

People's Participation

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COAST Foundation has been implementing a project named " Citizen Participation 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, Daulatkhana 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 local government Institutions (LGIS).

A five-year development plan publication and progress review meeting was held at Lordhardinge's union in Lalmohan upazila on the basis of public participation.



It is said that the chairman is welcoming the honorable MP with flowers in the picture.

Local Government Union Parishad Five Year Development Plan Publication and Progress Review Meeting was held on 25th March, 2022 at Lord Hardinge's Union Parishad Under Lalmohan Upazila. Mr. Alhaj Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon, Hon'ble Member of Parliament-117 (Bhola-3) was present as the Chief Guest at the meeting held to frame the implementation of the adopted Five Year Development Plan. Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director- COAST Foundation, Principal Gias Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, Upazila Parishad, Lalmohan, Bhola. The main objective of the program is to present the five year development plan of Lord Hardinge Union to the people, to get the opinion of the local people and stakeholders in the review of the presented five year development plan and to increase the cooperation of public representatives and government officials in implementing the five year development plan. M. A. Hasan said that Union Parishad is the latest and most important part of local government system in Bangladesh. Of the Union Coordination between local people's representatives, representatives of various governmental and non-governmental organizations at the local level and local people is essential for overall development and

the people. Initiatives for adoption and implementation of integrated development plans in the Union are required for this coordination. In the formulation of the five year plan, the issue of public participation and public opinion has been given the highest priority. A five-year development plan has



been formulated with the views of the local people and stakeholders at different levels through neighborhood based small meetings and ward development planning meetings in each ward.

Among the citizens Forum present at the event, Josna Rani said that ward meetings were held in open space under the chairmanship of UP members of



each ward of Lordhardinge's Union. At the meeting, the list of projects received from FGD and the list of the extremely poor was opened and the list was finalized after the opinion of the people present. Here too the people's representatives, general public as well as ward public representatives, teachers, political figures, the destitute and other stakeholders have been involved in the process and based on their views, infrastructural and non-infrastructural projects have been taken up and the list of the destitute has been prioritized. We seek the full cooperation of the Union Parishad in implementing the said plan.



Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Honorable Executive Director of

COAST Foundation, said, "Just as good financial system is not possible without good local administration, strong local government cannot be expected without good financial system." In order to facilitate the way of income according to the responsibilities, The Union Parishad should pay special attention to the imposition and collection of taxes and from this money the people should take up projects especially for the poor people. He also promised to set up an institution at Lordharding's Union in the future. He further said that development will be accelerated only if independent and self-reliant local government is effective.

In each upazila of Bhola district, 18 deep tube wells will be installed by the Executive Engineer-Department of Public Health Engineering, Bhola to solve the drinking water crisis.

Citizens 'Dialogue was held at the district level on March 21, 2022 organized by the District Citizens' Forum to improve the quality of potable water services. The dialogue was held in the conference room of the Executive Engineer. The chief guest at the dialogue was Mohammad Mahmud Khan, Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering, Bhola. The meeting was attended by 14 citizens forum representatives from 3 Upazila of Bhola district and 5 people from district level of district citizen forum. There is a need to form water management committee in the union and train them. Tube well mechanics are not working in the union parishad complex. Or dirty water rises, there are mechanics but he does not keep track of the opinion of the locals. It is important to test the arsenic of the union.

The chief guest of the event said, "First of all, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the Coast Foundation for organizing such a wonderful event on such an important issue." Those who have been recruited for the new Tube well Mechanics need to be trained by the students of different universities along with the Water Management Committees in different Unions. Photo: SH



Project Activates: Target & perform in March'2022

SL	Activities	Target	Perform
1	Ward Citizen Forum meeting	27	27
2	Union Development Coordination meeting	3	3
3	Ward level awareness Session	16	16
4	Ward Shava	20	20
5	Union Dialogue Social Safety Net purpose	5	5
6	Newly Elected body greetings ceremony	1	1
7	Union Priority setting meeting	14	13
8	Union Open Budget meeting	1	1
9	Open five-year development planning meeting	1	1
10	Covid-19 of the union would have resulted in conducting poor or financial review survey activities	1	1
11	Publication of Union Five Year Development Plan	14	14
12	District level dialogue on safe water	1	1
13	Video documentary of the project	1	1

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