

## OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY 2017

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### GF-NFM-FSW Intervention:

Light House Consortium has been implementing GF-NFM-Female Sex Worker intervention since February 2016 and part of project activity; the consortium team observed the International Women Day 2017 at central level and district and sub-district level with great enthusiasm. At Central level, Light House Consortium participated a human chain along with 40 project participants organized by Department of Women & Children Affairs on March 8th 2017 and beside also participated the oath taking ceremony along with 120 beneficiaries on the same day organized by the Jatiyo Mohila Parishad central Shaheed Minar. Moreover; in collaboration with the district and sub-district level administration; the drop in centers of the consortium participated the human chain, rally, discussion session, etc.



### Justice For All Project, Supported by USAID/NCSC:

The project based in Bogra and Pabna district observed the International Women Day 2017 along with the concerned government counterparts e.g. administration, judiciaries, local elected body, and law enforcement agency and community people, etc. The event was observed at district and upazila level with Colorful Rally, Human Chain, Signature campaign, Miking program, Debate Competition, Discussion Meeting with Rally Participants, Women Judges & Panel Lawyers, Upazila and District legal aid committee members, etc. Besides also cultural event like street theater/folk-song, Courtyard Meeting and legal aid clinic were organized along with public hearing. The event was observed in 13 upazila of Bogra and Pabna district.





# Orientation for CBO members to apply Restorative Justice (RJ) Process in mediation

An orientation session held in Erulia union of Gholagari, Bogra on March 29, 2017 where 18 Members from different community base organizations (CBO) participated, of which, eight were female and the rest were male. After the orientation, the CBO members expressed their commitment to facilitate mediation through using RJ process/techniques like pre-sitting process, referral, Post mediation follow up, re-integration of wrongdoer, restitution, crime prevention during having decision in the mediation, ensuring the female participation in decision making, etc.



## Orientation Session for Village Police

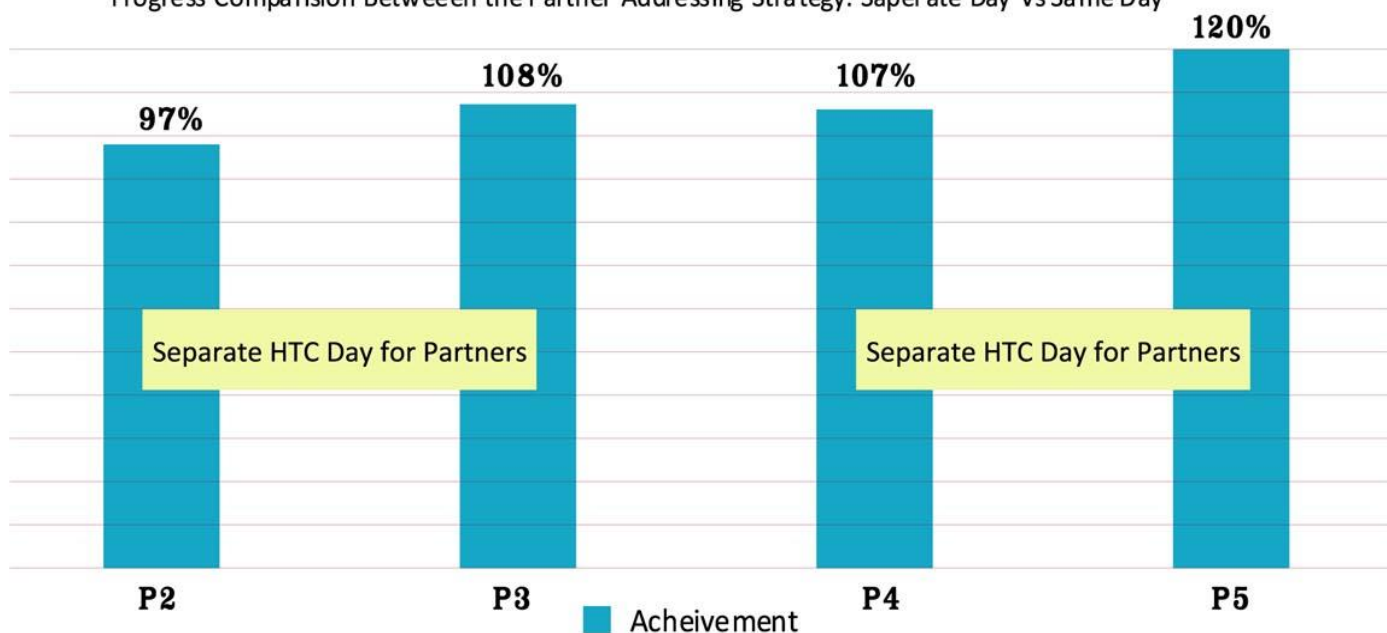
Light House organized a half day orientation for the village police eight unions who works under Kahaloo and Bogra Sadar police station on March 29, 2017. The purpose of the orientation was to increase diversions on compoundable issues which can be mitigated by village police. The participants learnt about the types of cases which can be diverted to Union Organizers and Restorative Justice (RJ) facilitators. The participants recommended to strengthen the collaboration through initiating monthly meeting. The Officer-In-Charge (Investigation) of Bogra Sadar police station said "it's praise worthy initiative and it will build the capacity of Village Police". Beside as chief guest of the event, Officer-In-charge of Kahaloo Police Station said, part of strengthening collaboration and cooperation, IRSOP project staffs can join the weekly meeting of Village Police which takes place in every Tuesday.



## TREATMENT IN SAME DAY STRATEGY WORKS TO ADDRESSING PARTNERS OF FEMALE SEX WORKERS

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