

Sl. No	Activities	Achievement up to June 2006	Performance in FY-2006-2007			Cumulative as on June 2007
			Target	Achievement	Percentage	
3.7	a) Caritas staff,	1	-	2	200	3
	b) Participants	78	-	40	-	118
3.8	a) Awareness program with Primary School Teachers (FYTP)	1	1	1	100	2
	b) Participants	36	-	36	-	72
3.9	a) Awareness program with Youth groups (FYTP)	1	1	1	100	2
	b) Participants	42	-	44	-	86
4.	Direct support to the PWDs					
4.1	Assistive devices, aids & appliances	56	35	73	209	129
4.2	Educational Support	7	35	15	43	22
4.3	Eye treatment (from BNSB)	15	-	16	-	31
4.4	Treatment (surgery)	-	35	7	20	7
4.5	Income Generating Activities (IGA)	-	-	1	-	1
5	Meetings					
5.1	PIC Meetings	9	3	3	100	12
5.2	Staff Coordination Meetings	12	3	3	100	15
6.	Staff training, conference, etc.					
6.1	Community Handicap and Disability Resource Person (CHDRP)	8	-	1	-	9
6.1	Social Communication on Handicap and Disability (SCHD)	2	6	6	100	8
6.2	Income Generating Activities for the PWDs	-	4	4	100	4
6.3	Development Orientation	-	7	7	100	7
6.4	Mainstreaming Education for the Children with Disabilities	-	2	2	100	2
6.5	Retreat and Exposure in India	-	1	1	100	1
6.6	6th ASCoN Conference 2007	-	4	4	100	4
6.7	L'Arch General Assembly and Workshop	-	-	1	-	1
7.	PWDs availed government facilities (persons)	5	-	2	-	7
8.	Mirpur Drop-in-centre	5	6	6	100	11

Impacts:

Some notable impacts of Development Initiatives for the People with Disabled (DIPD) project are as follows:

- There is a significant positive attitudinal change among the community towards disability. Family acceptance also has increased. Most of the family members are aware of their disabled family members. They are taking more care of them; sending them to schools; trade training institutions, etc. The participation of the PWDs in the socio-culture and religious activities also has increased.
- The Teachers' seminars are regarded as one of the innovative and effective activities of the project. The teachers who participate in the seminar take great interest in the Inclusive Education of the Children with Disabilities.
- Through participating in the National and Diocesan level seminars, the PWDs and other participants have become more aware of the real and spiritual values of the special lives of PWDs. These initiatives have been found very effective for the PWDs, their family members as well as for different professionals, religious and social leaders, policy makers, etc.
- A total of 13 PWDs has completed trade-training courses in the trade schools run by Caritas Bangladesh. They are initiating income generation activities (IGA), receiving loans from the trade school project and other local sources.
- Advocacy at the local government level has been strengthened and their access to the local government is increasing. A good number of the PWDs have received Disabled-allowance, Aged-allowance, etc. provided by the government of the country.
- The PIC members, Caritas staff members and other stakeholders are sensitized to disability and they are playing a proactive role for the rehabilitation and development of the PWDs.

Conclusion:

Caritas Bangladesh dreams of a world where all the PWDs will grow fully to their potentials in a barrier-free society and environment. Moreover, they will participate in all aspects of the human culture through both in real and spiritual values of their special life.

An effective network with other leading organizations working on disability has been established. Caritas Bangladesh is ardent to initiate several activities to reach more PWDs of the country in order to play an effective role and gain experiences.

Sujon Bunarjee

Two-year old Sujon Bunarjee lives in Bormachora Tea Estate with his parents. His Father's and Mother's names are Shubol Bunarjee and Ojanta Bunarjee respectively. They are living in a remote area of Bormachora tea estate. Sujon's parents are not registered staff of the Tea Company but they live there as the heritage of Sujon's grandmother, who is the only one earning member of this family. They are Low Cast Hindu. Therefore, Sujon's father is not eligible to do the work as a day laborer everywhere. This family is economically very poor.



Sujon was born two years ago. He is the only child of this family. He is born with cleft palate and lip. The villagers are unaware of this type of disability. They believe that during the lunar eclipse if a pregnant mother lies down on bed or if she cut any thing then she will give birth to a handicapped child.

Sujon is a cleft palate and lip handicapped child. His parents believed that the defect was an act of the devil's power. It is a prejudice. So they tried to satisfy local *Kabiraj* (herbal quack) spending a good amount of money. But the problem was not solved. When the family lost everything, they realized their mistake. Sujon was not improving. Now Sujon is two years old. He could not eat solid food. He could not drink either. Normally what he could eat was not enough for growing up. Also Sujon was suffering from malnutrition. Sujon's parents did not participate in social ceremonies because of their son's faulty appearance. This was an embarrassing situation for the family.



Sujon Bunarjee, after operation

In reality Sujon's problem was not very big. Though medical scientists yet do not know the real cause of cleft palate and lip, it is curable. It is assumed that malnutrition of the pregnant mother is the main cause of that. Currently it has very successful treatment. A small plastic surgery can solve this problem.

The Development Initiative for the People with Disability (DIPD) project run by Caritas Dhaka Region provided surgery support for Sujon. His father contacted Binoy Luke Rodrigues of Caritas. Cleft palate and lip free operation camp was arranged by Dutch-Bangla-Bank in Enam Medical College and Hospital on 30 May 2007. Mr. Binoy Luke Rodrigues brought Sujon there. After successful operation now Sujon looks like a normal baby. Now he can eat and drink easily. He can speak now. Indeed, he looks pretty. The villagers are surprised to see Sujon. They have changed their prejudice about disability. Sujon's parents are happy now. They are very grateful to Caritas DIPD project.