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Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) - Gazipur

Principle:

Improvement of the livelihood security and socio-cultural bondage of the Adivasi and low caste Hindu community through integrated initiatives.

Objectives of the Project:

The Project has following objectives:

- To organize the *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu people into groups in order to preserve their rights and dignity through promoting greater unity and solidarity;
- To make aware of the *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu community people about their health related issues in order to develop their health status; and
- To make aware of the *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu people about importance of education of their children in order to increase literacy rate.

Background:

The Project started in October 2008 with six-month duration as Pilot Phase. The Pilot Phase ended in March 2009. A full-fledged project proposal has been submitted to donor for 36-month duration (April 2009-March 2012), which is under process for approval. However, the project has continued its activities for April-June 2009 period with the consent of donor.

Staff Strength:

Total - 12 (Male- 10, Female-02)

Volunteers - 2 (Male - 1, Female - 1)

Donor:

Andheri Hilfe Bonn e.V. (Germany)

Expenditure:

Foreign Partner's Contribution : 2,252,611

Beneficiary:

The information given in the following table represents the total beneficiaries brought under the coverage of the project service and benefits.

Beneficiaries	Male	Female	Total
Direct	1,882	2,314	4,196
Indirect	9,481	9,144	18,625
TOTAL	11,363	11,458	22,821

Target and Achievements:

The table given below shows the information of target and achievements of the project activities during the reporting period.

Sl	Items/Activities	Performances in FY '08-'09			Cumulative as on June 2009
		Target	Achievements	%	
1	Conduct baseline survey	01	01	100	01
2	a) Organize Self Help Groups (SHGs)	20	20	100	20
	b) Number of SHG members	1,400	1,171	84	1,171
	c) Formation of Credit union	08	10	125	10
	d) Number of Credit union members	560	609	109	609
3	Fortnightly meetings at Community level	348	255	73	255
4	Fortnightly meetings with adolescents	18	16	89	16
5	Observe International Human Rights Day	02	02	100	02
6	Organize Dialogue Session/Seminar of Community Leaders, School Teachers, Local Government Representatives and Government Officials about the rights of <i>Adivasi</i>	03	03	100	03
7	Discussion on health issues in fortnightly meeting with children and adolescent	60	48	80	48
8	a) Formation and nurturing of school managing committee.	02	02	100	02
	b) School Managing Committee meeting	06	06	100	06
9	Savings	32,000	37,370	117	37,370
10	Staff orientation workshop on project proposal.	01	01	100	01
12	a) TOSA Seminar (ICDP Area)	04	03	75	03
	b) Campaign & Collection	20,000	15,240	76	15,240

The table above indicates that 20 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were organized consisting of 1171 members during the reporting period. Credit Union Approach was adopted among 10 SHGs. A total of 609 Credit Union Members accumulated savings of Tk. 37,370/- as on June 2009. Besides, three dialogue sessions/seminars of Community Leaders, School Teachers, Local Government Representatives and Government Officials were organized under the project on the rights of *Adivasis*.

Results:

The project has made some positive results in social, economic, and environmental aspects which are as follows:

- *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu community people are now assertive and united to establish their socio-economic and cultural rights.
- Awareness of health issues has developed among the members of Self Help Groups.
- Self confidence and savings habit among them has improved. They have become pro-active to practice savings regularly.

Conclusion:

ICDP-Gazipur aims at promoting integral development of *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu community people. The overall achievement of the project in both quantity and quality is encouraging. By conducting the baseline survey during the reporting period, the project has crossed the threshold in different levels of the local communities, which is a remarkable achievement of the project. As per the baseline survey report, illiteracy, insecurity, low awareness on health issues are the main problems of the *Adivasi* and low caste Hindu community. But due to fund constrains, education support may not be delivered by the project. However, the community people are in anticipation for stepping into the Phase-I of the project.