

Project No: 6

PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN THROUGH AWARENESS BUILDING

Principle : Help build a world of hope and social justice where women and children live in dignity and with full security.

Objective : Prevent women and children from sexual exploitation and slavery.

Background : Caritas Bangladesh and Mukti-Nari O-Shishu Unnayan Sangtha have been implementing this three-year project. Caritas is doing the awareness raising activities. Mukti is providing shelter and post-recovery services to the trafficked women and children through its rehabilitation center.

Staff Strength : Total: 4 (For Mukti Songstha)
Regular Staff : Man: 1 Woman: 1
Volunteers : Man: 1 Woman: 1

Donor : Asian Partnership for Human Development (APHD)

Expenditure : Foreign partner's contribution Tk. 1,000,483

Beneficiaries : Direct : 1452
Indirect : Local community people of the high risk trafficking zone.

Achievements:

Sl. No.	Activities	Cumulative as on June 2006	Performance FY 2006-2007			Cumulative as on June 2007
			Target	Achievement	% of Achievement	
1.	Workshop for staff/POs & Social Leaders	32	4	5	125	37
2.	Workshop for School Teachers of UCPEP of Caritas	9	2	2	100	11
3.	Issue-based Rally on World Women's Day	4	2	2	100	6
4.	Document Collection Video/VCD	8		6	-	14

Workshop: During the reporting period Caritas has organized five workshops (two days each) for Caritas staff, Peoples' Organization (PO) leaders and Producers of CORR-The Jute Works project. A total of 204 participants attended the workshops. Two workshops were organized for the teachers of Underprivileged Children Preparatory Education Program of Caritas where a total of 42 participants were present.

Rally on anti-trafficking: Caritas has organized rally and public gathering focusing on anti-trafficking on World Women's Day. Rallies were organized in two GDP operational areas under Dhaka and Rajshahi regions. A total of 1076 Partner Group (PG) members, PO leaders, NGO staff, local Government representatives, local journalists, college students, teachers and community people participated in these rallies.

Rehabilitation Activity (implemented by Mukti)

Sl. No.	Activities	Target	Achievement	% of Achievement
1.	Rehabilitation of trafficked victims	180	153	86

2.	Skill Development training	15 persons per course	Tailoring: 14 (25 days) Embroidery: 29 (15days) Candle Making: 12 (5 days) Paper Container Making: 15 (5 days)	93 193 80 100
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Networking: Caritas and Mukti maintain a good relationship with various anti-trafficking networks at local, national and regional level.

Impact:

- The PO leaders and Caritas field staff sensitize PG members and local community people on anti-trafficking by performing *Gananatak* (Public Drama) in their meetings.
- Caritas and NGO staff members facilitate PO leaders and PG members in initiating advocacy campaign.
- Teachers of UCPEP discuss about trafficking issues with children, their parents and School Managing Committee members in the classes, meetings and informal dialogue.
- Children of UCPEP School and PO leaders are aware about not taking food, toys or other things from strangers.
- The producers of CORR-The Jute Works project are sensitized about the consequences of trafficking. They can now differentiate the cases of trafficking and migration.
- The rescued women and children have developed self confidence and self respect as a result of care in a homely environment, psychological counseling and skill training provided by Mukti.

Conclusion:

Despite the initiatives taken to combat trafficking, it is still a great challenge. Caritas Bangladesh and Mukti have been able to sensitize its primary stakeholders to some extent about the consequences of trafficking. But there is yet a big number of people within Caritas operational areas who are unaware about the issue. In the coming year Caritas will continue its awareness raising program along with advocacy campaign on anti-trafficking.