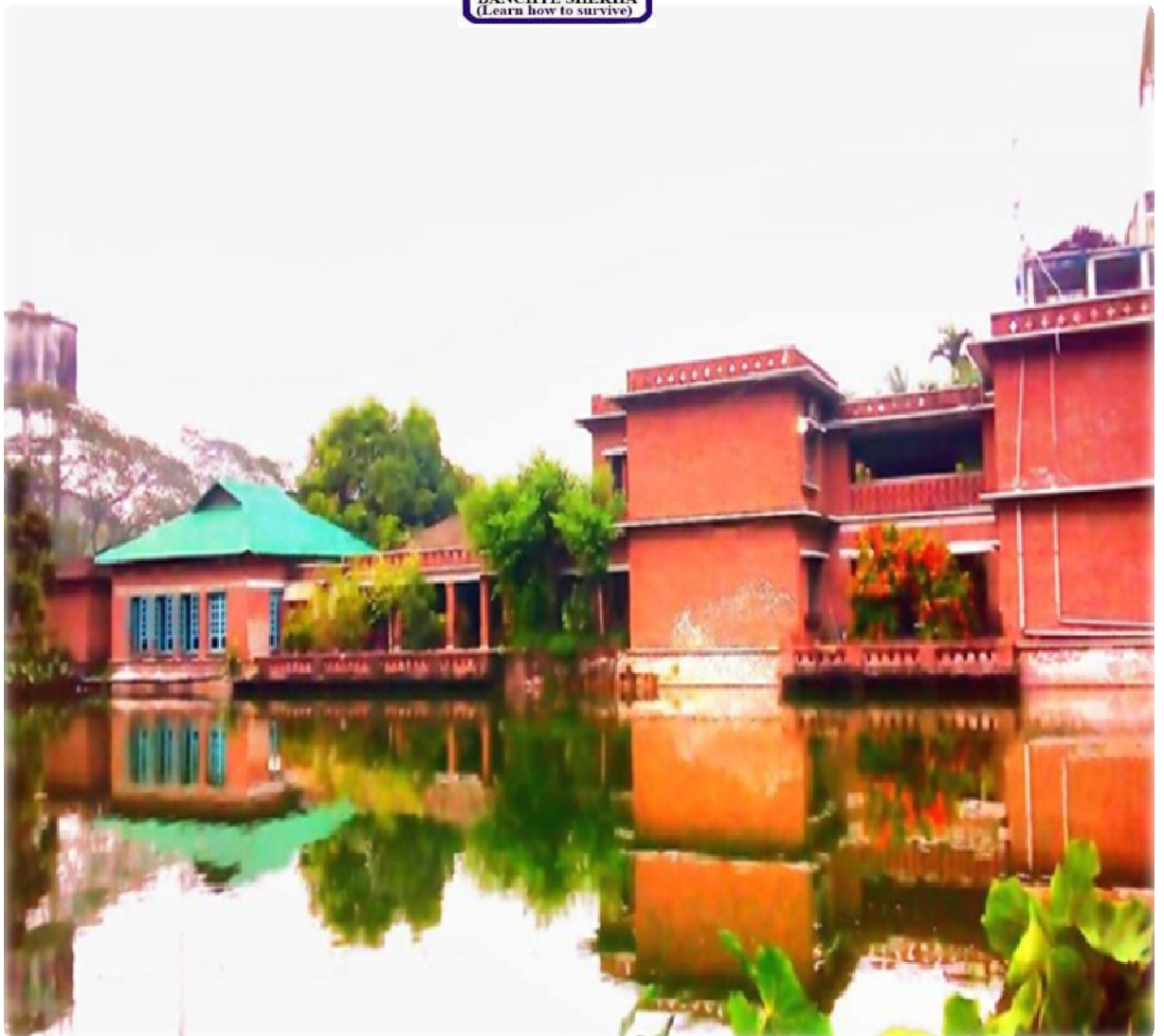


BANCHE SHEKHA

Annual Report 2017 -2018

Program Highlights



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Preface

This monograph covers the period from July 2017 to June 2018. During this year, Banchte Shekha have projects which are of different issues and covers for a long time. The projects are based on access to justice which mostly deals with human and women rights issues, reduction of violence against women and children; on the other hand, it looks at education, health, disability, nutrition and economic development activities. Through this year we have the aspirations and achievements of so many good things, also we have negative marks on the whole activities of Banchte Shekha; most of the projects are going to be closed within June 2018 except few.

In the midst of sorrows we have good news to add that BRAC has made a contract with BS to run education program taking over 20 schools. In infrastructure level, BS has constructed a three storied building extending the old one for income generation.

We pay our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to donors and our good friends who have assisted the rural women and children suffering from deprivation and rights through Banchte Shekha. It is to be mentioned here the supports we got from different walks of life especially from the government, press, lawyers and civil society members are praise worthy.

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OrganizationBackground

Banchte Shekha is one of the largest women and children organizations in the southern part of Bangladesh based in Jessore working since 1976 to improve the socio-economic condition of women in the region with a long-term objective to empower women and reduce poverty in the depressed areas for the disadvantage people particularly vulnerable women. Over the 34 years Banchte Shekha has been reorganized as a key player in liberating and empowering the women of Bangladesh are attracting many visitors from organizations around the world, interested in seeing the work and impact of Banchte Shekha's work.

From the inception of Banchte Shekha, she aims to improve the socio-economic condition of her beneficiaries in the working area especially to establish the women and child rights. She performed for a positive change likely economical, cultural, women empowerment, human rights establishment by facing different types of challenges and risks including prolonged conflict, confrontation, natural disaster, social trend and tendencies, fundamentalism etc. In this connection she set up a target of components including Community Mobilization and Institutional Strengthening, Income Generating Activities, Health Hygiene and Nutrition, Education. In every component, she had a good achievement and success finding better scope of work opportunities in her working area among other success providers. She had a long experience in implementing these components both in rural and urban area including most high-risk slums of Bangladesh.

Established in 1976 it has grown to serve more than 300,000 women in Khulna, Rangpur, Barishal and Dhaka division, indirectly more than 25lacs people are being benefited by Banchte Shekha's programmes. The organization is registered with the Department of Social Welfare and under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary) Regulation Act. It has also embodied with Joint Stock under Company's Registration Act and the NGO Affairs Bureau.

Vision:

A society, which fulfils all fundamental demands and rights of the poor women and children, in which social harmony, peace, justice and ecological balance prevail.

Mission:

Banchte Shekha will bring about an improved quality for life for the poor women and children in the social and economic sphere. Especially by using awareness techniques to empower the beneficiaries with the skills to survive and assist them to access their legal and democratic rights.

Goal:

Contribution to uphold the human rights with respect and dignity for her target participants in the working area.

Banchte Shekha Beneficiaries: Banchte Shekha works with the most vulnerable groups of the population; these include poor rural women, slum urban dwellers, hardcore poor, street children and disabled girls. Essentially their poverty is described as “Poor” and ‘Hardcore Poor” on the basis of income, assets and welfare condition.

Banchte Shekha's' Working Methodology: Banchte Shekha believes in a holistic approach to development, intervention programmes address the immediate needs as well as ensuring future sustainability of the development. Programmes utilize a combination of activities from the core development areas, Social & Human Rights development, Economic development and Welfare development in meeting beneficiary needs. Singular application of development areas is not successful, since Human Rights Education given to Women who are under nourished, diseased or physically abused is not likely to be assimilated if their minds are over burdened with the tortures of daily life.

Banchte Shekha practices Group Based Development approach to reach its target group. Through workshops and seminars the groups identify their problems and assess their needs in a supportive environment provided by trained Banchte Shekha facilitators. The information collected forms the bases of intervention programmes designed. Regular group meetings, seminars and workshops play a significant role in group development. Groups meet fortnightly for savings mobilization and capacity building. After this training activities and access to IGA activities group members are provided Micro-Credit for attaining self-sufficiency and reliance.

The “Group Based Development” focuses on:

- Group forming
- Build up Social and Human Rights awareness
- Awareness building on Welfare and Economic development issues
- Build up leadership and management capacity of group members

BS Implemented Projects
During the period of 2017-2018 at a Glance

Sl. No	Name of Project	Donor	Remarks
1	Promoting Local Justice through Community Legal Services Project	DFID and Maxwell Stamps PLC, CLS	Project ended on 30 March 2018
2	Community Initiatives to Reduce Violence against Women (CIRVAW) project	DFID and MJF	Project ended on 30 March 2018
3	Protecting Human Rights (PHR) Project	USAID and Plan International	Project ended on 30 March 2018
4	SPRING Project	USAID and Save the Children	Project ended on September 2017
5	Let Her Decide and Participate (LHDP)	OXFAM GB	Project ended on June 2018
6	AGRO –INPUTS Project (CNFA)	USAID and CNFA	Project ended on 30 June 2018
7	Promoting Rights and Inculcation of the Disabled People for their Empowerment/ Gender Equity Environment for women with Disabilities. (PRIDE/ GEED)	LF-DRRA country program	Project is ongoing
8	Advocacy for Empowerment Project	TLMI-B	Project is ongoing
9	Breast Care Program	Vennozza Italy	Project ended on 30 June 2018
10	Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled (Physiotherapy Center)	Vennozza Italy	Project is ongoing
11	BRAC Pre Education Program	BRAC and BS	Project is ongoing
12	Education For All	IDEA-Italy	Project is ongoing
13	Legal aid and Legal Literacy	Vennozza Italy	Project is ongoing
14	Creative opportunity for computer education for disadvantaged people	BS Own Fund	Project is ongoing
15	BS_IGA (Handicrafts Project, Poultry, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries)	BS Own Fund	Project is ongoing
16	EWG - Voter Education Project	The Asia Foundation	Project ended on 30 November 2017
17	Micro Finance Program	BS Own Fund	Project is ongoing

Promoting Local Justice through Community Legal Services Project

Project Location: Jessore district (Avaynagar, Keshobpur, JhikorgachaUpazilas) and Gazipur District (Kaliakoir, Kapashia and SreepurUpazilas)

Goal: Improved access to justice and legal rights/ entitlements for the poor and vulnerable in Bangladesh that potentially improves their quality of life.

Objectives of the Project:

1. To build and strengthen Salish committee and provide leadership and skill training for committee members.
2. To facilitate access to justice for the poor and women through community mediation (shalish) and access to legal support.
3. To create greater awareness in the community by different methods (folk songs, community theatre, orientation, training and through education materials).
4. To intensify advocacy and networking with regard to access to justice, gender equity and human rights.



Result: Summary table on Legal and HR Awareness and Education Sessions on CLS Project

SL	Information up to last quarter (April – December '17) 1		Information about present quarter (January-March'18) 2		Information to date (April 2017 - March 2018) 3 (1+2)	
	No. of HR/ Legal Education Sessions	No. participants	No. of HR/ Legal Education Sessions	No. particip ants	Total No. of HR/ Legal Education Sessions	No. participants
Courtyard meeting	4835	95729	440	8712	5275	104441
Awareness building session (Corporal Punishment)	87	6525	0	0	87	6525
Drama/ cultural events	528	132672	0	0	528	132672
Legal aid day	02	1475	0	0	02	1475
Women day	6	840	06	912	12	1752
Others						
Total	5458	237241	446	9624	5904	246865

Result: Summary Table on Training Sessions for Community Members on CLS Project

No. of Training Sessions conducted up to last Quarter (April – December '17)		Total No. of Training Sessions conducted in the reporting year (April 2017 - March 2018)	
No.	Participants	Total no	Total participants
44	1184	44	1188

Strengthening Partnership, Results and Innovation Nutrition Globally / SPRING Project

Working Area: 6 Upazila of Jessore District (JessoreSadar, Bagharpara, Avaynagar, Monirampur, Keshobpur, Jhikorgacha)

Objective: Increases household level access to and utilization of diversified foods for young children while simultaneously creating an enabling environment to improve nutrition knowledge/positive behaviors for beneficiaries.

Result: Activity wise achievements

Sl. no	Activity	Target	Achievement
01	Farmer Nutrition School Session	768	768
02	Farmer Field School Session (Supervision)	72	72
03	Awareness events (GHWD) UPZ level	06	06
04	Awareness events (GHWD) FNS level	768	768
05	Agricultural Activities- Supportive Supervision)	36	7
06	Health and Nutrition Supervision	72	72
07	Progress Review and Planning meeting	18	18
08	HH. visit new FFS beneficiary	7166	7166
09	HH. visit graduated FFS beneficiary	10286	8986
10	Farmer nutrition day(FND)	384	384
11	Tippy tap Installation	13869	12335



Let Her Decide and Participate (LHDP)

To enhance the women leadership, participation and build up leadership quality of women by empowering and transformative way.

Total beneficiaries 36459 and direct beneficiaries 12153 of the project

Working Area: Jessore Sadar

Goal: High level of social and political acceptance of women's roles contribution at family, social, political and economic aspect and recognized as agent of transformational change.



Objectives:

1. Influencing others to bring about fundamental change and facilitation and the empowerment of others – at home, formal and in formal milieus among others.
2. Increased women's voice through build up self-esteem and self confidence and have greater influence over their own lives.
3. Increased women's participation in service provider organizations and stand collective forces.
4. Women and organizational staffs are clear on women transformational leadership (social, political and economic) and influences others project and policies within the organization.

Outcomes:

Women confident in creased to challenges injustice and inequalities and claim rights and entitlements and increased participation in decision making process at formal and informal structure.

Developed social collective stand of women and men to challenge the incidence of VAW and increased sensitivity of the service providers to get access of survivors of VAW in the justice system.

LHDP Project Activities Highlights



LHDP Project Result:

SL	Activities	Unit	Activities		Participants		Total
			Target	Achieve	Male	Female	
01	International Woman Day Celebration: Union Level Meeting & Rally	03	03	03	05	80	85
02	International Woman Day Celebration District Level Meeting & Rally	01	01	01	80	420	600
03	16 days observation	03	03	03	60	180	240
04	Training on Women Rights defenders /Woman Transformative and political leadership training	02	02	02	0	44	44
05	Adda sessions (twice in a month) for women to be developed as Women Rights Defenders & women leader in the community (non-budgetary)	360	360	360	00	8250	8250
06	Monthly session with adolescent Girls (non-budgetary)	60	60	60	00	1100	1100
07	Monthly session with adolescent Boys (non-budgetary)	60	60	60	00	1100	1100

08	Issue specific discussion/session with men, spouse and parents	06	06	06	130	230	360
09	Sharing Meeting with Different Committees (UP standing committee, School Committee, Market Committee etc.)	02	02	02	12	28	40
10	Gender and SRHR training for adolescent girls and boys group. (2 days)	04	04	04	41	47	88
11	Youth lead VAW situation monitoring and share with community & other stakeholders	03	03	03	70	110	180
12	Training for adda leaders/members on relevant law & institutional process (1 days)	03	03	03	0	66	66

AGRO –INPUTS PROJECT (AIP)

Working Area: Jessore, Narail, Jhinidha, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Magura.

Objective: The objective of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Agricultural Inputs Project (AIP) is to improve the supply of quality agricultural inputs through input retailers. Its central effort is the creation of a sustainable Agro Input Retailers Network (AIRN) AIP's four interventions areas follow:

1. Establishment of an Agro-Input Retailers Network (AIRN);
2. Development of Market Information Systems;
3. Setting Quality Control Standards for inputs and lessening Regulatory Constraints; and
4. Strengthening Local Organizations towards direct implementation.

Result: Created 75 Women Agro Inputs Retailers and assisted with shop decoration & business licenses (Trade license, DAE License, MoA License) to run their business legally.





Agro-Inputs Project (AIP) Result:

SI #	Name of Activity	Approved activity (Target)	Performed activity (Achievement)
1	Publishes open advertisements.	4	4
2	Holds inception session at district level.	3	3
3	Holds public meetings (grantee identification).	34	34
4	Evaluates pre-application for short Listing.	320	320
5	Ascertain client base	203	203
6	Undergoes matching grants benchmarks worksheet process with applicants	102	102
7	Filling in of grant applications.	101	101
8	Submission of applications and supporting materials.	93	93
9	Conducting of site visits.	93	93
10	Submission of grants application for review by Grants Committee.	79	79
11	Holding of community garnering sessions for approved applicants.	75	75
12	Assist in completion of grant agreements.	76	76
13	Assisting grantees with agro-input license issuing and receipt process.	79	79
14	In-kind assets transfer	75	75
15	Assist with shop organization.	75	75
16	Experience sharing by grantees in public meeting.	7	7
17	Quarterly meeting with women champions: sharing progress' field findings,	2	2
18	Support capacity building training for grantees.	10	10

19	Support grantee's champions".	179	131
20	Quarterly learning sharing meeting with successful married couples/counterparts.	7	7
21	Organize 4 batches learning visits by women retailers	4	4
22	PNGO capacity building training, refresher training on financial management, USAID policy & procedures.	1	1
23	Refresher training on environmental compliance	1	1
24	Fire drill and in-kind assets utilization training for women retailers: after completing of all in-kind assets transfer.	1	1
25	Sharing and finalization of exit operational guidelines for PNGO	1	1
26	Exit Gathering of Women Agro-Inputs Retailers with the presence of DAE and other relevant stakeholders	1	1
27	Provide regular field monitoring and on the job support to women retailers	175	175
28	Organize courtyard sessions to motivate farmers to purchase agro-inputs from AIRN retailers	100	100
29	Assist AIP consultant for capacity building of women retailers at field level	83	63
30	Quarterly grantee progress and learning sharing meeting	2	2

Promoting Rights and Inculcation of the Disabled People for their Empowerment(PRIDE) Project

Working Area:JessoreSadar and Municipality

Objectives:

1. Provide rehabilitation and treatment facility for physically disabled children
2. Provide skill development training, mainly handicrafts, food making and supply
3. Provide Educational support (Educational materials, transport, coaching fee)

Main Activities

- Treatment and linkage of the disabled patients
- Awareness
- Training
- Literacy
- Group formation

Target Beneficiaries: 150 Peron with Disability Children



Banchte Shekha - Breast Care Program

Working Area: Jessore Sadar

Project goals:

- Create awareness among the community people about the breast cancer.
- Development of a multi disciplinary breast care center for counseling and advice.
- Screening of the women for detection of breast problem.
- Problem solving support of selected patient.

Result:

SL	Particulars	Number
1.	Primary Check-up	296
2.	Number of Identified Patients with Breast Problem	82
3.	Refer for Mammography/Advance Treatment	2
4.	Number of Patients Receive Self-examination	82

	Training	
5.	Number of Identified Patients with other Problems such as	
	a) Leucorrhoea	9
	b) Pain in one cervical	2
	c) Headache	0
	d) Bronchial asthma	1
	e) Lower add pain	3
	f) Ring worm infection	23
	g) Generalized weakness	8
	h) Axillaries pain	75
	i) Chest pain	55
6.	Follow-up Visit by Former Patients	27
7.	Awareness & Motivation on Breast Cancer Prevention	296



Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled Project

Working Area: Jessore, Khulna, Narail, Jhenaidah, Magura, Kushtia & Meherpur.

Project Beneficiaries: Mainly Cerebral Palsy children and the Adult Clients (CVA, Back pain, neck pain) clients are get priority to receive the physiotherapy service from the centre and at home service.

Objectives: The objectives are following;

- To provide quality physiotherapy, occupational therapy and special education support to the disabled children and adults to develop the physical and functional condition.
- To extended more therapy facilities to accommodate increased numbers of patients, for physiotherapy, occupational therapy and for special education.

- To extended the adult physiotherapy service especially for the Stroke, Arthritis, Back pain, Neck pain and Sports Injuries clients. This new initiative will help to accelerate centre income to sustain and improve the centre activities.
- Educate the mother/parents/guardians of the children about the prevention of disability and provide training on physiotherapy techniques. So, parents able to continue the physiotherapy at home and ensure the improvement.
- To help the general public to accept, respect and assist disabled people. To encourage them to welcome disabled people into their lives, and for them to appreciate the abilities and potential of disabled people.



Result of Activities :

SL	CATEGORY	NUMBERS		TOTAL
		Boys	Girls	
A	New Clients			
1	Child: Assessments	120	96	216
2	Adult: Assessments	20	23	43
3	Referrals to Other Institutes/Hospitals	2	3	5
4	CP Children: Physiotherapy	106	90	196
5	OD Children: Physiotherapy	14	6	20
6	Adult Clients: Physiotherapy	20	23	43
7	CP Children: Occupational Therapy	28	18	46
8	OD Children: Occupational Therapy	10	5	15
9	Adult Clients: Occupational Therapy	3	3	6
10	CP Children: Special Needs Education	43	30	73
B	Former Clients			
1	CP Children: Physiotherapy	478	299	777
2	OD Children: Physiotherapy	25	27	52
3	Adult Clients: Physiotherapy	44	71	115
4	CP Children: Occupational Therapy	276	195	471
5	OD Children: Occupational Therapy	36	32	68
6	Adult Clients: Occupational Therapy	11	11	22
7	CP Children: Special Needs Education	182	123	305

SL	CATEGORY	NUMBERS		TOTAL
		Boys	Girls	
C	Other Activities			
1	Mothers-in-Attendance: New Training		216	216
2	Total No. of Treatments Provided	6,787		
3	Assistive Devices Arrange/Provided	36	25	61
4	Parents Meeting		5	5
D	Totals for Former & New Clients			
1	CP Children: Physiotherapy	584	389	973
2	OD Children: Physiotherapy	39	33	72
3	Adult Clients: Physiotherapy	64	94	158
4	CP Children: Occupational Therapy	304	213	517
5	OD Children: Occupational Therapy	46	37	83
6	Adult Clients: Occupational Therapy	14	14	28
7	Special Needs Education	225	153	378
E	Rehabilitation Done			
1	Physiotherapy (Adult+Child)	17	12	29
2	Occupational Therapy	2	0	2
3	Special Needs Education	5	1	6

Education For All Project

Working Area: Jhikorgacha Upazila, Jessore District.

Project Beneficiaries & Area: The underprivileged students & the community are the targeted beneficiaries of Jessore area.

Objectives:

- Places special emphasis on helping to provide children with the chance to go to school and learn.
- Creating equal education opportunities for people living in distance/remote areas and under development areas.
- Increase enrolment of students in the school. Help increase basic education competencies among vulnerable and excluded children.
- Motivate the guardians about health, hygiene & saving issues in order to make them awareness and self-reliance for the future.
- Contribute to government efforts to raise the national rate of literacy.



Banchte Shekha gives education to so many extreme poor children's and provides uniforms and all the necessary equipments for their studies to enlightening their life. The poor children's families are not aware about the light of the education that's why Banchte Shekha has build extra classrooms for those extreme poor children's to prepare their homework there.

Project issue/opportunity: To ensure the school attendance & scholastic development; each enrolled student receives the following supplies through the year;

Nutrition Materials-for daily nutrition student receive Khitchury and Biscuit.

Education Materials-for fulfilling the fundamental requirements of the study; student receive Uniform, School Bag, Shoe, Umbrella, Copy Books, Lantern, Pencil, Pen, Sharpener, Eraser etc.

Hygiene Materials-for cleanliness & hygiene student receive the Body Soap & Washing Soap.

Tuition Support-to meet up the extra cost of the study.

Medical Check-up-regular medical check-up support for healthy living and well being.

Awareness & Motivation Sessions: To aware and motivate the community people and children regarding the cleanliness, health & hygiene, kitchen/yard gardening, dangers of early marriage, malnutrition and other issues meetings are also conduct regular basis.



Protecting Human Rights (PHR) Program

Working area: MonirampurUpazila under Jessore District.

Total beneficiaries 135709 and direct beneficiaries 53913 of the project

Technical areas covered: Gender-Based Violence; Human Rights; Domestic Violence; Child Marriage; Trafficking; Protection.

Goal: Aims to reduce domestic violence and related human rights abuses in Bangladesh.

The program objectives of PHR:

- Improving the quality of advocacy for adoption and enforcement of key domestic violence and human rights legislation and policies.
- Improving mutual understanding and effectiveness between key actors involved in reducing violence and strengthening other interwoven human rights.
- Increasing access to and willingness of survivors to seek justice through formal and informal sectors.
- Expanding immediate and longer-term support to survivors of domestic violence.
- Increasing awareness of domestic violence and related human rights issues at the national and local levels.

Expected Output:

- Adoption of laws and policies that criminalize Domestic Violence and protect Human Rights.
- Increase in the use of legal services by survivors, including formal and informal mechanisms (e.g. ADR).
- Increase in the public understanding and awareness of their human rights and the impact of violations on vulnerable groups and community as compared to the baseline data.
- Increase in the awareness and knowledge of law enforcement judges, prosecutors, labor inspectors, and other Government officials on the legal rights of vulnerable groups through follow-up training.
- Improved capacity and performance of targeted key players in the fight against Domestic Violence and other Human Rights abuse.
- Increase in the enforcement rate of legislation, High Court guidelines etc.
- Increase in the number of Human Rights cases filed and prosecuted.
- Increase in the availability, quality, and use of social services by survivors of Human Rights abuses.
- Change in the quality of the tracking and monitoring of Human Rights abuses.
- Increased awareness within target groups of Domestic Violence resulting in reduction of tolerance for human rights abuse.
- Increased willingness on the part of targeted groups to prevent Human Rights abuses.
- Decrease in the number of Human Rights abuses in the targeted areas.

In order to achieve its goal of educating domestic violence and other human rights abuses in targeted areas, PHR is designed around USAID's four relevant Intermediate Results (IRs):

IR 1: Key Domestic Violence (DV) and Human Rights (HR) Legislation and Policies Enforced; IR 2: Increased Use of Formal and Informal Justice Systems by HR Survivors; IR 3: Increased Support Services to HR Abuse Survivors; and IR 4: Public Awareness on HR Issues Improved.

Each of these intermediate results is linked to five major program areas:

- 1) **Advocacy** of legislative reform and enforcement to reduce domestic violence;
- 2) **Capacity building** of key stakeholders involved with the protection and promotion of human rights;
- 3) **Increasing access to justice** for survivors of human rights abuses;
- 4) **Providing survivor services** for victims of domestic violence and human rights abuses; and
- 5) **Building mass awareness and implementing educational campaigns** on domestic violence and other human rights abuses.



Immam Conference on awareness of Early Child Marriage and Role on Immam

Community Initiative to Reduce Violence Against Women-CIRVAW

Working Area: Jessore, Narail and Gazipur Districts.

Total beneficiaries - 154473 and direct beneficiaries 15488 of the project.

Goal: Enhance equal rights of downtrodden and harassed women by reducing VAW, discrimination and ensuring their entitlement over resources.

Purpose: Violence against women and discrimination reduced as well as entitlement over resources increased of the target participants in the project working area by the end of the project.

Objectives:

1. Strengthening institutional capacity of sustainable women led *model CBOs* and *model villages* to deal rights violation against women and claim their rights aptly.
2. Improved access of targeted women to the quality services of GO/NGOs including health, legal and safety net facilities.
3. Created the enabling environment for creating and enacting the Hindu Marriage Act-2012.

Major Outcomes:

- Project target people particularly women are aware and sensitized about their rights and entitlements
- **16 VAW free and replicable model village ensured**
- 19 self-driven, women led and sustainable community based organizations (CBOs) be well renowned and popular as a key role player to ensure the equal rights for downtrodden and vulnerable women within the community as well as outside the community. The other people of these communities will get reliable and dependable place for addressing their VAW, gender discrimination and rights violation issues. **These CBOs will be replicable model.**
- Women leadership, mobility increased breaking the traditional culture, beliefs, norms and trends
- A violence free environment (VAW) created at family and societal life in the project working area
- **Organized voice of adolescents/next generation enhanced to continue the project impact**
- A registered and professional women sports club is functional in Narail
- Service providing agencies (UP, women affairs department, health, law enforcing agencies, district legal aid committee etc.) are more responsive to deliver services to the target people
- **Target participants are using DVAW, RTI, HMA laws and other VAW related Acts**
- The project will contribute to reduce the vulnerability and poverty of the project target participants directly and indirectly.

Result: Establishment of self-driven, independent, sustainable and women led 19 model CBOs, 16 VAW free model village, 01 grass root level women sports club, creation of women leadership, women empowerment, increasing access to services was the major results of



this project.

Banchte Shekha Women football Team at Narail



Seminar on Hindu Marriage



Advocacy for Empowerment Project

Working Area: Jessore District.

Objective: To aware and empower community people on Leprosy.

Major Activities:

- Training of GoB health personnel e.g. Community Health Care Provider (CHCP), MO, Upazila health staffs.
- Orientation/workshop/meeting with Upazilla health committee and Union parishad health related standing committee.
- Meeting with TLCA and PO and lab technical in district level on leprosy related issues .
- Workshop/meeting with social department to share the need of people with leprosy .
- Skin camp for patients screening jointly with GoB and Medical collage/NGO .
- Rehabilitation and livelihood support for leprosy, leprosy affected disability .
- Training /orientation to the private health service provider e.g village doctors, Pharmacist, etc.
- Training /orientation to the vulnerable groups e.g. VGD members, CSW as well as others.
- Training of partner staff and volunteers (NGOs, Churches, CBOs and Civil society organization).
- Billboards with leprosy messages in strategic places .
- Conduct extended contact survey in under cover area with the support GoB health and NGOs for regular updating leprosy situation.
- Leprosy Ad broadcast for mass awareness through local cable operator.

Result: 56 Leprosy Patients identified and registered under government leprosy service.



Health Camp Activity for CBO Members

Creative opportunity for computer education for disadvantaged people

Project Area: BS Head Office.

Objectives:

1. Make IT affordable to low income beneficiaries.
2. Introduce how IT can be an empowerment tool for women.
3. IT as income generating activities.
4. Human resource development through IT education.
5. Future capacity building for a developing nation.
6. IT support for children who can't afford to buy computers to practice what they learn at school.

Result: In the year 2016-2017 total **113** students has completed computer and receives certificates from Bangladesh Technical Education Board.



Banchte Shekha - Income Generation Project/ Livelihood project

Objective: Improved Technology transfer to the targeted community on grater agriculture.

Activities:

- Training and demonstration.
- Increase income at household level.
- Training on cow rearing, fish culture, improved goat rearing.
- Hands on training and technology transfer.
- Handicrafts training and development for the women.
- Product development and export to foreign county.

Present Stock and Value

Sl.No	Particulars	Quantity	Value in Tk.
1	Cow for Milking	6	780,000
2	Bull	3	150,000
3	Calf	4	100,000
4	Goat	42	350,000
5	Fish	800 kg	96,000
6	Fish Fingerling	2000 kg	200,000
Total			1676000



Project Goal: Improve the awareness level of women to assist them to identify the causes of women's subjection's, suppression and injustice and to improve the quality of justice through alternative dispute resolution.

Objectives: In this context, Banchte Shekha aims to undertake activities to address the constraints to women's access to justice and to secure their fundamental human rights through the formal legal system, and through alternative dispute resolution.

- Deliver human rights education in a participatory method.
- Encourage women to identify the grass root causes of suppression and injustice.
- Secure women's fundamental human rights through alternative dispute resolution and formal legal system.
- Improve the quality of alternative dispute resolution (ADR)
- Replicate ADR model all over the country through partnership

It will focus on the following results and outcome:

- Increasing public awareness, particularly among women of their rights and available remedies, and among law enforcement agencies of their responsibility to ensure gender-sensitive dispensation of justice
- Ensuring that existing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms become more gender-sensitive and include women's increased participation
- Increasing women's access to the legal system in cases of violence or of family disputes
- Improving women's capacity building measures in order to adopt different IGA activities.

Activities

- Human rights education
- Improve access to justice through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Access to Judicial Remedies
- Capacity building for group members & project staff.

Micro Finance Program

Objectives:

- To help the distressed and tortured women and organize them into a united force
- To help women for saving and to find out means of income
- To arrange reaching of banking service nearer to the door of village women
- Assisting in adding to the capital of members
- Lessening dependence on village money-lenders
- Encouraging women to play role alongside their husbands in households
- Reducing reliance of the women on others
- Building women self-confident
- Increasing dignity of women in family and society
- Increasing income of the poor community through proper direction of limited resources

- Helping them to play role in the growth of national income

Main activities:

- Group Formation
- Savings
- Income generating and awareness training
- Loan disburse
- CSR activities



New Construction and Installation in the year 2016-2017



BS- own Power Sub-station for electricity supply



New building – under construction



BS New ITRAD Building



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