

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Title	: Participatory Community Capacity Enhancement (PCCE)
Project Duration	: July 2012 to June 2015
Working Area	: Koimari ,Khutamara, Mrigonj, Golna, Shimulbari and Soulmari union of Jaldhaka Upazila under Nilphmari District
Total Budget	: 3,507,327 BDT
Total Staff	: 01 PC , 01 Accountant,05 Community Awareness Trainer and 01 Art teacher
Funded by	: Plan International Bangladesh

Goal

The overall goal of the project is to create community capacity enhancement to improve quality of life for disadvantage people of the community with special emphasis on women and children”.

Project Objectives:

- Awareness raising on different development issues to reduce the social discrimination at the community
- Increase community participation in planning, implementation, monitoring and supervision of development initiatives.
- Develop and strengthen capacity of community to manage local development initiatives
- Develop community capacity to identify and use the local available resources

Expected results

Overall objective of the project is to setting the stage that Community Capacity Enhancement activities are necessary for a better value of community capacity building as well as their empowerment in the society. So it will expected, at the end of the project —

- All stakes of the project will be aware of the benefit of the project.
- Children will organize and celebrate cultural activities like drama, songs, debate etc. according to their choice under Children Organization and enjoy more freedom and space to think and act spontaneously resulting enhanced social, mental and cognitive development and able to raise their voice for their rights.
- Target community will be able to take better decision in their familial life than other time in the past.
- Aware on different issues will build up the knowledge and attitude of the community and other stakes to participate in development initiatives.

- School learners of the program area will be able to participate in co curricular promotion activities, which build their confidence on their potentialities.
- Access of the target community to the local resources and government facilities will increase.

Community of target unions:

Name of Union	Target community	Sources
Koimari	10	BBS-2007
Khutamar	07	BBS-2007
Mirgonj	07	BBS-2007
Golna	04	BBS-2007
Shimulbari	08	BBS-2007
Soulmari	03	BBS-2007
Total	39	

Target population:

Name of Union	Target population	Sources
Koimari	38302	BBS-2007
Khutamara	33570	BBS-2007
Mirgonj	25721	BBS-2007
Golna	27767	BBS-2007
Soulmari	26964	BBS-2007
Shimulbari	22853	BBS-2007
Total	175177	

PROJECT RETIONAL

It is observed that the existing different development initiatives are mostly designed to emphasis of financial aspect of the community and hardly values people's capacity to identify, generate and resolves their own problems by them. Since USS has good access to grassroots through its different problems with their approach (PAR) it would be easier to address the existing problems with PCCE interventions.

The concerted multi-sector-al approach of USS will eventually enhance overall holistic developed of children and community empowerment. In course of time, further lessons and experiences will emerge that will help USS in refining and improving its program design, planning and implementation of Participatory Community Capacity Enhancement project (PCCE).

Project Approach:

- Participatory Action Research(PAR) which is aligned with Child Center Community Development (CCCD)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The proposed project will be implemented to address the capacity development needs and constraints of community people especially emphasis on women and children through community managed capacity enhancement activities. Ensuring community managed Child Centered Community Development (CCCD) play a vital role. In doing so, the project will undertake community managed, children/ youth organizational support, awareness raising-child, parents & community and community capacity building like various activities will implement through incorporation with community, school, union parishad and other service providers following a CCCD. A partnership and joint collaboration between USS and community will developed through mutual actions.

Capacity building support would be provided to community institutions like parents committees, community based organizations (CBO), Civil Society Organization, Child Organizations (CO), concern standing committees of union parishad as well as interest community peoples. So, that they can take actions on learning, health and socioeconomic awareness achievement and improvement of the interventions and live status as agenda in regular meeting act upon the decision jointly.

The distinctive thrust of the project to increase authority and accountability of the local stakeholders the woman affairs division and union parishad, In line with this approach of capacity building and institutional reform key outreach mechanism would be functioned in the local level. These are:

- Ensure awareness and participation in the planning meeting
- Ensure involvement with the monitoring and evaluation
- Ensure participations in the orientation meeting, workshop, refreshers and training
- Create opportunity for community mobilization.

The proposed project itself is an innovative one that has numbers in innovative features and elements all of which essentially contribute in achieving out come and objectives of the project. Major features are:

- Increase community participation and capacity of communities.
- Ensuring community participation especially participation of children, women and disadvantages peoples in all phases of project planning, implementation and monitoring.
- Inclusion of disable and disadvantaged peoples with special emphasis of children as target group. Community level specified initiatives would be promoted to ensure that people, children and their parents are not discriminated in enrollment and retention in learning, health and income generating interventions because of disability.

Community situation Assessment

Many factors influence children's future and among this linguistics skills and self-esteem get barely any attention. These skills help children learn, communicate reason, socialize and participate in the community life effectively and efficiently. The first few years of life plays a vital role in building these skills. But unfortunately it is seen that these early years of a child's life are very much neglected. The scenario of the proposed union in planned expansion areas of Plan Bangladesh, Jaldhaka PU. On the other hand government and different development agencies has been working on community capacity enhancement with various demand driven initiatives. Despite some advancement it is limited in community empowerment. Through CCCD process the following findings were identified as the barriers to establish Child Rights & community capacity enhancement:

- Children are less organized to established their rights and less aware on development issues
- Gender and Child Rights issues are ignored
- Dowry, early marriage and child labor made the children and family vulnerable.
- Less understanding on community development issues
- Less understanding and unity among the people
- Less initiative of collective action
- Less access of women and poor in decision making process
- Culture of silence & children voice towards their own agenda
- Democratic values are not that much visible and practiced in organized forums.
- Child poverty issues are not addressed in an integrated way
- Working relationship among Community based organization, Civil society and Local
- Government on child Rights issues needs to be strengthened

Major project Activities

The major activities are:

- Art support to primary school and the Children organization(CO)
- Awareness shows on development issues by developing drama group
- 39 children organization will be support through training, workshop and orientation. As like Organization development training, child rights, art training, life skill training, protective behavior training, CP training
- Union Child Forum and Upazila forum will be functioning
- Linkage with District Child Monitoring Cell(DCMC) and National Children Taskforce(NCTF).
- Round Table discussion with local level duty bearer
- Publishing children write up for encouraging children potentialities

Project Stakeholders

- Local Government Institutions; Union Parisad.
- Different sector of GOB al local & district level

- Like minded NGOs
- CBO, Civil Society and other relevant social organization at local level

CO profile

SL #	Name of union	# of Village CO	# of member		
			Girls	Boys	Total
01	Koimari	10	116	137	253
02	Khutamara	07	108	95	203
03	Mirgonj	07	88	96	184
04	Golna	04	71	63	134
05	Soulmari	03	29	70	99
06	Shimulbari	04	91	34	125
Total		35	503	495	998

Major achievement

1. Stop 47 child marriage by child organization communication with Community base organization, teacher, local elite, UP and Upazilla administration.
2. Youth courage in education award received by Keshob roy, Presiden, Jaldhaka Upazilla child forum from united nation.
3. Participated CO member in different workshop in outside of Bangladesh. Like- Arzina begom Participated Aslo freedom forum, Narway and Jesmin Akter Participated child conference in Bankok.
4. CO member helped 200 continue child and 11 dropout child for school admission.
5. Child written published in NCTF paper by Upazilla child organization communication with NCTF members.
6. Award given to successes student by CO and Union Child forum. (Like- PSC, JSC and SSC students)
7. Union Parishad included their budget for child materials worth of Tk. 24,6000/=
8. 3 child achieved membership of Union standing committee.

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