

Project Brief

1. Title of the project:

Integrated Ending Child Marriage Program in Bhola.

2. Duration of the project:

28 September 2017 to 27 September 2018

3. Budget:

Total budget	:	25,891,863/-
i) UNICEF Budget	:	24,460,900/-
ii) COAST Contribution	:	1,430,963/-

4. Project rationale:

Bhola is a remote and island district of Bangladesh. This District is selected as one of the UNICEF priority district for interventions in three categories of deprivation of children- poor performance, high child marriage and impact of climate change vulnerabilities like cyclones, storm surges etc. Children are deprived due to lack of social services and their all rights are not realized properly due to its geographic isolation, hard to reach areas and poor governance system. Child marriage rate is high in Bhola, especially in remote chars and islands. There are many harmful practices and social norms exist which is a challenge of development. MICS 2012-13 reveals the following situation of child marriage in Bhola:

- Women age 15-49 years who were first married before age 15: 15.5%
- Women age 20-49 years who were first married before age 18: 58.7%
- Young women age 15-19 years currently married: 37.4%

To address these multiple vulnerabilities of children in Bhola especially for ending child marriage, an integrated programme for adolescent empowerment has been implementing by Child Protection (CP), WASH, Education, Nutrition and Communication for Development (C4D) sections since December 2015 in Bhola Sadar, Lalmohon and Charfession Upazila. In the meantime, the project has created a momentum among adolescents, parents, community people, UPs, Upazila and District administration that needs to continue for an extended period for future suitability and greater impact.

Adolescent engagement and participation adopted as the key strategy for achieving results across all areas of work- CP, WASH, C4D and Education so that adolescents are better able to develop, build their confidence in engaging with their peers, adults and communities, and learn to speak for themselves in a range of situations that affect their life.

The planned activities of ending child marriage interventions were implemented smoothly in last phase, however, sustainability is one of the major areas of concern after withdrawing of the project's support in three intervention Upazilas. To address these critical areas of concern, the programme is designed to ensure proactive role of UPs, Schools, District and Upazila administration, CBCPC/WDC to ensure sustainability of 30% interventions during this project period. Project will

develop a phase out plan with sustainability engaging all related stakeholders so that partners can own and continue the best practices of the project.

The Government of Bangladesh passed the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2017. Thus, to accomplish the full package of adolescent empowerment and system strengthening for ending child marriage, one year extension of these integrated interventions by CP, WASH, Education and C4D is critically needed to achieve the results as per plan.

6. Outcomes:

- i. By 2020, adolescent girls and boys in Bangladesh, especially the most disadvantaged access and utilize high quality basic social services in a safe and protected environment, and are resilient and empowered as active agents of change.
- ii. By 2020, families and communities have strengthened capacity to support improved and equitable development of adolescent girls and boys and protect adolescent rights, with a focus on ending harmful social practices and uptake of new behaviors.

7. Results/Outputs

- i. By the end of 2020, 24,000 adolescent girls and boys in project areas have increased capacity to address personal rights and healthy development and act as agents of social change in BholaSadar, Charfession and LalmohanUpazilas.
- ii. By the end of 2020, 396 Community Based Child Protection Committees (CBCPCs)/ Ward Development Committees in the targeted 3 upazilas increased their capacity to address child rights violations such as children abuse, exploitation and child marriage.
- iii. By the end of 2020, community environment for adolescents' unique needs and rights improved and constructive and positive change in social norms appeared.
- iv. By the end of 2020, organisational capacity to effectively deliver, respond and manage programmes supporting child protection system strengthened.

8. Working Area

Sl	Upazila	Union	Village	Total
01	Bhola Sadar	1 poroshova & 13 Union	All Village	3 Poroshava & 41 Union
02	Lalmohon	1 Poroshova & 9 Union	All Village	
03	Charfashion	1 Poroshova & 19 Union	All Village	

9. Mile stones:

Result statement	Performance indicators	Baseline	Target	Means of Verification
By 2020, adolescent boys and girls from selected communities are engaged to develop desired behaviours and facilitate action to eliminate harmful social norms and practices, with a focus on ending child marriage.	# of adolescent clubs operational within targeted communities.	800	800	Progress Report
	# of adolescent girls (aged 10-19) in programme areas actively participating in at least one targeted intervention(LSBE, Creating Connections training	24,000	24,000	Progress Report
	# of adolescent girls in programme areas supported to access and remain in primary or lower secondary	0	15,000	Progress Report

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	<p>school or non-formal education.</p> <p># of adolescents who have been involved at least one session or led menstrual hygiene management initiatives in secondary schools/ madrasas and at community level.</p> <p># of schools with menstrual hygiene management (MHM) facilities implemented in schools programmes as a result of UNICEF direct support.</p> <p># of girls and boys gained access to the hand washing facilities at schools/madrasas.</p>	<p>6,700</p> <p>26</p> <p>7,800</p>	<p>15,300</p> <p>46</p> <p>13,800</p>	<p>Progress Report</p> <p>Progress Report</p> <p>Progress Report</p>
By 2020, families and communities have strengthened capacity to support improved and equitable development of adolescent girls and boys and protect adolescent rights, with a focus on ending harmful social practices and uptake of new behaviors.	<p># of individuals in programme areas who regularly participate in dialogues promoting gender equitable norms Including delaying child marriage.</p> <p># of cases of children who are victim of any form of violence, have been referred to Social Worker by CBCPC.</p> <p>% of adolescents clubs operated by CBCPC/UPs</p>	<p>24,000</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>62,700</p> <p>40</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>Progress Report</p> <p>Progress Report</p> <p>Progress Report</p>

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