

Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS)  
**Child Rights and Protection (CRP)**  
Jaldhaka, Nilphamari

**Annual Progress Report FY 2018**



**Reporting period: July-2017 to June 2018**

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## 1.Particulars of the project:

### 1.1 Period:

Project title	:	Child Rights and Protection
Reporting period	:	July 2017 to June,2018
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### 1.3 Project Location:

Upazila	Unions
Jaldhaka	Shimulbari
	Mirganj
	Khutamara
	Kaimari
	Golna
	Dhormopal
	Balagram
	Soulmari
	Golmunda
	Kanthali
	Dawabari
	Jaldhaka Pourashova
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 union 01 Pourashova</b>



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:**

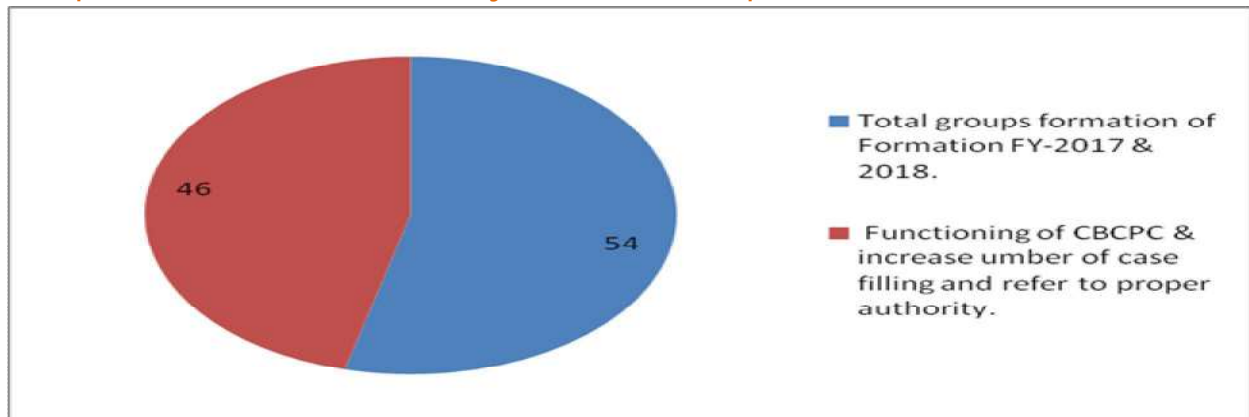
- Enhance capacity of children and youth and duty bearers on Community Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM) to protect children from all kinds of abuse in the project area by June 2020
- Increase awareness and knowledge of mass people specially youths and parents to sensitize on child rights and 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

**Outcome level Changes on CRP Project , Jaldhaka**

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

**Indicator #01** 80% CBCPCs are well functioning and increase number of case filling and refer to proper authority.

**Comparison Data of functionality on CBCPC Group of FY 2017- FY2018**



## Indicator of Functionality of CBCPC Committee

### Key functions of CBCPC

#### Planning

- ✚ They have any annual plan to address CP issues & they involved the community and their participation .
- ✚ They have conducted regular meeting with committee members.

#### Reporting;

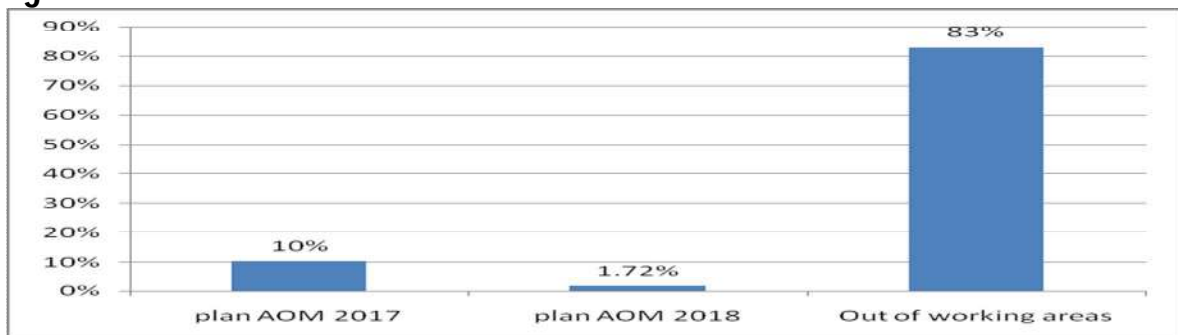
They have maintained the different types of CP documents & they provided important CP information among the community people.  
CBCPC kept recorded of case / CP incident related to child protection /violence against women.  
They maintained confidentiality of incidence /case.

#### Response:

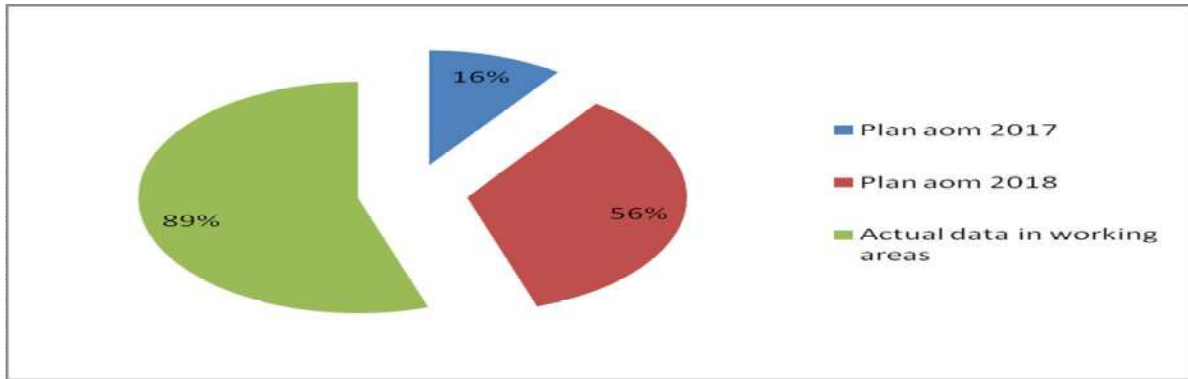
- ✚ They have taken any initiatives to inform Union parishad, Upazila administration, LEA (law enforcement agency), CWB, legal aid organizations or relevant service providers etc.
- ✚ They have minimum communication with law enforce authority to address the case/incident.
- ✚ They developed the follow –up mechanism on respective case / incidence.

As a result of child marriage in Plan International Bangladesh working areas & others picture are below to;

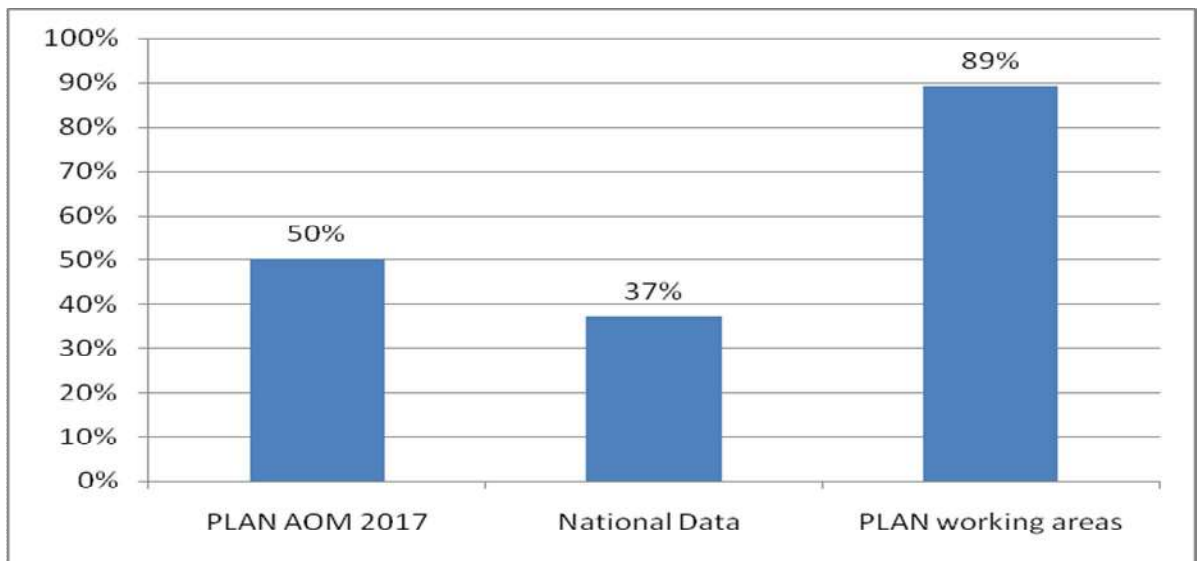
- **% of women age 15-19 years who were first married or in union before age 15**



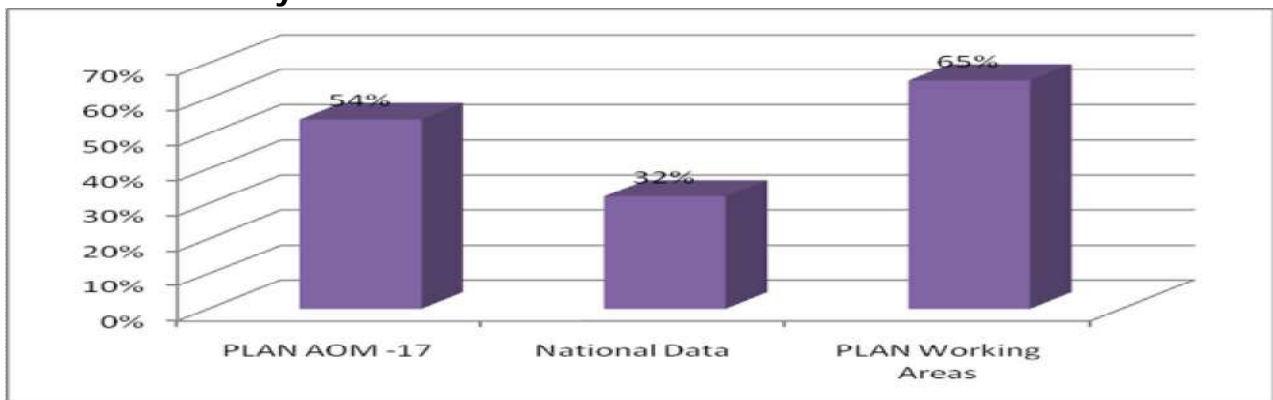
- **% of children under age 5 whose births are reported registered**



- **Children <5 year who registered Birth within 45 days**

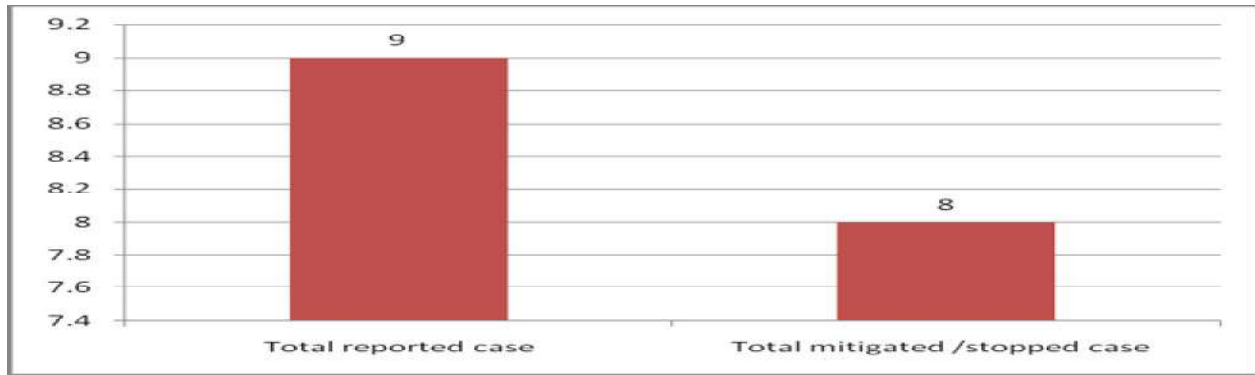


- **Children <5 year who received Birth certificate**



# of sexual harassment have mitigated/ stopped by community groups ( CBCPC ,Action team and youth & child network)

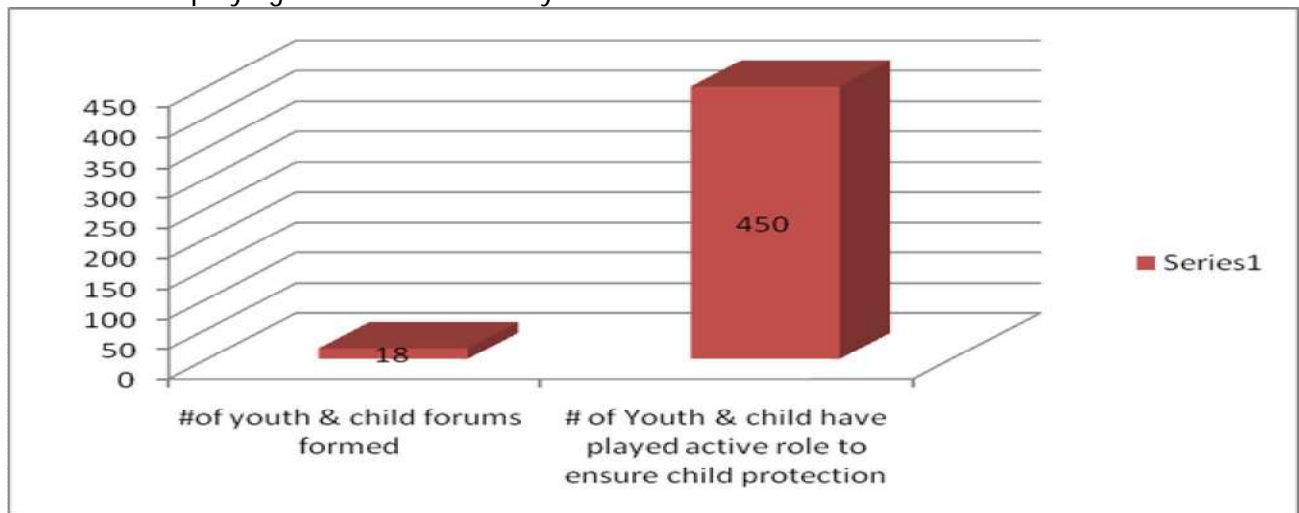




Indicator # 02; 5 service providing institute became more responsible to providing their services to the children.

Health, education, Local government (UP) Social services department & women affairs department became more responsible to provide their services for the community people. As a result community people including children received the services from respective office without hassle

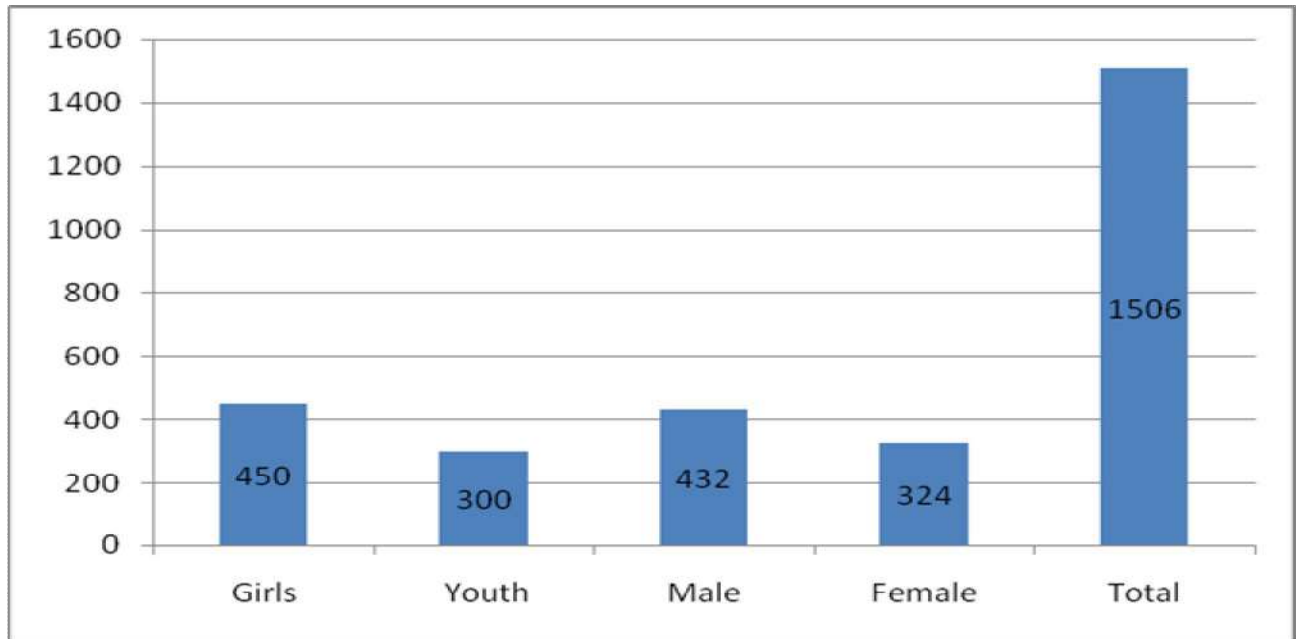
**Indicator # 03.** 12 youth & 6 child forums members developed their capacity on child protection mechanism & playing role as a community advocate.



Note: Youth & children have played role to create awareness raising on CP issue & communicate with law enforcement authority for getting the services for victims.

**Outcome # 02;** Increase awareness and knowledge of mass people specially parents and youth to sensitize on child rights and protection issues through child rights interventions.

Indicator # 01; about 80% of the mass people are aware on CP



**Note ;**

- Targeted participants are well-known about law & policy on CP issues.
- They are strictly maintained the law & policy on CP Issues.
- They have taken initiatives to stop violence against children.

Indicator # 2 - Reduced violence against children including child marriage.  
 Comparison data of child marriage rate in Nilphamari district & Jaldhaka Upazila .

Improve child protection situation advocating on child rights and protection relevant legislation in collaboration with CSOs.

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

CP Network & women network have formed at divisional level & district level ( Nilphamari ) & network members have played proactive role to protection issues.

- Child violations issues have taken by law enforce authorities.

## At a Glance of CRP Project Activities & Achievement in July 2017 to December:2017

Name of Activities	Target & Achievement year-FY-201*		Age 12-15			Age 16-24			Age 25+		
	Target	Achievement	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Male	Female	Total
CBCPC committee formation at word level in Golna & Shimulbari & Dormopal union	27	27	27	33	60	67	54	121	446	236	682
Training on CBCPM for 3 union in 27 word at union level.	47	54	42	57	99	24	25	49	389	223	612
Quarterly Meeting with CBCPC members	174	174	163	154	317	38	31	69	1284	718	2002
Annual program reflection	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	2	9
Regular Coaching to the staff	8	8	1	1	2	0	1	1	10	2	12
Estabilish opinion box for children at community level	54	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capacity development (Up Secretary & chairman/pannel chairman) on participatory plans & budget at Union level	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	23
Union level Open budget declaration session logistic support	11	11	510	315	825	250	175	425	575	350	925
Consultation with Children and Youth Forums on CP, Gender	20	20	130	166	296	78	28	106	0	0	0
Meeting with District Child Welfare Board	2	3	1	0	01	0	0	0	62	7	69
Meeting with Upazila Child Welfare Board	2	2	2	9	11	0	1	1	18	2	20
Day observation at Upazill level collaboration with Govt/Local admin.	1	1	30	50	80	20	15	35	35	15	50
Child Protection, Lifeskill Training /orientation forAdolescent girls at high school ((Prepare Action Team))-Union level	60	60	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Script Development training 3 days non residential 2 bacthes	2	2	25	18	43	6	6	12	0	0	0
Awareness show by drama on CM, DBR,CR & CP	24	24	1388	1232	2620	1066	1043	2109	2562	2793	5355
Fact findings document collection from union level on child protection issues	4	4	0	80	80	0	60	60	0	0	0
Public hearing on fact findings report at union level.	4	4	71	84	155	49	40	89	148	79	227
Orientation on birth registration process	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	43	8	51
Meeting with local government authorities on birth registration process.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	29
CP training for district & Divisional YAP Members.	1	1	1	3	4	15	12	27	0	0	0



Quarterly youth bondhou Sova for review & reflection at UP level	24	24	160	148	308	133	143	276	0	0	0
In house preparation for sadaw child Parliamen	1	1	18	61	79	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Parliament -2018 Final with DC, SP & releated stakeholders	1	1	3	17	20	3	5	8	62	10	72
Round Table discussion on child marriage and child labour at distrcit level	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	19
Training on CP, Life Skills, exposures, advocacay & Reportingfor district & Divisional YAP members with field visit	1	1	0	0	0	6	9	15	3	1	4
District YAP Formation meeting (34 YAP members from Kurigram and Rangpur	1	1	0	0	0	3	14	17	0	0	0
CP & Gender Training for district women network at Nilphamari	2	2	0	0	0	3	5	8	0	29	29
Meeting for /District/ upazila youth & child forum Network	2	2	11	14	25	14	11	25	0	0	0
Organize interactive dialogue with Social services department & CBCPC Committee at district / Upazila level	1	1	2	15	17	0	0	0	33	7	40
Organize interactive dialogue with child marriage restraint committee members at district level	1	1	3	5	8	0	0	0	40	10	50
Gender & child protection network (advocacy workshop) at divisional level (Lump-sum – 148550)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	5	20
In-depth training on safe guarding policy for partners & others.	1	1	0	0	0	2	6	8	14	6	20
safe guarding policy for Community people	18	18	36	164	200	20	25	45	119	67	186
Children and Youth Journalist Forumation meeting at Upazilla level	1	1	6	8	14	1	3	4	0	0	0
Publish child Bulletin for children in two times	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>3134</b>	<b>5764</b>	<b>1801</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>3514</b>	<b>5930</b>	<b>4576</b>	<b>10506</b>

### Activities Details:

**Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) formation at ward level:** During the reporting period 27 community based child protection committee (CBCPC) formed at ward level in Golna, Drmopal & Shimulbari union. The CBCPC formation meeting was chaired by respective UP members, Union social worker of social services department- Jaldhaka, local elites, CSO representatives, and school teachers, children with disability, NGO representatives and child representatives.

Firstly Facilitator discussed the objective of the community and its legal entity by government & shortly discussed role of the committee members. Secondly participants have identified the problem of children at community level. Then problems were prioritized and make plan of actions to remove the problems. After then a committee was formed consisting 16 members in each committee. USS believed

that this committee will play proactive role to ensure child protection. **In the formation meeting 863 members were took active participation among them children 60 youth 121 & adult 682 took participation.**

**Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) training at ward level:** During the reporting period 54 community based child protection committee (CBCPC) formed at ward level in Khutamara, Kaimari and Mirgonj, golna, Shimulbari & Dormopal 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 54 training in ward level 810 participants have attended which was children 99 youth 49 and adult was 612.** The training was arranged by respective union with the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh.

**Quarterly Meeting with CBCPC members:** Community based protection committee (CBCPC) organized the quarterly meeting for review & reflection of their action plan. CBCPC Members discussed the child protection issues & take necessary action & regarding these issues as per action plan. The meeting was held quarterly. In this quarterly meeting has been conducted in 66 meeting in 54 CBCPC in 06 unions of Jaldhaka upazila that is Khutamara, Mirganj, Kaimari, Shimulbari, Golna & Dharmopal union. They have facilitated three types of activities awareness rising on community people on protection issues- If organized the incident in their community than they are playing proactive role to providing support on legal & others support to the victim. 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 reporting period, they have conducted 174 meeting 2388 participants from CBCPCs attended. They are Children 317 Youth 69 and adult is 2002.** The meeting by respective UP members and conducted by respective CAR-trainers, Technical Officer and Project Coordinator of R2PP Project.

### **Annual program reflection in Nilphamari.**

Every year USS head office organized the annual program reflection in Nilphamari. Main objectives of the program are; Review & reflection of project wise scenario at present context and shared the achievement, learning and challenge to others colleagues. This program was held in 19<sup>th</sup> December -17. Project coordinator (R2PP-Project) was playing role as child focal persons & shared the learning achievement & challenge on this project. Project staffs & participants was present as a member of the event. Total 13 participants was participated the event they are children 03 male 8 female 02.



### **Regular Coaching to the staff on CRP Project, Jaldhaka.**

USS Organized the regular Coaching to the staff, which was held in Community Learning Centre (CLC) Jaldhaka with the support of Plan International Bangladesh. Ten staffs participated to the events for improving their quality and running the program

smoothly .Main focus of events are: To build common understanding on CRP project implementation strategies and they able to provide support to the child, youth organization and CBCPC members. This event facilitated by **S.M Abdul Quader**, child protection specialist, Plan International Bangladesh Rangpur Divisional Office & Kaykobad Hossain played role as a co-facilitator. Facilitated the session is bellows:

- Participants find out the problematic intervention FY-18 & they prepare the implementation draft strategy through group work.
- Group members share their draft implementing strategy on plenary session & others participants providing feedback for rich documents.
- Conduct the demo session on respective issue (Meeting & Training) as per their draft strategy.

Facilitator conducts the session on participatory mode as a result every participant raising the question on respective issue and they are able to learn more. After complete the session CAR-trainer submitted their operational strategies to the technical officer.



Some participant's comments are bellow;

I am very happy to attend the coaching and I am

confidence how to conduct the interactive facilitation in CBCPC meeting..... Geeta Rani pal.

I am very happy to know the backward & forward linkage to formation the new CBCPC committee as per guideline. It was new for us ----- Amir Hossain (Manik).

Facilitator thanks to all for active participation and improving the program quality in FY-18 and participants also committed to implement the program with quality.

### **Report on Capacity development orientation of open budget & for UP Chairman & Secretary.**

**Venue: CLC Jaldhaka, Nilphamari.**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Them of the year "Open budget announcement is essential for the establishment of good governance "at Local government (Union Level) parasad. From reason of the them USS organized the capacity development for the UP Chairman & secretary through facilitated the orientation by respective authority. Md Kaykobad Hossain Project Coordinator ( PC) CRP Project welcomed to the participants and introduced among them and also described background of the event

Objectives of the events are:



- ✚ To increase the skill & knowledge on open budget (Participatory plans & Budget) for respective personnel .
- ✚ To strengthening ward meeting through rising the voice of community people and reflected their demand in plans & budget.

The Orientation was conducted by Uttom Kumar Ray, UNO- Jaldhaka & Md. Abu Hena Mostofa kamal , District Facilitator (DF) LGSP 03 deputy commission office Nilphamari.

Facilitator Md Adu Hena Mostofa Kamal – Started the orientation to described the historical background of Union parisad . Union Parisad is playing proactive role to community development. As per their role, they are trying to increase the participation to prepare & implementation UP budget through involvement of community people. Facilitator facilitates the session are below:

- Steps of open budget (participatory Plans & Budget) preparation to community level to up level.
- To discuss the important of ward meeting & how to facilitate the ward meeting through community engagement.
- To discuss the budget linked to community level demand & reflection on budget.
- To discuss the LGESP budget guideline for the next three fiscal year (2018-2019. 2019-2020.2020-2021).

Facilitator Uttom Kumar Ray , UNO Jaldhaka was facilitated administrative part from government side which are below:

Need to develop the capacity for UP bodies to prepare the open budget & its application. Government increase the UP budget in day by day for poverty reduction some donor is interested to providing their fund.

- Provide the support to UP bodies to open budget declaration session.

**Some comments of the participants are below:**

I am very happy to joined the orientation in previously we didn't participated the orientation to prepare the up budget. I think that it is helpful to us for preparation the UP Budget ----- Md .



**Uttom Kumar Ray ,UNO , Jaldhaka facilitates the session from administrative side.**

Shorhab Hossain ( Thuin) Chairman Khathali Union – Jaldhaka.

I would like to request District Facilitator (DF) to providing support for approval the project in due time to ensure the quality of work. This first time





we have received the orientation ----- Md. Moksadur Rahman ( Sobuj) UP Secretary – Dowabari union parisad.

UNO & DF ( LGESP) Deputy commissioner office, thank to Plan & USS to organized the orientation for capacity development of up bodies. Participants realize that it is helpful to prepare the budget through community engagement.

That end of the orientation to prepare the plan of action for open budget declaration session which are below:

**OPEN BUDGET DECLARATION**

Plan International Bangladesh & its partners have been trying to create democratic space for children and youths including communities to raise their voices on public services and resources. From this perception USS facilitated local government Institutions under Jaldhaka pazila in Nilphamari district technically supported by plan international Bangladesh. The main objectives were to-

- To increase the participation in the process of budget preparation by the community people along with children and youths where the demands from the community, specially, the requirements of the children and youths are reflected for their benefits and,
- To maintain transparency and accountability among the LGIs.



The open budget sessions were chaired by respective UP Chairmen.

**Professor Md Golam Mostafa**, Member of Parliament, Nilphamamri-03 . **Mr Abdul Motalib sarker** , Deputy director ( Deputy secretary) local government (LG)- Nilphamari , **Md Syed Ali** ,Upazila Chairmen & Mr Johir Imam Acting UNO & Assistant commissioner (Land) Jaldhaka, **Mr Alauddin Ali** ,Executive Director of USS were present as chief & special guests. Previous year expenditure and achievements were also shared to the audiences. During the sessions, children and youths raised voices for their developments.

**Sector wise budget allocations:**

Sectors	Allocated budget
Total budget including protection, health, education & DRR.	<b>236,611,556</b>
Child, youth & women development	1,06,0000
Disaster Risk Reduction	<b>6,760,000</b>
Health & Sanitation	<b>7,796,678</b>
Education	<b>7,900,000</b>

**Present government has taken various types of initiatives for rural development on agriculture, road connectivity & promotes quality education. Our government has given top priority on education, health,**



**agriculture and protection for children. Bangladesh already achieved the recognition from LDC to developing country. It is our great achievement and we are not poor and we have dignity. You know that Bangladesh is a role model on Disaster & Risk Reduction through people participation. Local government is the part of central government that's why it's playing proactive role in favor of central government. I am very happy to attend the open budget deceleration session. I thank to USS & Plan International Bangladesh for providing their supports..... Professor Md. Golam Mostafa, Member of Parliament, Nilphamamri-03.**

Local government department always provided support to prepare the participatory plans & budget at Union level. But we have some limitation to facilitate the process. One District Facilitator is responsible to overseas the process in 60 Union Parisads in Nilphamari district. I am tiring to go through the budget. UP bodies try to follow the process to prepare the budget. Budget deceleration session environment is very beautiful & community people have participated to discussion session smoothly. I thank to UP Chairmen for organize the event and also thank to USS & Plan International Bangladesh for providing supports to facilitate the process.....

Mr Abdul Motalib Sarker , Deputy director ( Deputy secretary) local government (LG)- Nilphamari



I am very happy to attend the session on open budget declaration session in different LGs under Jaldhaka Upazila .In this year people's participation & discussion on budget issues increased. I think that it is a positive sign to increase the transparency & accountability. We want to build a transparent organization from views to community perception. I thank to USS & plan international Bangladesh for providing their supports to organize the open budget in different Union..... , Md Syed Ali ,Upazila Chairmen. Jaldhaka Upazila- Nilphamari.

Present government has already set up the vision plan for improving the live & livelihood through including rural development. Rural development always depends on local government administration & their initiatives. Now local government is trying to increase the people's participation, one of them is open budget. Five years ago it was not possible to know the plans & budget of Union Parisad but now it is open to all for knowing the plans & budget on union parisad . It is the sign of transparency & accountability to the community perception. We believe that we need the cooperation of people for implementing the plans & budget smoothly for their development. I specially thank to LGIs, USS & Plan International Bangladesh for invitation to attend the programme & say something from the part of government.....

Mr Johir Imam Acting UNO & Assistant commissioner (Land) Jaldhaka-Nilphamari.



USS is trying to play the facilitating role for community development through increasing the access to public services & resources. USS has a lot of experience to facilitate the participatory plans & budget in union & upazila level. All development interventions have been implementing through participatory development approach and it is our main motto. So far I know that last 2 years USS is facilitating this process to increase the people's participation on plans & budget at union level. I thank to all who are providing suggestion & feedback on budget to enrich documents. I thank supports to organize the process for rural

development..... Mr Alauddin Ali. Executive Director of USS- Nilphamari.

**The significant Reflection of the program;**

- LGIs authorities have showed positive attitude towards child rights and child protection



- All LGIs authorities have allocated budget in FY 2018-2019 on awareness raising issue on stop child marriage, dowry and aid for the vulnerable children
- All LGIs have kept budget for education, health & sanitation, Disaster Risk Reduction and child & women development issues.

**Consultation with Children and Youth Forums on CP, Gender:** During the reporting period 24 Quarterly Consultation with Children and Youth Forums on CP, Gender issue based meeting has been conducted for union child & youth members. It was newly activities for child & youth members The content of the meeting was baseline survey, & its effectiveness, gender and sex & gender equity & equality. Facilitator has conducted the session on base line survey on child protection issues through group discussion on respective unions. Firstly they find out the real situation on child protection issues in their community. They used the three colors for its effect for children which was Red is danger/ Strong, Yellow is medium level & blue is safe for children.

Secondly facilitator has discussed the concept of gender & different of gender & sex and also discussed the impact of gender discrimination for child development.

**In Reporting period USS conducted 24 meeting in Golmunda, Balagram. Duawabari , Shoulmari & Poursova under Jaldhaka Upazila . Total 402 participants were attended the meeting which were Children 296 & youth 106 attended.** The members are from union level representatives who shared their progress, challenges and learning in the meeting. The participants reviewed their last planned of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions. Mst Irin Akter said that this meeting was different from others meeting we shown the real picture of protection issues in our community / union level and we selected our starting point for protection issues.

### **District Child Welfare Board meeting at Nilphamari**

The District Child Welfare Board (DCWB) meeting was held at DC conference room at Nilphamari on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The meeting was chaired by Mohammad Khaled Rahim, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Nilphamari. He welcomed the participants and introduced among them one child was participated as a observer of the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Mr Imam Hossain, Deputy Director of Social services department in Nilphamari. Agenda of the meeting are below:

- Follow up the previous meeting decision as per regulation.
- Hygiene & sanitation facilities at government primary school.
- Incorporate the children representative in child marriage restraint committee at district to union level.
- Birth registration fees

Agenda wise discussion and decisions are below:

# 01. A short overview was present by deputy director of social services department that they didn't take any action as per agenda of previous meeting.

# 02. All participants realize that need to do something for children as a board members. For that realization within short time board member will visit the 3 to 4 primary school in itakhola union under sador upazila in Nilphamari district. Deputy Director will responsible to organize the visit & he will be playing role as a team leader.

# 03. Incorporate the children representative in child marriage restraint committee at district to union level; Kaykobad hossain , PC of USS informed to the participants, government finalized the rules of business of child marriage restraint act 2017. As per rules of business children are included as a member of children marriage restraint committee & handover to documents (Rules of business) to DC. After

getting the documents than he agreed to incorporate the children as member of child marriage restraint committee.

#04; Deputy Director raise the issue of birth registration fees, as per our observation some union parishad didn't follow the fees of birth registration law 2017. DC will discuss the issue with UNO then take necessary action on regarding this issue.

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 2 meeting in this year 2017-2018. 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".

**Day Observation at Upazila level.** In reporting period our Child forum and youth forum jointly observed 8 national & international which is, independent day in 2018 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, Life skill training for adolescent girls at high school (Format Action team) at union level.**

During the reporting period 30 batches Child protection, Life skill training were conducted in the working area under Right to protection & Participation Project. Objective of the training were:

- Increase the skill & knowledge self protection mechanism from eve teasing & sexual harassment at community perspectives.
- To Form a action team, they are playing proactive role for child protection issues at school level.

500 girls were participated from 20 schools in shimulbari, Dormopal, Khutamara, Kaimari, Golna & mirganj union. The main content were current situation for girls & what were the main problem for child protection & they 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.

I am very happy to participate the training & i known about protection from eve teaser..... Risat Khan ( 15).

**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 from Rupantor (R2PP Project). In the training 55 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" Rubina Akter, member of youth forum expressed his feelings at the end of the training.

**Awareness Show by drama on CM DBR & CP:** To aware the communities about child marriage, child rights & child protection and dowry 24 nos. of awareness shows were organized during the reporting period. Near about 3669 community people were present in those events. These awareness shows were arranged in 06 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.

## **Report on public hearing of fact-finding report on child marriage**

Venue: Pathanpara High school field, Mirganj union- Jaldhaka, Nilphamari

Date: 10<sup>th</sup>December 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 was- stopping child marriage. USS had planned to organize the public hearing on fact finding report on child marriage. Professor Golam Mostafa, Member of Parliament Nilphamari 03 was present as chief guest on the event. Among the other special guests were Md Mostafizur Rahman Officer in Charge Jaldhaka Thana & HokumAli Khan, Chairman Mieganj union parisad. According to our plan we were organized the public hearing on respective issue in mirganj union under Jaldhaka Upazila in Nilphamari district.

### **Objective of the event;**

- Share the experience that were getting child marriage & suffering their health hazard and family level acceptance.
- To build common understanding on negative effect of child marriage and getting commitment from duty bearer for playing proactive to stop child marriage.

**Description of the Event:** Mr Abdullah Al Mamun, Sponsorship program coordinator of Plan International Bangladesh delivered welcome speech on the event. During his speeches he welcomed all the audiences and members to make the session successful in order to establish the rights of the children..After finishing the welcome speeches Mr kaykobad hossain presented fact finding report. After completing the presentation than he welcomed to the audience to participate interactive dialogue with respective duty bearer. Some important questions are below;

Government has started the help line # 109 for stopping child marriage, we are getting help from this help line & when we are seeing the child marriage case than we are calling with them and response to the call but we don't get final result of the respective child marriage we proposed to the government

need to develop the follow-up mechanism to respective child marriage case..... Mst Shubahana Khatun.

We are seeing that lots of child marriages were happened at our community & local administration were not tackling the issue properly. In this circumstance, I will propose to up chairman for issuing the marriage certificate on respective child of his/her marriage. Anybody can't organize the marriage without concerning with respective chairman..... Akash Khan.

Government already has set the target to stop child marriage, we think that respective government officials are not playing proactive role on regarding this issue.----- Alamin Khan.

#### **Discussion session on public hearing & expression of the honorable guests;**

Present government has strong commitment to end of the child marriage within 2041. From this commitment government has taken various types of initiatives to stop child marriage. Local government & NGOs have increased the awareness on regarding this issue. Child marriage scenario of Jaldhaka Upazila is not satisfactory level. In this circumstance we need more work to stop child marriage. I thank to all who have organized the event.....Professor Md Golam Mostofa (MP) Member of parliament – Nilphamari 03.

Community people have to play the minimum role & responsibility to stop child marriage. It is not possible for government to stop child marriage without help of community people. I suggest to the community people to start family level consultation within the family on regarding this issues. We are always extended our hand to help the people for safety & security. I am very happy to attend the interactive dialogue with community ..... Md. Mstafizur Rahman , Officer In Charge – Jaldhaka thana- Nilphamari.

I thank to all who are attending the event and providing suggestion to stop child marriage. I committed to you to stop child marriage & also request to marriage register to extend your hand with us. If marriage registers conduct the child marriage then I will take administrative action against him. We are thankful to Plan International Bangladesh & USS Nilphamari to support to organize the event..... Md Hokum Ali Khan, Chairman Mirganj Union – Jaldhaka, Nilphamari.

#### **Reflection/ output of the event:**

- Getting some commitment from duty bearers to stop child marriage issues.
- To create democratic space & linkage between child and duty bearers on child development issues.

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

#### **Orientation on online birth registration process at Upazila Level:**

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 Riva Amzad, women vice chairman, and Faysal Hossain ( Morud) Vice chairman, upazila paishad, UP Chairman, UP Secretary, UP entrepreneurs were presented as members of the event. Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodan UNO of Jaldhaka addressed the welcome speech of the event & also facilitated the meeting. Total 54 participants were participated the meeting which was male 28, female 01. Kaykobad Hossain PC, R2PP

project jaldhaka, described the objectives & importance of the meeting to ensure the birth registration for children. PC was requested to the UNO for reducing the certificate fees which was minimum Tk 50 it is not entitle in birth registration law . it was burden for the poor families for that reason most of the poor families didn't take initiatives for birth registration. As per government data within 45 days birth registration rate was 3.2% we want to increase it minimum 90% in Jaldhaka Upazila.

**Second session:** Open discussion session for all , Facilitator wants to know what is the main problem to ensure the birth registration in our Upazila. UP secretary & UP entrepreneurs were take part of discussion session on this issue & they are raising some question to ensure the birth registration which are below:

- Some UP members didn't cooperate to birth registration process.
- Community people are not aware on birth registration process & they didn't pay the fees for birth registration.
- Some article of birth registration law is problematic so they didn't implementing the program successfully.
- UP entrepreneurs prepared a lot of birth certificate but community people didn't receive the certificate due to lake of awareness on regarding this issue.

**Third session:** After complete the fruitful discussion with them; UNO has taken some decisions/ proposal which are below:

- Formed a committee for review the rule of business on birth registration law & prepare the draft proposal & sending the respective ministry.
- USS will provide the list of new born babies to the respective UP bodies to ensure the birth registration with 45 days.
- UP entrepreneurs didn't get any remuneration from government. In this circumstance there is no scope to reduce the certificate fees for birth registration.
- UNO wanted to support from USS to taking initiatives for awareness rising on birth registration among the community people.

## Report on Child protection advocacy & Monitoring

Venue : CLC –Jaldhaka- Nilphamari

Participants category – Divisional YAP members.

Date : 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> september -2017

USS & Plan international Bangladesh are trying to create the enable envirnment & democratic space for development through youth engagment.For this reason USS organized the training on Child protection advocacy & Monitoring for divisional advisiary pannel members in Community Learning Center (CLC), Jaldhaka, Nilphamari.16 divisional YAP members ( male 8 female 8) have participated the training. The training was conducted by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International

Bangladesh, Kaykobad Hossain, Project Coordinator and Abdur Rahim, Technical Officer, CRP, USS, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari.

Objective of the training:

Objective of training:

- Participants will able to know the advocacy inintative on child protection issues.



- YAP members will play the proactive role as a community advocate for protection issues.
- They will be able to conduct the monitoring on programmatic intervention of Plan International Bangladesh & its partners.

### **Detail of conducted seasons.**

**Pre-test:** Inauguration the training by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International Bangladesh than participants appeared the pre-test on this training for knowing the skill & knowledge on respective issues.

#### **Concept of advocacy & CP Advocacy & its importunity to child protection:**

Facilitator was conducted the session, what is advocacy & CP advocacy? What are the importances to child protection mechanism? Facilitator was conduct the season through using lecture methods & some time using brain storming methods.

**Community based advocacy & it's different from normal advocacy:** This session was conducted by Kaykobad Hossain PC – Right to participation & protection project. Facilitator was conduct the season through using brainstorming methods & power point. Discusses the sessions are what is community based advocacy & what are the different normal advocacy & community based advocacy. And also discusses the main characteristic of community based advocacy. After complete the discussion participants were divided in 4 group & they prepared the advocacy plan to ensure the child protection.

**Role play for Lobby with duty bearer:** This session was facilitated by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International Bangladesh. Facilitator divided the participants in two groups, one group was playing role duty bearer & others group was playing role of lobbyist, and lobbyist group was facilitated lobby in favor of flood affected people for getting the support from government. After complete the lobby meeting participants was discussed the improvement areas for future development to conduct the lobby meeting.

**YAP lead field Monitoring:** This session was conducted by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, RDO, Plan International Bangladesh. Facilitator was discussed the concept of monitoring & evaluation and how to conduct the monitoring process in field level. Facilitator was conduct the demo session among the participants sharing feedback on monitoring process for future development. After complete the discussion session participants were divided in three groups to conduct the field monitoring process in Mirganj, Khutamara & Kaimari union. After complete the field monitoring & they came back to CLC and conduct the sharing session on field monitoring.

#### **Reflection & expression of participants on this event:**

- Participants are able to prepare the community based advocacy plan & facilitate the advocacy to ensure child protection issues.
  - Participants gained minimum skill & knowledge on monitoring process & they also able facilitate the activity monitoring.

#### **Some expression:**

**Argina Begum:** I am very happy to participate the training as a participant; I am able to prepare the community based advocacy & facilitate the advocacy with union paraisad.

**Kalidas Ray:** I have received various types of training for youth & development but it was different from others. We have received theoretical training & also getting opportunity for practical experience through field visit.



Liton : I am grateful to Plan international Bangladesh & USS to organize the training for our skill development. Learning from this training, we will try to replicate it in our community for their development.

Recommendations:

- Need to provide hand note on respective session.
- Need to increase the duration of this training.

**Quarterly youth bondhou Sova for review & reflection at UP level:** Previously USS organized the two type of meeting one for youth & others was children forum meeting. From this provision we think that there is no scope to coordination both of them. From this learning USS has started the journey of " Bondhou Sova ". It was mixed group of youth & children. During the reporting period 12" Bondhou Sova " conducted in Kaimary, Khutamara , Mirganj, Golna , Shimulbari & Dormopal union under Jaldhaka Upazila. The content of the meeting was baseline survey, & its effectiveness, gender and sex & gender equity & equality. Facilitator has conducted the session on base line survey on child protection issues through group discussion on respective unions. Firstly they find out the real situation on child protection issues in their community. They used the three colors for its effect for children which was Red is danger/ Strong, Yellow is medium level & blue is safe for children. Secondly facilitator has discussed the concept of gender & different of gender & sex and also discussed the impact of gender discrimination for child development.

**In Reporting period USS conducted 24 meeting in 06 union & 326 participants among them 160 boys and 148 girls Youth 276( male-133 female 143) were attended.** The members are from union level representatives who shared their progress, challenges and learning in the meeting. The participants reviewed their last planned of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions.

## Report on Child parliament 2018

USS & Plan international Bangladesh are committed to ensure the child rights and their development. From this commitment USS is implementing the various types of activities; one of them is Child parliament. The Child Parliament-2018 held in Nilphamari district dated on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in conference room of DC Office, Nilphamari. This is third Child Parliament in Nilphamari district organized by USS & Plan International Bangladesh supported by District Administration .The issue of child parliament was **"Role of mass people is major to ensure the child rights"**. 15 Children had participated on this child parliament from Jaldhaka & Nilphamari sodor Upazila.

Objectives of child parliament 2018:

- To build common understanding on child rights on view to UNCRC & National perspectives.
- Getting some commitment from duty bearer to ensure child rights & their development.



Mst Serajum Musferate subat was playing the role house of the leader (prime minister) of parliament & Lubna Akter Mimsha was playing the role of house of the opposition. Six ministries & six members of parliaments are playing role of opposition. They discussed the various issues to ensure the child rights from the part of government & from the part of

mass people. 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:** Mst Motia Chowdhury Mimi played role of Speaker on child parliament 2018 session. 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-2018 started which is the great expectation of the audiences of Nilphamari. Topic of the Child Parliament-2018 was **"Role of mass people is major to ensure the child rights"**. Parliament members presented their speeches on the topic which they have had ground works for last one week. Member of Parliament (MP)

was selected by participatory process.

14 children are divided in two dimensions, one group has played role as government part & another's was opposition party. Five ministries & one department are responsible to ensure the rights of children. From this responsibility 7 children have played the role of government side & others 7 children have played role from opposition side. Mst Serajum Musferate subat was playing the role house of the leader (prime minister) of parliament &

Lubna Akter Mimsha was playing the role of house of the opposition. Six ministries & six members of parliaments are playing role of opposition. They discussed the various issues to ensure the child rights from the part of government & from the part of mass people.

In the point of ordered Child Parliament Members presented the issue with lots of information on regarding those issues. Mohammad Khaled Rahim, Deputy Commissioner was present as a chief guest





and Mr Imam Hasim , DD Social service department, Mr Osman Ghani ,DPEO, Mst Rafia iqbal, DWAO,Dr Mr Hrishikesh Sarker, PM. Plan International Bangladesh were presented as special guest. And others government official, CSO representative & journalist were also present the event. NCTF members and girls and young women members attended in the child parliament session.

**After completing the parliament session than started the open discussion session some participants expressions their views which are below :**

- I am very much proud to see the child parliament-2018. I am proposing to the USS & plan International Bangladesh when you will organize the child parliament; than need to present Member of Parliament (MP) who was elected from Nilphamari district.  
.....Md. Thamin Hoque (boby) Journalist – daily Jonokontha.
- I am surprised to see the performance of child parliament members they delivered the lot of information as per their content on view to law & policy. Specially opposition leaders described her logic strongly on child rights issues.----- Mr Sorowar Manik , Principal Mousher Rahman Degree college- Nilphamari.
- I am very proud of the performance of the children who are playing role as a parliamentarian and I am seeing so many future parliamentarians existing here. You have lot of knowledge on child right & UNCRC. Please shift your skill & knowledge to your other friends. ----- Md. Enamul Hoque , Divisional YAP Member , Rangpur Division.
- Opposition Member of Parliament raising the voice to incorporate the children in child marriage restraint committee at district to Union level. I am agreed with them, within few days we will reform the committee & also activate the committee If you needed any cooperation to me for protect the child marriage please communication with respective Upazila women affairs office..... Mst Rafiya Iqbal – district women affairs officer, Nilphamari.
- Information is power – it is proved from this child parliament. I am very proud to participate the event. Most of the children have lot of knowledge on regarding these issues. Thanks to USS & plan International Bangladesh to organized new initiatives for child development..... Md. Osman Goni , District primary 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-2018 which will guide us to work for the betterment of the children. I would like to request USS & Plan international Bangladesh to provide support to strengthening child welfare board & CBCPM Committee in others upazila in Nilphamari district..... Md. Imam Hasim, Deputy Director Social services department-Nilphamari,
- In scenario of northern part of Bangladesh especially Kurrigram & Nilphamari are highest rate poverty. From this reason need to more work in these areas. Our Prime minister fixed the target to reduce the child marriage & last target it will Zero in 2041. It was excellent session, we know that scenario of our parliament but it was more cooperative and delivery their speech in respect with others parliamentarian. Children are well known about UNCRC & law and policy on child rights. Plan International Bangladesh and its partners are



playing the supportive role between duty bearer & right holders; it is one kind of role marriage maker. I would like to request to the respective duty bearer to strengthening Child welfare board, CBCP Committee and child marriage restraint committee district to Union level. I am grateful to all who are contributing valuable comments & suggestion for future improvements..... .Dr Mr Hrishikesh Sarker, PM, 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 children who are playing role as Member of Parliament. It was innovative tools to create the awareness to the children & others. Objective of the child parliament; to build common understanding on child

rights & rights violation and know their role for development. As per UNCRC & others international documents described the rights of the children. Some parliamentarians are more intelligent & proposing their views innovatively you can initiate on this process. 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. Every children build their life self dependency and playing active role to build the humanitarian society. ... [Mohammad Khaled Rahim, Deputy Commissioner – Nilphamari](#) "

#### **Reflection/ output of the events:**

- Getting some commitment from duty bearers to ensure child rights and stop child marriage.
- To build common understanding among audience on child rights its legal entity from National and international perspectives.
- To create democratic space & linkage between child and duty bearers on child development issues.

#### **Challenge & Limitations:**

- Don't ensure the child participation in all Upazila of Nilphamari district 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 district and also considers the norms of shadow parliament.

USS is trying to create the democratic space for child development through increasing 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.

# Divisional YAP Meeting Minutes

Venue: RDO Rangpur

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Quarterly divisional YAP meeting was held in 20<sup>th</sup> December-17 at RDO office of Plan International Bangladesh in Rangpur. The meeting was facilitated by Dr Hrishikesh Sarker, PM and SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, Plan international Bangladesh RDO Rangpur. At the beginning of the meeting facilitator described the objective of the meeting was providing feedback on ToR and to review & reflection in previous decision on respective agenda.

**Name of participants of the meeting are below:**

SL	Name	Address	Designation	Signature
1	Dr Hrishikesh Sarker	Plan International Bangladesh-RDO	PM	Signed
2	S.M Abdul Quader	Plan International Bangladesh-RDO	CP Specialist	
3	Khatharin	VSO- Dhaka	Youth Advisor	
4	Md. Kaykobad Hossain	USS Jaldhaka- Nilphamari	PC	
5	Md. Enamul Hoque	Jaldhaka- Nilphamari	Divisional YAP member	
6	Md. Alamin Khan	Jaldhaka- Nilphamari	Divisional YAP member	
7	Mst: Shirin Akter (ASA)	Jaldhaka- Nilphamari	Divisional YAP member	
8	Mst: jharna Akter	Jaldhaka- Nilphamari	Divisional YAP member	
9	Mst: Bristi Akter	Nilphamari Sador- Nilphamari	Divisional YAP member	
10	Md. Abid Al Maruf	Rangpur Sador- Rangpur	Divisional YAP member	
11	Mst; Mohisina Khatun ( Maya)	Ganachara- Rangpur	Divisional YAP member	
12	Mst; Rikta Pervin	Rangpur Sador- Rangpur	Divisional YAP member	
13	Md. Omor Faruque	Hatibanda, Lalmonirhut	Divisional YAP member	
14	Md. Forhad Hossain	Hatibanda, Lalmonirhut	Divisional YAP member	
15	Mst: Selina Akter (sweeti)	Lamonirhut Sador- Lamonirhut.	Divisional YAP member	
16	Tharima Akter Jimi	Khanshama- Dinajpur	Divisional YAP member	
17	Md. Delowar hossain	Khanshama- Dinajpur	Divisional YAP member	
18	Shokti Rani Ray	Khanshama- Dinajpur	Divisional YAP member	

**Agenda of the meeting are below:**

1. Providing necessary Feedback on ToR.
2. Learn- lead- Decide – Thrive.
3. Selected the National YAP members.
4. Next course of action.

CP Specialist detailed about the background of divisional YAP members meeting & he delivered the welcome speech to all . After giving the welcome speech than he presented the ToR for providing feedback suggestion to enrich documents.

- Feedback about ToR. Participants was providing some feedback which was below;  
# Strategies  
Need to add the sheikh Rasal child forum; members may be joined as YAP members.  
National YAP:  
Existing ToR : Two member will represent National YAP and they will be changed with rationally after one year. Our Proposal was 4 members will represent from Rangpur division & it will be changed after two years.
- **Learn- Lead- decide- thrive;** Dr Hrishikesh Sarker, PM of Plan international Bangladesh facilitated the session on learn- lead- decide- thrive.  
**Learn:** Every YAP members will be more active to learn more on regional & national development arenas to their development.  
**Lead:** when they will learn more on development issues & they will able to lead the community for their development.  
**Decide;** Every member should have to decide their life to access the power with community.  
**Thrive;** It is finally development stage of any human being.
- **Selected the National YAP members;** Divisional YAP Members discussed the issue about the selection of the National YAP from Rangpur Division. After completing fruitful discussion they selected the national YAP members. National YAP members name is below;  
**Md.** Abid Al Maruf- Rangpur-  
Mst: Selina Akter (sweeti)- Lalmonirhut  
Md. Alamin Khan- Nilphamari-  
Mst. Tharima Akter Jimi- Dinajpur.
- **Next course of action:** As per discussion with divisional YAP Members they agreed to improve their capacity on ICT issues. In next training will be organized on ICT & which will be held in last week of January-18 at CLC Jaldhaka.

The end of the meeting the discussions were summarized by S.M Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist of Plan International Bangladesh, RDO. He gave special thanks to USS project management for arranging the meeting and contributes in discussion point openly.



## Report on child protection orientation for district women network members at Nilphamari.

Venue: USS conference room- Nilphamari

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

USS & Plan international Bangladesh are committed to ensure the child Protection and their development. From this commitment USS is implementing the various types of activities; one of them is Orientation on child protection for women network at Nilphamari district. Participants were coming from different upazila which was Damar. Kissorganj, Jaldhaka & Nilphamari sador.

### Objectives of the Orientation:

- To increase the common understanding on child abuse & violence at local context.
- To create the enable environment on child protection & their development.



**Description of the Orientation:** Mr Alauddin Ali, Executive Director of USS was inauguration the orientation through delivered welcome speech on CP Orientation. During his speeches he welcomed all the participants to make the

session successful in order to establish the rights of the children.

Main content of the orientation were:

- Objective & expectation of the orientation on CP issues.
- Child rights analysis on view to consider the local context.
- Perception analysis of different types of abuse at local context.
- Exercise the Upazila wise resources map.
- Prepare the plan of action for each upazila.
- Closing & evaluation session on orientation.



SM Abdul Quader- Child protection specialist, Plan International Bangladesh, Md Kaykobad Hossain & Abdur Rahim staffs of USS was playing the role as facilitator.

Facilitator wants to know that what our expectation on CP orientation is? As per view to participants expectations were below:

- To know the concept of child protection.
- To know the child rights & their development.
- To know the demand of child & also know child psychology.

After getting the expectation from participants then facilitator was conducted the session on child protection issues through brain storming methods. It was interactive session on child protection issues & participants were getting some information about child protection.

Participants were trying to find out various types child abuse through group discussion as per local context which were below:

Name of abuse	Types of abuse	Name upazila & Risk level			
		Nil Sador	Domar	Jaldhaka	Kissorganj
Physical abuse	Physical torture – Acid throwing – Physical assault by fire- pulled by hair. Child marriage.	High	High	Medium	High
Mental abuse	Always scowling the children- Don't permit for mobility – Child marriage- Low emphasis to met up the fundamental needs - Separation from husband who were getting child marriage- Don't access to decision making process in their family-	High	High	Medium	High
Neglected	Don't access to enough time from parents – Don't contribution to decision making process at family level-	High	High	Medium	High
Sexual abuse	Eve teasing – touch the body- Rape- Naked picture showing through internet – Physical & mental relation- Joke of sexual issues- undertow by others.	High	High	High	High

After complete the group than it was finalized through plenary session. Facilitator was invited to the participants how to mitigate/ reduce the abuse at community level. Facilitator discussed the issues through brain storming methods & after complete the session participants have taken decision to prepare the resource map. Participants



prepared the resources map as per their local context.

**Prepared the plan of action for each Upazila :**

Participants have taken decision to prepare the plan of action to conducted life skill training for children to increase the confidence & protect themselves from others. Action plans are below:

Name of Upazila	Name of School	Tentative date	Responsibility
Domar	Kashari High School	January -18	Mst Parul begum. Mobile # 0178828240.
Kissorganj	Gonesh Adrosha High School	January -18	Mst. Israt Jahan , Mobile # 01786725203.
Nil Sador-	Kanialkhata High School	February -18	Mst. Sumona Irin Mobile # 01717675986.
Jaldhaka	Nizpara govt primary School	November -17	Mst. Rina Akter Mobile # 01745406517.

**Some expression from participants.**



Jaldhaka )

I am very happy to attend the orientation and learnt about child rights & protection issues it will be help to develop the community action plan to ensure right to protection for children----- Megna Akter ( Kissorganj)

I have attended the various type of training & Meeting for development issue but it is totally new for mine..... Mst Shanaj Begum ( Nil Sador).

I was started the development journey in 2006 but today we started our new journey as women network members, I am very happy to joined the team ----- Arzina Begum (

**Rlection/ output of the Orientation:**

- Getting some commitment from participants to playing role as child rights protectors.
- To build common understanding on Child rights & protection and it is new journey to district base approach.
- Prepared the plan of action for each upazila to ensure child protection issues.

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 was CP orientation for district women network.



**Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla level child & youth network** : During the reporting period 02 Quarterly Meeting of Upazilla Child & youth network has been conducted for child forum members. In the meeting 50 participants among them 22 boys and 28 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 Shirn akter, president of upazila level Child & youth network.

**Report on Experience sharing on best practices of child protection issues through dialogue session.**

Plan international Bangladesh and its partners are trying to ensure the child rights and their development. USS started the development journey with Plan international Bangladesh from 2006 and it has been implementing interventions to ensure child rights. One of them is "Experience sharing on best practices of child protection issues through dialogue session". This event was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at DC conference room of Nilphamari district. This event is organized by District Child Welfare Board, Nilphamari and supported by USS & plan international Bangladesh.



Objectives of the events were to-

- Share the best practices on child rights & protection issues with respective duty bearers & community people.
- Explore the best practices aiming to replicate in other areas of the district.
- Develop the linkage and coordination mechanism of duty bearers in Community level.

**Description of the Event:** Experience sharing on best practices of child protection issues through dialogue session was chaired by Mst Nusrat Fatima Assistant Director of social services & acting member secretary of district child welfare board, Nilphamari. **Mohammad Khaled Rahim**, Deputy Commissioner (DC) was present as a chief guest.

**Md Azaharul islam (ADC-General)**

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Md. Shafiqul islam- district education officer, Md Osman ghani- district Primary education officer and Mst.Rafia iqbal- district women affairs officer were present as special guest. This event was started with national anthem of Bangladesh and all participants as well as guest joined and respected the national anthem. Mr Alauddin Ali, Executive Director of USS delivered welcome speech in the event. In his speeches he welcomed all the audiences and guest to make the session successful in order to establish the rights of the children. After finishing the welcome speeches the events started which were below;



**Sharing the findings on fact finding report of child marriage** issues presented by Kaykobad Hossain, PC CRP Project Jaldhaka. After sharing the dialogue session was held on root cause and effect of child marriage & measure to stop it accordingly. After sharing the fact findings report 8 participants have discussed the issues and proposed the some recommendations which are below;

- **Strengthening child marriage restraint committee from union level to district level.**
- **Need to more emphasize to increase the self accountability on child marriage register on child marriage issues.**
- **Need to stop the registration by via marriage register.**
- **Need to stop the migration for child marriage and also stop the registration in others location.**
- **Need to ensure birth registration within 45 days.**

Second session on experience sharing on best practices; 10 best practices have shared by respective child protectors or actors on view to communities lens.



**Some expressions on respective best practices were below to;**

I am very much happy to attend the programme and received the books of best practices and I am trying to read thoroughly it is very important to know the protection mechanisms in different issues from community perception. I also propose to deputy commissioner to ensure marriage register will always stay in respective union pariasd office for completing marriage registration and to develop joint accountability marriage register & UP Chairman .....Md. Aminur Rahman, member of upazila child welfare board-Jaldhaka.

It was very tough to achieve the birth registration within 45 days where national data of birth registration 3.2% but we achieved 100% in Dormoplal union and overall of working areas is 81% . That's why it was remarkable to us ----- Mr Profullo Kumar Ray, member of CBCPC in Dormoplal union.

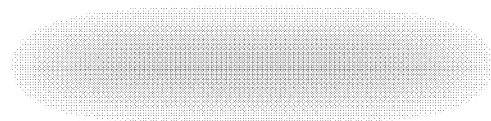
I am very happy to know the increase the skill & knowledge on creative writing through study circle. I congratulate to Shindhu Rani Ray and her team to operate the study circle in Kaimary union..... Lutfor Rahman (Bsc) member of CBCPC in Shimulbari union.

I have received the life skill & karate training from USS for self protection from others. In last April 2018 we stopped two child marriage in knutamara union through collective initiatives with CBCPC , Youth & child network.----- Mst.Asfi Begum – members of Action team in Horischandrapath high school.

I am benefited from resources map, we can easily get the mobile phone numbers from respective duty bearers and others, as per my perception it is helpful to all----- Abul kashem, Member of CBCPC in Kaimary union.



**Speech of special guest & chief guest**





- Started 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 reduce the child marriage. Noted that especially girls education contributes to reduce the child marriage at our social context -[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 event 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 continue your education for bright future. ...[Md. Osman Ghani ,Distict education officer ,Nilphamari](#).
- I have saluted to the champion who are playing active role to ensure child rights and Protection at community level. I am very happy to attend the program and I want to be a part to ensure child rights and always extend my hand to help you. Need to more emphasize on moral education & continuing their study for bright future-----[Mst Rafia Iqbal, District women affairs officer, Nilphamari](#).

You know that there are 54 rights are divided in to 5 clusters on child rights issues. We believe that if children are able to access their rights then he/she will develop in future. Plan International Bangladesh & partners are trying to ensure the child rights through influencing government. We are trying to create child friendly environment at home to community ----- [Md. Liaquat Hossain. Sponsorship Programme Coordinator, Plan International Bangladesh](#).

- There are various types of participants have presented here, all the participants are respected in their community and they have a lot of social responsibility to develop their community. For this perception they are playing more proactive role for child protection. Child marriage is the part of child protection that’s why we will increase the self accountability to reduce the child marriage.-----  
----- [Md Azaharul islam ,ADC \(Genaral\) Nilphamari](#).

I thank to all participants who have presented information without fear and hesitation. I am very happy to see the performance of child who are playing role as a child protector. I would like to request Plan international Bangladesh & USS, if it possible to extension in others upazila in Nilphamari district. Present government has taken various types of initiative to ensure child rights but it will be more effective when ensure the active community participation, I believed that it was the part of this process as a result we got some remarkable achievement / best practices from these initiatives. Need to say that child protection is related with health & nutrition, education. Government tries to ensure child rights through development project. District & Upazila child welfare board have been trying to make successful programmatic initiative to ensure their rights.----- [Mohammad Khaled Rahim, Deputy Commissioner\( DC\) Nilphamari](#).

**List of best performance award on best practices are below;**

SL	Name of Organization and actors	Awarded issue
1	District Child welfare board	Ensure the child rights by DCWB.
2	Upazila Child welfare board- Jaldhaka	Ensure punishment of child marriage actors through mobile court.
3	Dormopla Union Parisad	Ensure 100% birth registration within 45 days.
4	ActionTeam- Horishchandrapath high school, Khutamara.	For playing the proactive role for stopping child marriage.
5.	Md. Amunir Rahman- member of child welfare board.	For Playing proactive role to ensure child rights.
6.	Mst.,ShirinAkter-member of Action Team	Girls mobilization & ensure self accountability through school based campaign.

7.	Shindhu Rani Ray – Member of Child & youth network.	To develop the creative methodology for learning & sharing through study circle.
8.	Mst. Bristi Akter – Member of Action team.	Raising voice NO NO for relation build up.
9.	Mst. Jesmin Akter- Member of Action team.	She cancelled her marriage herself
10	Md. Akash Khan- Member of Child & youth network.	Child leadership development within his community.

**Reflection/ output of the events:**

- Participants have gotten space for sharing their best practices in district level & some best practices may be replicated in others areas.
- Getting some commitment from duty bearers to ensure child rights including stop child marriage.

**Recommendations:**

- More emphasize to consider program focusing areas on child marriage issues and also girl's rights and their social protection.

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**Training/orientation on safe guard policy on youth & child.**



Plan International Bangladesh & their partner have been practicing ‘Child Centered Community Development approach’ (CCCD) to ensure the youth & child protection. From this perception USS organized the training on safe guard policy on youth & child for front & mid level staffs. The participants came from Rupantor - Hatibandha, Dhaka Ahsania mission (DAM)-Jaldhaka and USS, Nilphamari & Jaldhaka. And community people. Total 459 participants were actively participated in the training. The training was facilitated by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, Plan international Bangladesh RDO Rangpur & Kaykobad Hossain, PC of

CRP project , USS .The objectives were below to;

- To build critical understanding on safe guard policy for Project Staffs’
- Making Participants able to play proactive role as child protector at community level.

“Memories of the childhood” Facilitator asked to the participants how their childhood was and told them to describe the situation through drawing the picture and also drawing the picture of child who were best as per



their perception. Participants have drawn the picture. Then it was hanged in the wall for comparison the perception from each others.

Abuse; Participants identified the various types of abuse such as , Physical, Mental , sexual & neglect through group discussion. At last they also indentified the cause of abuse in their own context and develop to protection mechanism to involvement with community.

2<sup>nd</sup> Day : After recap the session on previous day then some resources persons ( girls & boys) have facilitated the session on their selected issues. Their facilitation was excellent from views to participants and all resources persons were very confident to facilitate the process.

Facilitator described the objectives of safe guard policy through lecture methods & also alignment programmatic intervention of their own project through group discussion. Secondly participants indentified the considering issue to design the program & also considering issue of implementing the program view to safe guard policy. Thirdly the identifying the Dos & Don't for child in everywhere.

Some expression of participants was below to;

I am very happy to attend the training, in previously we took various types of training for development but it was different to facilitation process and it was totally new for me. I will try to replicate the knowledge in our project..... Md Jomil Hossain- Project Coordinator, SOS project -Nilphamari.



I am very excited to see the presentation of girls that they will know how to develop training & learning mechanism selected topics. It was new me that participants have played the role of trainers.----- Rupali Rani Ray – Gender equality Project – Nilphamari.

This training was new to me; I tried my best to learn more from this training. As a result I learnt the role and responsibility for protection issues as a development worker ..... Airin Akter – Khutamara- Jaldhaka.

## **Report on Capacity build training on community based child protection mechanism**

**Venue: Community learning center, Date: 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> December -2017**

**Participated by: R2PP Project Staffs, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari & Hatibanda, Lamonirhut.**

Plan International Bangladesh & their partner believe that community based child protection mechanism is the most important tools to child protection & their development. From this perception USS organized the training on community based child protection mechanism for front & mid level staffs. The training was facilitated by SM Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist, Plan international Bangladesh RDO Rangpur & Kaykobad Hossain & Subal Ghosh PC R2PP project , USS & Rupantor .The objectives of the training;

- To build common understanding on Child protection mechanism for R2PP Project Staffs.
- Experience sharing among the project staffs on child protection mechanisms through field visit.

- To setting the some indicators on respective initiatives to ensure qualitative outcome.

The main content of the training on Plan International Bangladesh purpose values, global strategy Concept of rights & Human Rights with principle, HRB Cycle & others. Major activities of R2PP Project & set their indicators to ensure the qualitative outcome. On the first day before lunch we conducted the session on theoretical discussion on respective activities and afternoon participants visited the field. Facilitator had divided in to four groups among the participants which were;

Group (a) Visited the Action team group of Kaliganj high school in Golna union under Jaldhaka Upazila. Group (b) visited the CBCPC committee in Kaimary union. Group (c) Child & youth forum in Mirganj union . Group (d) visited the birth registration process in Shimulbari union.

**Shared & learning on visited issues.** After completing the field visit we were discussing the sharing session on respective activities. The content of shared & learning session were; (1) Best practices (2) development areas & recommendations (3) Learning from field visit.

**Setting the Indicators:** Setting the indicator of CBCPC, Action Team, Youth & child forum and Birth registration process through participatory process. We agreed the practicing the indicators in respective activities outcome. We think that it was very important work with us as qualitative child protectors.

Next course of Action on R2PP Project was below; ( Non budgetary activity)

Board area	Sub- Activity	Time frame				Responsibility	Need to Support From
		Jan	Feb	Mar	April		
Strengthening CBCPC	To ensure active participation on different activities of CBCPC members.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To Develop the linkage mechanism with the union CBCPC committee					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To Provide technical support to the CBCPC committee for taken initiative on CP issues. ( Minimum one for each month)					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To ensure best practices / Case study (Minimum one best practices for each staffs in every month)					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	Capacity building on reporting & responding on CP issues through quarterly meeting.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	Annually linkage meeting with Upazila Child welfare board.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
Action Team	To ensure karate Training through their own initiatives.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	Quarterly meeting on review reflection.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To ensure dissemination of learning among the others girls in school.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	Promote group mobility from home to					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC



	school & school to home.					CF	
	To publish the help line numbers among the community people.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To Prepare the best practices on action team ( Minimum one for each month)					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
Birth registration within 45 days.	To collect the list of new born baby in targeting areas.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	To organize the awareness rising session among the community on birth registration issues.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	Lobby with UNO & others to influence the birth registration within 45 days.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC
	80% birth registration will be completed in one union for each project.					CAR- T & CF	TO/PC

All participants have enjoyed the training & we believe that it would more effective to achieve our outcome.

### **Learning:**

- Those persons who are facilitating programs, they have to have conceptual clarity about those specific issues.
- Those who are sufferer, if they are self-realized about problems then they can take initiatives easily in their own way.
- All stakeholders need to take necessary initiatives in participatory way for getting a fruitful result.

### **Challenges:**

- Ensure teacher representation in the CBCPC at ward level
- In some cases participants were less due to examinations

### **Recommendations:**

- Staffs capacity building on facilitation, report writing