

## Project No. 16

### Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) - RAJSHAHI

#### Principle:

*Adivasis* enjoy prosperous live with equal rights and dignity.

#### Main Objectives:

The main objectives of the project are given below:

- To empower *Adivasi* Community through education and training, health services, land retention, preservation of culture and heritage, legal support and capital formation;
- To impart off-farm skill and knowledge to the *Adivasi* people to increase income and to adapt to climate changes reducing environmental degradation; and
- To organize *Adivasi* people into community/cluster groups in order to establish their rights and dignity through greater unity and solidarity.

#### Background:

The project started in July 2008. The current pilot phase will end in June 2011. The project has completed one year of the three-year project period.

**Staff Strength:** Total-14 (Male-11, Female-3)

**Donor:** Caritas Spain.

#### Expenditure:

Foreign Partner's Contribution Tk. 5,679,953

#### Beneficiaries (No.):

	Male	Female	Total
Direct	654	671	1325
Indirect	4,590	4,399	8989
Total	5244	5070	10314

## Target and Achievements:

During the year the following activities have been completed.

Sl	Items / Activities	Performances in FY 2008-2009			Cumulative as on June 2009
		Target	Achievements	%	
1	Establish and run two Community Based Education Centers (No. of CBECs).	02	02	100	02
2	Provide one time grant for admission fee, Registration fee and text book purchase at different level (No.of students)	150	153	102	153
3	Provide stipend for the poor <i>Adivasi</i> students (both High School and Higher Secondary level) (No.of students)	210	533	253	533
4	Arrange Parent's day (No. of gathering)	02	02	100	02
5	Training on Land laws, Need based skill development, Sustainable Agriculture, Legal Awareness, Leadership and Management, Gender and Development, Health Care, Advocacy, lobbying and Net working. (No. of batches/ peoples)	33 / 840	33 / 866	100	33 / 866
6	Organized Rural Midwifery training	01	01	100	01
7	Deposit savings by the group member fortnightly. (amount of savings Tk.)	92, 860	92, 860	100	92, 860
8	Organize 80 community groups/primary groups in the proposed working areas.(No. of Gram parisad)	80	66	83	66
9	Arrange fortnightly group meeting at community level. (No. of meetings)	804	477	59	477
10	Day Observance (World Women's Day, International Day of the World Indigenous Day and Human rights Day). (No. of Day observance)	6	6	100	6
11	Dialogue/Seminar of community leaders, School teachers, Local Government Representatives, Government Officials on the rights of <i>Adivasi</i> People.(No of batch)	04	04	100	04
12	Organize Development Orientation Training/Workshop for the project staff.(No of present staff)	12	12	100	12
13	Arrange financial management training for the project staff.(No of present staff)	12	12	100	12
14	Capacity building.(No of present staff)	12	12	100	12
15	Conducting baseline survey in four <i>upazilas</i> and prepare baseline survey report. (No of survey)	01	01	100	01

Note: Since the project started in July 2008, therefore no achievement has been recorded as on June 2008. Main areas of achievements as seen from the above Table till June 2009 are as follows:

- Two Community Based Education Centers (CBECs) were opened and 103 children were enrolled in the centers.
- The project provided stipend and one time grant for 706 students of High School/Higher Secondary School/College/University.
- National/International days such as World Women's Day, World Indigenous Day and Human Rights Day were observed by the program participants.
- A total of 66 Gram *Parishads* (GPs) was formed and total accumulated savings was Tk. 92,860/-
- In total 33 batches of training on different subjects were organized for the *Adivasi* community people and 36 workshops /orientation/ capacity building trainings were arranged for project staff.
- A Baseline Survey was conducted on *Adivasi* socio-economic condition, education, and health issue in two *upazilas* (sub-district) under Naogaon district.

### **Results:**

The people of the ICDP-Rajshahi area are becoming aware of different social, economic and environmental issues through participation in various training, meeting, seminar, rally, national and International day observation. During the reporting period the following results were observed:

- The project participants practise sustainable agriculture, homestead gardening, Poultry/Duck/Livestock rearing and Non-Farm business. Women have their own products and non-farm business in public places such as village/union/ *upazilas* market. The *Adivasi* community people live in improved economic condition and their earning capacity is enhancing through employments creation and income generation.
- The young boys and girls have become aware of the importance of education. More than 700 children are receiving secondary, tertiary and higher education.
- Unity and solidarity has also increased among the *Adivasi* communities through dialogue, seminar, meeting, celebration of cultural festivals and day observation.

### **Conclusion:**

The project has successfully completed one year of its three-year project phase. During the reporting period, the project provided necessary training courses for the community people and assisted them in improving their socio-economic situation, health, and environmental condition. Traditional Social Organization (TSO) is their strength to make positive changes among themselves. The reorganized Gram Parishads (GP) are becoming active in carrying out their social roles gradually. Meanwhile, social solidarity is also increasing. The community people believe that their traditions and cultural heritages would be preserved and developed if the GP and the upper level social organizations become active. That is why emphasis was given on reorganizing and strengthening their social organizations at village level first.