination Meeting between DLAC, UPLAC & UZLAC; Quarterly fund for logistical and material support to DLAC for their DLAC stakeholders' meetings; Facilitate courtyard meetings to improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities; Public hearing events (Host public questions and answer sessions with Legal Aid Officers) at Upazila level; Facilitate debates on legal rights and responsibilities engaging secondary school students/college students; Day Observation at District and Upazila level; E-dialogue; Local cultural programs; Cable TV broadcast; etc.

The below tables states the glimpse of the project progress throughout the year (July 2020 - June 2021).

Activities/Indicators	Targets		Achievements	
	Tangail	Bogura	Tangail	Bogura
Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly Meeting of UZLAC	30	30	25	23
Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly of UPLAC	228	228	206	223
Half-yearly Coordination Meeting between DLAC, UPLAC & UZLAC	2	2	0	2
Quarterly fund for logistical and material support to DLAC for their DLAC stakeholders' meetings	16	16	6	15
Facilitate courtyard meetings to improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities;	141	153	141	142
Public hearing events (Host public questions and answer sessions with Legal Aid Officers) at Upazila level;	6	6	6	5
Facilitate debates on legal rights and responsibilities engaging secondary school students/college students;	7	6	5	6
Day Observation at District Level	1	1	0	0
Day Observation at Upazila Level	5	5	0	0
E-dialogue	7	8	7	5
Local cultural programs	4	5	4	5
Cable TV broadcast	1	0	1	0

Chairman, Elias union can be an example for others



The project has been facilitating many different advocacies and meetings with stakeholders and legal aid committees for the promotion of government legal aid services and linking the beneficiaries with the service and service providers who are in need. To sustain the project impact, not only awareness raising among the community is the responsibility of the project, rather community and community stakeholders' prime responsibility to work for sustaining the initiatives because donor-based projects are not for life long service.

Mr. honorable Chairman, Elias union, Delduar upazila, Tangail is an example of community initiatives. Chairman attends the meeting of union legal aid committees regularly and listens the progress of the project and how it benefits the people who are in need of legal aid support. The Chairman realized in the meeting about the lack of information among the community people about the government legal aid services and service receiver's information who particularly able to have legal aid service knowing the information from the project people which actually made him to understand that if people know about the services, then he/she will avail anyhow. This realization made him to move positively which resulted in installation of a bill board with his own cost at Nayer Char area, Elias union with the information of legal aid service.

The project hopes, honorable Chairman's movement and his initiative will motivate all other stakeholders to play role for the help of community who are in need of legal aid services.

Project Name: Responsive Local Govt. Units for Marginalized People (Responsible), FCDO/Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).

With the financial support by DFID and under the overall supervision of the MJF, Light House has been implementing the 'Responsible' Project for ensuring the Excluded People's Rights. The project provides support and assistance of Social Safety-net, Primary Health Care, Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, IGA inputs, and Skills improvement training to the targeted population.

The progress statement for the period of June 2020 to July 2021 states that a total of 7,012 people received different services from the project among those 304 were widow & destitute; 497 were senior citizen, 45 were disabled and 6,166 were extreme Poor and Youth. The major of outcomes of this project states 2208 extreme poor marginalized people enrolled to social safety net support; 5,598 individuals received primary health care services, 197 individuals received agriculture support; 506 widows, destitute and disable people 2,500 taka per month as food support due to pandemic; 500 widow and destitute women received 7,000 taka for livelihood support under pandemic; and the project distributed masks and sanitized 8 cattle hats (prior to Eid ul Azha).

Project Goal:

Poor, marginalized and vulnerable people will have better access and friendly services from well-governed public institutes.

Project Objective:

To increase the access of quality goods and public services including social, political, financial and legal rights of the poor and marginalized people.

Project beneficiaries:

Widow & Destitute, Older, Ethnic minority, Dalit, Disable, Extreme Poor, and Youth to get government services.

Project Coverage:

13 unions and 2 municipalities of Kahaloo & Dhunat Upazila under Bogura district.



Photo: Advocacy workshop at Kahaloo

Significant achievements:

- * 40-ward planning meeting arranged where participated 4591
- * 11 GO-NGO-LG coordination meeting arranged where participated 298
- * 28 health center management committee meeting arranged
- * 9 monitoring took place as part of GCPA-JAP implementation
- * 11 community score card ensured
- * 37 social audits conducted
- * 31 citizen charter developed
- * 85 citizen support group meeting took place where participated 1,302
- * 5 batches of training on service delivery policies and monitoring arranged for support group leaders where participated 138
- * 3 meetings arranged where participated 57
- * 3 workshops with GO, NGO, stakeholders and CSG leaders for developing future plan during Covid-19 period at district and upazila level where participated 98 GO, NGO, stakeholders and CSG leaders for developing future plan to address and prevent pandemic
- * 44 times miking arranged on COVID -19 awareness and prevention
- * 11,000 IEC/BCC materials distributed
- * 4 medical camps arranged from where 732 beneficiaries received services
- * 144 courtyard meeting arranged where participated 2,454
- * 4 round table meeting arranged where participated 84

The project arranged four (04) advocacy workshop titled Nurturing Local level advocacy with the objective to increase the accessibility of marginalized people to government services and to improve the quality of government services with the ultimate purpose for proper resolution of findings obtained using SA tools where participated 84 people including Upazila Agriculture Officer, Health Officer and other officials, stakeholders, CSG leaders, local government representatives and victims.

Major Outcomes:

- * The quality of services has enhanced by the presence of health inspectors at each CC meeting to oversee and monitor the activities and development of the community clinic;
- * Involvement of Community Clinic Development Committee members increased;
- * The marginalized farmers found getting advisory services quickly for making active the corporate mobile number Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officers;
- * Price list of fertilizers and other agricultural logistics get hanged in front of dealer's shops;

A wind of change in Agriculture sector at Kahaloo, Bogura



Responsible project of Light House has been working in five UPs of Kahaloo since January 2019 where field staff and citizen support group members gave a special concentration to ensure agriculture extension services to the farmers at the marginal level.

Civil society members have conducted social audit and community score at Birkedar, Paikor, Muruil, Kalai, and Narhatta union of Kahaloo Upazila of Bogura aiming to collect the issues that constraining smooth access to agriculture services. The findings of the social vigilance role depict that the respective duty bearers called Sub Assistant Agricultural Officer (SAAO) are irregular to the office. The farmers opined that SAAO presents only 25% of the working days. The service recipients used to think that union agriculture office are not capable to ensure any quality services to them. They don't get any seasonal advice, past management advices and exact usage of fertilizer. Even farmers didn't know the fair prize of fertilizers. The respective fertilizer dealers did not hang the prize list of fertilizers in their shops. Eventually, when the farmers bought the fertilizers, there was less than 1/2kg of fertilizers in each sack. Because the SAAO wouldn't supervise these matters.

The citizen support group members were arranged a finding sharing meeting with the respective UPs and Sub Assistant Agriculture Officers (SAAO) that led systematic changes in the field of union based agricultural services. Now the SAAO's are organizing regular agricultural awareness meeting at field level, giving season based agricultural advices to the farmers, ensures knowledge on pest control management and use of fertilizers etc. to the farmers. Accordingly, they are visiting the field once in 15 days in a block. In addition, the SAAO's are sharing information about their web-portal named "Krishoker Janala" to the farmers so that they can get all types of agricultural information through online searching which was not known to the margin farmers before.

Besides, a chart containing agricultural services with the mobile numbers of Sub Assistant Agriculture Officers has been disclosed in front of union agriculture office so that they can provide the type of agricultural services & necessary information to the farmers. Now, SAAO's are paying monitoring to each respective dealer's shop regularly. At present, dealers disclosed the fertilizers price in front of their shops and farmers are getting fertilizers at government indicative prices and appropriate weights.

Impact: Miniara Begum, one of our marginalized female farmers from Valta, Muruil; is a widow, have only 33 decimal (01 Bigha) of land which her husband has been left about 13 years ago. With these land she has been taken leased more 33 decimals of land for cultivating. After the death of her husband, she is being cultivating. The project team met her after social audit and she said "For long time I'm getting 600-640 kgs of paddy from per 33 decimals of land but for 1.5 years the situations have been changed. With the advice of agriculture Sir, I'm using the seeds of improved varieties. Fruitfully I'm getting more 900-1,000 kgs of paddy on 33 decimals. Now the productions of harvest have been increased more than 300 kgs for per Bigha (33 decimal) than before. I'm very happy to get this".

Project Name: Strengthen organizational capacity of dealing SRHR project for young people supported by FK Norway/Norec

Light House has been implementing "Strengthen organizational capacity of dealing SRHR project for young people" project supported by Norec, starting from March 2021. It is a regional initiative where Community Support Group (CSG) from Nepal, LIGHT Institute from Bangladesh Vietnam are working together with Light House. The project intends that the young volunteers will be interacted with other volunteers, youth leaders and young population and learn their knowledge and cultural diversity across south-south region and will bring good practice, knowledge & experiences to replicate within the organization and in the home country. But due to COVID-19 pandemic, physical exchange is now not possible. So, Light House, CSG and LIGHT Institute are work in their own country to develop organizational capacity, build skills and knowledge of staffs on SRHR issues and established a strong network among the organizations across the region in developing partnership and networking through sharing of lessons learn, best practices and resources by digital way. Under this project, in the following activities have been implementing:

- * Strengthen knowledge of the project and partnership including work with other relevant staffs
- * Develop a central monitoring system for Light to effectively monitor projects through a monitoring tools or software;
- * Organize online training on Sexual & Reproductive Health Education among young girls and adolescence groups
- * Organize E-dialogue or E-clinic for Psychosocial health to address victims of SGBV (Sexual and Gender based Violence), domestic violence as well as drugs and alcohol
- * Develop a digital platform among the youth network groups where we can discuss any vibrant issues
- * Provide ICT training to staffs and focal person engaged in the project using online/social media platform



Light House School of Learning and Diversity



On October, 2017, Light House School of Learning and Diversity started its journey as an exceptional institution in Muruil village, Kahalu upazila of Bogra. It is a completely non-profit and service-oriented educational institution. The institution started its journey with the great goal of providing all the facilities of modern education to the grassroots students of West Bogura. Ekushey Medal winning novelist Selina Hossain and renowned scholar Palan Sarkar laid the foundation stone of the institution on December 30, 2016.

The academic activities of the school started on January 1, 2018. Teaching learning activities are conducting from pre-primary to tenth grade. Teaching- learning activities are now being conducted through 11 teachers and staffs. Currently the school has 170 populations and has communication facilities.

The vision of the school is to turn it into a modern and quality institution to meet the educational needs of the 21st century. And the mission of the school is to provide inclusive education, equity and equality in education and work oriented education.

We have adopted some strategies in order to achieve our goals in the next five years e.g. recruit quality teachers. Preference will be given to degree holders in education as an additional qualification. A quality ICT lab will be established. Information Literacy will be considered as an additional qualification for recruitment of teachers. Teaching-learning activities will be conducted using ICT tools. Professional training for teachers will be organized at least once a year. Virtual education will be launched from the beginning of 2021 considering the COVID-19 situation. The overall security system of the school will be further strengthened in phases etc. The only challenge on the way to achieve our target is the COVID- 19 pandemic.

Despite of many obstacles, the school has been able to take some exceptional but positive steps to ensure that students continue their studies under the supervision of their parents in their respective homes, in compliance with the notification issued by the Ministry of Education, in compliance with hygiene rules, maintaining social distance.

The School have celebrated the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of independence with due dignity. Various competitions including essay competition, drawing competition are organized among the students. Lectures on Bangabandhu's biography were organized. Mr. Harun or Rashid, President of the Board of Directors handed over the prizes to the winners.

And at last, the Hon'ble Chairman of Rajshahi Education Board visited our institution on 20 February, 2021. He appreciated all these activities. He highly praised Mr. Harun or Rashid, the Chief Executive of Light House and founder of Light House School of Learning and Diversity, for taking this great initiative to spread quality education in rural people. He and his department have extended their full cooperation in turning the organization into a government registered organization. we are working hard to overcome the post pandemic situation. From the beginning to the end of the Corona Pandemic, Mr. Harun or Rashid has been providing our overall support.

Organizational Structure & Management

Management Structure: A four-tier management structure comprising with project and policy staff, the Light House Executive Committee and stakeholders enables the organization to run its program smoothly. To ensure the participation of different segments of the society, a general committee comprise with 29 members has been established. This committee includes the male and female policy makers and representatives from the marginal groups. This committee meets once a year and generate innovative ideas, guides and advices the overall development and progress of Light House. And besides helps in creating a good transparent image; in building trust with its partners and stakeholders; and in public relations and fund-raising activities. The Light House Executive Committee comprise with seven members, who gets elected in the annual general meeting for three years. This committee meets in every three months or and when necessary to take policy decisions. The role of the Executive Committee is to help the senior management team to implement the strategies and generate plans, policies and decisions consistent with the organization's Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles. The Executive Committee supports the Chief Executive (CE) and engages in decision making through meeting or in urgent and crisis circumstances. The CE services as member of the Executive Committee, along with other members as specified. A senior management team comprise with Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Director-M&E, Director-Finance and Team Leaders works to discuss major issues and takes decision for the betterment of the employees, projects and organization. The detail organogram along with key sections and positions are placed in the below sections.

Monitoring & Evaluation: The organization has a separate M&E unit headed by the Director-Monitoring and Evaluation, who is responsible to coordinate among the project heads working under the organization. Besides, it has developed and designed M&E software for track indicators wise achievement where the project data will also be uploaded and analysed.

There are several M&E Specialist and M&E officer working under different projects are assigned to submit the project M&E reports to Director-M&E for review and comments. The Director -M&E, after adding his inputs, submits it to the management for information and necessary action. The project personnel do monitor as described in the project M&E plan and submits reports to Director-M&E for review and comments. Based on the approval, the reports disseminate to project level for addressing the recommendations. Besides monitoring visit, regular supervision, on the job training also takes place as well as distance monitoring through phone/email added in the M&E system of Light House. However, Light House has been following the process of participatory monitoring at all level during the entire implementation period of the project.

Project Program Personnel: The respective Project focal persons and project coordinators responsible for ensuring adequate and appropriate monitoring of project activities. Light House monitoring activities include quarterly or semi-annual field visits as described in the project proposal. During these visits, they visit the intervention sites to gain updates on the progress of the project, observe direct service provision and training activities, attend meetings with stakeholders, and provide technical assistance both in technical areas and overall program development. Beside the monitoring activities also includes identifying success stories and innovative implementation ideas to replicate other sites. If they identify needs for specific technical assistance, they coordinate this with the appropriate project staff or relevant core team member of the organization. The results of these trips are documented in trip reports and these are shared with Senior Management during regular weekly and monthly meetings based on the importance of the findings.

Technical Team (M&E and Clinical services): Relevant technical staff makes regular visits to the project (a schedule of technical visits developed at the beginning of the project). During these visits, they use to provide training, review documentation, participate in quality assessments, observe activities and analyze data contained in monthly and quarterly reports. The M&E Specialist/M&E Officers will provide feedback as well as hands-on training to the field level staff. Debriefings with the project managers and site managers will also be a part of quality improvement initiative from technical units.

Senior Management Team (SMT) meets monthly to discuss major issues and takes decision for the betterment of the employees, projects and organizations. Besides SMT, project management team meets once months as part of project coordination meeting where all project heads present their achievement, failures and discusses challenges and its overcome strategies as well as best practices.

There are two ways of evaluation/ assessment of the project exists in the Light House Culture. In some project there is provision for conducting midterm and final evaluation. Which sometimes done by the donor according to the provision of contract. In some cases, it is being done by the organization and submits report to the donor. So to conduct evaluation Light House follow the provision of the contract made with the funding agencies. In case of evaluation to be done by the organization, M&E department is assigned to carry out all about the evaluation process and prepare report to transmit to the donor for their suggestions and comments. Based on the findings, appropriate actions are taken. The suggestions and comments made by the donor are taken into consideration while restructuring/extension of the project. The annual reports are submitted to the donor according the provision of contract. However, it is done quarterly, half yearly and annually based on requirements. Financial reports are also submitting following the same process.

Management and HR& Admin: This division is headed by the Director-Finance who works under direct supervision of Chief Executive. Light House has rigidly followed the organization's constitution in governing the organization. The organization has developed different policies and manuals. All these have been approved by the management and we strongly follow the policies, rules and regulations of these manuals / policies. We try to maintain gender balance at organizational level and priority is given to the women. The performance of the staff is appraised annually and action taken accordingly.

Light House has a good number of professional staff working in different projects and in head office. They are acquainted with their duties & responsibilities. Necessary capacity building trainings are provided to the staffs to build up an efficient team. The Director Finance, look after the HR & Administration and responsible to conduct staff appraisal and other administrative aspect of all staff of the organization. He is reportable to the Chief Executive.

Financial Management: Finance section is headed by Director Finance and supported by the Finance Specialist, Officers and Assistants who manage the financial aspects of the organization. The organization has been successfully dealing with the financial aspects of different donors. An external audit firm audited the financial statements of the organization in each year and the reports are available. Light House has developed a standard financial manual with the cooperation of professional detailing financial procedures to be followed for keeping accounts properly. The accounts of the organization are maintained in proper manner following the rules of the manual. There is a team of efficient personnel to manage and control financial transactions. Computerized accounting system and software is being maintained at head office. Trial balance, income and expenditure statements and the balance sheet are being prepared through computerized accounting system.

Operation of Bank Account: Every office and project maintain separate bank accounts for financial transactions. The project heads and Chief Executive jointly operate these accounts according to the financial manual. Any amount of cash in hand beyond the ceiling amount is strongly discouraged.

Auditing and Internal control system: The accounts of the organization are audited every year by Chartered Accounting Firms and the report is placed before in the annual general meeting as the management is accountable to the general committee. We try our utmost to keep the financial management transparent to all parties concerned. The internal financial control system has been established in the organization. An internal audit team headed by Internal Auditor is doing the task. He is directly responsible to the Chief Executive. All the projects' accounts and other accounts running under the organization are audited by the Internal Audit team and reports submitted to the Chief Executive for proper initiatives. The General committee selects a chartered accountant firm for auditing the accounts of the organization every year. Executive committee proposes a panel of auditing firms in the AGM to select a firm. The financial status of Light House as on December 31, 2019 reflects from the Balance Sheet placed below in the financial section.

Organizational Policies:

Light House has developed and practiced following different organizational policies and guidelines in order to run the organization in smooth manner. The policies are being applied at all levels of the organization. The management formed separate committees to develop manuals and guidelines. After preparing draft, all senior staff members sit together and provide inputs to finalize/improve those policies. Sometimes outside consulting firm deployed by the partner agencies also worked to update the policies and guidelines.

At present, Light House has the following policies-

- o Human Resource Management and Administrative Policy*
- o Financial Manual*
- o Procurement Manual*
- o Internal Audit Policy*
- o Overhead Policy*
- o Information Disclosure Policy*
- o Internal Control System*
- o Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Control Policy*
- o Gender Policy*
- o Child Safeguarding Policy*
- o Light House Whistle Blowing Policy*

Light House owns the following resources:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 storied Head Office Building;- 2 Flats at Banani, Dhaka for Liaison Office- 1 Flat in Bogura- 9 decimals of plain land;- 2 storied school building on 103 Decimals of high land,- 9 motorcycles;- 1 microbuses and 1 Jeep;- 1 Bus, 1 Human Hauler- Training facilities- training room with necessary equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 54 televisions;- 36 video players;- 5 multimedia player;- 40 digital cameras;- 4 scanners.- More than 100 Computers- 50 Printer- 4 photo copier- Email and internet access to all offices;
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Staff: Light House passed the fiscal year 2020-2021 with 673 employees who are experienced and well skilled in their own arena. HR and Administration department of Light House has been working independently and it grown this department as institution of the organization. This department facilitates the recruitment and annual employee performance evaluation independently.

Management Position			Mid-Level			Field Level				Total Staff
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total	673
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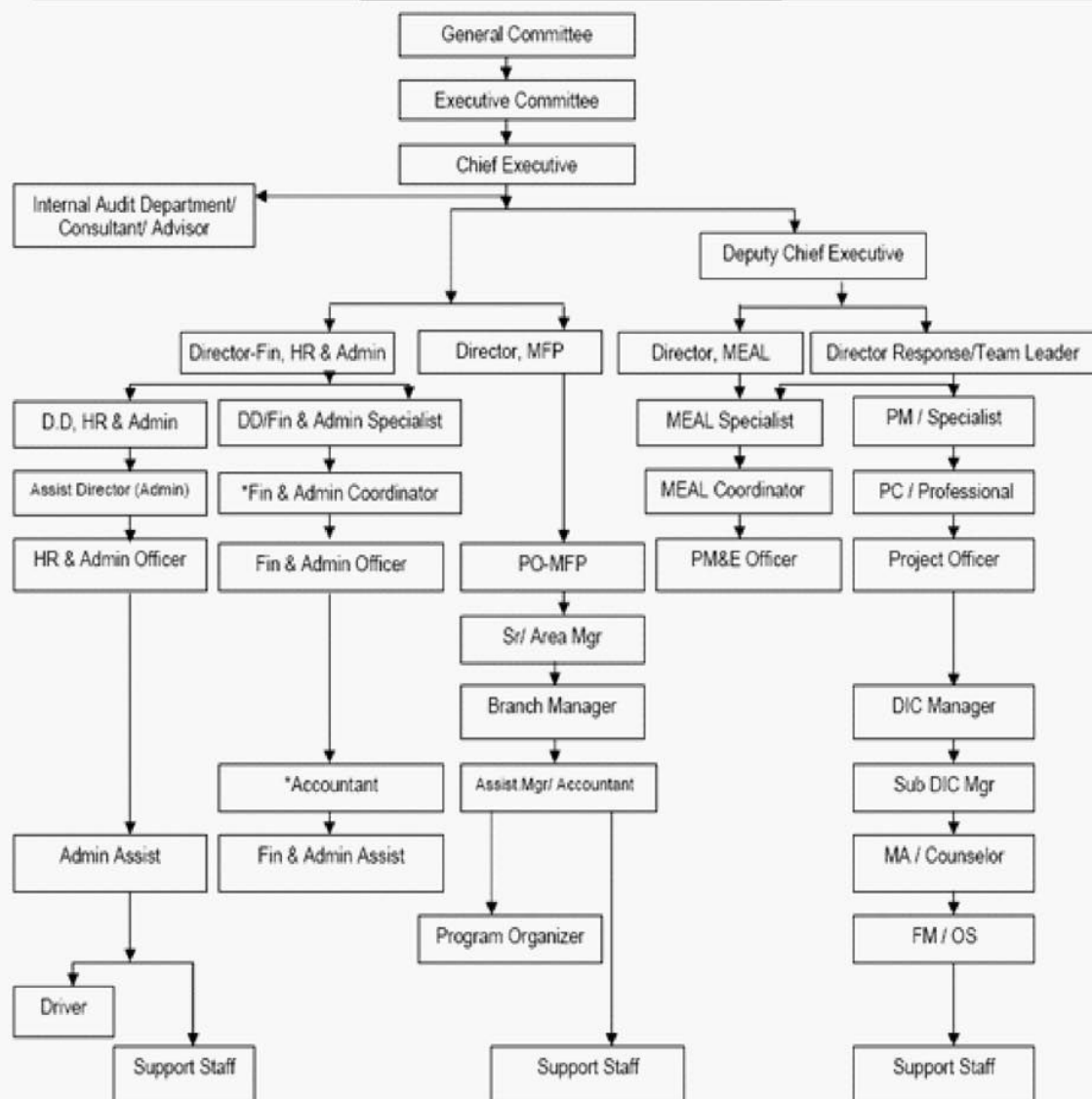
Organizational Structure & Management

Save the Children, icddr,b, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNAIDS, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) Counterpart International, Democracy International, Local Government Division (LGD), University of South Wells, Norec, German Doctors, ADB/LGED, British High Commission, British Council, GOB/World Bank, BRAC, Step Towards Development, Acid Survivors Foundation, NCSC/USAID, Maxwell Stamp PLC-DFID, World Bank, European Commission, CARE Bangladesh, Elton Jhon AIDS Foundation-UK, ILO/USDOL, Action Aid, CCDB, Proshika, ICFHDP-GTZ, HASAB, USAID/PROGATI, UNODC, Voluntary Service Overseas(VSO), USAID/The Asia Foundation, The Asia Foundation, URC, WHO/The Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands of Bangladesh, FK Norway, UNHCR, Australian Agency for International Development (AUS-aid), Family Health International (FHI)/USAID, German International Development (GIZ), etc.

Networking and membership: International Aids Society (IAS); ECOSOC (Special Consultative Status), CANSEA. NFOWD, STI/AIDS network in Bangladesh, ADAB, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Setubandhan, etc.

Our Implementing partners: KMSS, Khulna; 2) Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA), 3) Nari Mukti Sangha (NMS), 4) Community Support Group (CSG), Nepal, LIGHT Institute, Vietnam, DAM, PHALS, LoCOS, APOSH and NSKS

Light House Organogram



* Vacant position will be filled-up when it is needed and subject to availability of fund

* Support Staff (SS): Program Assistant, Caretaker, Aya, Guard, Night Guard, Cleaner etc.


Prof. Habiba Begum
President
Light House, Bogra


Financial Expenditure (July 2020 - June 2021)

Hossen Delwar & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Light House
Jahurul Nagar, Bogra
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As on 30th June, 2021

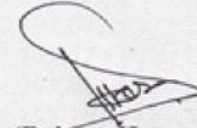
Particulars	Notes	Amount in Tk.	
		FY 2020-2021	FY 2019-2020
<u>Assets & Properties:</u>			
A. Fixed Assets (Written down Value)	3.00	86,459,684.00	87,592,252.00
B. Loan to Beneficiaries	4.00	41,802,245.00	40,115,069.00
C. Current Assets		56,738,646.23	63,409,597.89
Loans and Advances	5.00	38,737,758.25	39,537,719.44
Investment (FDR)	6.00	2,666,106.00	2,616,106.00
Bid Security	7.00	2,487,069.57	2,175,000.00
Bill Receivable	8.00	1,227.00	374.00
Cash and Cash equivalents	9.00	12,846,485.41	19,080,398.45
D. Current Liabilities		23,678,797.40	28,109,470.90
Insurance	10.00	3,041,069.00	2,758,502.00
Group Savings	11.00	13,571,301.00	13,038,690.00
Staff Security	12.00	2,095,062.00	1,954,982.00
Provident Fund	13.00	542,991.00	597,190.00
Reserve for Loan Losses	14.00	3,713,794.00	2,906,828.00
Account Payable	15.00	586,732.82	6,578,098.32
Tax Payable	16.00	127,847.58	3,568.58
Down Payment/Instalment for Motor	17.00	-	271,612.00
E. Net Current Assets (C-D)		33,059,848.83	35,300,126.99
Total (A+B+E)		161,321,777.83	163,007,447.99
<u>Fund & Liabilities:</u>			
F. Capital and Reserve			
Retained Surplus	18.00	97,253,146.64	95,980,530.26
G. Long Term Liabilities			
Loan A/C	19.00	64,068,631.19	67,026,917.73
Total (F+G)		161,321,777.83	163,007,447.99


Director Finance
Light House


Chief Executive
Light House



Dated: Dhaka
October 10, 2021.


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