

## Project No. 14

### Integrated Community Development Project – Chittagong Hill Tracts (ICDP-CHT)

**Principal:**

The *Adivasis* of CHT enjoy prosperous and secured life with equal rights and dignity.

**Objectives:**

- To strengthen the existing Social Organizations of the *Adivasis* of CHT through animation, collaboration and solidarity building between and among local *Adivasi* organizations;
- To promote and integrate rights to land, livelihood, education, health for enhancing socio-economic development through collaborative efforts with local development organizations/agencies; and
- To initiate the process of solidarity building through and alliance building with local and national like minded organizations.

**Background:**

The project started in 2002 as a pilot phase. The three year long current phase-II began in January 2009.

**Staff Strength:** Total – 65 (Male-55, Female-10)

**Donors:** Misereor, Germany and CORDAID, The Netherlands.

**Expenditure:**

Foreign Partner’s Contribution :Tk. 21,903,265  
 Local Partner’s Contribution :Tk. 252,333  
 Total :Tk. 22,155,598

**Beneficiaries (No.)** : Direct :Male : 2309, Female: 2208 Total: 4517  
 Indirect: Male: 6113, Female: 6127 Total: 12240

**Beneficiaries Contribution (Tk.):** Tk. 252,333

**Target and Achievements:**

The major achievement of the project during the reporting period is furnished below.

Sl.	Items/Activities	Achievements as on June 2008	Performances in FY-2008-2009			Cumulative as on June 2009
			Target	Achievement	% of Achievement	
1	Partner Group (PG) Members	4391	150	126	84	4517
2	Male	2,262	50	47	94	2309
3	Female	2,129	100	79	79	2208
4	Group Meeting	23759	6965	6120	88	29879
5	Celebration on culture festival	6	2	2	100	8
6	National/International Day observation	21	6	5	83	26
7	Enrolment of Children	1485	100	51	51	1536
8	Educational materials	7589	13882	13882	100	21471

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				Target	Achievement	% of Achievement	
9	Provide Stipend for Poor student	Boys		24	51	213	51
		Tk		136800	136200	100	136200
10	Tube well installation		42	2	4	200	46
11	Sanitary latrine installation		1761	150	160	107	1921
12	Collection of Headman reports		840	144	159	110	999
13	Land (acres)		4200	25	735	2940	4935
14	ALN team meeting		6	12	12	100	18
15	Mortgage land recovered (acres)		352.47	25	90.63	363	443.1
16	LRD Loan disbursement		2867215	720000	1015500	141	3882715
17	Loan realization (Tk.)		1331211	1212944	1212944	100	2544155
18	Agriculture inputs loan disbursement (nos.)		491	323	323	100	814
19	Agriculture Loan realization (Tk.)		1058230	1084450	1084450	100	2142680
20	Savings		3263534	541920	3046479	562	6,310,013
21	Credit support to Adivasi Entrepreneurs (Nos)		73	30	45	150	118
22	Loan realization (Tk.)		355390	353255	353255	100	708645
23	Lenten campaign (TK)		50007	13,490	15,881	118	65,888
24	Exposure (Staff) persons		7	5	3	60	10

The above Table reflects that, 126 (Female- 79) new members joined different groups. Therefore, the total number of group members stood at 4,517 (Female-2208) as on June 2009. During the reporting period 6120 group meetings were held. The number of stipend recipient students was 51 (girls-24). Using the Gravity Flow System water facilities were installed at six different places to ensure safe drinking water for the *Adivasi* people in the working area under Ruma, Thanchi and Rowanchari *upazila*. With the assistance of Advocacy, Lobbying and Networking (ALN) team members and financial support by the project, the Partner Group members collected 159 Headman reports (Land documents of the CHT people).

### Impacts:

The major impacts on social, economic and environmental sectors are furnished below:

- PG members are becoming aware of different social and community development issues.
- Women Participation in the local government activities has increased. A good number of women contested in upazila parishad (sub-district council) election.
- Savings habit has increased among the PG members. They have also started to involve themselves in income generating activities.

- Entrepreneurship development initiatives helped the PG members to undertake different small business and capacitate them to bargain with the middlemen in the market. Therefore, their influence upon market price was comparatively low.
- Awareness on sustainable use of land is increasing gradually. Being aware of the bad impact of tobacco cultivation, some PG members in Thanchi and Ruma upazilas started to cultivate different seasonal vegetables instead of tobacco.
- Awareness on health related issue has also increased. PG members in the working areas use boiled water for drinking and other purposes.

### Conclusion:

The project faced a high turn over of staff members during the reporting period. Considering remoteness, security aspect and difficult communication system young educated *Adivasi* men and women show less interest in holding jobs in this area. Moreover, due to low emoluments compared to other NGOs in hilly area turn over of staff was high. The project took necessary initiative to recruit employees without delay.

From the learning of the previous phases (pilot phase 2002 and Phase-I), the project has been trying to address the local people's needs. Therefore, some positive changes have taken place among the program participants. The community people in the project area believe that through the project intervention they have found a path to empowerment and self-reliance. It is also hoped that the process of empowerment and self-reliance of the CHT people will be consolidated during the phase-II through focusing on strengthening existing social structure and alliance building with local and national like-minded organizations.

### Remrachai Marma has Become Self-reliant

Remrachai Marma (33) who is an *Adivasi* (indigenous) young man lives in the village of Rangapani Para under Manikchhari sadar union. It is in Manikchhari sadar *upazila* (sub-district) under Khagrachhari Hill Districts. Rangapani Para is 4 k.m away from Manikchhari sadar. Remrachai's family has four members including his wife and two children. His daughter (11) reads in class five and the son (5) will attend school soon. His wife performs all household work and takes care of the children.

Before getting a membership at Caritas Integrated Community Development Project -Chittagong Hill Tracts (ICDP-CHT) Remrachai Marma's family would depend only on the source of day labour. His income was around Tk. 150/- per day. It was not sufficient for his family. Sometimes the family remained unfed because Remrachai could not manage any work.

Remrachai Marma became a member of group named 'Thowai Pa Purush Samity' on 30/07/2005. He attended fortnightly group meetings regularly. There he came to know that Caritas ICDP-CHT provides loan for its members. He received Tk. 8,000/- (eight thousand) only as loan from Caritas ICDP-CHT and bought a rickshaw. Now his income is Tk. 200-250/- per day. During a *bazar* (local market) day it increases up to Tk. 300-350/-. His deposit with savings stood up to Tk. 881/- as on 10/04/2009. Now he can maintain his family and bear educational expenses of his children.

The neighbors of the village are motivated to see his success and they want to avail themselves of money loan for investment on productive purposes. Now they think Caritas is their best friend.

Remrachai Marma said "Caritas has taught me how to be confident and self reliant". He also said that after making repayment of all installments he would buy another rickshaw. He expressed the hope that ICDP-CHT would promote income generating activities enabling *Adivasi* people to become self-reliant.



Remrachai Marma carries passengers on his