

People's Participation

Accuracy & Accountability

Excluded People's Rights



COAST Foundation has been implementing a project named “Citizens’ Engagement in Public Institutions (CEPI) Project” from January 2019 which is technically supported by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and financially supported by FCDO. The project runs its activities in Bhola Sadar, Daulatkhan and Lalmohan Upazila under Bhola District. Its goal is to uphold the poor, marginalized and socially excluded people obtaining rights and access to materials, resources and services from the responsive public institutions (LGIs).

About 4.5 lakh people will be covered under free flow of information provided by Upazila administration for informing and enriching the websites of LGIs

COAST Foundation, CEPI Project liaised with the Upazila Administration to make the websites of local government



The decisions in workshop is given be the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Bhola Sadar. Photo: Razib Gosh-PO

organizations informative and enriching to ensure free flow of information to the people. Realizing the importance of the Upazila administration, he sent an invitation letter to the concerned Union Parishad on 16 November 2021 and instructed the Chairman, Secretary and Entrepreneurs of the Union Parishad to participate in the workshop.

As a result, a workshop was held on 23rd November 2021 at 11 am in the room of Upazila Parishad Hall to make the websites of local government organizations informative and



enriching. Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer gave a decision on the subject matter at the workshop. **The upazila administration will issue a notice next week to update the website. Instructed everyone to update the website by December 10, 2021 with all kinds of information.**

In the light of this decision, a notice was issued by the upazila administration on 28 November 2021 to make the websites of local government institutions informative and enriching. It has been mentioned in the notice that all the concerned chairmen with the help of the entrepreneurs of his council will send the report to the upazila within the next 7 (seven) working days by updating the website accordingly.

Ensuring supply of agricultural inputs to marginal farmers at government fixed prices, need to open price list and increase local market monitoring

The Upazila Dialogue on Agriculture was held on November 26 at 11 am on the observation of the civil society in Lalmohan Upazila under the headline “Price list is open &



The direction of recommendations is moderated by the Assistant Secretary. Photo: Salim Mia-PO

market monitoring is increased” to ensure supply of agricultural inputs to marginal farmers at the price fixed by the government. Among the invited guests in the dialogue were Mr. Divine Wealth Chakma - Assistant Secretary, Department of Agricultural Extension, Mr. A.F.M.

Shahabuddin - Upazila Agriculture Officer, Lalmohan, Bhola, Md. Ahsan Ullah, Agriculture Extension Officer, Javed Hossain Chowdhury, Assistant Commissioner, Union level Members of Social Audit Committee and leaders of Upazila Citizens Forum, farmers' representatives, journalists and other guests were present.

Among the notable decisions of the dialogue is to ensure that the list of prices of agricultural inputs in each dealer's shop is drawn up by December 25. **Market monitoring will be intensified in this regard, the list of actual farmers will be re-prepared by next January and farmers who are not farmers will be removed from the list.** The ward based citizen committee will co-operate with the agriculture department in this regard.

A day-long workshop on determining the remaining programs and participants with the participation of project citizen forums and staff

A day-long workshop was organized by Project Focal Person on Monday 15th November 2021 at 9 am at COAST Charfashion Center. Through discussions in the workshop, the target level and achievement of 14 local government organizations of Bhola district and month based programs of upazila and district level till March 2022 was determined.



The citizen forum is giving opinion towards project benefited further extension. Photo: Noman Sharif-PF

The focal person instructed to achieve the monthly target level every month and to complete all the programs by February 2022. At least 20 beneficiaries should be present in each awareness meeting. Each of them gave instructions on how to have ID number in the presence seat etc.

Project inception meeting & MoU was held with new LGI (Medua UP) to establish excluded people's rights



Today 25 November 2021 Thursday at 10:30 AM, an inception meeting and memorandum of understanding (MoU) was held with 2no Medua Union Parishad in Daulatkhon Upazila (New LGI) to establish excluded people's



Description of the project was brief with UP members & stakeholders and signed MoU. Photo: Salim Mia-PO

rights. The Chairman Mr. Monjur Alam said, we, the people's representatives are always working for the welfare of the people and will continue to do so in the future.

As the UP Chairman, I agree to implement the project jointly with COAST, CEPI project and pledge full cooperation in all aspects of project. I hope that the implementation of this project will make Medua UP as more accountable institution. By the project intervention, we would able to provide space for people's participation, decision-making, and monitoring in public service delivery. Finally the marginalized peoples are more able to access public services and resource.

Project Activities: Target & Perform in November 2021

Sl.	Activities	Target	Perform
1	Workshop on UP web portal	03	03
2	Union citizen forum meeting	05	05
3	UDCC meeting of LGIs	05	03
4	Ward level awareness session	55	47
5	Social audit on drinking water	22	13
6	Upazila agriculture dialogue	02	02
7	Inception meeting with LGIs	02	01

The project all staff coordinated providing necessary information to publish it.

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