



## Sensitization Meeting to Reduce Stigma & Discrimination of Key Population

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## Quarterly coordination meeting with panel lawyer and judges:

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## Inauguration of Counseling Sessions inside Prison

## Meetings with DIC Advisory Committee for creating an enabling environment:

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**Outcome of DAC meetings:** Few people entered into the Dinajpur Sub-DIC right after 12am on 18th May, 2017 by showing threat that they saw a female get entered into the DIC. They expressed physical checking, though they didn't found any female inside the DIC. In the next morning, DIC called an urgent DAC meeting where raised the issue. The DAC members identified the people who did it and threaten to handover to law enforcement agencies further if they try to create any disturbance to the project activities.

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