

# Annual Report - 2017



## CENTRE FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION ON DISABILITY (CSID)

A Centre for Services, Research and  
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## **Preamble**

Primarily CSID formed and registered as Charity Trust under the Ministry of Law in December 1997. Later in February 2011 the organization has been registered with the Department of Social Services under the Ministry of Social Welfare. The registration number: Dha- 08858, dated- 20 February 2011.

It is also registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of Government of Bangladesh under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance. Registration number: 1322, dated 15 December 1998.

### **Vision**

CSID envisions "An inclusive society where all disadvantaged people including Persons with Disabilities are living with equal rights, opportunities, access and dignity in comparison to other citizens of the country".

### **Mission:**

Reducing discrimination against marginalized people including persons with disabilities in all aspects of life including gender disparity; creating a Physical and Socio-economic barrier free environment; Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and marginalised people through capacity building; Resource and information networking; Promoting opportunities and access to education, information and socio- economic activities in order to mainstreaming them into society with equal rights and dignity.

### **Values**

- ☞ Disability should consider as development issue, not as Special or Welfare issue as Persons with Disabilities constituting 15% of population (according to the World Report on Disability).
- ☞ Equity of opportunities and dignity.
- ☞ Children and Women first.
- ☞ Freedom of expressing opinion and enjoying rights.
- ☞ Accountability and transparency.

### **Programmed Dimension:**

- Information and Resource sharing and Networking including Promotion of access to information using digital technology and accessible formats for disadvantaged people including persons with disabilities.
- Conducting Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues and dissemination.
- Community-Based Support Services for development of Disadvantaged and Marginalized people including Persons with Disabilities.
- Promotion of Inclusive Education.
- Promotion of Livelihood opportunities for marginalized including persons with disabilities.
- National and local level Advocacy.

### **A. Research/Study on Disability and Development Issues**

CSID conducted 22 researches including international research on different disability issues which include –Inclusive Education, Situation of Children and Women with Disabilities, Disaster & Disability, Employment Situation of persons with disabilities etc.

## **B. Project titled: Accessible Internet-based Disability Information Dissemination Network (DID-N) and Disability Resource Centre (DRC):**

**Location:** The project is being operated from the Head Office situated in Dhaka City.

**Supported by:** Handicap International

**Goal:** Information on Disability & Development issues is available electronically as well as at Disability Resource Centre for a range of Stakeholders including policy makers, programmers, disabled persons themselves, professionals, researchers and students in accessible format (print, audio-visual and Braille) to contribute in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities

### **Major Focus:**

- ☞ Collect/translate information and arrange for dissemination utilizing the DID-N & the DRC.
- ☞ Upgrade the search engine and the archive by uploading key documents/info.
- ☞ Disability Information and other resource materials are made available in print, Braille and audio-visual format & digital reading materials for DRC and DID-N archive
- ☞ Information on existence of accessible cyber café, DID-N and resource centre is well circulated and use of resource centre increased.
- ☞ Develop networking & linkage with other information/social networks.

### **Major Achievements:**

- Project has disseminated 16 information within this reporting year.
- Project has introduced the latest option of Zoom out and Zoom in for the persons with visual impaired people.
- Because of advocacy Bangladesh government organized the National IT competition for physical, hearing & speech, visual and Neuro Developmental Disability (NDD) youth with disabilities. The contestants who got the first prize in physical, hearing & speech, visual and Neuro Developmental Disability (NDD) category participated in the Global IT Challenged Competition in Vietnam from September 13-17 2017. One of the youth with physical disability from Bangladesh has won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize on e life map challenge competition.
- Website made linkage with some social networking like Facebook, Tweeter.
- Collected 5 video documents, 60 printed documents and 2 Braille Documents for the Disability Resource centre.

## **C. Development programmes with Rights Approach for Persons with Disabilities.**

### **1. Project titled: Inclusive Care and Protection for Children Affected/infected by AIDS (CABA) and Children with Disabilities(CWDs)through Empowerment and System Strengthening.**

**Location:** Sylhet District.

**Supported By:** Save the Children

**Goal:** All girls and boys particularly children with disabilities(CWDs) and children affected by AIDS(CABA) in 21 targeted communities live free from all forms of violence and are better protected through strengthened local community systems and family care.

**Major Focus:**

- ☞ Targeted girls and boys including CWDs and CABA in chosen communities are better protected through improved family care and aware of local child protection response mechanisms.
- ☞ CWDs and CABA are accepted and better protected by community members with no stigma, violence and discrimination.
- ☞ Strengthened national and local level government systems, authorities and committees engaged collaboratively to respond and intervene to improve the protection, care and welfare of girls and boys at risk including CWDs and CABA.

**Major Achievements:**

- In total 100 children with disabilities received resilience building training.
- In total 50 CABA children received training on their rights.
- 20 parents of CABA received training on rights and protection.
- 18 parents/caregivers received training on parenting.
- Conducted sensitization meeting with 73 religious leaders regarding the rights of children with disabilities and CABA children.
- Conducted 23 schools awareness meeting with 368 participants.
- The 188 members of child club received capacity building training.
- Conducted meeting with 81 CBCPC members regarding the rights of children with disabilities and CABA children.
- Identified 30 children received education and health support.
- Organised 02 multi institutional meeting with 17 participants.
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**2. Project titled: Improving education and health for deaf blind people in Bangladesh**

**Location:** Keranigonj, Dhaka.

**Supported by:** Sense International.

**Goal: Improve the lives of deaf blind children and include into the mainstream schools.**

**Major Focus:**

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of deaf blind children & youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Awareness raising, sensitization and advocacy to promote and protect rights of children with disabilities.
- ☞ Creating access to disability treatment/surgery/therapy services and having assistive devices.
- ☞ Creating access to mainstream education system, PHC, reproductive health, games & cultural activities, recreational activities, skill training and dignified IGA.
- ☞ Ensuring community participation.

**Major Achievements:**

- Provided health support to 20 deaf blind children.
- Assistive devices support to 5 deaf blind children.
- Provided orientation to a project staff on Community Based Rehabilitation and disability.
- Provided nutrition support to 10 deaf blind children and adult.
- Continue education support to 10 deaf blind children.
- Awareness raising meeting at Union Parishad and at school.
- Home based Activities of Daily Living support to 20 children and youth with deaf blind.

### **3. Project titled: Access to Livelihood**

**Location:** Dhaka and Barisal

**Supported By:** Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)

**Goal:** To create employment opportunities for person with disabilities and mainstream them with socio economic activities in an inclusive society.

#### **Major Focus:**

- ☞ Identifying and addressing legislative, policy and attitudinal gaps to promote employment rights of persons with disabilities.
- ☞ Career guidance and counselling.
- ☞ Providing market based vocational and technical training.
- ☞ Providing training to job seekers with disabilities and support them to undertake work placements and apprenticeships.
- ☞ Sensitize government and corporate sector employers for offering employment and training opportunities to persons with disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate disabled people's access to social protection and other resources offered by public and private sectors.

#### **Major Achievements:**

- Project provided/facilitated training to 564 persons with disabilities in different trades such as- computer, accounts/office management, mobile servicing, beautician, garments, dress making, entrepreneurship development, foundation Training etc.
- The project has been able to employ 338 persons with disabilities in different organizations.
- Project facilitated to engage 148 persons with disabilities with self employment/ entrepreneurship.
- Project organized 1 job fair in this year and through these fair 115 persons with disabilities placed. Ms. Saima Wazed Hossain, Chairperson- National Advisory Committee on Autism and Member of World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, Honourable State Minister, ICT Division, Ministry of Posts, Tele-communications & Information Technology was the Special Guest of the event.
- The project identified and registered a total 756 persons with disabilities and maintaining a database.
- The project has signed 4 MoUs with Fortune Shoe Limited, Rainbo Computer Training Centre at Barisal, Govt. Rajendra College, Faridpur and with Advocate Mohammad Siddique Ullah.
- Project organized an advocacy meeting with the Managing Director of Bangladesh Hi-Teach Park Authority of ICT Division, Ms. Hosne Ara Begum(Additional Secretary). The main agenda of the meeting was to ensure accessibility in the Software Technology Park set up by government. The government has planned to setup software technology part in each division where private and public IT industries will setup their offices and industries. Ms. Hosne Ara Begum proposed for a meeting with other high officials in the second week of January 2017. She also assured to work jointly with LRC to make the technology parks accessible for the persons with disabilities.
- Project Formed the "Bangladesh Association of Employees with Disabilities" for ensuring employment rights, accessibilities and others.

#### **4. Project Titled: An Inclusive Approach to Empowering Working Children**

**Location:** Mohammadpur, Adabor, Pallabi, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Sobujbagh, Badda, Jatrabari

**Supported By:** World Vision Bangladesh.

**Goal:** Reduction of children aged 6 to <18 engaged in the 5 categories of hazardous jobs in selected slums of Dhaka City by 2017.

##### **Major Focus:**

- ☞ Strengthened community movement and multi-level network of advocates for the enforcement of laws and policies that protect working children.
- ☞ National budget analysis on child labour .
- ☞ Lobby meeting with different ministries (MoPE, MoLE, MoWCA, MoSW, MoLGRD, MoHA):
- ☞ Lobby with parliamentarians to convince them to raise voice in the parliament against child labour.
- ☞ Run coordination meeting and dialogue with local government and local elites.
- ☞ Launch a campaign for the ratification of ILO convention 138 in support to enforcement of Children's Act of 2013
- ☞ Initiate partnership with media (print & broadcast) to support the campaign for the elimination of child labour:
- ☞ Engage Child Ambassadors to facilitate campaign against child labour

##### **Major Achievements:**

- Allocation of Separate child budget in National budget which will benefit working children through the efforts of the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights.
- The Parliamentary Caucus on child Rights has made a commitment to include domestic child labour in the list of hazardous work and Domestic Workers' Protection and Welfare policy 2010 has been enacted in the parliament.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has activated permanent unit in place of Child Labour Unit under the revenue budget.
- Divisional Child Labour Welfare Council (DCLWC) has been functioned.
- Media Partnership has been established with Govt. news agency (BSS) and Child Rights Journalist Network (CAJN) has been established.
- 20 investigative reports have been published on the issue of Child Labour because of media campaign.
- Child Labourers & Children have participated in several dialogues with the Parliamentary Caucus on their different issues.
- A compiled and published copy of all reports has been launched in presence of State Minister of MoWCA.
- Goodwill Ambassador has performed during the year to advocate on behalf of Child Labour to protect their rights. He is now actively performing his role.

## 5. Project titled: Investment in Children (IiC)

**Location:** Dhaka

**Supported By:** Save the Children

**Goal:** The Government of Bangladesh allocate adequate resources in the national budget and encourages local government to prepare child focused budget.

### Major Focus:

- ☞ Child budget methodology (guidelines, framework) has been finalized and will be piloted in selected ministries
- ☞ Government officials, including PCCR members, are more capacitated and vocal about child sensitive resource mobilization and budget allocations through policy advocacy around PEFA and 7th Five Year Plan
- ☞ Developed stronger evidence base for advocacy regarding selected right-based services including strengths and weaknesses

### Major Achievements:

- Successful lobby and advocacy with policy makers of government of Bangladesh to declare a child budget in Bangladesh and government declared child budget in the Financial Year (FY) 20015-16.
- Continuous lobby meetings were carried out with the policy makers related with Ministry of Finance both formal and informal.
- Lobby meetings were held with the members of Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights(PCCR) and officials of Ministry of Finance.
- In relation with this government also published a document titled "Blooming Children: Prosperous Bangladesh Child Focused Budget, 2016-17". Under the project, this document is being reviewed and future advocacy plan will be checked out.
- Through an Action Research the project involved three different groups of children in analyzing the budget from their own perspectives. Three different groups were namely Slum Group (20), Remote Rural Group (22) and Disability Group (15). It involved data collection from both local government and national government offices and discussion with elected representatives of the local government and national government officials. Children also shared the research finding in front of policy makers, government officials, and civil society representatives.

## 6. Time to Talk

**Location:** Dhaka and Barisal

**Supported By:** Kindernoethilfe

**Goal:** Ensure that the views and suggestions of working children are heard in the lead up to the next Global Conference on Child Labour in Argentina 2017.

### Major Focus:

- ☞ Better understand the benefits, challenges, risks, and complexities of children's work experienced by girls and boys in different situations and contexts.

- ☞ Encourage children to undertake action planning and advocacy to improve the lives of working children
- ☞ Share children's views, experiences, and recommendations and use the results to increase children's protection, well-being, and development.

### **Major Achievements:**

- A day long Consultation with Agriculture based Child Labour with Disabilities has been held at Kashipur in Barishal Division on October 18, 2016. A group of 15 children including boys and girls with different types of disabilities working in agricultural sector in rural area participated in the consultation workshop.
- A day long Consultation with Street children, child labourer with disabilities in urban sectors (tempo helper, hotel boy, domestic workers eggs and nut seller, tea and tobacco seller, beggars etc.) has been held in Dhaka, the capital city of the county on October 27, 2016. A group of 15 children including boys and girls with different types of disabilities working in urban labour sector in Dhaka city area participated in the consultation workshop.
- Based on the findings 2 separate reports prepared and shared with Kindernoethilfe.

## **7.Name of the Project: Disability and Climate Resilience Research Project**

**Location:** Dhaka

**Supported By: Leonard Cheshire Disability**

**Goal:** To increase the understanding of the links between disability and climate resilience

### **Major Focus:**

- ☞ Focus group discussions in Barisal and Gaibandha
- ☞ Literature Review
- ☞ Online Survey
- ☞ Key informant interview

### **Major Achievements:**

- Conducted 1 FGD with women with disabilities; 1 with men with disabilities at Barisal
- Conducted 1 FGD with women with disabilities; 1 with men with disabilities at Gaibandha
- 7 Key Informant Intervened with Ministry of Disaster Relief and Management; Department of Environment; University academic; Community representatives ; DPO representative at Barisal
- 6 Key Informant Intervened with Parent of child with disabilities, 1 male, 1 female; Union Parishad member, 1 male, 1 female; school teacher, 1 male, 1 female at Gaibandha
- 4 Key Informant Intervened with Ministry of Social Welfare; Department of Disaster Management; INGOs (Handicap International<sup>3</sup> and Sightsavers)
- Drafted the research report.

### **Core Partners in the year 2017:**

1. World Vision Bangladesh
2. Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)
3. Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)
4. Sense International
5. Handicap International (HI)

6. Save the Children
7. Kindernothilfe

**Work force:**

**Project Staff:** 158(Female-49, Male-109)

**Core Staff:** 6(Female-1, Male-5)

**Part-time:** 27

**Volunteer:** 40

**Future Plan:**

Establishing a centre of excellence to facilitate persons with disabilities in developing vocational, technical, soft and ICT skills including life skills so that they can be productive citizen of the country and able to gain economical independency.

**Total Coverage (Direct): 2017**

SL	Categories	Male	Female	Total Coverage
1	Children with Disabilities and CABA children	4276	3229	7505
2	Persons with Disabilities	280	230	510
3	Youth with Disabilities covered	245	91	336
4	Caregivers	110	150	260
5	Children without disabilities	2600	2520	5120
6	Community people	4320	6200	10520
7	Government officer	145	57	202
8	Local government representatives	190	105	295
9	Employers	120	41	161
10	Training institutions	31	24	55
11	Schools teachers	300	350	650
12	MFIs	71	39	110
13	SMC members	112	98	210
14	PTAs members	141	430	571
15	Journalist	30	16	46
16	Rana Plaza Survivors	55	202	257
17	Police personnel	42	06	48
18	Legal personnel	42	15	57
19	Member of Folk Media	72	44	116
20	Network Organizations	72	62	134
Total		13254	13909	27163