



Godagari Upazila Chairman Md. Abu Isahac is speaking as the chief guest in the awareness meeting/program on Corporal Punishment at Gogaram Government Primary School on 29th August, 2016.

Say no to Corporal Punishment at Educational Institutions:

Every child regardless of gender, class, religion, ethnicity, income-group, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability is entitled to enjoy the rights to life, security and equal protection of law. In addition the state is mandated to have mechanisms in place for ending all forms of violence against children and protecting them from torture, inhuman and degrading treatment. But still overwhelming number of children in Bangladesh continues to face physical and humiliating punishment with broader social acceptance. In Bangladesh, this corporal punishment is socially justified and culturally ingrained, too. In this situation children's overall development, wellbeing and quality upbringing are under threat. Therefore utmost importance should be given to aware the concern parties to

combat physical and mental punishment against children at educational institutions in the country for the sake of their proper development and nourishment. The ministry of education has recently promulgated circular banning physical and mental punishment against children in the educational institutions.

Light House under its 'Improved Justice and Legal Aid Services (IJLAS) Project' funded by UKAID through Maxwell Stamp-PLC, organized these awareness meetings under the Community Legal Services (CLS) Program in a total of 64 schools in 7 districts of Rajshahi division round the month of August, 2016. The Headmasters of all the concern schools presided over the awareness meeting while SMC Presidents were the chief guests. In some schools, the Upazila Education Officers and Upazila Chairmen attended the program as the chief guests.

A total of 2,240 school managing committee members, teachers, parents and invited guests attended in those awareness programs and took part in the discussion session. They vowed to combat physical and mental punishment against children both home and educational institutions. Light House distributed 64 message boards and 16,000 leaflets in those schools so that all the concern can see it and remember the message to stop corporal punishment. Main thrust of these meetings was to sensitize the teachers, guardians, students and other stakeholders to end such institutional punishment as it is a deadly crime, a social menace and a costly public health problem. The guests and the participants of these meetings opined that they should come forward and work together to stop the mental and physical punishment.



Jail Super, Bogra and Chief Executive of Light House distribute certificate to the trained prisoners

Closing and Certificate Distribution Ceremony for Beautician Trainees, Bogra District Jail:

The closing and certificate distribution ceremony of the Beautician training inside the prison of Bogra district Jail were held on August 23, 2016. The duration of the training was for 40 days. Jail Super of Bogra district Jail inaugurated the closing session and certificate distribution ceremony. There were 15 convicted and under trial prisoners who received certificates from the Jail Super. Jailer, Chief Executive of Light House, other prison officials and IRSOP Light House project staff were present in this ceremony. Light House arranged the closing and certificate distribution ceremony with the assistance of prison authority and with the support of GIZ. The Rehabilitation supervisor was facilitated the program.

Closing and Certificate Distribution Ceremony of Tiles Fitting Course, Bogra District Jail:

Skill development training for the prisoners on Tiles Fitting began on July 10, 2016 at Bogra district Jail and the course ended on August 8, 2016 respectively. A total of 26 prisoners participated in the training course and completed it successfully. The duration of the training was for 26 days. On August 23, 2016 the Jail Super of Bogra District Jail distributed the certificates among the skilled prisoners where Chief Executive of Light House, Jailer, Head guard of prison and IRSOP Light House project staff were present in this ceremony.



DIG Prison, Rajshahi Mr. Bazlur Rashid is distributing certificate to the skilled prisoners

Certificate Distribution Ceremony of 'Men's Parlor' Skill Development Training Inside Prison:

DIG Prison, Rajshahi Division distributed certificates among the prisoners who completed 'Men's parlor skill development training' successfully on August 1, 2016 at Bogra district jail. 27 convicted prisoners attended the training session. The total duration of this training was for 35 days. Jail Super, Medical Officer of CS Office, Jailer, Social Welfare Officer, Deputy Jailers, acting head guard of prison, and other prison authorities were present at the certificate distribution ceremony. DIG Prison said, "The skill development training inside the prison is the good initiative of GIZ. They extend their helping hands in many ways like financially, giving skilled manpower, materials, technical supports, giving attention, energy and time. If you want to have this training outside the prison you have to spend enough money, energy, and time. But you are lucky, entering this jail you explored yours ways of living and got a chance to be skilled." After commencing this statement he asked participants about their feelings and realization of their insight. The participants expressed their feelings joyfully. The main purpose of the training inside prison is to reduce recidivism and thereby overcrowding in prisons in Bangladesh. He spiritually motivated them to utilize the training skills for their own need and for the betterment of the human kind. He also explained the Islamic explanation of hair cutting and beautification. He concluded by saying that utilizing this training outside prison everyone will be able to lead a life without re-committing crime and a healthy life with family members.

Signed Contract of Phase II "Essential Health Care Services (EHCS) to Readymade Garments Workers under the Suppliers Qualification Program (SQP) (Module-2), Phase VII of GIZ-International Services for a period July, 2016 to April, 2018:



Md. Harun or Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House and Ms. Anneke Magendans, Project Manager, SQP, GIZ International shaking hands after being signed the new agreement



M & E Director (Middle from the last row) with the Light House Staffs after signed the agreement.

The Light House successfully signed the agreement on the phase II - Essential health care services to readymade garments workers under the suppliers qualification program (SQP) with GIZ-International Services on August 24, 2016. Md. Harun or Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House and Ms. Anneke Magendans, Project Manager, SQP, GIZ International signed the agreement behalf of their own organization. Before this, Light House accomplished the phase 1 of the EHCS of SQP phase VI from November, 2014 to June, 2016. Instead of various challenges and constraint, Light House provided all the components of essential health care services with highest satisfaction to the target beneficiaries around 44,000 populations in selected 13 garment factories of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur and Tangail. The GIZ International Services has highly satisfied with the performances and awarded the contract of Phase VII, M-2 of consultancy services to Light House directly. This time Light House will provide the services more efficiently maintaining quality and quantity as budgeted and contracted. Light House will provide Health Education, Health Sessions (check-up and medicine distribution), Antenatal Care, nutrition Support, Pathology, Ultrasonography to pregnant workers and their institutional delivery, Tetanus Toxin vaccination, Blood grouping, Random Blood sugar testing, Eye examination through Eye camp and distribute Spectacles etc. Therefore technical support to factory medical treatment, medical team for waste management and infection prevention system with some other related activities are developed. In the current phase new factories of new group of industries selected by the buyer group and Light House GIZ health team already visited to all the new industries for orientation purpose. Implementation of planned activities will begin from last week of September after Eid Holidays.



Mr. Biman Kumar Saha (First from the left) while visiting dropping center.

High Official Visit to Female Sex Worker Drop-In-Center:

Mr. Biman Kumar Saha, NDC, Additional Secretary, MoHFW and Dr. Anisur Rahman, Line Director, NASP/DGHS visited the Jessore Drop-In-Center of GF/SCI supported Female Sex Worker Intervention on August 6, 2016. The visitors appreciated the implementation quality and gave few recommendations for further improvement.



KSM Tarique, Deputy Chief of Light House conducting training session among Outreach Supervisors.

Basic Training for Outreach Supervisor:

Keeping the quality outreach outcome in mind Light House initiates continuous capacity building based on need. In August 2016, a 3 days long basic training for the outreach supervisors organized from August 21-23, 2016 at Bogra. The training objective includes: to provide a clear understanding on project, project objectives and implementation strategies, enhance knowledge on HIV, STI and HTC service as well as the 90-90-90 target to eliminate HIV by 2010, provide knowledge and skills on monitoring, supervision and on the job support, enhance leadership skills and enhance skills on proper data collection and report development.



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