

## Safety net facility has increased & the money giving has stopped

The old age allowance and the widow allowance beneficiaries are not given the excessive amount of money. The old age allowance and the widow allowance getting people gave this information to the social audit committee. By the fund of MJF, COAST Trust, RUP project is continuing social audit to ensure the accountability and transparency with including the local public. The audit committee represents the picture of services by the opinions of the beneficiaries. This field level problem was sent to the union, upazilla and district level dialogue.

At 27.12.2015 the dialogue of safety net was held at district level. At the dialogue the present participants claimed that at the time of taking money from the bank Tk. 200-300 was taken from them. The field level Social welfare officers are involved at this corruption they said that. As a result of such kinds of problems the Deputy Director, Social welfare, Bhola, said that still now no problem will be faced by the public. He requested to phone him seeing the any corruption at the field.

At last month the old age allowance and the widow allowance getting people of Alinagar union withdrew their 3 month money from the bank. The social audit committee members met with the beneficiaries of Alinagar union and the beneficiaries said that they did not give any money at the time of withdrawing money.

Md. Kaiser Ahmed, son of Mubarak Haoladar and is a resident of 08 no. ward Haoladar Bari. He has been getting the facilities of old allowance from 2013. He goes to the upazilla sadar bank per 3 month. He got Tk. 1000 instead of getting Tk. 1200 at the time of taking money from the bank Tk. 200-300 was taken from them. At March the bank did not take money at the time of drawing money. Jalal Ahmed, resident of 09 no ward was astonished to face such a situation of not giving any money. Not only the old allowance but also the widow allowance getting women



Old age allowance card is in the hand of Kausar Ahmed



Widow allowance card is in the hand of Kulsum Begum

Kuisum Begum who is a resident of 04 no ward Alinagar Union informed to the social audit committee that they did not give any money at the time of taking money from the Bank.

The social audit committee member Md.Feroz Alam said that previous time we found that bank took money for every person. The field level social welfare officer was involved at this corruption. At the district dialogue the participants shared their experience to the DD of social welfare service. He assured that this corruption will be solved. After December the Beneficiaries drew their money at March but nobody had to pay the excessive amount of money. This corruption has stopped as a result of dialogue and the people are getting the corruption free safety net services.

## School is made by the demand of ward sova

Pascim Ananda Prasad govt. primary school was broken and the local people initiated the class of the children at a temple temporarily. This problem was discussed at various places and at last the



problem was submitted at the ward sova to the union parishad chairman. At the ward sova of GM bazaar the wcc president Babu Sacinanodo proposed the problem to the chairman and he demanded to make the school as much



1<sup>st</sup> The construction of school is going on, 2<sup>nd</sup> General activities of school as possible. By the demand of the people the up chairman assured the public to make the school. The union parishad allotted money for the school at their yearly development plan. At last the tin shed school was



Class is continuing in the school

made by the LGSP Project at March, 2016 by the cost of Tk 1000000. At the time of visiting the new school it is seen that the students are studying

regularly at this school. The headmaster of the school said that the school was about to stop and he did not know when the allotment would come. The school has

started again and it was made by the strong demand of the wcc members. The member of wcc Babu Sacisanondo said that we took a decision of our Ward Citizen Committee meeting for demanding this at the ward sova. He again said that by the demand of the citizen the Union parishad gave it importance and allotted at last.

### The activeness and skill of UP has increased

Union Parishad is the remotest institution of Bangladesh



Participatory UP assessment meeting

which is institutionalized by the representative of general people. There is no alternative of accountability and transparency of government facilities to ensure their rights. The main aim of responsive union parishad project, Coast Trust, funded by MJF is to ensure the rights of deprived citizens and making responsive of the union parishad. The change is made by the participation of general public which will remove the standards of their life. Under the project coverage area of 12 unions of Bhola at last year (2015-2016) has been changed radically by the various activities. At May-June 2016 an UP assessment meeting was held with the participation of various classes of people on 96 numbers of 25 points and they verified the activeness and skills of 12 unions.

Participation of general public with giving opinions and making development plan and implementing, increasing tax of the union parishad, increasing the standards of services by arranging the UPDCM of union parishad, identifying the various problems of UP by the standing committees and recommending this to the Union Parishad, using notice board and publishing the information to the general public, taking the scheme from the five year plan, women participation at various meeting and ensuring their opinions, making PIC and monitoring, The activeness and skill of that places have been increased.

At the end of the assessment it is seen that the activeness and skill of the Union parishad have been increased. Among them Lordharding Union of Lalmohan upazilla from 58 to 64, Farasong from 47 to 60, Chachra Union of Tazumuddin Upazilla from 53 to 58 and Hasannagar Union has got 40 marks from 11.

The members of the Up assessment committee think that the main cause of increasing responsiveness of the Up is the participation of general people at the various meetings. One of the members of that committee Md. Nirob said that at past the people could not know the opportunities of the union parishad but now people give their opinions and the notice board is hanged which was not think at past. He thinks that the situation has been changed and at present the people are aware of their rights.

### Getting ring- slabs by the Initiative of UJS

Chachara Union is a river erosion Union of Tazumuddin Upazilla. As it is at the bank of river the number of poor family are high. Most of the people of this union use insanitary latrine because of poverty and lack of education. As a result the people of this locality are sufferings from lot of diseases such as diarrhea, cholera etc. The union parishad distribute ring slabs every year



Moslahuddin is inside of the UJS President

from the LGSP project. But this ring slabs are distributed among the capable family who have an ability to buy ring slabs. On the other hand the people of the bank of the river cannot afford the ring slabs. Very often they want ring slabs from the Union Parishad but they don't get any ring slabs from Union Parishad for them. The members of Union Jonosongothon(UJS) represents this agenda at the Union Jonosongothon meeting and discussed how to solve this problem as much as possible. The president of UJS met with the new elected Union Chairman and represented as soon as possible by taking initiatives. By the request UJS members the chairman Abdul Hannan wanted a list of extreme poor from them. With discussing the others members of Union Jonosongothon the president made a list of extreme poor and delivered the list to Union Parishad Chairman. From that list the Union Chairman distributed ring slaves among 25 extreme poor families and said that other families will be given ring slabs in a priority based. Md. Moslauddin the son of Md. Hosain is an extreme poor listed of Chachra Union 4 no Ward. In a sorrowful mind he said that I could not give a sanitary latrine in want of money, and want to the member in a several times. But I did not get any ring slab from the Union Parishad. He also said that Union Jonosongothon helped me much for getting ring slabs.

| Name of the activites                  | Target | Achieve |
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| MonthlyWard Cittizen committee meeting | 108    | 99      |
| Monthly UJS meeting                    | 12     | 11      |
| Bio-Monthly UP Coordination Meeting    | 05     | 04      |
| Bio-MonthlyStanding Committee meeting  | 32     | 28      |
| Tax Miking                             | 03     | 03      |
| Prioroty setting meeting               | 02     | 02      |
| Open Budget                            | 05     | 05      |
| Dialogue Upazilla level                | 04     | 04      |
| Dialogue Zilla level                   | 01     | 01      |
| Upazilla Jonosongothon meetting        | 05     | 05      |
| Zilla Jonosongothon meeting            | 01     | 01      |

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