

## LIGHT HOUSE INITIATIVE FOR MAINSTREAMING OF KEY POPULATION THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE



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A total of 42 participants joined the meeting, of which, 23 were participated from DSS as core participants. Beside key population representatives, participants from Ashar Alo Society, Jiboner Alo, Sex Worker's Network, Durjoy Nari Sangha, PLHIV network of Bangladesh and community system strengthening team members also participated in the meeting. Being policy makers and HIV activist, participants from UNAIDS, UNHRC, SCI, BNWLA, etc. joined the event.

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Supported by GIZ, the IRSOP project of Light House, launched a 21 days long, 3rd batch of skill building training titled "Civil Painting" on June 1, 2017 for the convicted prisoners of Bogra District Jail. The main purpose of the training was to reduce recidivism and thereby overcrowding in prisons in Bangladesh.



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