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Training on Capacity Building Training for Project Staff under USAID's Promoting Peace and Justice Project (PPJ), Bogura

Training on capacity building for project staff of Promoting Peace and Justice Project (PPJ) was held from 30th to 31 July 2019 which was attended by 14 participants; of which 5 were male and 9 were female. Among other the participants Project Coordinator, Union Coordinators and Accounts Officer of PPJ Project of Bogura and Tangail districts were included. The main purpose of the training was, to enhance the efficiency of staff on planning, organizing, managing and timely implementing legal services of the project so that they can effectively manage USAID's Promoting Peace and Justice (PPJ) project activities to achieve the project goal.

Mr. SM Manowar Hossain facilitated the session a lead facilitator among others followed by Shamsuzzoha Tuhin, PC, Md. Salahuddin, Team Leader, Abdul Baten, Director, Finance, HR & Admin and Harun Or -Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House.

The senior team members delivered inspirational speech with future directives and guidance. The training was inaugurated by the Chief Executive of Light House. The most inspirational speech was delivered by Md. Harun Or Rashid, the founder and Chief Executive of Light House which was lasted for 45 minutes. In his speech he explained the opportunity, possibility, problems and risks in the NGO sector. He requested all to be aware of the similar risks in pertinent to the PPJ project. He further said that by overcoming all obstacles as a team the dreams and goals can be achieved. He urged all to work unitedly taking calculative risks and actions.

Through this training, all the participants were enriched with the know-how and common knowledge as to implementing the field activities of the PPJ project smoothly. They were also informed on the Light House's goal, objectives, major activities, working areas, stakeholders, project management, effective planning and implementation, effective communication, HR & admin, financial management and control mechanism etc. of the PPJ Project.



Inception meeting of 'Responsible' Project held at Dhunat Upazila, Bogura



The representatives of the project upazila level govt. public service providers, Upazila administrations, civil society representatives, journalists; NGO representatives were present in this meeting.

The MP-Bogura-5 (Sherpur & Dhunat), Bogura and also chief guest of this meeting said that, responsibility, transparency, and accountability had been disappearing day by day from the service delivery institutions in the country. He added that Government officials had to be responsible for development of the country. He further said that to sustain the success of government of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, experience, abilities and talents of government officials had to be utilized. He commented if the country was economically developed, all could enjoy the advantages. He appraised the contribution of Non-governmental Organizations and said that they should also come forward side by side with the government for developing of the country. He urged all to cooperate in effective and efficient implementation of the project by terming it 'important and significant'.

The Government officials attended expressed willingness to work together by supporting each other. Among others, officials from Health Department, Women Affairs Officer, Livestock Officer expressed solidarity to the efforts of the project as to promote wellbeing of the marginalized populations. They said that they would extend all out cooperation for successfully implementation of the project. They stressed also on sharing beneficiary list to each other to avoid overlapping and to selecting the most deserving beneficiaries of the working area.

At the end the chief guest officially inaugurated the project

To get better access to and friendly services of poor, marginalized and vulnerable people from well-governed public institutes at Upazila level, inception meeting of "Responsive Local Government Units for Marginalized People" project was held at Dhunat Upazila, Bogura on 29th July 2019 at conference room, UNO office, Dhunat, Bogura. The meeting was chaired by Razia Sultana, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Dhunat, Bogura. Mr. Md. Habibar Rahman, MP-Bogura-5 (Sherpur & Dhunat), Bogura was present as the chief guest in this meeting. Mr. Md. Abdul Hai Khokon-Upazila Chairman, Mr. A. G. M Badshah-Mayor Dhunat Powrasava, Zinat Rehana-Assistant Commissioner (Land), Dr. Md. Hasanul Hasib, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer, Mr. Md. Ismail Hossain-Officer In-charge, Dhunat Thana were present as special guests.

Training on planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization for UP representatives and stakeholders

A two-day long training was organized with the union Parishad representatives and concerned stakeholders on planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization. A total of 04 (four) batches of training were conducted in current quarter. Deputy Director-Local Government, Bogura, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Bogura, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), and Upazila Chairman, Kahaloo, Bogura were present inaugurated the programmes of four batches of the training.

The objectives of the trainings were:

- To get an idea about planning and implementation, the amount of allotment for plan formulation, formulation of yearly and 5 yearly plan, and role of the partners.
- To know the budget, importance of budget management, structure of budget formulation, operating system of budget, introduction of budget form and practices, budget implementation, monitoring, reporting, and role of the budget formulation committees.
- To get an idea about local resources, identifying resources, resource collection, taxation of Powrasava and Union Parishad & tax schedule, difficulties and solution of tax collection, strategies and collection methods of holding tax formulation etc.

A total of 90 participants (60 male, 30 female) were present in four batches of the training. The participants especially the UP representatives reiterated that they would co-operate to implement the project activities. They also expressed hopes to implement the programs (ward Sova, Open Budget, tax collection campaign, etc.) in time and as per the schedule agreed.



Civil Surgeon visited Sathkira Drop in Center (DIC)

Sensitization of local stakeholders and GO/NGOs is the strength as well as driving force of Light House to implement the Global Fund Project, icddr,b. As a result of the continuous effort, newly joined Civil Surgeon, Dr. Shaikh Abu Shahin with two doctors of the CS office namely Dr. Saiful Alam, MO, Sadar Hospital and Dr. Jayanto Sarkar, MOCS visited Sathkhira DIC, Light House Service Center on August 29, 2019 with increased interest to get informed of and connected with the Light House activities.

During the visit, the team observed HTS and STI services including the clinic set up, STI flow chart, IP/UP chart, autoclave and incineration register etc. and appreciated the service modalities. They also visited the store room appreciated quality and type of condom and lubricants, storing and distribution system.

They talked to the 20 beneficiaries visiting the recreation room of the DIC. The asked the beneficiaries about service quality while they expressed satisfaction over the quality work of Light House. The beneficiaries spontaneously put up a recreation session followed by dance that the visitors enjoyed.

This visit will help promote mutual relationship between the district health department and Light House. It is noteworthy that increased access and connection has been already established with the district health department by involving in various project activities.



Rally and Human Chain for creating awareness on Dengue prevention



Light House-UPHCSDP-II, RACC, PA-1 organized a rally and human chain on 14th August 2019 for creating mass awareness on dengue prevention which was participated by a total of 40 participants from the project and Rangpur City Corporation. The rally was started from in front of Press Club, Rangpur and ended at Rangpur City Corporation premise followed by a human chain. The human chain was held for 2 hours Mst Nadira Begum Monitoring and Quality assurance officer PIU UPHCSDP II led the programme as a special guest

Signing Ceremony of UPHCSDP-II, RACC, PA-01

Light House has been awarded for implementing Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project, Phase-II in Rangpur City Corporation for the period of August 2019 to March 2023. The agreement signing ceremony of the project was held on 25th July 2019 at the Conference Room of UPHCSDP-II, Room-623 (6th floor), Nagar Bhaban, 5 Phoenix Road, Dhaka. During the ceremony, Md. Abdul Hakim Majumder Ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), Local Government Division Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives Md. Rashedul Haque, Secretary, Rangpur City Corporation, Md. Harun Or Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House were present. On behalf of Light House, Harun Or Rashid, the Chief Executive signed the contract.



Income Generating Activities for Especially Vulnerable Adolescents as Psycho Social Support Scheme in Cox's Bazar and Ukhiya sub-districts under Cox's Bazar district



Income Generating Activities(IGA) as part of psycho social support for the 30 Especially Vulnerable Adolescents(EVA) was provided in Cox's Bazar and Ukhiya sub-districts under the project 'Ensure SRH Services among women and girls from the Refugee and the host communities who are at higher risk of STI and HIV' supported by UNHCR. The modality of support included generating small scale income activities in support with their parents as to reducing psycho social vulnerabilities of the girls living especial types of vulnerabilities to sexual abuse, trafficking and reproductive health related disease. On the basis of specific criteria, 15 from Ukhiya and 15 from Cox's Bazar were selected for the support scheme and support was provided accordingly. In the distribution programme, Brig Gen Dr. Mohammad Ali(retired) were present as chief guest. As part of empowering process and unlocking their potentials (of their parents), support was given as forms of bank cheque so that they could start the psycho social activities fostering their own initiatives.

Life Skill Training for Adolescents



A day long Life skill training was arranged for EVA at Cox's Bazar by Cox's Bazar DIC. Ukhiya DIC has also arranged similar kind of training in Ukhiya for EVA. As EVAs were not permitted to visit the DICs, training were organized in the community as outreach programme. Both the DICs have been able to include 350 EVAs under their Life Skill training programme including 90 EVAs from the refugee communities. Life Skill Based Training was also provided to 105 most at risk adolescents (MARA) in Ukhiya as Cox's Bazar DICs. One of skill trainings was visited by UNHCR representative and appreciated much for its spontaneity and effectiveness for the adolescent girls.

The training components include sexual reproductive health, personal hygiene, emotion and anger control, gender, trafficking, sexual abuse and prevention STI and STD HIV/AIDs self-breast examination cervical cancer etc

Visit Report of UN Delegates

Location: CSC & Brothel – Babubazar and Marwari Mandir of Jashore, Bagerhat and Banisanta

The UN Delegates paid visit to Light House Comprehensive Service Centre (CSC), in Bagerhat and Banishanta on 3rd September-2019. Dr. Rahat Ara Noor, Project Technical Officer HIV, STI- UNFPA, Dr. Saima Khan- Country Manager and Dr. Rownak Jahan- of United Nations Volunteer of UNAIDS were also in the visiting team as guests.

Under the joint support of UNFPA and UNAIDS, Light House has been implementing the project in nine brothels, namely, Banishanta, Bagerhat, Babubazar and Marwari Mandir of Jashore, Rathkhoal and C&B Ghat of Faridpur, Patuakhali, Jamalpur and Doulatdia. The goal of the project is to improve quality of life of the women and children residing in the brothels.

The visiting team talked to the beneficiaries and asked how they were doing as CBOs and how they were planning to continue the program in future. They further enquired of what type of support they would be expecting from the GO/NGO stakeholders in relation to program sustainability.

The team also met with respective brothel CBO leaders to discuss in regards with the various issues of the brothels. They talked with the residents of brothels to know their problems and challenges in the brothels. They also enquired of how the project activities should be taken over by the CBOs in future. The team also discussed and observed the social marketing initiatives of the CBOs.

The UN delegates expressed satisfaction over the activities being carried-out in the brothels, especially that of Banishanta. However, they suggested to make specific measures to improve performance of the leaders of Bagerhat Brothel as they are much behind than those of the leaders of other brothels. The names of the UN Delegates and other visiting team members are given below:

List of UN Delegates and visiting Team members

Sl.	Name of UN Delegates	Designation	Office /Address
1	Dr. Rahat Ara Noor	Project Technical Officer HIV, STI	UNFPA
2	Dr. Saima Khan	Country Manager	UNAIDS
3	Dr. Rownak Jahan	UNV	UNAIDS

Preparatory Course for FK Volunteers



The objective of the course was, to provide the participants with sufficient knowledge and mental preparation as to living and working in a new cultural setting that are relevant and supportive to achieving the goals of the exchange program. The training program was helpful for the volunteers as it offered opportunities for them to know more about sexual and reproductive health rights in depth in addition to other value add knowledge, skills and attitude. The contents of the training included group dynamics, team building, conflict and its resolution, inter-cultural diversity for the volunteers.

Norec Youth Camp at Hurdalsjoen Hotel, Hurdal, Norway

Norec Youth Camp was organized from 27th-30th August 2019, Hurdalsjoen Hotel, Hurdal, Norway. Altogether 219 volunteers from different organizations of Norway, Africa, Asia and Latin America participated in the Youth Camp(YC). The YC was mainly focused on engaging young people to promote a better world in a personally fulfilling way.



The main objectives of the Norec YC was to interact and share information, knowledge, skills and attitudes with the fellow young participants from different countries and organizations. It was also to discuss on themes that are important for global development by stimulating them to share their own stories and experiences with others. Different sessions and Group work facilitated by Norec representatives provided necessary advice to the participants in addition. The programme was also attended by the representative of Light House from Bangladesh.

Relief distribution among the flood-affected area at Dhanut, Bogura



Light House distributed relief goods among flood affected areas at Dhanut, Bogura.

Orientation for UPLAC members

Promoting Peace and Justice-Tangail Project organized orientations for a total of seventeen (17) members of UPLAC at the respective Union Parishads. All the orientations were conducted by the Upazila Coordinators and attended by the Union Parishad Chairmen, members, union level government officials and other representatives of NGOs working in the unions. In the open discussion session, the chairman of Porabari Union said that he would deliver the legal aid messages to the intended beneficiaries in his union by his own initiative.

Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly meeting of UPLAC:

Light House facilitated to arrange a total of 12 Bi-Monthly Meeting of UPLAC at Union Parishad offices in Tangail Sadar, Delduar, Basail and Sakhipur upazila under Tangail district, in which a total of 145 members participated (Male: 89 and Female: 56). The UPLAC meetings were held throughout the month of September 2019 with financial support of Promoting Peace and Justice-Tangail project. The meetings were presided over by the respective chairmen of the Union Parishads (UP). The UP members, union level government officials and members of union coordination committees, and NGO officials took part in full interest and spontaneity and shared their creative opinions during open discussion sessions. Upazila Coordinators concerned of PPJ Project clarified the core messages of the program highlighting its significance and importance. The UP chairmen conveyed cordial thanks to participants for active participation and successful of the meeting. He also appreciated 'Promoting Peace and Justice-Tangail Project, Light House team for their contribution, especially for creating access to the marginalized people to seek justice. He sought cooperation from everyone for successful implementation of the project.



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