



Completed Fundamental Training for Shonglap Animators



From January, 2017 twelve Adolescent Shonglap Centres have been started. These Shonglap Centres are functioning in twelve unions under three upazillas which are target areas of SEEDS Program. Among 12 animators 9 are new and the rest 3 have experience on conducting Shonglap. Fundamental training for 5 days was given to 9 new animators. Program Manager Zahangir Alam, Rumpa Dutta (FF) and Jaheda Begum (UC) were the trainers in the Fundamental Training. The topics which were discussed within 5 days are given below:

1. P.R.A Tools
2. Steps of conducting Shonglap
3. Different Participatory Methods
4. Idea on SEEDS Program Activity
5. Conducting Session through Animators
6. Strategy of including S.S.T and community with Shonglap activity

After completing fundamental training the animators determined that they would conduct shonglap session properly in their respective community.

International Women's Day-2017 Observed by Ward Committee, SRG, Shonglap and Shonglap 2



With the initiative of Ward Committee, SRG, Shonglap and Shonglap 2 International Women's Day was observed in 3 Upazilla of SEEDS Program. The day was observed in the hall room of Union Parisad. Union Parisad Members and different respective people were present there. The function was conducted in 3 Upazilla by the local secretary of ward committee and the peer facilitators of Shonglap Forum. At the start of the program the peer facilitators focused on the importance and significance of the day. The spokes person talked about the female participation in the social activities. They hoped more female participation in family, society and state affairs. The female members from Union Parisad will ensure their participation in the activities of SRG, Shonglap and Shonglap Forum.

The Students of Uzantia Bridge School Learn Everything through a Joyful Environment



Uzantia is a remote union of Pekua Upazilla. The literacy rate is relatively low in Uzantia Union. The distance between community and Government Primary School is also long. The communication system is poor. COAST Trust under SEEDS Project is working in this under privileged union. In this union there are shonglap, shonglap 2, quality school, SRG group, moktab based pre primary centre and bridge school activity. Bridge school activity is running through the drop out students of class two and three. In the first 4 months '0' package is taught and the students will learn their respective class wise lessons in the last eight months which will help them to get admitted in the mainstream government primary school. The students of Uzantia Bridge School start their daily activities by singing national anthem, physical exercise and reciting oath. In the middle of their study they sing country song, stage drama and dance. There is no obligation for study. They continue their study through amusement and pleasure. They are dreaming to go back to school again.

Bi Monthly Meeting arranged for Education Facilitators:



To help the community, SRG, Shonglap, Shonglap 2 and the relatively weak students of Quality School Education Facilitators or Community Service Provider- Education have been created from the community. 21 Education Facilitators have been working unitedly in 12 unions under 3 upazilla of SEEDS target area since 1st March. 2 hours support before or after school is given to drop out students, relatively weak students and poor brilliant students who are deprived of tuition support. There was a sharing between local primary school and SRG group in selecting students. In March bi monthly coordination

meeting was held with education facilitators in 3 upazilla. A discussion on their roles and responsibilities was held in the coordination meeting. They were requested to maintain regular liaison with the government primary school and upazilla education officer. The Education Facilitators were given fundamental training before.



There are 24 agriculture and 24 livestock service providers in 12 unions under 3 upazillas of SEEDS program area. They basically give advice to SRG group members and community people about agriculture and livestock related issues. The Community Service Provider-Livestock arrange vaccine camp every month in the community. In order to stay in a platform and unity they formed Upazilla Service Provider Association. They get together once in every two month at upazilla SEEDS office and hold a meeting. In the meeting they identified their problems and accepted advice from everyone to solve problems. They altogether met with Upazilla Agriculture and Livestock Officers and discussed their problems with them. After forming the association their mutual communication and work speed increased. Unity is strength bearing this statement in mind they are helping the community unitedly.

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