



## Light House Shukhi Jibon project observed International Youth Day 2022

International Youth Day is observed annually to celebrate the role of young people in bringing positive change to global issues. International Youth Day gives a platform to the voices of the youth and the day is also a chance to raise awareness of the global challenges that the world's youth face. It engages youngsters and aims to take initiatives and actions that will increase opportunities for them. It focuses on building a better world for our children and Youth, it raises awareness about poverty, it encourages creative thinking for a better future among the youth. The Day gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement. International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12 August, bringing youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society. The theme of the Day was "Intergenerational solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages." Amplify is needed across all generations to achieve the SDGs and leave no one behind. The 2022 International Youth Day will also raise awareness on certain barriers to intergenerational solidarity, notably ageism, which impacts young and old persons, while having detrimental effects on society as a whole.

With the objective to accelerate changing community norms through creating mass awareness among the people, Light House observed IYD 2022, different participatory and interactive events like cultural programs; TV talk show, Press conference with print and electronic media, etc. at Dhaka and Gazipur district on 12 August, 2022 under Shukhi Jibon project.

### TV talk Show:

Conducted a Tale discussion at ATN Bangla TV channel. Mr. Md. Azharul Islam Khan, Director General (Grade-1) Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Mr. Mahbub UI Alam, Country Director, Pathfinder International Bangladesh, and Ms. Shakla Islam, Youth Representative Join as panelist of the show. Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House facilitated the program. On the other hand, a group of young people also joined the discussion and stated their problems and prosperity. The members are Ms. Raida Rozana Rashid (as moderator), Hasibur Rahman Shan, Bristi Akhter, Ariful Islam, Atifa Akhter, Sohanur Rahman. The TV show telecast on 12th August at 1.10 pm in ATN Bangla TV channel.





### Colorful Rally:

Keeping the celebration in mind, Light House Shukhi Jibon project organized a rally in Dhaka at T&T playground, Mohakhali, under the leadership of Mr. Md. Harun-or- Rashid, CE of Light House. Light House invited DGFP and GOB high officials and youth and adolescents to attend the colorful rally.

### Cultural show:

Partnering with a cultural team, Shukhi Jibon project arranged a cultural program in Dhaka south city corporation and Dhaka North city corporation area at T&T playground and Haider Ali school and College at Mugda, Dhaka. The cultural team performed their performance considering the theme of the day and peoples choice. The theme of the street theater includes;

Prevention of child marriage, role of young people to ageism, prevention of child motherhoods and responsibilities of parents to the young. Ongikar Cultural team performed both of the cultural events.

### Media Advocacy:

As part of media advocacy, ShukhiJibon Project, Light House organized in person media advocacy at Bangladesh ShishuKallyanParisad on 11th August,2022 for observing International Youth Day where 15 journalists participated. Chief guest of the program was Ms. Farida Yasmin, President Bangladesh National Press Club and the discussion was moderated by Mr. Harun-or -Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House welcomed all. He was the chair of the meeting. He also presented key note / press release considering the historical background and context of International Youth Day, 2022.

Chief guest Ms. Farida Yesmin, President Bangladesh National Press Club, focusing the training need for Youths. If we train our youth, we can achieve the target of 2030 SDG's. A little percentage of youth received health services from health centers but a large numbers of youth were engaged with the drug addiction. If we fail to engage youth in every sector, we will not be able to develop our nation. The participants underscored the need of proper guidance for youth to engage them into diversified projects from in government as well NGO sector. Fifteen print and electronic media journalists joined the meeting.



## PPJ Tangail organized School Debate program

On 12 August 2022 Light House organized 04 School debate competitions at Shakhipur, Delduar, Basail and Bhuapur Upazila of Tangail district under Promoting Peace and Justice project. The purpose of these debate competitions was to inform about the Government Legal Aid Services, goal, objectives and activities of Promoting Peace and Justice-Tangail project. Debate competition was held between 2 groups of student of high school level. The debate competition one team spoke in favor of "Awareness is the only way to get government Legal Aid support"





and their other team presented their arguments against it. During the competition, both groups presented their logic and related information on the topics. Finally, the team who talked in favor of the topic won, after the debate competition all team members were awarded from the project and they received the prize from the honorable guests. The UP Chairman and President of Union Parishad Legal Aid Committees were present as a Chief Guest in the all debate competitions and members of School Managing Committee participated in the program. The all four programs (debate competitions) were presided by the Head Master of the respective Schools. The students, teachers, SMC and their families were awarded under government legal aid service by the Debate Competition. It was useful for the students (audience) to learn about pros-and cons of legal services in different ways.

## School Debate Competition at Light House School of Learning and Diversity

Light House PPJ Project team organized a School debate to aware and improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities among the students, guardians and community people. Around 210 people (60 men and 150 women) were present at Light House School of Learning and Diversity under Kahaloo Upazila of Bogura district on 29 September 2022. The purpose of this debate competition with video show was to inform about the Promoting Peace and Justice-Bogura project's goal, objectives and activities so that the school students, teachers and their families can be aware about government legal aid service. Debate competition was held between 2 groups of the student of class nine and ten of Light House School of Learning and Diversity and Panchgram High School under Kahaloo Upazila. The subject of the debate competition was "Awareness is the only way to get government legal aid." In the debate competition, one team spoke in favor of the topic and other team presented their logic against the topic. Finally, the all team members were awarded by the project and received the prize. After the end of the debate competition, the students and participants observed a documentary drama related to government legal aid services. Official communication from the project has been made with the concerned academic institutions providing the available information to build the capacity of the student for setting logic and anti-logic from their own perspectives. It will help the other students (audience) to learn about pros-and-cons of legal services in a different way.



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The honorable participant Ms. Papiya Sultana, UNO of Kahaloo Upazila in Bogura District, gave the message about legal aid activities. She said that "legal aid programs of the government are organized to raise awareness among the students of the debate program on legal aid. This way one day the news of legal aid will reach everyone and people will be able to seek legal aid of their own by taking advantage of legal aid project.

## Light House PPJ Bogura organized a Public Hearing at Sonatola

Public Hearing was organized at Harikhali High School field under Madhupur union in Sonatola Upazila of Bogura District on 11 September, 2022. Bogura District Legal Aid Office and Light House jointly organized this event where a total of 211 people (172 men and 39 women) were present. In its presence, the "Institutional Public Hearing on Providing Legal Aid at Government Expenditure" was held. This project is funded USAID, Technical support provided by Democracy International and Implemented by Light House;

The event was presided over by the Chairman of Madhupur Union Legal Aid Committee. The National Legal Aid Act 2000 was discussed in detail. Mr. Shariful Islam, District Legal Aid Officer was present as the keynote speakers, representatives of the Light House, representatives of the Union and Upazila Legal Aid Committees, other public representatives, and dignitaries from the area.

Mr. Shariful Islam, District Legal Aid Officer, who was the keynote speaker at the discussion, said "how the poor and helpless people can get free legal aid from the government - and gave direct advice to the participants made them interested to seek it when they need. He further said that "three types of services are being implemented through District Legal Aid. One of them is to provide legal advice to everyone, the second is to settle alternative disputes and specially to resolve disputes between people in the society through various means so that the common man does not suffer financial loss going to court whenever any dispute arises. Another good aspect of this is that the case does not get tangled up in the court. And the third issue is to provide legal aid to those who are unable to handle the case due to lack of money in court. At the end of the program, National Legal Aid Hot Light No. 16430, Police Hotline 999 and Women and Child Abuse Hotline No. 109 were provided.

Mr. Md. Advocate Minhadduzzaman Leeton, Upazila Chairman of Sonatola Upazila in Bogura District, said that it is very difficult to inform the people at the grass root level about the government's provision of legal aid to the poor.





## Advocacy meeting with Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon Office in priority District under Light House Global Fund Project.

Light House has been started to implement the "Prioritized HIV prevention and treatment services for key populations in Bangladesh" project from 1st April 2021 under the Global Fund Project, icddr, b in 19 districts of Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal and Dhaka division. The Project is expected to reach a number of KPs in this quarter and aims to increase their knowledge on HIV and AIDS including utilization of health care services. It is also expected that active participation of different stakeholders will foster the social inclusion, where a sustainable behavior change can be ensured through capacity development.

Four SCs of Light House had planned to conduct Advocacy meeting with Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon (CS) Office in priority District in their working area. They had communicated with civil surgeon office and Deputy Commissioner to fix the date. Due to GoB activities some civil surgeon office and Deputy Commissioner office shifted the date & only Patuakhali didn't get any date during period. According to the approved plan, the project has executed 3 Advocacy meetings upon the target of 15 with respective stakeholders where targeted participants were 45 but achievement was 50 participants. Some participants couldn't participate in the meeting due to their professional and other engagement/business. SCs covered them from their waiting list with the approval of team leader.

Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon Office in priority District advocacy meeting conducted the session successfully as per plan. Government officials and others stakeholders gave time to the meeting during their busy schedule. Resource person & participants very actively participated the advocacy meeting. All are committed to help & provide health services to MSM & Hijra population for taking HTS, Counseling, and ART & Complicated STI service with their partner managed from govt. respective facility as smoothly with respect & confidentiality. Finally, we can say that objectives of Advocacy meeting with District Commissioner and Civil Surgeon Office in priority District achieved successfully.



## Light House-Urban primary Health care service delivery project serviced over 1.8 lac poor people in Rangpur City Corporation area:

Light House goal is to ensure the rights of the deprived people of the country and to help and support them in various ways. To achieve the goals of the organization, Light House has signed an agreement on August 2019, with the 'Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase' implemented by the Local Government Department of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to serve 1 lac poor people under the Rangpur City Corporation. Through the project, the poor and needy people of Rangpur city area are being provided free and low-cost better health services.

Since signing the Light House contract a total of 184,738 patients have been provided health care. Out of this, a total 1392 normal and cesarean deliveries have been done. Besides, 133,265 people have been given Covid-19 vaccine under the government's special program from the project. The percentage of the poor population (red card holders) among the total patients has 23% and the percentage of red card holders has increased to 31%. The specialist doctors provide prescriptions, pathological services, distribution of necessary medicines, normal and caesarean delivery and ambulance services completely free of charge among Family Health Card Holders (Red Card Holders). Service recipients other than red card holders are charged a minimum fee as per the terms of the project. Eligible candidates are appointed by forming a committee as per the rules and regulations for selection recruitment. A representative of the Local Government Unit (PMU) and Rangpur City Corporation is present in the respective recruitment committee. It is noted that about 95% of the workers have been redeployed from the previous organization for humanitarian reasons and they are conducting the health service activities properly. The number of service recipients in Health Care Centers is constantly increasing and they are expressing satisfaction with the service. Earlier, the project management expenses including salaries and allowances of the project staff have been suspended for a long time, at present due to taking over the responsibility of the Light House, the salary and allowances have been regularized every month through proper planning and proper management and also all other expenses are being followed as per government regulations. 3 financial year audits have been carried out by the 'Foreign Aided Projects Audit Directorate (FAAAU)' of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh from 2019 till now and recent audit had been completed through the appointment of audit firms by ADB and found satisfactory. Also, the project activities are regularly monitored and audited by various units of the government and checked and verified quarterly financial statements from PIU located in Rangpur City Corporation. During the implementation of the project activities by the Light House, Hon'ble Additional Secretary, Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Mayor, Deputy Secretary, Civil Surgeon, Deputy Director (FP)

and senior officials of various levels of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh visited the project activities. They expressed their satisfaction during the visit and provided guidance. This project is running in Rangpur City Corporation areas with great reputation and there is enough satisfaction in the program among the service receivers as well. To keep the reputation of the project and to maintain satisfaction at the level of service recipient, the management authority of the project along with doctors, paramedics, nurses and other (85 people) service providers are working tirelessly.



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