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CENTRE FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION ON DISABILITY (CSID)

A Centre for Services, Research and
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Words from Chairman

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From the Desk of Executive Director

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 20 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 70 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 in first time 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 Yangzhou, China from November 20-25 2016. One of the youth with physical disability from Bangladesh has won the 1st prize on e life map challenge competition.
- Website made linkage with some social networking like Facebook, Tweeter.
- Collected 9 video documents, 89 printed documents and 7 Braille Documents for the Disability Resource centre.

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

2. Project titled: Removing Cultural Barriers in Bangladesh: Improving the lives of Children with Disabilities and their carers

Location: Keranigonj Upazila

Supported By: Action Aid Bangladesh

Goal: Children and Youth with Disabilities of the target areas living in a barrier free and protected inclusive society with equal rights and dignity in comparison to other community members.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Transform the lives of 300 most disadvantaged children and youth with disabilities and their caregiver in Bangladesh.
- ☞ Direct medical intervention support for children and youth with disabilities; training to caregivers and health workers; and closely work with the Government to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities are protected for generations to come.
- ☞ Work collaboratively with the Government to review and develop a new teachers training curriculum, which will truly meet the need of children and youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Work with the Government and private sector vocational training institutions and employers to create access and opportunities of developing vocational skill and employment for youth with disabilities so that they can earn a living and lead a dignified life.
- ☞ Make a long term and sustainable change the project would advocate with the Government to implement the Rights and protection Act for persons with Disabilities 2013.

Major Achievements:

- Project facilitated to provide skill development training to 50 caregivers on appropriate care giving at home including therapy.
- In total 28 children and youth with disabilities received assistive devices and 46 children and youth with disabilities received medical care.
- Enrolment of 22 children with disabilities in to regular school.
- Ensured Job of 3 youth with disabilities after receiving skilled development training
- 18 youth with disabilities has received vocational training according to their field of interest and capability.
- Organized 1 meeting with the Upazilla Disability Rights and Protection committee.
- This year, 18 persons with disabilities received BDT 389000(three lac fifty eighty nine thousand) to start business.

3. Project titled: Inclusive Protection and Empowerment Project for Children with Disabilities (IPEP)

Location: Dhaka, Barisal, Rangpur, and Sylhet District.

Supported By: Save the Children

Funded By: European Union

Goal: The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the protection of children with disabilities (CWDs) in Bangladesh from all forms of violence.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Resilience building training to the children with disabilities and their caregivers
- ☞ Teachers training on child protection and working with schools
- ☞ Formation of Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) and child club in the community for awareness program

Major Achievements:

- In total 4815 children with disabilities received resilience building training
- In total 7199 parents of children with disabilities received protection training
- 105 sessions on orientation on inclusive child protection have been organized for students of mainstream schools.
- 158 child-led awareness raising activities conducted in the community by the members of child club with support from members of CBCPCs.
- Organized 54 sessions of capacity building training for 805 teachers in 4 districts.
- In total 113 police personnel and 40 legal professionals received training on child protection
- In total 3 community shows organized in four districts by the folk media group.
- In total 29 Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) formed and members of 66 CBCPCs received two day long capacity building training and members of 72 CBCPCs received one day training on disability and child protection issues.
- 16 sensitization meeting have been organized with local government authorities in four districts.
- 15 linkage meeting have been organized with government run One Stop Crisis Centre (OCCs) and members of CBCPCs and DRPs.

4. Project titled: Reducing Marginalisation and Inclusion of Children and Youth with Disabilities into Mainstream Society - Sylhet

Location: Sylhet City Corporation Area, Sader Upozila & South Surma Upozila.

Supported by: Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Goal: Children and Youth with Disabilities including Girls and Women of the target areas living in a barrier free and protected inclusive society with equal rights and dignity in comparison to other community members

Major Focus:

- ☞ Identification and need assessment of children & youth with disabilities.
- ☞ Awareness raising, sensitization and advocacy to promote and protect rights of children with disabilities.
- ☞ Facilitate self-advocacy activities by children & youth themselves through forming, empowering and activating self-advocacy groups.
- ☞ 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:

- In total 20 teachers received orientation on Braille, Inclusive Education, child protection, code of conduct & Child Act.
- In total 49 health workers received orientation on Disability issue and Violence Against Women from South Surma & Sader Upozila locations using Upozila Nirvahi Officers meeting rooms.
- 25 children with disabilities received training on Reproductive Health, Violence against woman and protection issue.
- Orientation on Parenting Education, Rights of CWDs Including Protection for Parents & VAW received 40 parents.
- In total 43 school teachers from different educational Institutes received Training on Child Protection Including Code of Conduct & Child Law
- In total 42 School Management Committee members received orientation on Child Protection & Children Act.
- In total 17 employers from several organizations motivated regarding the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Conducted 02 Meetings with Upazila Officers including TNO to Sensitize about Accountability on Implementation of Policy, Laws, and Schemes for PWDs, Child Law & VAW and 44 officials participated those meetings and sensitized.
- The project is running 3 preschools with 91 learners.
- Because of project intervention 253 children & youth has been enrolled in formal and informal education systems.
- Project provided health and rehabilitation services to 86 children & youth with disabilities
- Total 18 children with disabilities received vocational as well as skill development training on different trades.
- In total 10 children and youth with disabilities engaged in wage and self employment activities because of project intervention.

5. 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.

6. 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 dialogue with the Parliamentary Caucus on their different issues.
- A compiled and published copy of all report 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.

7. Project Titled: ICT and innovative partnerships – responding to well-known challenges for children in new ways.

Location: Savar, Dhaka. CSID part is National level advocacy.

Coverage: 15000 students from 30 schools of Savar upazilla in Dhaka district. Would be creating impact on policy level.

Supported By: Save the Children

Goal: Improved WASH facilities in targeted schools through use of ICT and innovative partnerships with children, youth and their organizations.

Major Focus: Major focus of this project is in three areas:

- ☞ Student's empowerment by use of ICT and participation in decision making process.
- ☞ Establish governance in schools by increase accountability of SMC.
- ☞ Ensure improved WaSH in schools.

Major Achievements:

- Baseline study report covering WaSH, ICT use and governance situation of secondary schools have been completed.
- Advocacy Strategy Paper indentifying the policy gaps regarding school WaSH and governance and advocacy issues have been completed.
- Several policy papers addressing advocacy issues have been developed.
- Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights (PCCR) have committed to include school WaSH issue as one of their agendas.
- Director- Secondary, DSHE agreed to take initiative to initiate circular for segregating Development budget of schools and introduce line item for WaSH and also agreed to review the monitoring system of schools.

8. Project Titled: Socio-economic Reintegration and Rehabilitation for Survivors with Disabilities of Rana Plaza Disaster Project (LES Project).

Location: Savar,Dhaka

Supported By: Action Aid Bangladesh

Goal: Socio-economic Reintegration and Rehabilitation for Rana Plaza Survivors.

Major Focus:

- ☞ Short listing of Rana plaza survivors to provide support
- ☞ Form of 10 self help groups with Rana Plaza survivors
- ☞ Career guidance workshop to help the participants in choosing their livelihood option in a realistic manner
- ☞ Providing skills development training for 100 participants to the institution for capacity development
- ☞ Employ 180 Rana plaza survivors with disabilities as wage employment
- ☞ Employ 25 Rana plaza survivors with disabilities as self employment

Major Achievements:

- 20 Rana plaza survivors received vocational training on tailoring, Blok-Batik, driving, computer training.
- Empowered the 264 members of 10 self help groups.
- Provided psychosocial support to 250 survivors.
- Organized workshop for career guidance and business development plan.
- In total 30 rana plaza survivors employed at various sectors.
- In total 40 Rana plaza survivors has started small business.
- About 200 rana plaza survivors received health support through linkages.

9. 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 in the FY 2015/16 national budget
- 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) 2015-16.
- 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.

10. Time to Talk

Location: Dhaka and Barisal

Supported By: Kindernothilfe

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 Kindernoithilfe.

Core Partners in the year 2016:

1. World Vision Bangladesh
2. Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)
3. Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)
4. ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB)
5. Handicap International (HI)
6. Save the Children
7. Kindernoithilfe

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): 2015

SL	Categories	Male	Female	Total Coverage
1	Children with Disabilities	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