

Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS)

Child Rights and Protection Project (CRP)

Jaldhaka, Nilphamari



Annual Progress Report

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1. Particulars of the project:

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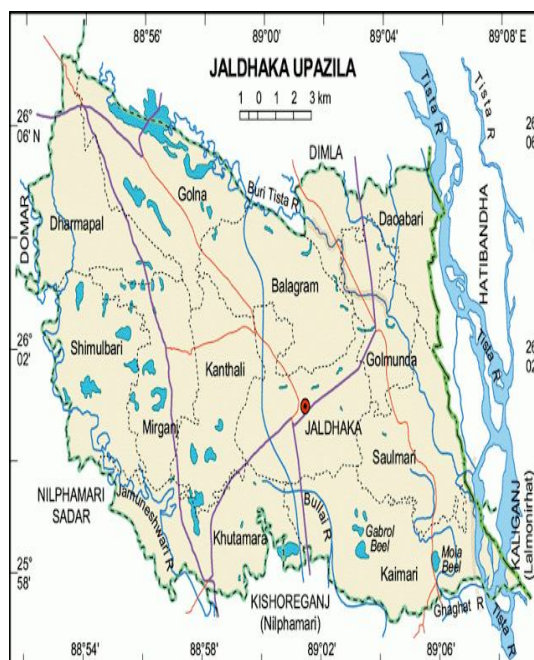
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Upazila	Unions
Jaldhaka	Shimulbari
	Mirganj
	Khutamara
	Kaimari
	Golna
	Dhormopal
	Balagram
	Soulmari
	Golmunda
	Kanthali
	Dawabari
	Jaldhaka Pourashova



Total	11 union 01 Pourashova
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1.4 Project Target at a Glance (to be reached through planned activities)

SL	Description	No	Participants		Total	Remarks
			Boys	Girls		
01	Villages wise child forum	38	605	535	1140	
02	Union Child Forum	05	60	65	125	
03	Union Youth Forum	12	184	152	300	1 Pourashova
04	Upazila Child Forum	01	12	13	25	
05	Upazila Youth Forum	01	13	12	25	
	Total	57	874	777	1651	

Introduction:

Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS) is one of the leading Organizations of the Nilphamairi District. Working with participatory approach & believe on the ability of community. USS has been working as plan associate from July 2006. Plan Bangladesh believes that poor children and their families have the rights an inherent capacity to effectively and participate in and benefit from society. Plan's vision mission and program principals focus on increasing the capacity of poor children and their families to participate effectively in meeting their practical and strategic needs as well as contributing to and benefited from the society. In order to establish child rights, empowerment of all level is must, especially women. In this program USS is going to achieve their destination through PAR (Participatory Action Research). Present situation of Bangladesh large numbers of women & children are vulnerable (Poverty, Education, Health, and Social Protection etc). They are neglected in their society.

To create a protected environment for children USS has been implementing Child Rights and Protection Project with the partnership of Plan International Bangladesh in Jaldhaka Upazilla..

Project Goal:

Children are better protected from all forms of violence including child marriage and child labour through inclusive and effective community based child protection mechanisms.

Objectives:

- Enhance capacity of children and youth and duty bearers on Community Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM) to protect children from all kinds of abuse in the project area by June 2020
- Increase awareness and knowledge of mass people specially youths and parents to sensitize on child rights and protection issues through different child interventions by June 2020.
- Improve child protection situation advocating on child rights and protection relevant legislation in collaboration with CSOs by June 2020.
- Make duty bearers responsive to protect children from violence and discrimination in project area by June 2020

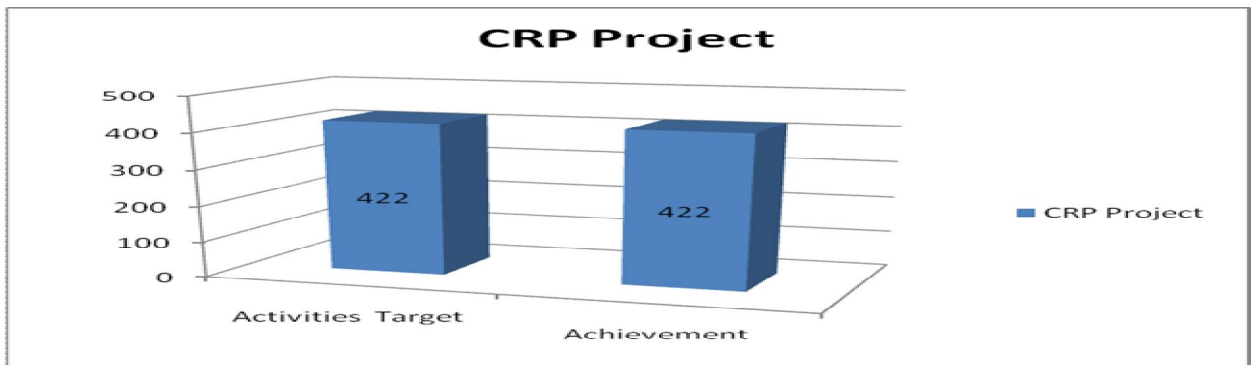
At a Glance of CRP Project Activities & Achievement in July 2016 to June 2017

Activities	Target & Achievement year-FY-2017		Age 12-15			Age 16-24			Age 25 +		
	activities target	Achievement	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Male	Female	Total
Staff development meeting	12	12						0	8	2	0
Training on Child Protection program quality	4	4						0	14	4	18
Training and Refreshers on Child Rights and Protection	2	2	0	0	0	35	5	40	0	0	0
Annual program review workshop	1	1							14	3	17
Union Development & Coordination Committee meeting	48	48	78	52	130	36	237	597	114	409	1550
Open budget declaration at UP levels	12	12	535	278	813	764	452	1216	1617	1200	2817
Development planning workshop at Upazila level	1	1	20	10	30	60	30	90	82	32	114
Meeting on CBCPC formation at Ward levels	27	27	39	51	90	12	49	170	342	189	531
Training on reporting and responding for CBCPC members	27	27	54	50	104	90	95	185	280	241	521
Planning and review meeting of CBCPC	27	27	50	68	118	95	60	155	300	340	640
Training on Organization Development for youth group members at union levels	6	6	0	0	0	66	78	144	0	0	0
Training on on CBCPM for Youth Forum members at upazila levels	11	11	0	0	0	12	143	271	0	0	0
Orientaion on child rights and protection for Parrents of sponsors' children	32	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	410	550	960
Orientation on CBCPM for CO/ CGP members at UP levels	12	12	132	15	288	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refresher training on CBCPM Mfor CPG members	12	12	12	12	24	15	18	33	200	40	240
Training on life skill for UP Children Forums	12	12	130	17	300	0	0	0	0	0	0

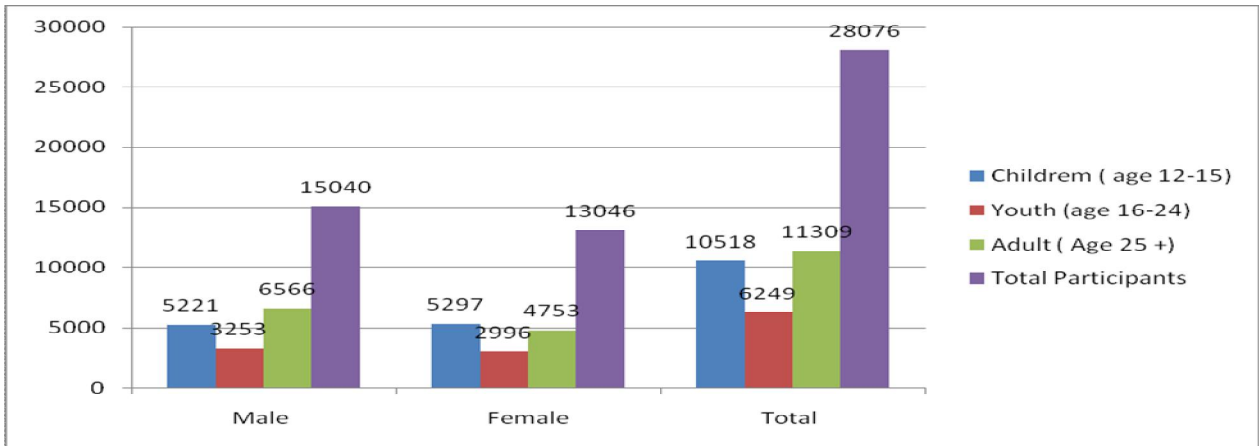
Training on life skill for Youths at UP levels	12	12	0	0	0	131	167	298	0	0	0
Training on Sticks and Stones for Child Forums.	5	5	55	70	125	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resource pulls development on life skill training for 3 days.	1	1	3	7	10	9	10	19	0	0	0
Orientation on the use of modern technology for children and youth forums.	6	6	0	0	0	80	68	148	0	0	0
Planning and review workshop of Union Youth Forums	48	48	624	570	1194	0	0	0	0	0	0
Planning and review meeting of Upazila Youth Forums	4	4	0	0	0	50	49	99	0	0	0
Planning and review meeting of Upazilla Children Forums	3	3	35	40	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coordination meeting (linakge) and planning of NCTF at district levels	4	4	49	44	93	0	0	0	5	3	8
Preparatory (in house) workshop on Child Parliament-2017.	1	1	30	36	66	0	0	0	0	0	0
Launching Child Parliament at districts	1	1	12	26	38	6	4	10	65	12	77
Meeting of District Child Welfare Board on Children issues	2	2	6	8	14	0	2	2	53	1	54
Meeting of Upazila Child Welfare Board to review and planning for the next	4	4	8	16	24	0	0	0	68	6	74
Meeting on networking of Union Children Forums	20	20	220	271	491	0	0	0	0	0	0
Day observation at Upazill levels (CR-week, Victory Day, National child day, International Women day, International mother language day, National Independent day, BIAAG Day)	8	8	1471	2141	3612	341	624	965	485	479	964
Child protection network	1	1							5	15	20
CP & Advocacy for Divisional YAP	2	2				9	10	19			
Refresher on drama & song at upazill level	2	2	10	5	15	5	5	10	0	0	0
Awareness show by drama on CM, DBR,CR & CP	20	20	1600	1180	2780	700	730	1430	1200	1120	2320

Script Development workshop	2	2	16	9	25	16	9	25	0	0	0
Orientation & Feedback session on Child marriage rest Act 2017 with different stakeholders.	26	26	26	23	49	137	116	253	244	106	350
Life skill Training for Divissional YAP members.	1	1				9	12	21			
Life skill Training for district I YAP members.	1	1				17	13	30			
CP Training for child welfare board members.	1	1	6	4	10	0	1	1	33	1	34
Refreshers on CP and advocacy for divisional YAP members .	1	1				9	9	18			
Grand Total	422	422	5221	5297	10518	3,253	2,996	6,249	6,566	4,753	11,309

Target & Achievements of CRP Project



Achievement of involvement on various types of stakeholders as per age:



Activities Details:

UDCC Meeting: During the reporting period 11 nos. Union Development Coordination



Committee (UDCC) Meeting has been conducted in 11 unions of Jaldhaka upazila. In This year USS conducted 48 meeting with 11 union & one Purosova In the meeting **2277** members among them male **1501** female **646**, boys **78**and girls **52** were present. Respective UP chairmen chaired in those meeting and all GO/NGOs shared their progress, learning and challenges. In the meeting child rights and child protection issues were tool priority as discussion and

decision. In the UDCC meetings it is decided that all together will work to stop the child marriage at union level with collaboration of child and youth forum and UP as well civil society members. In the meeting Md. Hukum Ali, UP chairman of Mirganj said that, "I could not understand the importance of UDCC meeting. Now I can understand its importance and from now on I will regularize it. I thank USS and Plan International Bangladesh to support the meeting to enhance UP activities smoothly".

Open budget declaration at union

level: Open budget sessions were arranged in Shimulbari, Balagram, Mirganj, Golna, Dhormopal ,Kaimari, Khutamara, Kanthali, Golmunda, Dawabari & Soulmari union parishads and Jaldhaka Purosova assistant with USS & plan international Bangladesh.

Objectives of the events are bellow:

- **Increase the participation to prepare & practicing of UP budget.**
- **Community demand has reflected in plans & budget as a result they benefited from these events.**
- **Increase the transparency & accountability among the UP bodies.**



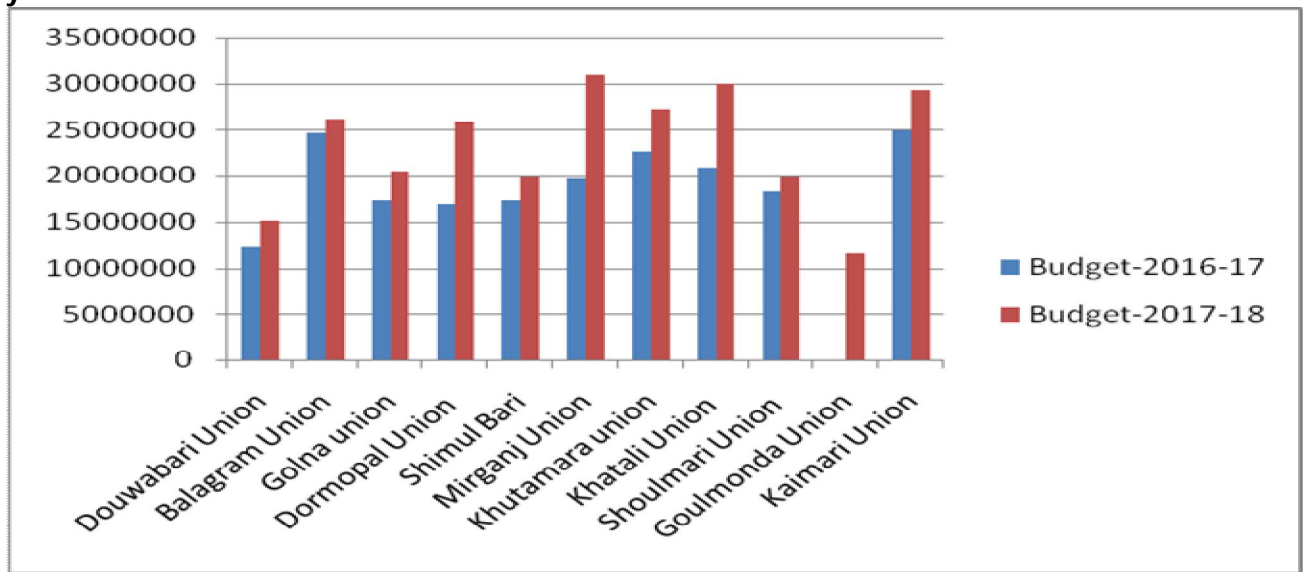
Professor Md Golam Mostafa Member of Parliament, Nilphamamri-03 was present as a chief guest

The open budget sessions were chaired by respective UP chairmen of the union parishads. **Md Syed Ali Upazila Chairmen & Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodhan UNO Jaldhaka was present as chief & special guest. Professor Md Golam Mostafa Member of Parliament, Nilphamamri-03** was present as a chief guest in Khutamar & Dawuabari Union. In the open budget sessions **4846** participants from different level attended and actively participated in open budget sessions. Frequently questions and answerer sessions took place in the open budget sessions. Respective UP secretaries declared the expenditure of previous year and plan for the FY2017-2018. The UP chairmen shared the major achievements of the last year. In this stage participants asked different types of questions and what is the next steps for meet up those plans which are did not meet up in the running year. Child and youth forum members also took participate in the questions and answered session. The significant decisions were taken on basis of child and youth members are as below:

- **UP chairmen have showed positive attitude towards child rights and child protection**
- **All UP chairmen has allocated budget in FY 2017-2018 on awareness raising issue on stop child marriage, dowry and aid for the vulnerable children**
- **All UP has kept budget for the vulnerable girls for livelihood**

Union wise Budget allocations are bellows:

Graph 01 : Showing the graph budget allocation is increased compared with previous year



Open budget declaration session at Upazila level:

Them of the year "Open budget announcement is essential for the establishment of good governance" at upazila paeisad. For the second time upazila open budget declaration ceremony arranged by Jaldhaka upazila parishad dated on 14st June, 2017 with the support of Udyankur Seba Sangstha (USS) and Plan International Bangladesh at upazila premises.

Objectives of the events are:

- Increase the people participation to budget preparation process at upazila level.
- Increase the transparency and accountability of upazila parisad.

Alhaz Sayed Ali, Chairman, Upazila Parishad, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari was present as chief guest and Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodan UNO of Jaldhaka presided over in the program. Special guests were Mr Alauddin Ali, Executive Director, USS, Nilphamari, Riva Amzad, women vice chairman, and Faysal Hossain (Morud) Vice chairman, upazila paishad, govt: official representative, Political representatives, UP chairmen and members, chief of the head of upazila based government departments, civil society representatives, Child and youth forums representatives, NGO representatives were present in the

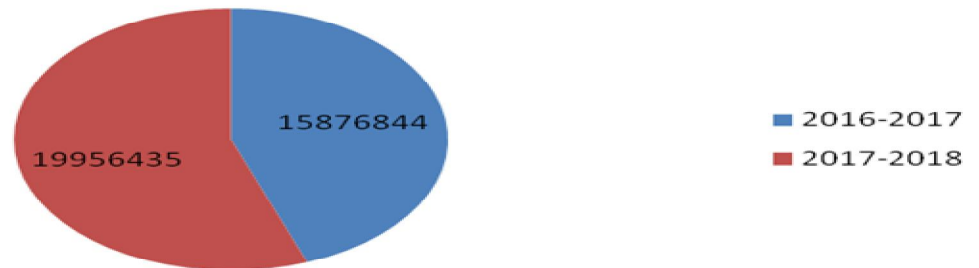


open budget declaration ceremony. The program started at 11.00 PM with welcome speeches of Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodan UNO, Jaldhaka. After presenting the budget 2017-2018 then started open discussion session on open budget some discussion are bellows:

- Proposed budget on education Tk 1657800 but there is no guiding document what they do? In this situation I would like to request to the Upazala Chairman this amount should be spend for stipend for poor students----- Monira Akter – Mirganj union.
- Allocation of Tk 338223 for the purpose of women & children development we think that it may be spend by Upazila youth & child forum ----- Akash Khan – Mirganj union.
- Surplus budget of Tk 6187535, it is not acceptable, I would like to request the authorities need to designing the project for spending the surplus budget ----- Mst Irin Akter , Khutamara union.
- We saw the budget thoroughly but need to incorporate the budget allocation for persons with disable children (PWDC)----- Suman Miaha – Golna Union.

UNO was replied the answer of the respective question accordingly. As it was arranged for the second time participants were very much active and participated fully in the program. Total budget of Tk 19956435 (one core ninety nine lacs sixty four thousand four hundred thirty five only) taka were declared for the year of 2017-2018 for Jaldhaka upazila. **Noted that surplus budget of Tk 6187535.** In the open budget declaration ceremony **234** participants attended in the program and thanked USS and Plan International Bangladesh for supporting to organize the upazila open budget declaration ceremony.

Total budget of Jaldhaka Upazila FY 2016-17 & 2017-18



Reflection of Budget ceremony:

- Community people are well-known about Upazila budget & their allocation.
- People have raised their voice on Upazila budget & they are providing their recommendation on budget issue.
- Budget has increased in compared the previous year.

Limitation: Every year they prepared the surplus budget. It is weak side of budget preparation & implementation process.

Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) formation at ward level:

During the reporting period 09 community based child protection committee (CBCPC) formed at ward level in Khutamara Kaimari & Mirganj union. The CBCPC formation meeting was chaired by respective UP members, local elites, CSO representatives, school teachers, children with disability, NGO representatives and child representatives. First of all problems of the community was identified related to children. Then problems were prioritized and make plan of actions to reaches the problems.



After then a committee was formed consisting 16 members in each committee. In this year USS formed 27 CBCPC in three union. **In the formation meeting 791 members were took active participation among them children 90 youth 170 & adult 531 took participation.**



Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) training at ward level: During the reporting period 27 community based child protection

committee (CBCPC) formed at ward level in Khutamara, Kaimari and Mirgonj union.

An objective of the training is bellows:

To know the tools & technique to protection from outsiders & they are able to collative role for protection.

After formation the CBCPC groups and need to increase the skill & knowledge on protection for respective members. Respective UP members, local elites, CSO representatives, and school teachers, children with disability, NGO representatives and child representatives attended the training. In the training what is child, child rights and protection, child rights mechanism, service providing institutions and how to link with others were taken place in the training. The CBCPC training was conducted by CAR-trainers, Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of CRP, USS. **USS conduct 27 training in ward level 810 participants have attended which was children 104 youth 185 and adult was 521.** The training was arranged by respective union with the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh.

CBCPC committee Plining Meeting: After forming CBCPCs at ward level quarterly



meeting has been conducted in 27 CBCPC in 03 unions of Jaldhaka upazila that is Khutamara, Mirganj and Kaimari union. The meeting was held quarterly. In the meeting CBCPC members reviewed their plan of actions and made next plan of action addressing the issue of child rights and protection. **In this year they have conducted 27 meeting 913 participants from CBCPCs attended. They are Children 118 Youth 155 and adult is 640.** The meeting by respective

UP members and conducted by respective CAR-trainers, Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of CRP.

Organization Development Training for youth forum members: To develop skill and capacity on child and youth organization 06 batches training was conducted on Organization Development for **144 (Male 66 female 78)** participants during the reporting period. Among them boys 36 and girls 38 were present. In the day long training the below topics were covered ei what is organization, its management, leadership, documentations, how to keep and share documentations, record keeping etc. The organization development trainings were facilitated by CAR-Trainers of USS, Jaldhaka branch. Participants have exercised group work and presentation. **“Now I am very much clear about our child organization. I have understood why child organizations are need. I will put my inputs what I have learnt so that our organization may stand strongly and establish child rights”** said Dipti Roy, secretary member of Shimulbari union child forum expressed her feelings at the last evaluation of the training.

Orientation on CBCPM for youth forum members: During the reporting period **11** batches orientation on CBCPM for CO Members have been conducted in **11** unions of Jadhaka upazila. In the Orientation **271**



participants were present among them **128** boys and **143** girls. In the day long Orientation topics were covered what is child rights, Child Protection, Child Abuse areas of violation of child rights, identify the causes of violation. The participants were very active in the Orientation. CBCPM orientation sessions were conducted by CAR-trainers of CRP project.

Parents Orientation on CR & CP: Child Rights and Protection is first to be a good citizen

in society as well in country. Putting this theme in front **32** nos. of orientation session arranged for the parents on Child rights and Child Protection at **11** unions of Jaldhaka upazila, Nilphamari. In the orientation sessions **960** parents attended the events Male 410 & Female 550 and learnt about child rights and protection. In the orientation sessions child rights,



protection, education, child marriage and right use of modern technology especially right use of mobile phones by the children discussed and the parents said that “ Now I could understand the disadvantages of child marriage. I have decided to arrange marriage for my daughter. Now in front of the audience I am dismissing my daughter’s marriage and let her continue study,” said Monira Begum, in the orientation session of parents in Kaimari union. The orientation sessions were conducted by Community Awareness Raising Trainer (CAR-Trainer) of CRP Project.

Orientation on Community Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM) for Child &



youth forum members: During the reporting period 12 batches orientation on CBCPM for child forum Members have participated in 11 unions of Jadhaka upazila. In the Orientation children organization members **288** participants were present among **them 132 boys and 156 girls total participants were 288** In the day long Orientation topics were covered what is child rights, Child Protection, Child abuse areas of violation of child rights, identify the causes of violation. CBCPM

orientation sessions were conducted by CAR-trainers, Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of CRP project.

Refresher training on CBCPM for CPG members in union level.

During the reporting period 12 batches orientation on CBCPM for Child protection Groups at union level. **Total participants were 297, they are children 24 youth 33 & adult is 240.** They have participated from different union. USS organized the day long Orientation and topics were covered what is child rights, Child Protection, Child abuse areas of violation of child rights, identify the causes of violation. Youth forum members 271 were participated in the orientation both of them were very active in the Orientation. CBCPM orientation sessions were conducted by CAR-trainers, Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of CRP project.

Life skill training for UP Children forum & youth forum at UP level. : During the reporting period 24 batches Life skill training were conducted in the working area under



Child rights and protection Project.

12 batches for children organization / forum 300 participants among them **130 boys and 170 girls** took active participation in those training. In 12 batches for youth forum at union level participants are 298 among them **113 male & 167 female.** What is like, what is skill, stages of life skill, how to use life skill, elements of life skill topics were discussed in the training.

Group work and presentation also exercised in the training. The trainings were facilitated by CAR- Trainers, TO & PC of USS, Jaldhaka branch.

Sticks and stones training for Child forum: Sticks and Stones training was conducted in

05 batches with participants' child forum member representatives from 12 unions attended in the day long training. In the training child rights and protection, community based child protection, who I am, How to involve in the protection issues, risk and mitigation measurement topics were covered during the sessions. Small group works, large group discussion, presentation, role play was exercised during the session. Representatives 55 boys and 70 girls total 125 from different youth forums participated in the training.



The training was facilitated by Md. Abdur Rahim, Technical Officer, Haripodo Roy, CAR-Trainer and Pobon Malo, Project Coordinator, USS,

Jaldhaka branch. **“I have received child rights and child protection training, community based child protection training but I found it different from all of those training. I have learned how to involve myself in the protection issues and gently say NO, go and share with whom I trust”** said Smriti Rani Roy, Member of youth forum from Kaimari union. On the other hand Sindhu Roy, member of Rangdhonu child forum, Kaimari said that, **“Sticks and stones training is very much necessary for every child and youth forum members of Jaldhaka. It is training where everyone has opportunity to learn about children rights and how to keep the children safe and safety by themselves as well role of community.**

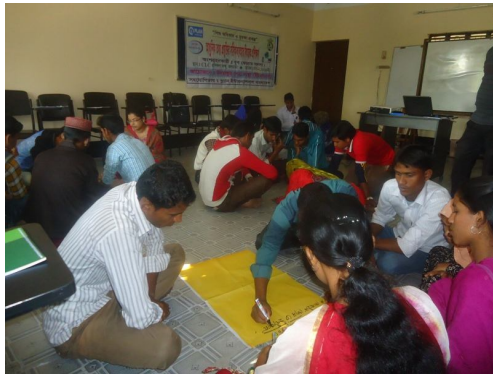
Resource pulls development on life skill training for Children & youth :

USS organized three days long resources pull development on life skill training held in CLC 18.19 & 21th June 201. Main objectives of the training are bellows:

- **To establishment resources pull in project area & they will facilitate at community level on life skill issues.**
- **Participants are well known about his/her life**

Total participants are children male 3 female 07 & youth male 09 & female 10. They are playing active role to learn from this training. From this training they are well known about the training methodology & also well known the protection mechanism from others.

Right use of Modern Technology: To use rightly modern technology among the youth and children 06 batches training were arranged for 148 participants. Among them boys were 80 and girls were 68 total 148 members participated in the training. The training was conducted at upazila level where fire service department guests were invited to conduct the training. **“I am very much happy learn to right use of modern technology. Technology is blessed for us and if we rightly use it, there is an opportunity to bring positive changes in the family society and in the life of ourselves.”** said



bidhan Chandra Roy, president of Soulmari union youth forum. The training was conducted by Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of CRP, USS, Jaldhaka.

Union Youth Forum planing Meeting: In reporting period 12 youth forum organized the 48 meeting was conducted including Pourashova. In the meeting 1194 youth members actively participated among them 624 bys and 570 girls were present. The youth forums reviewed their plan of action, progress, challenges and learning. In every youth forum meetings child marriage and child labor issues took first priority and taken decisions that they will identify the hotels where child labor is been done



and informed UP for the their rehabilitation. It is also discussed that they will observe International Mother Language Day with collaboration with child forum, UP and other likeminded organizations.

Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla level youth forum: During the reporting period 04

Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla youth Forum has been conducted for child forum members. In the meeting 99 participants among them 50 boys and 49 girls were attended. The members are from union level representatives who shared their progress, challenges and learning in the upazila meeting. The participants reviewed their last planned of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions. "From the part of our child forum we will observe International Mother Language Day jointly with youth forum, UP and other likeminded organizations so that the importance can be presented to the next upcoming generations" said Kesob Ray, president of upazila level youth Organization forum.



Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla level child forum: During the reporting period 03

Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla CO Forum has been conducted for child forum members. **In the meeting 75 participants among them 35 boys and 40 girls were attended.** The members are from union level representatives who shared their progress, challenges and learning in the upazila meeting. The participants reviewed their last planned of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions. "From the part of our child forum we will observe International Mother Language Day jointly with youth forum, UP and other likeminded organizations so that the importance can be presented to the next upcoming generations" said Sshirin Akter Asha, president of upazila level Child Organization forum.



Linkage meeting with NCTF and Upazila child Forum: During the reporting period 04



Quarterly linkage meeting with NCTF & Upazila Child Forum was arranged at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Hall room, Nilphamari arranged by Bangladesh Shishu Academy with the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh. Md. Mostak Ahmed Bangladesh Shishu Accademi

Officer, Nilphamari was present as chief guest in the linkage meeting. kaykobad, PC, USS, Abdur Rahim, TO, USS was present as special guest. In the meeting **16** NCTF and **10** upazila child representatives participated actively and discussed and reviewed progress, challenges, learning. "I am very much grateful to USS and Plan International Bangladesh that they are helping to make a good coordination between NCTF and upazila child forum. It is a place where children have opportunity to sharing and learning their experiences and new ideas", said Md. Mostak Ahmed, Bangladesh Shishu Academy Officer, Nilphamari, in his speeches. Child Rights week observation issue was the main topic and altogether decided to observe it collaboration with district Shishu Academy and other organizations support.

In house preparation for Child Parliament-2017: In house preparation program on child parliament-2017 was arranged at Community Learning Center(CLC), Jaldhaka, Nilphamari training room. 66 children

from four upazila of Nilphamari district participated in the preparation workshop. In the workshop children worked in a small group, indentified problems of children and presented in a large group. After that they marked a milestone/pinpoint that is very much hampering the rights of the children. They also identified the stakeholders related to the problems and made questioners how to bring to status so that they can publish it publicly during child parliament. 30 boys and 36 girls were attended in the workshop.



In house preparation workshop facilitated by Executive Director of USS, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International Bangladesh, PC and Technical Officer of child Rights and Protection Project, Jaldhaka. The participants exercised their role as Parliament Members and also identified upcoming Child Parliament-2017 which is going to be held at district level soon.

Report on Child Parliament-2017

Venue: DC conference room- Nilphamari

Date: 4th May 2017



USS & Plan international Bangladesh are committed to ensure the child rights and development. From this commitment USS is implementing the various types of activities; one of them is Child parliament. The Child Parliament-2017 held in Nilphamari district dated on 4th

May 2017 in conference room of DC Office, Nilphamari. This is the second Child Parliament in Nilphamari district arranged by District Administration with the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh. 28 Members of Parliament (MP) represented from different upazilas of Nilphamari district.

Contributing the project objective and linkage 3 & 4 which are: Improve child protection situation advocating on child rights and protection relevant legislation in collaboration with CSOs by June 2020. Make duty bearers responsive to protect children from violence and discrimination in project area by June 2020.

Description of the Event: In the Child Parliament 2017 session Mst Lubna Akter moonsha played role of Speaker and Md Enamul Hoque as Deputy Speaker. Child Parliament was started with national song of Bangladesh and all Child Parliament Members as well audiences joined and respected national song. Mr Alauddin Ali, Executive Director of USS delivered welcome speech in the child parliament session. During his speeches he welcomed all the audiences and members of child parliament to make the session successful in order to establish the rights of the children. After finishing the welcome speeches Child Parliament-2017 started which is the great expectation of the

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the audiences of Nilphamari. Topic of Child Parliament-2017 was “**Child Marriage & Child labor**”. Parliament members presented their speeches on the topic which they have had ground works for last three months. Children selected these two issues and physically interviewed 28 respective cadres so that they can present a real situation regarding child marriage & Child labor in the

child parliament session. In the point of ordered Child Parliament Members presented the issue with lots of information on regarding those issues. Md Muzibur Rahman, District Commissioner (Acting) of Nilphamari was present as chief guest in the Child Parliament-2017. Among the other special guests were Asok Kumar Pal, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Nilphamari, Md. Belayet Hossain, UNO, Nilphamari Sadar upazila, Md. Shafikul Islam District Education Officer, Nilphamari Md Monirujaman, Residential Medical Officer (RMO) Abdul Quader, Child protection Specialist, Plan International Bangladesh, Md. Mostak Ahmed, District child affairs officer, Nilphamari, Aluddin Ali, Executive Director of USS, Md Shajahan Chowdhury .UP chairman of Kundopukur union, Imam, . Marriage registers, Priest and civil society representatives, guardians ,NCTF members and girls and young women members attended in the child parliament session.

After complete the parliament session Child forum submitted the memorandum to



honorable ministry of Law justice and parliament through Deputy Commissioner of Nilphamari. Following the child parliament-2017 some important quotations are stated as below:

- I am very much proud to see the child parliament-2017 in Nilphamari district. Nowadays present government is aware of child marriage & Child protection issues and we are trying to remove those problems collectively...[Md. Shajahan Chowdhury, Chairmen Kundopukur Union – Nilphamari.](#)
- I would like to request our honorable chief guest to strengthening the child welfare board and Child rights forum. Each of the departments are playing active role to ensure the child right.... [Md. Mostak Ahmed, District child affairs officer, Nilphamari](#)
- We are established the adolescent corner in our hospital and I invite to the adolescent for getting their services. Noted that we also provided counseling with adolescent girls for reproductive health and rights....[Md. Monirujaman, Residential medical Officer – Nilphamari Sadar Hospital.](#)
- He stated with the slogan of “Don’t get early marriage, or else life will be damaged”. As per research of UNICEF; there four district are vulnerable, one of them is Nilphamari district. Education department started the child cabinet in high school level as a result they are implementing the various types of activity to remove the child marriage.- [Md. Shafikul Islam – Education Officer- Nilphamari.](#)
- Of course it is nice innovative and the themes were very similar in the perspective of Nilphamari district. I have gained lots of information from the child parliament-2017 which will guide us to work for the betterment of the children. I would like to request you please don’t get child marriage and continuing your education for bright future. ...[Md. Belayat Hossain, UNO of Nilphamari sadar upazila.](#)
- I am very proud of the performance of the children who are playing role as a parliamentarian and I am seeing so many parliamentarians are existing here. You have lot of knowledge on child marriage & child labor. Please shift your skill & knowledge to your other friends. If you needed any cooperation to me for protect the child marriage please communication with respective police office.----- [Asok Kumar Pal Additional supernatant of polic- Nilphamari.](#)

- In scenario of northern part of Bangladesh especially Kurriagram & Nilphamari are highest rate of Child marriage. Nowadays present government approved the child marriage act 2017 and governments prepare the draft rule of business on child marriage act 2017. I would like to request the honorable chief guest we have scope to consultation jointly on respective rule of business. Noted that 30000 Disable Children have been born due to child marriage in Kurriagram district. I am also proposing the honorable chief guest to increase the child participation in various types of committee at district level....[Md Abdul Quader-Child protection specialist, Plan International Bangladesh.](#)



- I thank to all child parliament members who have presented information without fear and hesitation. I am very happy to see the performance of child who are playing role as Member of Parliament. I think that its shadow parliament sometimes you don't maintain the rules of the shadow parliament. I also suggest to you please see the parliamentary session in our parliament. Some

parliamentarians are more intelligent & proposing their views innovatively you can imitate on this process. Noted that child parliamentarians collected the various type of information on respective issues its one kind of research based documentation. Democratic practices should not only used in national level but also need use in all level this Child parliament is the exponents' practices of democracy. I am proposing to audience to aware on child marriage & child labor. Every children build their life self dependency and playing active role to build the humanitarian society. I also appeal to audience on behalf of honorable speaker said 'No' Child marriage & Child labor... [Md.Mozibur Rahman Acting Deputy Commissioner – Nilphamari](#) ”

Reflection/ output of the events:

- Getting some commitment from duty bearers to stop child marriage and reduce child labor.
- To build common understanding among audience on Child marriage & child labor through information dissemination by child parliament.

- To create democratic space & linkage between child and duty bearers on child development issues.
- Child forum submitted the memorandum to the ministry of Law, justice and parliament through deputy commissioner of Nilphamari.

Challenge & Limitations:

- Don't ensure the child participation in whole upazila on final child parliament session.
- Don't start the program in schedule time due to bad weathers.

Future direction:

- More emphasis to consider the participants' selection process in whole upazila and also considers the norms of shadow parliament.

USS is trying to create the democratic space for child development through increase their participation & development. Plan international Bangladesh is continuing their support to implementing the respective activities one of them is child parliament. USS is grateful to honorable guest and others to providing their suggestion and recommendations for improvement in future.

District Child Welfare Board meeting: During the reporting period district child welfare conduct the meeting in three times it was held at conference room of DC office, Nilphamari.

The meeting was chaired by DC & DC (General) and facilitated by Deputy Director of social welfare. Members of child welfare committee and child representatives from NCTF and Jaldhaka upazila total in average 38 members participated in the meeting. DC (General) and DD social welfare



emphasized child labor and child marriage which is the main barrier for the children. They assured that regarding these issue proper actions will be taken jointly from government and civil society so that a good environment for children can be established. DC and DD social welfare thanked USS and Plan International Bangladesh for extending their helping hand to make the meeting meaningful

Upazila Child Welfare board meeting at Jaldhaka.

Upazila child welfare board meeting was conducted 4 meeting in this year 2017. In these meeting average 25 board members were present while the meeting chaired by Md. Rashedul Houque Prodham, UNO of Jaldhaka upazila. Child representatives of six unions were also represented in the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Pabitra Roy, President of Golna child forum. After reviewing last meeting minutes some agenda took place those are child marriage, eve teasing at school gates and public gathering places, drugs used by youth, child labor etc. The decisions were as follows, UNO will give force in the public gathering places during and after school times, if any of the child forum members inform UNO regarding child marriage or drug uses by youth he himself will go there and take necessary actions. At the end of the meeting UNO said that "I am new here and also with upazila child welfare board meeting. Of course I will do my best for the rights and wellbeing of the children".



Meeting on networking of union children Forum : During the reporting period 20 networking meeting was conducted by 05 union forum. Total participants were 491 among them boys 220 & girls 271. They have been conducted active participation of child forum members. They have reviewed their plan & activities as per their annual plans. The participants reviewed their last planned of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions. "It is a great opportunity for us as child to get such kind of platform at upazila level. We can share our learning here so that other unions may be influenced and take initiatives for child protection issues" said Akash Khan, secretary member of upazila level Child Organization forum. Sometimes they have taken collective initiative to ensure the child rights & protection among the community level.

Day Observation at Upazila level. In reporting period our Child forum and youth forum jointly observed 8 national & international which are CR week, Victory day, National child day, IWD, International Mother Language Day, National independent day, & BIAAG day in 2017 collaboration with Ups, Schools and community by the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh in six unions of Jaldhaka upazila that Kaimari, Mirganj, Shimulbari, Golna, Khutamara and Dhormpal union. On the occasion of the International Mother Language Day a colorful rally took places in the main road of the respective union. After the rally drawing competition, poem recite, debate competition



also arrange for children and youth forum members as well school students by the cordial support of UP and school teachers. Discussion session and prize distribution ceremony also took place as part of International & national Day. The discussion session chaired by respective UP chairmen and rally led by UP body and school teachers.

Child protection network at upazila level. In reporting period uss conduct has conducted one Child protection network meeting in CLC at Jaldhaka. 19 participants (male 09 & female 10) have participated the meeting actively. The objective of the meeting to formed a committee who are playing active role to child protection issues. In this meeting we have formed a child protection network at jaldhaka upazila level.

Divisional YAP members training: To develop capacity and advocacy skills for

divisional YAP members of Rangpur division 4 days training was arranged in Community Learning Center (CLC), Jaldhaka, Nilphamari for 19 divisional YAP members. What is child rights, historical back ground of child history, Community Based Child Protection mechanism, child law 2013 of Bangladesh, marriage law, gender, advocacy, how to protect the rights of children, role and responsibilities of YAP to ensure child rights and protection etc. The



training was conducted by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International Bangladesh, Pobon Malo, Project Coordinator and Abdur Rahim, Technical Officer, CRP, USS, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari.

Refreshers on Drama and Song: Refreshers on Drama and Song was conducted in 02 batches with 25 participants in two unions of Jaldhaka upazila. The refreshers were conducted by CAR-trainers of CRP project in CLC Jaldhaka. In the refreshers participants were reviewed their performances in last year and identified the gabs, improvement areas and how to overcome those gaps. In the day long refreshers the participants were also developed plan of action regarding their improvement areas so that dramas could be smoothly performed with reality and social aspects.

Awareness Show by drama on CM DBR & CP:



To aware the communities about child marriage, child rights & child protection and dowry 20 nos. of awareness shows were organized during the reporting period. Near about 6530 community people were present in those events. These awareness shows were arranged in 05 unions of Jaldhaka upazila. "TFD show program is gradually becoming popular in our communities and from the TFD there is lot to learn. After watching the TFD show many parents became aware about the education of children especially girls

children." said Md. Belal Hossain, UP chairman of Khutamara union while delivering speeches as chief guest in awareness show in Khutama union. Youth forums of respective unions helped to arrange the program successfully while child forum members performed the awareness show.

Script Development Training: During the reporting period 02 batches of three days long script development training was conducted in CLC Jaldhaka. The training was conducted training cell of YACD organization. In the training 50 participants were took active participation from child and youth representatives. Small group work, performances, presentations were exercised in the training. After end of the training participants developed scripts and performed on the issues of child marriage and right use of modern technology. " It was very important for me to receive such kind of training. Now I am improved and can perform even more and this is how I will keep my contribution for the child rights" Manik, member of youth forum expressed his feelings at the end of the training.

Orientation on feedback session on child marriage rest act 2017 with different stakeholders.

Life skill training for divisional District YAP members : During the reporting period 01 batches Life skill training were conducted in the working area under divisional YAP members and protection Project. One batches for divisional YAP & one batch for district YAP. Total 19 members in divisional YAP & 30 is district YAP. What is like, what is skill, stages of life skill, how to use life skill, elements of life skill topics were discussed in the training. Group work and presentation also exercised in the training. The trainings were facilitated by CAR- Trainers, TO & PC of USS, Jaldhaka branch.

Orientation & Feedback on Child marriage rest Act 2017 with different stakeholders.

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Objectives of the events:

To build common understanding on child marriage rest Act 2017.

To provide feedback on draft rules of business on child marriage rest act 2017.

Description of the events: USS organized 26 sessions among the different types of stakeholders at upazila & community level. Total participants are Children's 49 youth 253

& adult 350. USS has conducted through using different types of tools & methods. Participants have received the training actively & they have provided some feedback on rules of business of child marriage rest act 2017. Some participants comments are bellows :

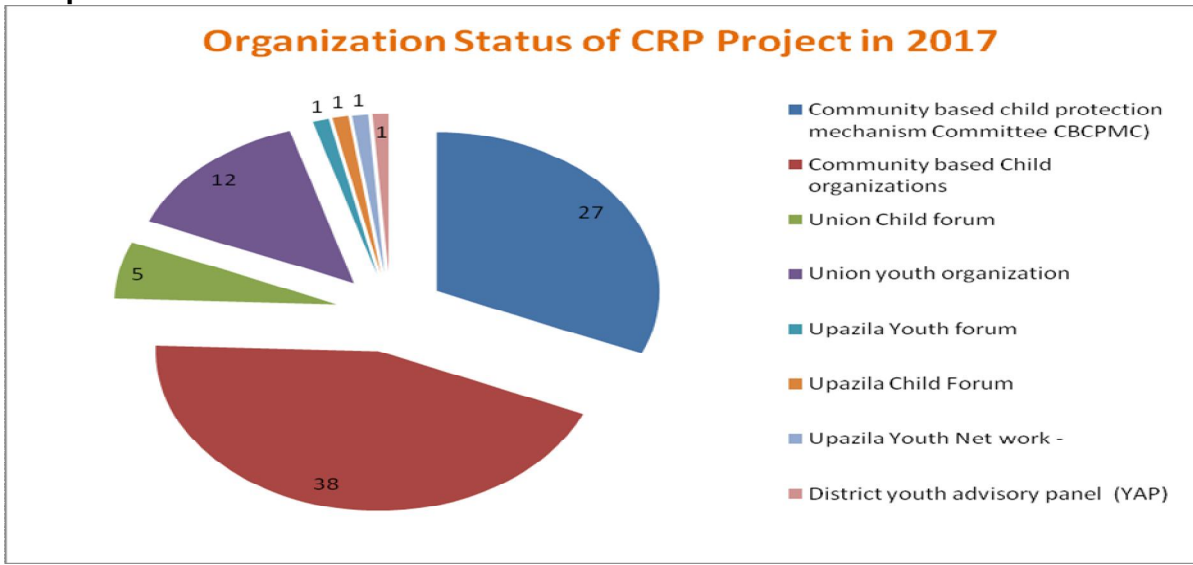
I am very happy to know the current law of child marriage rest act 2017 and I am providing support to the community people who are effected the child marriage ---- Airin Atker --- Member of Child organization, Khutamara.

I have received various types of training but it is different from others, due to good presentation & documentation. We will disseminate the message among the others people.----- Rayan al Resvi ----- Mirganj union.

We have already sending the feedback to the respective ministry through plan international Bangladesh.

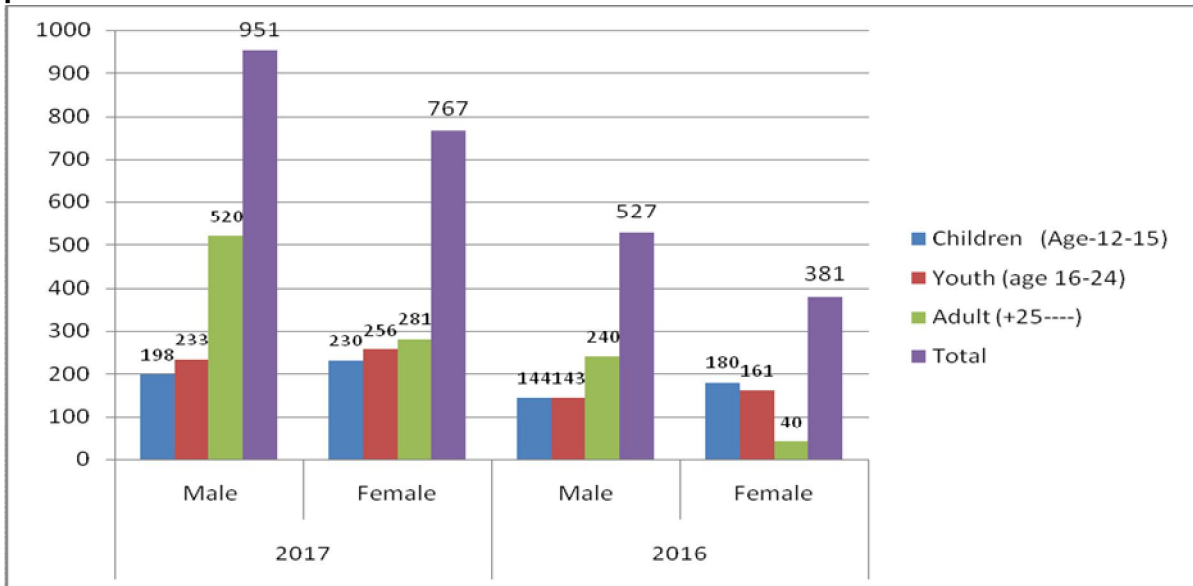
Changing Area : Output level

Graph # 01

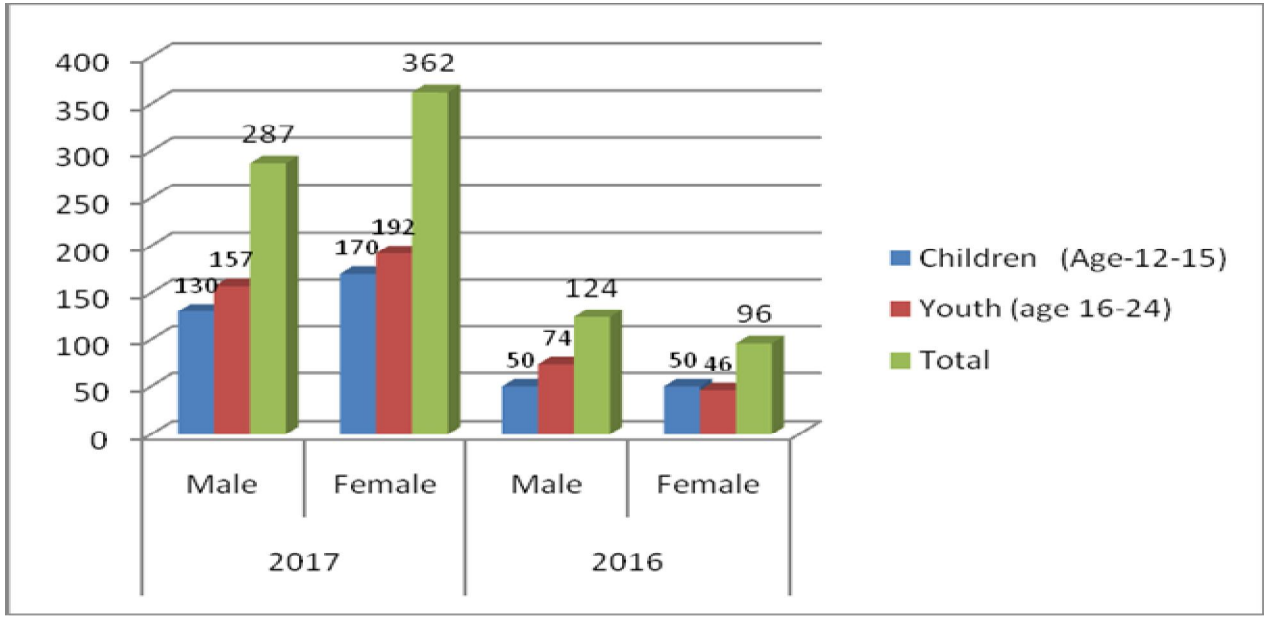


N.B: All the organizations have specific plan and they are continuing their initiatives to ensure child rights & protection at community level.

02- Comparison Data on Community people have trained on community based child protection mechanism in 2017 & 2016.

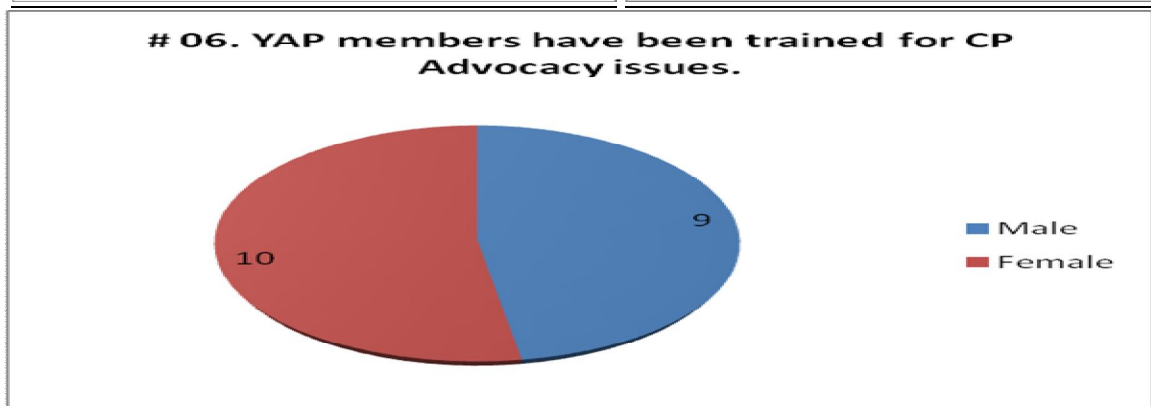
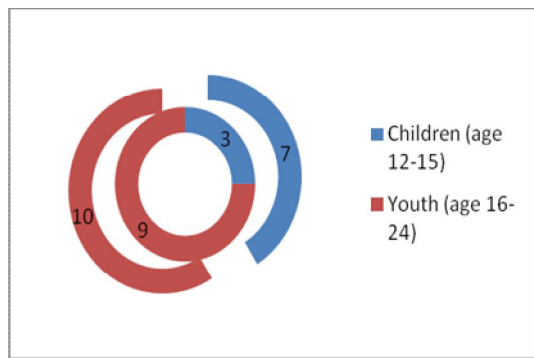


03, Children and youth are trained on life skill and they are able to known their protection from others.

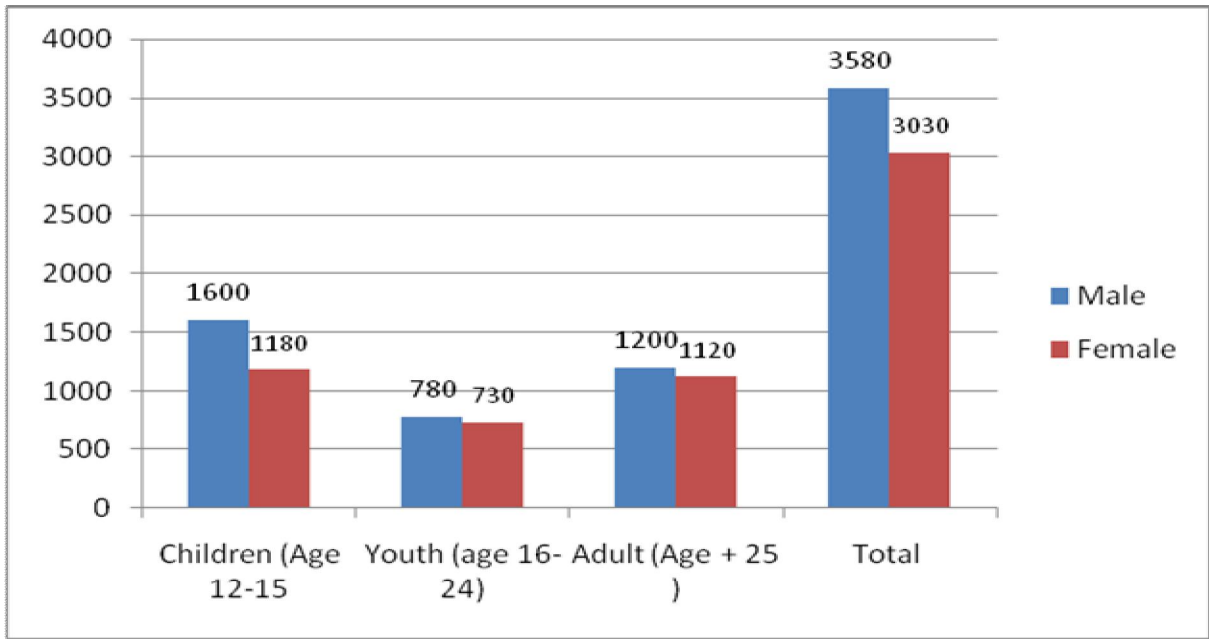


4, who have been trained to operate the organization run smoothly (Youth Organizations) their graphics are bellow;

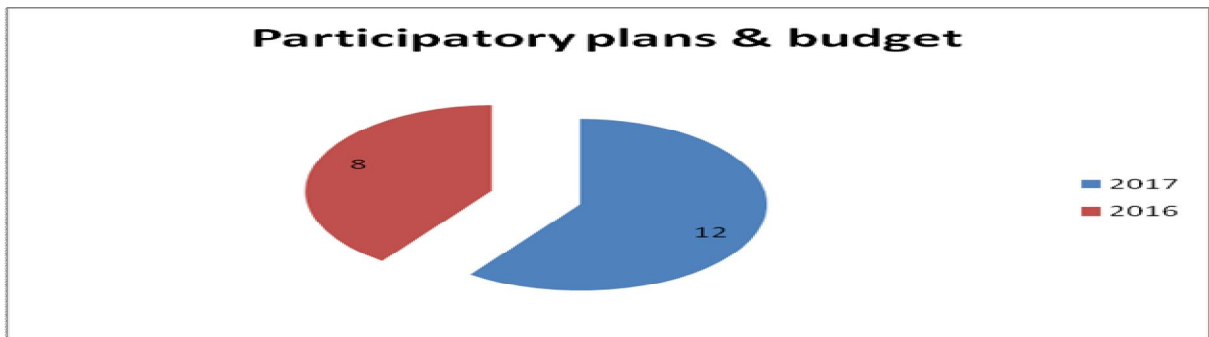
5, who have been played role of resource persons on life skill issues their graphics are bellow:



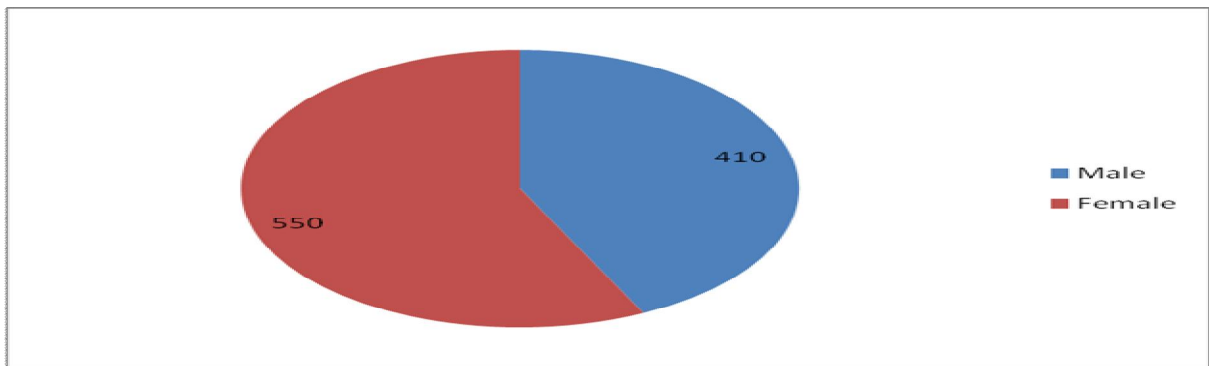
#07, During the reporting period USS organized 20 awareness show on CM CP & dowry among the targeting area. Coverage the population with age are bellow:



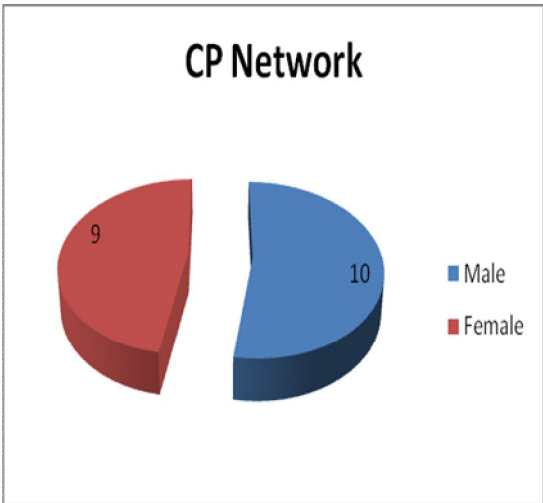
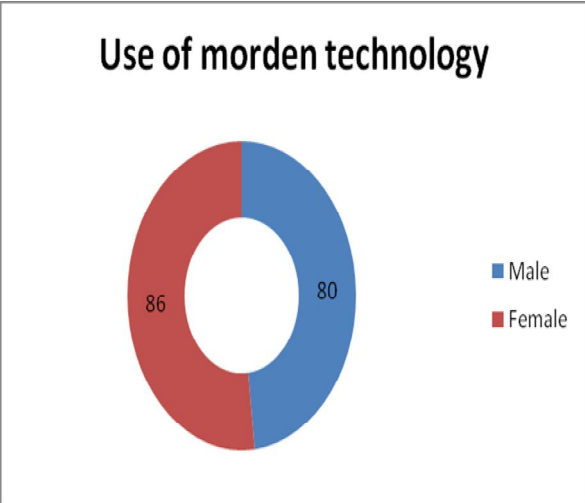
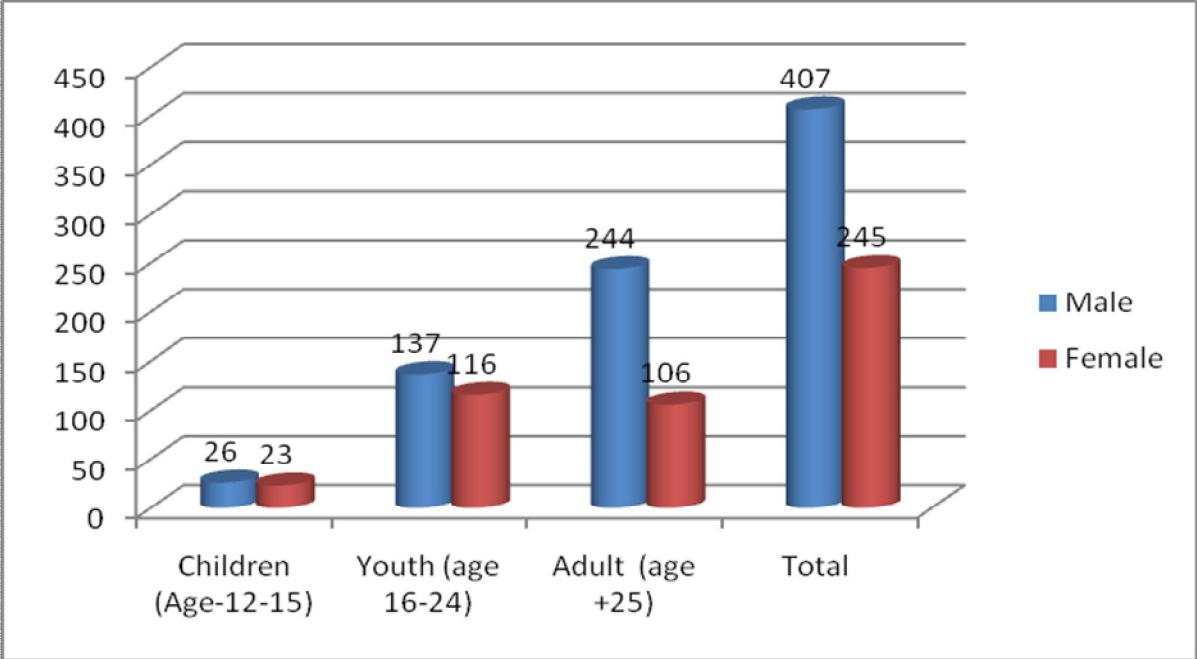
8. Prepare & practicing of participatory plans & budget at union level.



09, USS organized the 32 parents orientation on CM,CP. Child labor & child developments issues . The coverage population is bellow:



10, USS organized the orientation & feedback session on child marriage rest Act 2017 & draft rules of business and population coverage's are bellow:



#13, Child lead advocacy initiatives through organized child parliament 2017



Child forum submitted the memorandum to honorable ministry of Law justice and parliament through Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Nilphamari.

Outcome level change of CRP Project in 2017 :

Objectives:

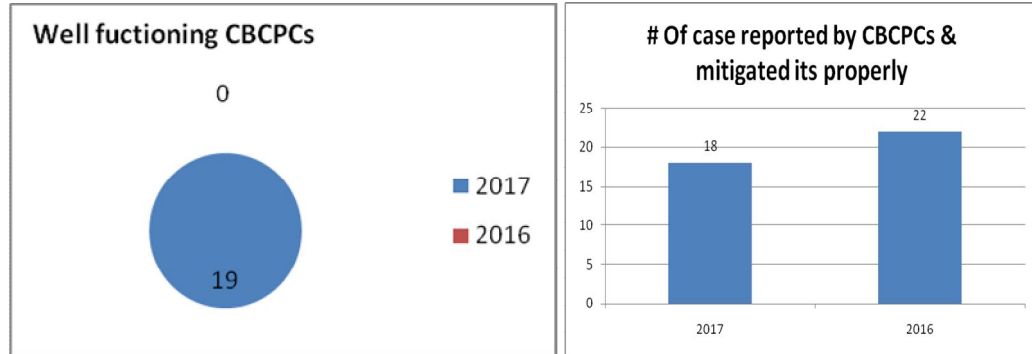
#01. Enhance capacity of children and youth and duty bearers on Community Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM) to protect children from all kinds of abuse in the project area by June 2020.

Indicators:

- 80% CBCPCs are well functioning and increase number of case filling and refer to proper authority

Our perception of well functioning of CBCPCs are (1) They have plan & continuing their regulars activities (2) They have organized the meeting in own initiatives.(3) They have communicated with local government institute for getting support for the poor parents who were not able to bear the education expenses.

Graph # 01.

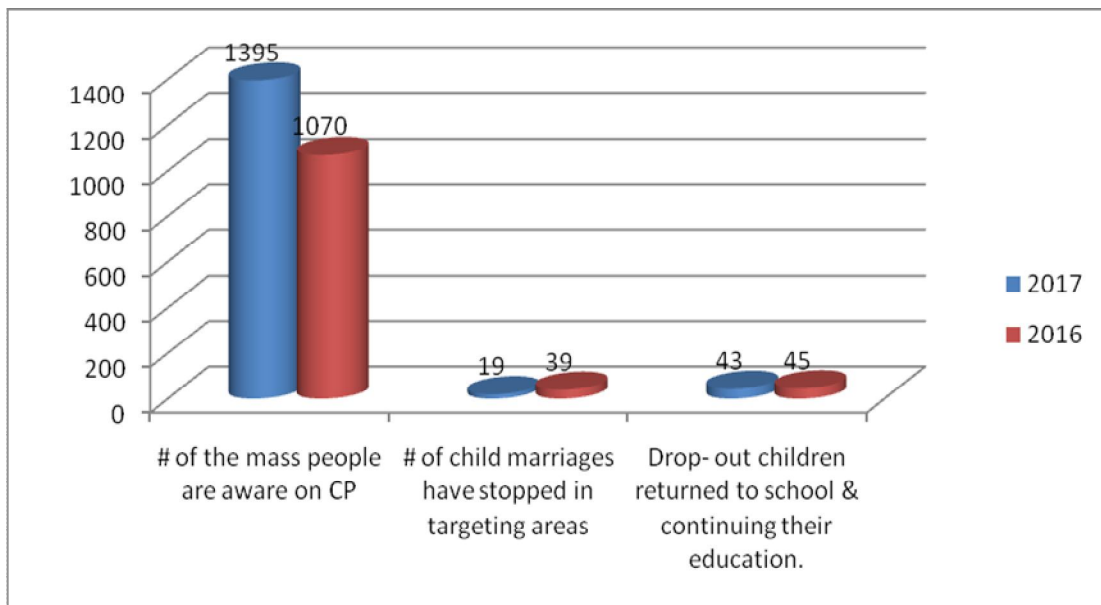


- 12 youth & 6 child forums members developed their capacity on child protection mechanism & playing role as a community advocate.
 - 18 Child & youth forums have communicated with others community to create enable environment & space for child protection through awareness rising session.



02. Increase awareness and knowledge of mass people specially youths and parents to sensitize on child rights and protection issues through different child interventions by June 2020.

Child organization organized the human chain against rapist



In analyzing the comparative data of mass people aware on CP issues it is increased then previous years. Child marriages have stopped is lower in previous year & drop-out children returned to school is lower in previous year. We think that it is positive sign for child development.

Case study attached as annexure 01, 02. & 03.

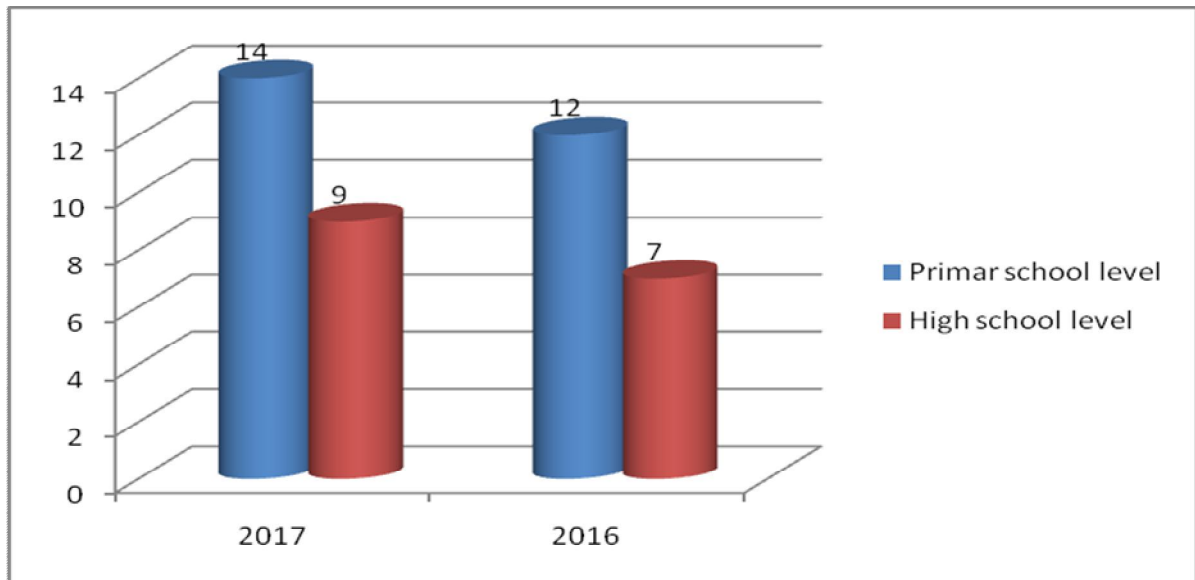
03. Improve child protection situation advocating on child rights and protection relevant legislation in collaboration with CSOs by June 2020.

- 10 CSOs alliances & playing active role and advocating on CP issues with relevant institutions.

- Child & youth forum and CSO network jointly have taken initiatives to protested the child marriage special act (Article-19)
- They have taken some initiative at local level for advocating with UP bodies to stopped child marriage.

04. 80% duty bearers are responsive and child friendly policy were adapted for ensure child rights and protection in project areas by 2020.

of Service providing institutions are aware on CP issues. In targeting areas educational institute more aware on child rights issue which is bellow graphs :



Learning:

- Development friendly Local government's intention and initiatives are very important for reducing gender based violence
- Any social changes possible by the effective involvement and participation of boys and men
- After forming Ward committee of child protection group's child marriage has been decreased as the ward committee members are very active.
- If community, local government, NGOs and civil society organizations works jointly to a specific objective, a mass movement grows up in the community and brings effective result.
- Facilitating training/meeting in good environment create ideas and innovations and participants can give full concentration

Challenges:

- Scheduling with government Officials
- Ensure teacher representation in the CBCPC at ward level
- Some of the UP chairmen does not show interest on UDCC
- In some cases participants were less due to examinations

Recommendations:

- Staffs capacity building on facilitation, report writing