

Project No. 7

COUNSELING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND EVALUATION OF PARTNER NGO's

Principle:

Support to Misereor's partner NGOs in Bangladesh in developing their organizational and institutional capacity will ensure better achievements of their objectives.

Objectives:

The main objectives of the project are:

- To make information flow available to foreign partners with regard to the progress of Partner NGOs intervention;
- To develop the capacity of Partner NGOs in project planning and management; and
- To develop the knowledge and skill of Partner NGOs staff in implementing projects efficiently and effectively.

Background:

For more than a decade Caritas Bangladesh has been assisting Misereor, Germany in assessing and evaluating the projects they receive from different NGOs in Bangladesh. In July 2007 this particular assignment was handed over to Caritas Development Institute (CDI).

Staff strength: The project has no provision for a separate staff. CDI taking help from Caritas implements this project.

Donor : Misereor, Germany.

Expenditure: Foreign Partner's Contribution: Tk. 3,701,203

Beneficiaries (No) Direct: 160
Indirect: 4800

Targets and Achievements:

The main activities of the project include - assessment and evaluation of projects as per the request of donor and arrangement for capacity building training for partner NGOs staff and beneficiaries. The table below shows the achievement of project activities during the reporting period.

Sl.	Activities	Achievements as on June 2008	Performances in FY 2008-09			Cumulative as on June 2009
			Target	Achievements	% of achievement	
1	Assessment/Evaluation					
a	Desk Assessment	4	2	0	0	4
b	Pre-assessment/Impact Assessment/Field Study	2	10	6	60	8
c	External Evaluation	0	2	1	50	1

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			Target	Achievements	% of achievement	
2	Capacity Building Training for Partner NGO Staff	-	2	2	100	2
3	Capacity Building Training for People's Organization Leaders	-	2	2	100	2
4	Workshop on Good Governance	-	2	2	100	2

Six field studies, one external evaluation and four capacity building training courses for staff and beneficiaries were conducted during the reporting period.

Results:

- As a result of assessment/evaluation the foreign partners are able to select the appropriate projects to be supported.
- All the stakeholders i.e. implementing NGOs and their beneficiaries, foreign partners and Caritas use the assessment reports as a learning tool for achieving the impact of the project.
- Training for staff brought about changes in project implementation, as they were able to learn the methods, techniques and process of participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- The Partner NGOs participated in good governance workshops agreed to maintain common minimum standards for all NGOs in terms of policies, manuals, guidelines, salary structure, governance committee, etc.

Conclusion:

CDI has been working with the Partner NGOs more intensively since the project was incorporated in its activity. Apart from regular support, CDI has proactively taken some initiatives to build the capacity of partner organizations. CDI assists partner NGOs to develop their monitoring tools. Caritas Management initiated the good governance program in order to bring transparency and accountability in partner NGOs. In the coming year CDI will give high importance on Result Based Management and Good Governance through this project.