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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I am very glad that YPSA has published its annual report for fiscal year of 2008-2009 in print form along with its web version. The year 2008-2009 is another successful year of YPSA when it's celebrating its 25th years. YPSA (Young Power in Social Action) is a social development organization of Bangladesh started in 1985. It aims to promote sustainable development through a holistic approach. YPSA implementing various development programs as per the community needs. YPSA is one of the organizations who believes and has proved that working with the people rather than working for the people is essential for sustainable development.

Since its inception YPSA is working to bring an effective and positive change in its working area which is the greater Chittagong. The dynamic and innovative attitude of our young led team is the core strength of the organization development and its contribution to the society. YPSA is very much committed to work with Excellencies, sincerity, transparency and accountability which helped us to gain the recognition from grass root level to the international level.

YPSA is finalizing its third strategic plan **2008-2013**, This year 2008-2009 is the moment for interim evaluation because of the "Millennium Development Goals (MDG)" and the Bangladesh Government policies written in the document "National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction." For the remaining period YPSA will accumulate these goals into concrete action plans in its next organizational strategic plan.

YPSA is greatly indebted to our donors, partner organizations, local and international volunteers, well-wishers, beneficiaries and community people for their cooperation. It is also grateful to the General Body, Executive Committee and YPSA staff for their contribution in the achievements of YPSA. This yearly report gives the reader a good overview of all the running programs and projects of YPSA.

Special thanks goes to the Organizational Learning and Reflection Unit (OLR) and Advocacy and Publication Unit (A&P) who are responsible for the preparation and publication of the yearly report.

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Chief Executive
YPSA

Organizational Background

The youth community comprises of half the world's population. With the view of creating world wide awareness about the youth community and to ensure youth participation in the development arena, the UN General Assembly on 3rd November 1978, according to its resolution no. 33/7, declared the years 1981-90 as **Youth Decade** and 1985 as **International Youth Year**.



As a result various programs were launched throughout the world for the development of youth and to inspire them to take part in these development programs.

Many initiatives were also undertaken at Government and Non-Government level in Bangladesh to launch youth activities on a large scale. Many youth organizations and youth programs were created as awareness increased. As a result Bangladesh along with the rest of the world began to prepare to celebrate International youth year. In 1985 the UN and national sponsorship observed International Youth Year with great enthusiasm and in this regard the 1st November and subsequently 1st December was declared National Youth Day in Bangladesh.

In this context, some socially conscious youths in Sitakund Upazilla in the Chittagong District, began to motivate and organize the youth community of the region in order to establish a development organization.

In this way on **20th May 1985** by active initiation of the socially conscious youth, a social development organization called **YPSA (Young Power in Social Action)** began its course of participation in the development process.

Legal Status

YPSA is a **non-profit and non-political social development organization** registered with the People's Republic of Bangladesh including the **NGO Affairs Bureau and Register of Joint Stock Companies and Firms**.

Vision

YPSA envisions a society without poverty where everyone's basic needs and rights are ensured.

Mission

YPSA exists to participate with the poor and vulnerable population with a commitment to bring about their own and society's sustainable development.

Organizational Culture

- Family friendliness
- Being responsible and accountable
- Cost-effectiveness and cost-efficiency
- Constructive criticism and promotion of organizational profile
- Healthy recreation

Core values

- Patriotism and commitment to national interest, sovereignty and national pride
- Justice, transparency and accountability
- Mutual respect and gender friendliness
- Quality and excellence
- Humility and confidence
- Respect for diversity
- Support for environment and ecology

Governance System

YPSA is governed by **an Executive Committee** consists of seven members and elected by general members according to its Constitution. The Executive Committee formulates the strategic directions and principles of the organisation and the **Chief Executive** conducts the overall management and representation of the organisation.

Governance:

YPSA's governance conducted by General Committee & Executive Committee members with the help of Constitution. Basically they work together towards long term planning.

General Members Committee:

A general meeting of YPSA is arranged annually with its 59 members. Activities and the economic status of the last one-year are discussed in this meeting as well as decision making for long-term sustainability. Every two years an election to form the Executive Body consisting of 7 members is held.

Executive Body Members:

YPSA's operations are based on the direction of the Executive Body, according to the Constitution. The Executive Body formulates Organizational & Financial Policy as well as approves and makes suggestions for implementing different development activities for its long-term sustainability.

Management:

The General Secretary, as a representative, of the Executive Body performs the role of Chief Executive for the effective operation and management of the Organization. In the management of YPSA, it makes decisions in a participatory way across all levels in the organization. Now YPSA is focused on two approaches: Rights Based Development Approach and Service Delivery Approach. Right is one of the most important themes in the long term planning of YPSA. Rights play an important part in the implementing our programs. YPSA's programs are being implemented with the support of different National and International Organizations.

OPERATIONAL AREA COVERAGE:

At present YPSA is working in **Chittagong Division including Feni, Bhramon Bharia, Comilla, Cox's Bazar, Chandpur and Chittagong Hill Tracts** area. In future, YPSA's development programs may be extended to include the entire coastal and Hill tracts areas of Bangladesh. Though YPSA is implementing its projects only in Chittagong, Feni, Cox'sbazar, Comilla and Chittagong Rangamati Hill tracts districts some of its programs cover beyond the working area through our Advocacy and Networking activities.

PROGRAM INTERVENTIONS

◆ Health & Population issue: Primary health Care & Nutrition, HIV & AIDS, Reproductive Health ◆ Education (formal & non-formal)◆ Migration and trafficking issue ◆ Tuberculosis and Malaria ◆ YPSA enterprise ◆ ICT4D◆ Social Forestry ◆ Disaster & Emergency Management ◆ Gender Discrimination and Women empowerment ◆ Climate Change ◆Program with indigenous people ðnic group ◆ HYSAWA ◆ Culture & Development ◆ Disability/Accessibility ◆ Human Resource Development ◆ Economic Development Program ◆ Advocacy ◆ Publication ◆ Networking & Support etc.

MEETINGS OF YPSA:

YPSA organizes different meetings among employees of YPSA. The major objectives of these meetings are to share information bottom to top level for participatory decision making, ensure accountability, transparency, monitoring and finally to ensure the sustainability of the organization. These meetings are playing an important role in the implementation of our programs and to maintain order.

Name of meetings	Numbers of the meetings	Participants of the meetings	Remarks
MCM	312	Team members of program areas/units/projects etc.	Every month a Coordination Meeting is held in Program Implementing area, which is called Monthly Coordination Meeting (MCM)
CCM	12	The responsible person of Projects / Programs / Units / Working areas.	Each month a Central Coordination Meeting (CCM) held with the responsible person
FOTM	12	Program Officers / Program Manager	Field Operation Team Meeting (FOTM) is held with all responsible Program Chief every month.
FTM	10	Financial staff in the Organization	Finance Team Meeting (FTM) is held with the all-responsible financial persons each month
CMT	08	CMT held with the Organization's Senior Management	Core Management Team (CMT) is held on each month.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:

YPSA has had nearly 220 International Volunteers from countries like Germany, Canada, America, Switzerland, Holland, Japan, Australia and Africa visit as well as work with YPSA. In the past year 8 International Volunteers worked with us. YPSA is also a participant in the Australian Government's Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) program.

YPSA Logo explanation



YPSA Logo

There are four distinct parts in the logo of YPSA. In the center there is a woman, a man and a child representing different parts of the population, gender equality and the co-existence of generations. They are holding hands with each other symbolizing organized strength, mutual cooperation, the relationships between different parts of the community, unity, and networking. It also symbolizes a planned family.

The sun and its rays indicate unified and integrated work, and the interim results towards achieving YPSA's goals. YPSA emerged as a social force through united and integrated efforts to eliminate injustice and oppression in the society. The white portion symbolizes social problems that have been reduced through planned and collaborative efforts after the ray of the sun. This part also stands for optimism.

The dark parts of the logo indicate current social injustice and oppression. One part stands for the problems created at the local level while the other for the problems created by the policies and activities at national and international levels affecting people's life, livelihoods and society.

YPSA's position is in the white part of the logo where its blue colour symbolizes depth and sublimity. In every sphere, the organization positions itself on the basis of in-depth observation, participation and sustainability.

Time Line of YPSA

- 1985 **“Young Power”**- A Youth Led and Youth Managed Club Established on **20th May 1985 (UN International Youth Year)**
- 1986 Youth and Cultural Programs
- 1987 Youth and Sports Programs
- 1988 Tree Plantation Programs
- 1989 Registered with Bangladesh Government
- 1990 Start short-term welfare activities
- 1991 Relief and Rehabilitation work in cyclone affected coastal areas
- 1992 “Young Power” transformed into “Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)”**
- 1993 Transition to long-term grassroots development Program.
Start Sustainable group formation of target peoples Participatory Savings & Credit Program (PSCP)
- 1994 Non-Formal Primary Education Project Started
- 1995 Maternal, Child Health Care & Family Planning Project (MCH & FP)
NGO Gardening Nutritious Surveillance Project (NGNSP)
Registered with NGO Affairs Bureau (Foreign Donation)

- 1996 STD/AIDS Prevention Program Started
- 1997 Emergency Relief operation in Cyclone affected Coastal area
- 1998 YPSA represented in UN World Youth Forum & Festival in Portugal
Urban Development Program (UDP) starts in Ctg. City area
- 1999 Strengthen Health and Population for Less Advantaged Program (SHAPLA)
Community Based Rehabilitation for Person with Disabilities (CBR for PWD's) started
- 2000 YPSA awarded International Youth Peace Prize IYPP 1999**
Office set up in Chittagong (Head Office) and Geneva (International Liaison Office)
Char Development and Settlement Project (CDSP) started
Selected as long term development partner of ActionAid Bangladesh (DA 12)
- 2001 Inauguration of YPSA-CYD by global president of IAVE Dr. Kenn Allen
Full Membership of INFOYOUTH Network (UNESCO - INJEP) France
- 2002 Women Empowerment through Decent Employment (WEDE) Project
Started STD/AIDS Prevention Program with floating and street-based sex workers of Chittagong City Corporation area
- 2003 Youth led Poverty Reduction through Digital Opportunities (YPRDO) Project
Advocacy for Public Policy for Ensuring Human Rights Project
Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia (RHIYA) Project
Empowering Adolescent Social Transformation (EAST) Project
Broad-based Coalition and Advocacy for Human Rights (BCAHR) Project
Micro Health Insurance for Rural Poor Women in Bangladesh (MHIB) Project
- 2004 Establishing Partnership for Disaster Preparedness (PPDP)
Gender Awareness and action for Grassroots Enterprises (GAAGE)
HIV/AIDS Prevention Project: DUI
Program Office set up in CHT
- 2005 Food Sovereignty as a partner organization of FSN- Bangladesh
Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) For All (DFA)
ICT & resource center for disabled (IRCD)
Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign in Chittagong division (BCCC)
Youth Community Multimedia Center (YCMC)
HIV Prevention and control among High Risk Population and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh (GFATM-902)
Working area extended to greater Chittagong division
- 2006 Partnership with Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
Youth Community Multimedia Center (YCMC)
Micro Enterprise Savings-Credit Program (MES-C)
Reducing Risk of the Vulnerable Communities to Flood and Earthquake
Program for Hydrometrological risk mitigation in secondary Cities in Asia (PROMISE)-Bangladesh
Campaign to end Domestic Violence (CEDV)
Implementation of the Project Capacity Building for Ensuring Safe Labour Migration (CABSLAM)
- 2007 South Asia Civil Society Development Initiative (CSDI)
Global Exchange Program (In association with British Council, VSO-Bangladesh and Nagorik Uddog)
Prevention and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking in Bangladesh (PPVHTB)
Promoting Rights for Persons with Disabilities (PRPD)
Mobilizing Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction

- 2008 Strengthening Adolescent Reproductive Health in Bangladesh (SARH) Project
 Self Employment by Promoting Income generation to Youth (PAP CHT) Project
 Community Based Child Development (ComBaCD) Project
 Primary Prevention of HIV & Risk Reduction through Work- place Interventions in Garments Industries in the Chittagong Division (GFATM Package # 912)
 GFATM Round-6 (Malaria Component) Project
 Women Entrepreneurs through Skill Development Project
 Strengthening Capacity of NGO's to better perform in Disaster Management project
 Finalization of YPSA 3rd Strategic Plan and Business Plan (2008-2013)
 Established YPSA Human Resource Development Centre HRDC - Kawkhali Campus
 Registered with Micro Credit Regulatory Authority of Bangladesh Government to work as Micro Finance institute
- 2009 Community Managed Local Health Services & Water Sanitation Project in South East Bangladesh
 Promoting Smoke free local Government & public spaces in Chittagong Division Program
 Post Literacy and Continuing Education for Human Development Project-2 (PLCEHD-2)
 Restoration and conservation of biodiversity in the denuded hills in Sitakunda and Mirsharai, Chittagong
 Disaster Preparedness by Ensuring Water and Sanitation Facilities in Relief Shelters
 Enhanced Disaster Preparedness among Communities and institutions in Bangladesh (DIPECHO-V)
 Project on Promoting basic services to survivors in trafficking through integrated approach

DONORS AND DEVELOPMENT

PARTNERS

◆ Bangladesh Government ◆ PKSF ◆ Family Health International-FHI (USAID) ◆ GFATM ◆ Action Aid Bangladesh ◆ Save the Children-USA ◆ Save the Children- UK ◆ Save the Children- Australia ◆ CONCERN UNIVERSAL ◆ Sight Saver International (SSI) ◆ Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) ◆ IOM ◆ SONNE International ◆ Plan Bangladesh ◆ DFID (BPHC)/PHD ◆ UNESCO ◆ ILO ◆ CARE ◆ HIV,AIDS and STD Alliance of Bangladesh (HASAB) ◆ UNFPA ◆ VSO ◆ The Netherlands Embassy ◆ CIDA ◆ JOBS (USAID) ◆ Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) ◆ Oxfam GB ◆ BRAC ◆ PROSHIKA ◆ GTZ/GFA ◆ HOPE'87 ◆ SAP/AED ◆ Basic Bank ◆ NIPPON foundation, Japan ◆ DAISY Consortium, Switzerland ◆ PATH Canada & BATA ◆ WBB Trust ◆ ECOTA Fair Trade Ltd ◆ Bangladesh NGO Foundation ◆ British Council ◆ Harvard University ◆ AYAD ◆ Friends of YPSA

NETWORKING

YPSA is the member of more than fifty National and International Net Works/Forums. YPSA also provides secretarial support to some Networks/Forums including NAC (NGO Alliance of Chittagong) and EDFC (Enterprise Development Forum Chittagong).

National

- Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC), Bangladesh
- Association for Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB)
- Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance (BATA)
- Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)
- Center for Disability in Development (CDD)

- Coastal Fisher folk Community Network (COFCON)
- Coordination Council for Human Rights (CCHRB)
- Credit and Development Forum (CDF)
- Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA)
- Forum for Regenerative Agriculture Movement (FORAM)
- National Forum of Organizations Working with Disabilities (NFOWD)
- National STD/AIDS network of Bangladesh
- NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation (NGOF)
- Voluntary health Services Society (VHSS)
- Bio-diversity Research Group of Bangladesh (BRGB)
- Coalition for Urban Poor (CUP)
- YPSA- Rahim Afroz renewal energy network
- BCCC- Chittagong Division
- Chittagong Society for the Disabled (CSD)
- ECOTA Fair Trade Ltd ♦BCCC-Chittagong Division
- NGO Coordination Council for Climate Change (NC4)

International

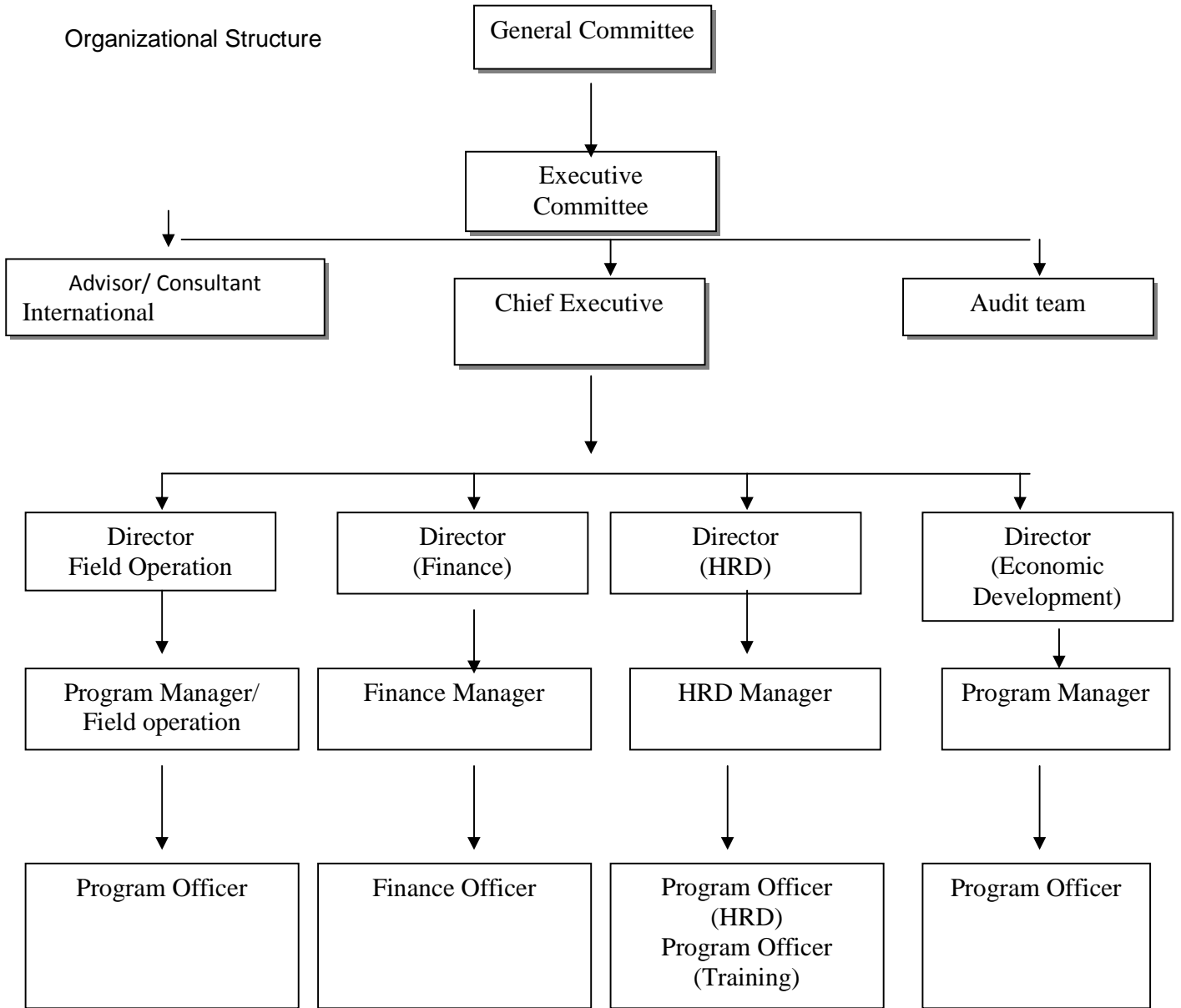
- FAO Rural Youth and Food Security Global Network, Italy
- INFOYOUTH Network, UNESCO-INJEP, France
- International Association for volunteer Effort (IAVE), USA
- International Disability and Human Rights Network (IDHRN), UK
- International Youth Cooperation (IYOCO), The Netherlands
- The United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNDCCP), Austria
- The United Nations Youth Unit (UNYU), USA
- Voluntary Work Information Service (VWIS), Switzerland
- Youth for Habitat International Network (YFHIN), Turkey
- IKKI IKKI ASIA, Japan
- Horizon Cosmopolite, Canada
- IJGD-Germany
- AYAD, Australia
- NGO platform of Shipbreaking
- International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
- World Association of NGO (WANGO)
- Global Youth Action Network (GYAN)
- World Toilet Organization (WTO)

Network Secretarial

- Program with and for Youth Network (PROUOUTH Network)
Nation wide network on youth and development issues
- Enterprise Development Forum Chittagong (EDFC)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention Coordination Committee, Chittagong
- NGO Alliance of Chittagong (NAC)
- SUPRO, Chittagong
- Right to Food Movement (RFM), Chittagong
- Development Resource Center (DRC)

Organizational Structure

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WORKING AREA OF YPSA - MAP

Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts (Chittagong Division including Feni, Bhramon Bharia, Comilla, Cox's Bazar, Chandpur and Chittagong Hill Tracts)

PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Development Initiative for Social Change (DISC)

Donor: Action aid Bangladesh

Goal: To increase the responsibility & accountability of the local government by organizing Person with Disabilities and establishing their rights through ensuring demand-based services.

Duration: 2001-2010

Location: Sitakund Upazilla under Chittagong District

Target Group: Person with Disabilities, Disadvantaged women and girls, Journalist, Teachers, Civil Society Organizations, Youth Clubs, Children, Local government representatives, Government officials.

Major activities:

- To announce Disabled Friendly School (SMC meeting, Students orientation, Teachers orientation, Coordination
- Organize Income Generating Activities training & loan support to Women with Disabilities & small entrepreneurs
- To formulate a motivated and rights based organization by the women with disability.
- Assistive device distribution to Poor Person with Disabilities
- Training on Mobility and Independent living and Primary rehabilitation therapy
- Training on Income Generating Activities and Computer use for the Person with disabilities
- Support Person with Disabilities for surgical treatment
- Advocacy with the Government Hospitals to ensure health rights for Person with Disabilities
- To Form and Support Self Help Organization and to Organiz and Operate Jonokendra (People Center)
- Organize an upazilla convention & formulate Upazilla Committee by the all Self-org members
- Joint initiative with CSD, NFOWD and other networking organizations
- Organize different programs (like - Public hearing, Open budget announcement, Regular sharing meetings etc.) With Local Government to increase the accountability & transparency of elected public representatives & to ensure services are provided to Person with Disabilities
- Awareness Raising & a Media Campaign on "Person with Disabilities & their rights" through the Interactive Forum Theater by Person with Disabilities artists of SHIKHOR
- Organize sports & cultural competition for the Person with Disable in upzilla level & encourage them to participate in district & national level
- A Study on the Persons with Disabilities of Indigenous Communities (Life style & living status)
- REFLECT & Disability Circles

Conclusion:

DISC is an innovative initiative implemented by YPSA with comprehensive support from Action aid Bangladesh. It is a comprehensive approach that addresses some key factors of Community Based Rehabilitation of Person with Disabilities in an integrated manner using both service delivery & rights based approach.

Development Initiative for Indigenous People (DIIP)

Goal: To ensure civil rights and improved livelihood status of indigenous communities living in Sitakund and Mirerswarai Upazilla under Chittagong District of Bangladesh.

Donor: YPSA own funded Project (Partial Support from Action aid Bangladesh).

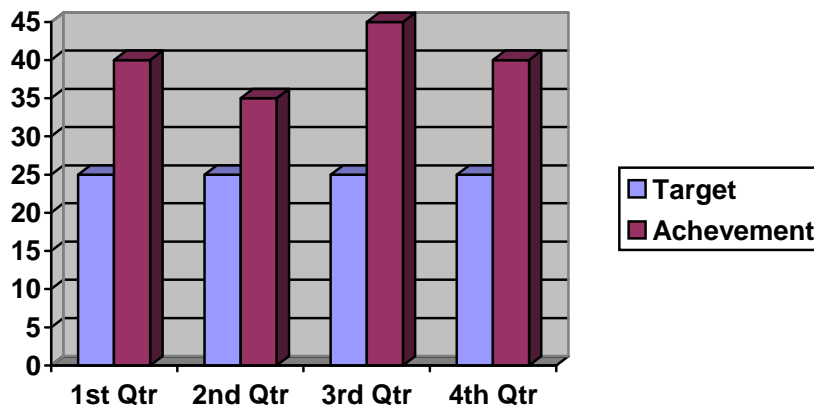
Background:

More than 10 thousands of indigenous families live in different parts of the hilly areas of Sitakund & Mirsarai Upazilla under Chittagong District. They belong to the indigenous Tripura (Tripra) community. These people are deprived of all basic needs like; Education, Health, Land & Residence, Safe drinking water, discrimination of wages etc. Government or local govt. services do not reach to their door. Thus, the indigenous community lives a very distressing life in their poor Shelter made by bamboo and thatch on the slope of the hills. YPSA has implemented some development initiatives for the community.

Major activities:

- Regular awareness & Motivation meeting.
- Establishing three Indigenous Children Education Center (ICEC)
- Advocacy with the Govt. education dept. & local School teachers for inclusive Education.
- Formation of self-help groups by the indigenous people and indigenous Persons with disabilities.
- Sharing meeting with local Govt. & administration to ensure indigenous peoples Rights.
- REFLECT & ICT Circle
- To observe Indigenous day (Rally, discussion meeting & cultural program etc)
- Leadership and advocacy training.
- YPSA organized Satellite Clinic to provide health services.
- YPSA is working as a divisional focal organization of Indigenous Child Education Forum (ICEF) & is a core team member of the National committee.

Achievement:



Name of the Program/ Project/ Unit: YPSA HIV and STI Prevention project –Street Based Sex worker under Bangladesh AIDS Program.

Donor: Family Health International (FHI)

Goal: To reduce the risk of STI and HIV transmission among street based prostitutes and their clients in city of Chittagong.

Specific Objective: To increase HIV/AIDS and STI awareness and prevention messages between SBSW and their clients in Chittagong. Ultimate goal is to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh.

Duration: 5 Years (November, 05-Sep, 10)

Target Groups: Street Based Sex workers and their clients.

Background: While Bangladesh is still a low prevalence area for HIV there are many factors that increase the nation’s vulnerability, including an increasing number of sex workers across the nation. Since Chittagong is a port city with an active sex trade it is especially important to assess and educate the Street Based Sex Workers (SBSW) concerning HIV/AIDS and STIs. YPSA has been implementing the SBSW project since November 2002 to inform this group and its clients about HIV/AIDS in the hope of preventing more HIV infections. The ultimate goal is to maintain the health of the SBSW group and to reduce the future spread of HIV, and impact of AIDS, in Bangladesh.

Major Activities & Progress Status

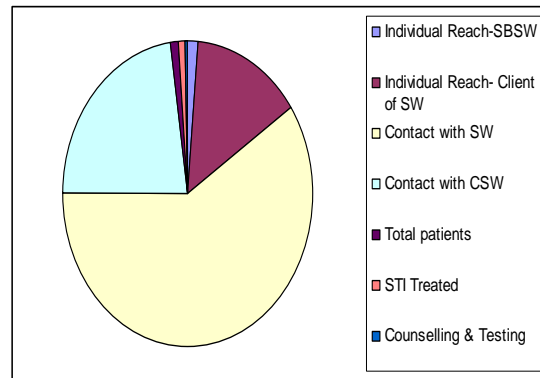
Major activities:

- Awareness meeting with adolescents and youth Joint sensitization meeting
- Peer Educator Training
- Adult literacy for PEs and Sex Workers
- Group meeting and One to One contact
- Condom promotion
- Awareness raising meeting with clients
- STI health care seeking behavior
- Provide STI case management for targeted population
- Partner management through referral
- Male health Camps for counseling, STI management and SBC sessions for clients.
- Providing pre & post counseling.
- Promotion of VCT services through targeted communication
- Branding integrated health centers with Modhumita.
- Refer drug user prostitutes and clients for treatment and rehabilitation.
- Refer sex worker to Govt Hospital and other DOT centers for TB treatment.
- Referral network for micro – credit, Skill training and income generating.

Coverage		Contact		STI Treatment	VCT	Male
SWs	Clients	SWs	Clients			
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Achievement:

- Increase knowledge level about HIV/AIDS, condom uses and gradual changing their behaviors.
- Working environment among street based sex workers has been created. GOB Official and other stakeholders more supportive



- Peer Educators are skilled and motivated.
- Strong referral Net work with GO, NGO.
- Sex workers are involved at income generating activity. YPSA has started saving groups at Integrated Health Centre Based.

Future Plan:

- Provide Education facility for Children of sex workers.
- Provide skilled training for sex workers.
- Rehabilitation for under aged sex workers.

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM –Drug User Intervention (DUI)

Donor: YPSA Own Fund

Goal: Reduce Police harassment and arrest of outreach workers and drug users who are not committing crime in Chittagong city Corporation by January 2009

Objectives:

1. Inform and persuade the Police Commissioner and 4 duty police commissioners to support the issue of not arresting, abusing or harassing outreach workers and IDUs (Injecting Drug Users) who are not committing a crime.
2. Build an alliance of twelve (12) likeminded development and human rights NGOs to advocate jointly.
3. Inform and orient a group of regular police, Staff Outreach workers and IDUs on HIV & AIDS and the police order to ensure its successful implementation.

Duration: 01 November 2005 to 31 January 2009.

Location: Chittagong City Corporation Area

Target group: Injecting Drug User

Major activities:

- Advocacy Meetings GO-NGOs and Rehabilitation center
- Group Session
- One to one Contact
- Condom Promotion
- Staff Coordination Meeting

Future Plan

- Long term treatment center for IDUs.
- Integrated Health Center for IDUs.
- Income generating Training for IDUs.

YPSA - GFATM Project

“HIV Prevention and Control among High-Risk Populations and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh”

Name of the Program/Project: Scale up of Provision of HIV/AIDS Orientation, Training and Services to Young People through Scale-Up Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS) and Life Skills-based Education (LSE) including Support to Access to Condoms (ACY)” ----- Package # 902, (HASAB Consortium),

Donor: GFATM, NASP & Save the Children-USA

Goal: Control the spread of HIV infection within vulnerable population and to limit its spread to the general population, without stigmatizing the vulnerable population.

Specific Objective:

- To provide HIV prevention information, Skills & Services to Young People.
- To collect data necessary for information the development of national policy and programs for the prevention of HIV/AIDS among Young People aged 15 -24 and
- To strengthen capacity of partners for effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Duration: November 2004 – March 2012

Target Groups: Vulnerable Young People & High-Risk Populations.

Background:

Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Young People of Bangladesh (R-2) & HIV Prevention and Control among High-Risk Populations and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh (R-6) is a collaborative project of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOH &FW) and Save the Children- USA on HIV and AIDS prevention program for youth and adolescents in Bangladesh. Objectives are to provide HIV/AIDS orientation Training and services to the young people via Life Skill Education, Youth Friendly Health Service, and Accessing Condom for youth.

Since November 2004 YPSA has been implementing GFATM project (#902) activities in Chittagong Division through HASAB consortium. There has other three Associate NGOs; HASAB (Lead organization), Ad-din and ACD under HASAB Consortium. YPSA Now implementing these activities in 7 Districts under Chittagong Division through 57 Strategic Partners. Under this project 52 Govt. & Non-Govt. (NGO & Private) health service delivery point is working to ensure Youth Friendly Health Service.

Working Area: Chittagong Division

Working District: Chittagong, Cox'sBazar, Comilla, Rangamati, Feni, Brahmanbaria & Cahndpur.

Districts wise Strategic Partner Club/Organization: Total - 57

- ◇ Chittagong (Sitakund, Rangunia & Chittagong City Area):18
- ◇ Comilla (Comilla Sadar & Choddagram): 07
- ◇ Cox'sbazar (Cox'sbazar Sadar, Ramu, Ukhiya & Taknef): 07
- ◇ Feni (Feni Sadar & Chagalnaiya) : 07
- ◇ Brahmanbaria (Brahmanbaria Sadar & Akhaura): 08
- ◇ Rangamati (Rangamati Sadar & Kawkhali): 07

Districts wise Health Service Delivery Point) HSDPs: Total - 52

- ◇ Chittagong (Sitakund, Rangunia & Chittagong City Area):15
- ◇ Comilla (Comilla Sadar & Choddagram): 06
- ◇ Cox'sbazar (Cox'sbazar Sadar Ramu, Pekua, Chakkoria, Ukhiya & Taknef): 10
- ◇ Feni(Feni Sadar & Chagalnaiya) : 07
- ◇ Brahmanbaria(Brahmanbaria Sadar & Akhaura): 06
- ◇ Rangamati (Rangamati Sadar & Kawkhali): 05

Activities:	Progress Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Meeting with local govt. officials and civil society representatives on YFHS, LSE & ACY. 	16 Advocacy Meeting at Chittagong Division & District Level has organize successfully
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping to guide selection more YFHS delivery points & Refurbishment of Physical Facilities at YFHS delivery Points 	52 Govt. NGO & Private Health services centre are providing Youth Friendly Health services at Chittagong Division
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of Service providers on YFHS 	19 SP(Non- Doctor) training on YFHS has finished at last Year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation training for pharmacists, traditional healers and community workers. 	50 Training has completed with pharmacists, traditional healers and community workers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize Community Meetings with gatekeepers in youth friendly health service delivery point community. 	50 Community Meetings with gatekeepers in youth friendly health service delivery point community has finished at last year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for the Peer Educators for Life Skill Education 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills Education on safe sex for young people through peer approach. 	98500 Young People has received Life skills Education on safe sex for young people through peer approach.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct orientation training on condom for medicine outlet people and other sellers 	110 training has finished on condom for medicine outlet people and other sellers

Future Plan: These Activities should be expanding at whole Chittagong Division.

Name of the Program/ Project/ Unit: Primary Prevention of HIV & Risk Reduction through Work-place Interventions in Garment Industries (GFATM, Package#912 of Round-6)

Donor: Global Fund (Management Agency: Save the children USA)

Goal: To limit the spread and impact of HIV in the country through preventing HIV/AIDS/STIs and reducing risks among the garment workers.

.Specific Objective: To empower most vulnerable young people working in garment industry through work-place interventions, including the promotion and practice of life skill education.

Duration: January 2008 – April 2009 (as pilot)

Target Groups: Garments workers and their neighbor in Greater Chittagong.

Background:

To fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, the GOB has received grants from the GFATM with Save the Children-USA as the MA. The title of the HIV/AIDS component of Round-6 project is “HIV Prevention and Control among High Risk Populations and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh”. There are 13 package of Round 6 under this title. YPSA Consortium has been implementing the package of GF-912, which title is “Primary Prevention of HIV and Risk Reduction through Workplace Interventions in Garments Industries”. Save the Children-USA is managing GFATM supported “HIV Prevention and Control among High-Risk Population and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh” in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family welfare.

Major Activities & Progress Status

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01	Meetings to endorse a workplace policy on life skills followed by supportive supervision and facilitation of life skills education for workers and supervisors using garment factory financial support.	Completed
02	Organize National level workshop with national garment export institutions & owners	10 National workshop completed with 552 participant
03	Develop and produce one-page take-home communication material.	Produced 650,000 one-page take-home communication material
04	Training of master trainers on life skill education for the prevention of HIV.	30 Master trainers trained.
05	Training of peer educators on life skill education for the prevention of HIV.	138 Peer educators trained
06	Conduction of 5-day sessions on HIV prevention in the workplace.	Sessions on HIV prevention in the workplace Completed with 88,110 participant
07	Video presentation and discussion at the homes of garment workers for the prevention of HIV.	Video show Completed with 186,961 participant

Achievement:

Future Plan: This is the Pilot Project of GFATM Round-6, which will end on April 2009. After successful completion of this piloting project, this project will be extended initially for next 3 years up to 2012.

Name of the Program/ Project/ Unit: Restoration and Conservation of biodiversity in the denuded hills in Sitakund and Mirsharai, Chittagong.

Donor: Arannayak Foundation.

Goal: The biodiversity (flora, fauna) of the Sitakund-Mirsarai hills is restored and conserved by the stakeholders for sustainable environmental and economic benefits of the local communities.

Specific Objective:

1. Establishment of a collaborative management system (co-management) for a sizable forested area of Sitakund – Mirsarai hills involving local communities, Forest department (FD) and other Stakeholders.
2. Restoration of tree cover and biodiversity and sustainable management of the forest.
3. Improvement of livelihood of the poor people living in and around the forests and their access to fuel wood through alternative means.
4. Creation of opportunities for revenue generation from forest recreation or eco-tourism based activities benefiting local communities.

Duration: June 2009- May 2012

Target Groups: Forest users.

Background:

The vast hilly areas of Chittagong North Forest Division have been denuded for many years. Poor people of surrounding area collect fuel wood, leaf-litters, bamboos, broom grass and medicinal plants from the scrub forest.

The Forest Department (FD) has been implementing the GOB funded 'Reforestation of Denuded Hills' project since 2000-01. The project intervention includes establishment of plantations, involving both short and long-rotation species, under participatory afforestation scheme. The major species of trees that are planted are: Akashmoni, Mangium and Hybrid Acacia as short-rotation (10-12 yrs) species and Garjan,

Chapalish, Sil koroi, Chikrashi, Dhaki jam, Telshur, and Boilam as long-rotation species. The benefit sharing arrangement of the project includes 45% of the final tree harvest (also of thinning) for the participants, 45% for the Forest Department and 10% for Tree Fund. The participants are organized into 10-15 member committees. The participants plant country bean and ginger under the young plantation (1-2 years), but there is no other provision for promoting alternative income generating (AIG) activities among the participants.

With a target to cover 5,000 ha of the denuded hills in the Chittagong North Forest Division in its first phase, the above project achieved 70 – 80% of the target. The second phase of the project is expected to start in the current (2007-08) fiscal year for another 5 years. Even the prospective second phase of the above project would not cumulatively cover 50% of the total area of denuded hills in the Chittagong North Forest Division. Moreover, many of the plantations have failed to survive after their initial establishment (as long as the project had close monitoring) due to alleged destruction by people. People set fire in the forest for raising sun grass and to get fertilizer (of ashes) effect in their crop field below the hill. They also do not like the hills to grow into forest harboring wildlife that damage their crops and poultry birds. The fire also occurs from careless disposal of burning cigarette butts by the forest going people.

The experience, therefore, reveals that concerted efforts are needed in order to get the forest (and biodiversity) back in the denuded hills, which should include peoples' awareness raising, assisted natural regeneration or enrichment planting, creation of alternative livelihood opportunities for the forest dependent people, prevention of forest fire and making people proactive in protecting the forest.

Major Activities & Progress Status

Activities	Progress Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of forest users • Study of socio-economic context of the forest users (incl. people of adjacent villages) • Categorization and formation of groups of forest users for participatory program planning • Vegetation survey (incl. nature of regeneration) • Delineation of area for core zone and buffer zone • Establishment of co-management council (CMC) • Development of a complete management plan for the delineated forest area (by CMC) • Assisting natural regeneration and enrichment planting of native species (including aftercare) in the core zones • Planting of short and long rotation species (in the form of woodlot or agro forestry) in participatory approach in the buffer zones • Establishment of management guidelines for utilization of minor forest products • Monitoring and protection of the forest and plantations by allocating area for each care taker / FUG • Provision of seed money to the association of forest users' groups (FUG) for 	<p>On going</p>

<p>establishing revolving fund for IGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of people on IGAs to be selected by the FUGs (maybe 2 courses for men, 2 courses for women per year) • Awareness raising on forest and biodiversity conservation and forest fire protection among local community members and leaders (community meeting, mass communication through TV and print media) • Establishment of fire lines in the plantation areas and existing forests 	
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Future Plan: Future planning of this project is to bring changes among the economic condition of forest users and improvement of natural forest and biodiversity of the proposed area.

Hygiene Sanitation Water (HYSAWA)

Donor: NGO forum and YPSA Own fund.

Goal: To ensure safe sanitation and pure drinking water for the people of the working area.

OBJECTIVES

- Behavioral change of grassroots people in terms of hygienic practice.
- Access to safe water and sanitation facilities.
- Contributing in reduction on mortality and morbidity.
- Ensure women's involvement in the project.

Duration: 2004 to on going.

Target Group:

- Disadvantaged women, children and men.
- Local Government Institute (LGI)
- Word Watson promotion committee. (WWPC).
- Religions leaders, Teachers and civil Society Representatives.

Background:

YPSA-Hygiene Sanitation Water (HYASAWA) Program has been working for about two decades for ensuring safe water and sanitation with a view to improving the public health situation of the disadvantaged women, children and men of the community living in the un-served and underserved areas of Sitakund and Mirshari Sub district under Chittagong district. YPSA- HYASAWA Program is being implemented in Sitakund and Mirshari Upazila since 1993 in an integrated approach with

deprived community people. At this moment YPSA- HYASAWA is working with 6500 households in 14 villages under 1 Union in Mirshari upazilla.

Major Activities:

Village Sanitation Centre:

YPSA established two static and six mobile Village Sanitation Centers (VSC) in Sitakund, Mirshary & CDSP working area. In the VSCs hygienic latrines are produced, demonstrated and sold.

VSC Product and sale (2008-09)

Ring		Slab	
Produce	Sale	Produce	Sale
4600	3225	1015	921

Motivational Activities:

Particulars	2008 -2009					
	Target	No. of Event	Achievement			Cumulative (No. of Event)
			(Beneficiaries)			
			Male/ Boys	Female/Girls	Total	
School Program	01	01	235	265	500	08
Local Discuss Meet (WWPC)	18	18	144	36	180	72
Court Yard Session	54	54	648	270	918	216
Community Meeting(LGI and Local stake holder)	02	02	92	16	108	10
Rally & Milking	01	01	170	80	250	04

Awareness Rising on Arsenic Pollution:

YPSA is implementing continuous awareness raising activities on harmful effects of arsenic among the rural poor. YPSA also detecting the arsenic contaminated tube wells of the working area vis-à-vis providing alternative sources of safe drinking water for the people of those areas where arsenic contamination in ground water is above the maximum permissible limit of 0.05 mg/liter.

Total Tube well	Arsenic Found	Arsenic mg/liter
285	210	>.05

Model Union

Year	Union	Family	Beneficiary			Coverage
			Male	Female	Total	
2008-2009	01	6500	12025	13075	25100	75%

Word Watson promotion committee. (WWPC).

Word Watson promotion committee (WWPC) is formed in every village of the working area ensuring representatives of different stakeholders from the community like, Social leader, Teacher, Religion leader, women representative, Local government representative etc.

Future plan:

- We have planned to increase 80% population coverage safe water through 2010 by 100% Sanitation Coverage setting up of Arsenic Removal plant.
- Also installing of Ring well and dip tub well in the Arsenic effective area.
- To organize several awareness training to the community people for develops their hygienic and safe sanitation.

Name of the Program/ Project/ Unit: Promoting Smoke free Local Government and Public Spaces in Chittagong Division

Donor: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Bloomberg Global Initiatives

Goal: to promote smoke free local government and public spaces within Chittagong Division, by advocating for smoke free policies and practice at City Corporation and Municipal level as a preventive and regulatory mechanism in compliance with National Smoking and Tobacco control Act 2005

Specific Objective:

1. Inform, persuade and form a coalition of supportive government institution, local business, journalists, non governmental organizations and community based organizations in Chittagong Division by September 2009.
2. Support the development and adoption of the model institutional policies for Chittagong city corporation and 3 Municipalities in Cox;s Bazar, Comilla and Feni Districts by June 2010
3. Strengthen the enforcement of 100% smoke free policies and practice in Chittagong city corporation and 3 municipalities by December 2010
4. Enhance sharing of experiences and knowledge across model institutions to allow replication of promising practices and lesson in smoking and tobacco control in Chittagong division, other cities and nationally.

Duration: 24 Months (1st April 2009 to 31st March 2011)

Target Groups: Local Government

Background:

Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) is a social development organization that envisions a society without poverty where everyone's basic needs and rights are ensured. For about 15 years now, YPSA has been involved in providing health services, education and promoting general public health in Greater Chittagong Division.

High prevalence of smoking and tobacco use, low awareness about harmful effects of smoking and tobacco use and weak regulatory measures prompted YPSA's action and involvement in anti tobacco movement from its inception. YPSA is a founder member of Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance (BATA) and since inception YPSA has been observing World-No-Tobacco Day each year in all of its working areas including the 4 local government units where its current smoke free project is being implemented.

Early involvement also included extensive advocacy experience in championing for the development of National Smoking and Tobacco Control Legislation enacted and adopted in 2005 jointly with other agencies under Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance (BATA)

Other involvement included awareness campaigns and developing of information, education and communication material on harmful effects of smoking and tobacco use and dissemination in all 8 Districts in Chittagong Division.

Whereas the Government of the republic of Bangladesh ratified WHO FCTC, later developed national smoking and tobacco control law in 2005 and action plans, there persist high prevalence of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke especially in regional cities like Chittagong, local towns and districts. This may be attributed to the general low awareness about harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke among the public and local leaders, low awareness about national smoking and tobacco control law and its application at the local level, weak local smoking regulation among other issues.

Realizing the need to reduce health risks by strengthening smoking regulation at workplaces and public spaces, YPSA expanded its efforts to promote smoke free environments. Since April 2009 YPSA has been implementing smoke free project dubbed “Promoting smoke free local government and public spaces in Chittagong Division” project with financial support of Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CFTFK) and Bloomberg Global Initiative To Reduce Tobacco Use,

The project is being implemented in 4 Districts such as Chittagong City Corporation, Cox Bazaar, Comilla and Feni targeting an estimate of 5 million people working in local government institutions and public spaces.

The project is being implemented in partnership with local governments and it seeks to help mobilise the local agencies and other partners to work together to control the tobacco epidemic, particularly through the formulation and implementation of smoke free policies at the local government and public spaces under their jurisdiction.

Major Activities & Progress Status

Activities	Planned	Achievement
Objective 1: Inform, persuade and form a coalition of supportive government institutions, local businesses, journalists, NGOs and CBOs in Chittagong Division by September 2009		
Identify supportive leadership in the Chittagong city corporation, 3 municipalities and conduct 4 informational briefing meetings.	4	4
Conduct 1 orientation workshop on "Current state of smoking and tobacco regulation and prevention mechanisms in Chittagong and the whole country" for city corporation authorities including public market authorities	1	1
Conduct 3 orientation workshops on "Current state of smoking and tobacco regulation and prevention mechanisms in Chittagong and the whole country " for 3 municipal authorities including public market authorities in 3 districts	3	3
Conduct 1 orientation workshops with journalists on smoke-free policies	1	1
Reproduce and disseminate 20,000 copies of a booklet on National Smoking and Tobacco Control Act 2005 both in English and Bangla to popularize the law and reach low and illiterate groups	20,000 copies	20,000 copies
Contract policy and advocacy consultant for technical assistance in coalition building , Advocacy strategy development and action planning (same consultant as in 2.1 activity below) (fixed period of time)	1	1
Identify potential supporters in Civil society and establish a joint advocacy coalition group : Conduct 4 consultation workshops with potential coalition members and implementing partners	4	4
Conduct skills building, advocacy strategy development and action planning workshop for the coalition group members	1	1
Develop 30,000 copies of stickers with "Anti-Tobacco and Smoke free" notices and disseminate widely.	30,000 copies	30,000 copies
Convert the National Smoking and Tobacco Control law booklet into digital book for easy access by the visually challenged low literate people and disseminate.	1	1
Develop and disseminate 10,000 copies A2 size posters with anti-tobacco messages and pictures targeting the public to increase awareness and generate public action on law enforcement	10,000 copies	10,000 copies
Objective 2. Support the development and adoption of the model smoke free institutional policies for one City Corporation and 3 municipalities by June 2010		
Conduct capacity needs assessment for Chittagong City Corporation and 3 municipalities	1	1
Conduct 1 assessment findings sharing workshop with City Corporation Authorities	1	1
Conduct 3 assessment findings sharing workshop with 3 municipal authorities	3	3

Conduct 1 orientation workshop on "Role of institutional policies in strengthening Smoking and Tobacco Control Act 2005" for City Corporation	1	1
Objective 3 Strengthen the enforcement of 100% smoke free policies and practice in Chittagong City Corporation and 3 other municipalities by December 2010		
Hold 1 community rallies involving awareness raising and march to campaign for smoking and tobacco control in public spaces	1	1
Actively participate in other regional ,national (eg BATA) and local development forums to leverages support and local authorities commitment for 100% enforcement of the tobacco control law	As needed	
Objective 4 Enhance sharing experiences and knowledge across model institutions to allow replication of promising practices in smoking and tobacco control in Chittagong Division and nationally		
Participate and share information and experiences in other relevant national and regional health events/forums	As needed	17
Quarterly Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation meetings by project team	4	6

Achievement:

- Area profile of 4 working areas has been collected and preserved which provide us statistical and infrastructural information about the working areas, including local government buildings, schools and colleges, hospitals and health centers, public markets among others.
- Supportive leadership in the project working areas have been identified who are providing their cooperation towards the project initiatives.
- Strong rapport and relation has been developed with different public officers such as Pourashava (Municipal) Mayor, Counselors & other officers, Media Persons, Government office (District Commissioner office, District information office, DRRO office, Drug control office, Civil Surgeon office), NGO, Civil Society, journalist, religious leader and business community. They are now well informed about YPSA and YPSA's initiative on Smoke free environment. Besides that they also have actively participated in different programs organized by YPSA.
- Increasing awareness among the target populations about harmful effects of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke. Through organizing different orientation workshop and meeting, participants have informed about the harmful effect of smoking and tobacco use and national law. As a result of this information they are more informed and participate actively in event against smoking. Some participants have given their word to quit smoke and will never smoke. Besides that 3 teams each consists of 10 non-smoker students have been formed in 3 collages of Victoria College, Ajit Guho College and Comila Govt, College. All the team will work against Tobacco and smoking.

- YPSA has taken the initiative to work with and activate the 3 tobacco control taskforces set up by the government in 3 districts (Feni, Cox's Bazar and Comilla) which are inactive. In the mean time YPSA has discussed with DC, President of district taskforce and Civil Surgeon, Secretary of district taskforce about task force. They are agreed to activate task force immediately and we hope that Task force will be worked from the next period.
- Increasing recognition of smoke free issues by the local leaders and the public. Different stakeholders and authorities of public places like local government, restaurants, press club, government officials, teachers, market authorities, civil society and health authorities have realized the importance of smoke free public places. Some have agreed to develop specific policy promoting smoke free workplaces for their organizations. Some public places have since been declared as smoke free workplace by authority like ward office, restaurant, market, and press club.
- Voluntary advocacy and lobby coalition groups have been established comprising of local elected leaders who are supportive, civil society, NGOs, CBOs, youth leaders and journalists in 4 local government areas where the project is being implemented.
- Improved Advocacy skills and knowledge among sections of the coalition members on developing strategy, planning, developing messages and advocacy. Most of who now actively participate and share the information in both smoke free project activities and other anti smoking and tobacco events in Chittagong.
- General and specific needs of the local government authorities have been identified; general perceptions and nature of support for smoking regulation identified which improves on our strategies and provide directions on the development, adaptation and enforcement of smoke free policies. Local government authorities are agreed with the findings of the assessment and the importance of institutional level policy and they are very concerned about the enforcement of the policy. A number of the councilors agree to contribute in the implementation of the policy within their constituencies and local government as a whole. They also want it to be a model of smoke free policy enforcement within all over the country.
- Through maintaining and participating in different networks, forums and events YPSA has gotten an opportunity to exchange and share experiences and knowledge. Those sharing help YPSA in getting new knowledge/information, ideas and way in achieving the objectives of the project and perform competently.
- Through highlighting the activities and experiences of the project by which people can inform about the initiatives on smoke free policy advocacy by YPSA. YPSA has gotten a huge number of media coverage at local and national newspaper on its smoke free initiatives. By which people has been informed about the important issue and initiatives of YPSA on it.

Future Plan: Period – October 2009 to March 2010
Activity

Objective 2. Support the development and adoption of the model smoke free institutional policies for one City Corporation and 3 municipalities by June 2010

- Conduct 3 orientation workshop on "Role of institutional policies in strengthening Smoking and Tobacco Control Act 2005" for 3 municipalities
- Arrange a press conference to publicize progress and future actions
- Hold 4 Orientation Workshop on Smoke Free Policy Formulation, Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation for Chittagong city corporation authorities and 3 different municipalities
- Conduct 4 workshop for developing the model policy and implementation plan for Chittagong City Corporation and 3 different municipalities
- Conduct 4 workshop for revision and finalization of Smoke free policy for Chittagong City Corporation
- Publish draft City Corporation smoke free policy and Municipal policies for public comments in a national newspaper
- Local leaders and stakeholders engagement workshop aiming to get local government authorities commitment on 100% enforcement
- Advocacy and Lobbying for the adoption of the institutional smoke free policies (refer to the narrative for details of activities).
- Facilitate the adoption of smoke free policies (workshop)

Objective 3 Strengthen the enforcement of 100% smoke free policies and practice in Chittagong City Corporation and 3 other municipalities by December 2010

- Hold 1 community rallies involving awareness raising and march to campaign for smoking and tobacco control in public spaces
- Actively participate in other regional, national (eg BATA) and local development forums to leverage support and local authorities commitment for 100% enforcement of the tobacco control law

Objective 4 Enhance sharing experiences and knowledge across model institutions to allow replication of promising practices in smoking and tobacco control in Chittagong Division and nationally

- Organize an international exposure visit to India for the local Authorities to learn from Indian experience in smoking and tobacco regulation within areas of local government jurisdiction
- Quarterly Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation meetings by project team

Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign in Chittagong (BCCC) Division

Donor: Sighsavers International

Goal: Rehabilitation of Cataract effected children of Chittagong division

Duration: December 2005 to October 2008

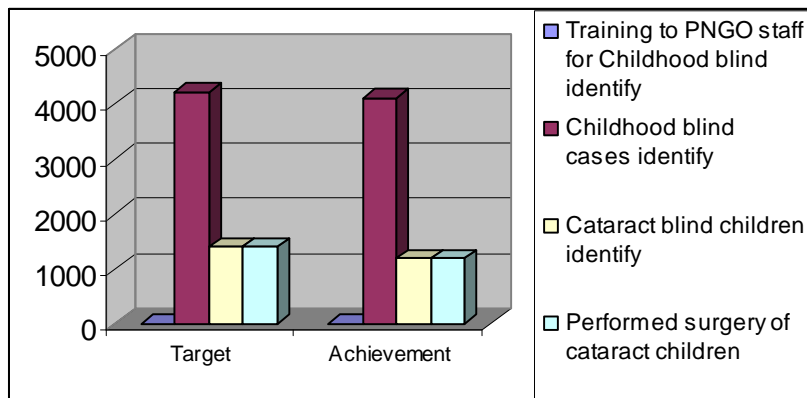
Target groups: There are about 4,218 childhood blind cases and about 1,406 cataract blind children.

Background: Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign (BCCC) is being implemented aiming to eliminate 90% of the backlog of cataract in children in the country. Identification of blind children in the community is

one of the key components of the campaign program. The identified cataract cases through examination will receive surgical intervention from specific hospital partners under the campaign for restoration of their sight. The project area includes all districts of Chittagong division other than Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Cox's Bazar districts total population of 140, 60,000.

Major activities:

- Case finding process and awareness raising at local level
- Partnership develop
- Medical and surgical treatment
- Follow up of all cataract cases



Maternal Child Health and Family Planning Program (MCH&FP)

Donor: YPSA own Fund & Bangladesh Health & Family Planning Department

Goal:

To improve the Health Status of Children, Women & Men in Sitakunda Upazilla of Chittagong District.

Objectives:

To increase the use of & demand for cause effective health services delivered solely or jointly by NGO & GOB amongst the poorest communities specifically for women & Children.

Duration:

This Program started from 1995 with financial & Technical support from BPHC/PHD. From 2005 it has been continuing by YPSA own fund & Bangladesh Health & Family Planning Department.

Location:

Sitakund Upazilla 1-8 Unions

Target Group:

Poorest communities, especially women & children (GOB. allocated couple area)

Major activities:

- **Clinic based:**

Anti Natal Care (ANC) ,Post Natal Care (PNC), RTI/STD, Maternal Health, Child Health, Family Planning Methods(Injection, IUD),Physiotherapy, General Treatment, Referral for higher treatment to GOB Health service.

- **Field Based:**

Satellite Clinic, Contraceptive distribution, House visits, Follow ups on patients, Health Watch, Committee (HWC) MEETINGS, Adolescent Meetings, Assist the Government's EPI activities, Court yard/ Group meetings, Counseling for behavior change communication, Educating newly married couple about family planning, support to GOB, EPI, Supported & actively participant in NID, provide training to TTBA's field staffs & Village volunteer , Outdoor Treatment (RTI,PHC, Maternal Health-ANC, PNC, Child Health-ARI,CDD, Infectious diseases), General treatment , Counseling , Referral for higher treatment to GOB Health service.

- **GO-NGO Collaboration:**

Health related day observation (National & International), National Immunization Day observation, Support Special Camps on long term family planning methods. Attend upazilla & Union level monthly coordination meeting, Regulars coordination's with Government Health & Family Planning Program. Regularly attend in FWC, UP, UHWC, UP, UHC & HWC meeting.

- **Achievement:**

ANC-91.23%(2559), PNC-68%(1907), Delivery-322(TBA-62,TTBA-173,UHC-87),EPI-98%, Satellite Clinic-180, Child treatment-326, General Treatment-1952, Family Planning Method (Pill-628,Condom-234,Injection-443,IUD-70,Vecetomi-nill, Tuvectomi-28).

- **Conclusion :**

The Health Service of YPSA Plays a vital role to improve the health status of the poorest community. YPSA has a plan to start the health service in all working area in order to fulfill demand by cross cutting with others health related program. If we will get any fund from any source we have a scope to start this health related work/ program in largely or broadly.

Strengthening Adolescent Reproductive Health in Bangladesh Project

Donor: CIDA and PLAN International

Specific Objective:

- Specific Objective: Enabling environment created for provision of RH information and services in the target area;
- Increased awareness and capacity among target adolescents to make informed decisions on their RH needs;
- Quality ARH services are available for adolescents in target sites;
- Increased utilization of gender sensitive Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) information and services for adolescents;
- Strengthened capacity of partner NGOs to provide counseling and quality ARH information and services;
- Increased networking, documentation and dissemination of ARH issues in a manner that furthers adolescent's interest;
- Successful implementation of national ARH strategy and its action plan, in targeted districts through a partnership within the HNPSF framework.

Duration: January 01; 2008 – December 31; 2012

Target Group: Adolescent (10-19) age

Working area:

YPSA planed to implement Strengthening Adolescents Reproductive Health Project supported by Plan International at Sitakunda and Miresarai Upazilla of Chittagong District. YPSA emphasizes on marginalized indigenous and disabled adolescents at targeted area.

Major Activities

<i>Major Intervention</i>	<i>Significant Achievement & Highlights</i>
<i>Organize Basic Training on 1st & 2nd phase CCCDA Training</i>	Available staffs received the Basic Training on 1 st & 2 nd phase of CCCDA training
<i>Attend in 1st, 2nd & 3rd phase CCCDA</i>	3 participants from the project attended in the 2 phase of CCCDA Training
<i>Orientation meeting On the Enumeration of ARH Project staff</i>	Day long orientation has been completed
<i>Enumeration</i>	There are 03 unions as 02 no Baraiardala 03 no Sitakunda PouraSava & 07 no Kumira under the Sitakunda Upazilla enumeration successfully accomplished.
<i>Organize Gender Training</i>	Available staffs received the gender Training and they are practices in gender equity.
<i>CCCDA Practice</i>	YPSA staffs are in field for immersion and Situation assessment & it is a continue process.
<i>Attend Gender Training</i>	3 participants from the project attended in the Gender Training which was organized by the PLAN.BD
<i>Organize Stakeholder meeting</i>	YPSA completed 12 Stakeholder meetings in the union level. Local gob. Civil society, parents & adolescent are involved as participants.
<i>Organize Leadership & management Training</i>	YPSA completed 03 batches Leadership & Management Training. 01 batch is for Staffs & Other 02 batches for Adolescent Service Groups. Available staffs & 50 ASG participants received the Leadership & management Training.
<i>Organize Peer Education</i>	YPSA completed 02 batches Peer Education Training. One batch

<i>Training</i>	organized for ARH Staffs & other batch is Adolescent peer groups. Available staffs & 26 participants received the Peer Education Training
<i>Organize Development strategy meeting (Opinion sharing meeting)</i>	Upazilla Health Complex UHC, MO, HI, AHI, AHI,FP, FPI, FWV & NGOS Representative are also attended the meeting.
<i>Organize FO & Teachers Training</i>	YPSA completed 01 batch FO & Teachers Training on Life Skills. 12 High school Representative & FO participants in this training.

Future Plan: We will take initiative for future activities are as follows:

- Basic ARH training for the field workers
- Field workers training at centre level on Leadership & Mgt.
- Field Workers Training on Peer Education
- Purchase ARH Materials for service provider
- Renovate or establish clubs for the adolescents
- Coordination with government and other partners
- Gender training to field facilitator, Plan and PNGO project staff

Capacity Building for Ensuring Safe Labour Migration Program (CABSLAM)

Donor: Refuge and Migratory Movements Reach Unit (RMMRU)

Goal:

The goal of this project is to increase the choice of the poor to use migration as a livelihood option and for reducing poverty.

Specific Objectives:

Major objectives of the project are:

- Influence migration policy in favor of imparting comprehensive training.
- To fill in the information gap among wider audience particularly the poor about labour migration process and encounter misinformation for the same.
- To address poverty by ensuring safe migration.
- To reduce fraudulent practices in the labour migration process.
- To make potential migrants aware of their rights at work in destination countries.
- To make migration a planned exercise and to make it economically and socially successful in terms of poverty reduction, both for the individual as well as for the nation.
- To increase capacity of local and national actors in managing migration.

Duration: March2007-February 2009.

Major activities:

The activities envisaged under this project are given below according to the four components.

- Capacity Building of Local Opinion Leaders and Journalists
- Capacity Building of Bank Officials
- Regular Monthly Coordination meeting of MRPC (Migrants Rights Protection Committee)
- Weekly Counseling Provide in the working area by MRPC Members.
- Implementation MRPC activates (Market Meeting, courtyard meeting, Essay Competition etc) in working area.

Future Plan:

Capacity Building of local Opinion Leaders and Journalists Component

- Increased capacity of 30 GO, NGO staff, 800 local opinion leaders and journalists.

- Increased knowledge of more than 100,000 common people (indirect beneficiaries) (40% of the total population of selected areas) about safe migration procedure.
- Increased ability to make informed decision by the potential migrants at local levels.
- Increased capacity of the local level opinion leaders to perform their functions as well as allocation of resources to provide services.

Capacity Building of Bank Officials

- Increased capacity of 460 bank officials on labour migration process.
- Increased ability to make informed decision by the potential migrants about different issues at local levels.
- Increased capacity of the bank officials for providing information regarding the flow and use of such remittances.

Presentation and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking in Bangladesh (PPVHT-B).

Donor: The Royal Norwegian Embassy, and The Royal Danish Embassy.

Implementing agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Goal: The project goal is to improve the Human Trafficking situation in Bangladesh.

Specific Objective:

1. Prevention of Trafficking.
2. Protection of victims and potential victims.
3. Prosecution of traffickers and perpetrators.
4. Capacity building of Govt. & NGO network.

Duration: 3 years (August'07- January'10)

Target Groups:

- Vulnerable women and children to trafficking and trafficked victims.
- School children, Parents, Teachers.
- Locally Elected Bodies(LEB), Local Elites and NGO officials
- Officials of the govt. administration, judiciary, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA), public prosecutors and lawyers
- Community people.

Background:

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children is one of the worst forms of human rights abuse. It is not an event or an incident; it is a phenomenon that is deeply rooted in the social, economic, political and legal situation in a country like Bangladesh. However the govt. of Bangladesh is committed to address trafficking in persons and efforts are being made to reduce the vulnerable social and economic condition of women and children who are prey of traffickers. This project is an outcome of one of those efforts.

Major activities:

1. FGDs with Locally Elected Bodies (LEB).
2. FGDs with Community Based Organization (CBO).

3. FGDs with religious leaders, local elites, members of the civil society, school teachers and parents.
4. Courtyard Meeting with women group.
5. Bazar meeting.

Future plan:

1. Training of teachers.
2. Community based theater and folk song in front of audiences who are vulnerable groups for trafficking.
3. IGA training vulnerable persons, who will be offered livelihood options through linking with micro financing.
4. District level training for GoB line officials.
5. Provide training on para trade/vocational education in marketable skills to victims/survivors/vulnerable children (Feni District).
6. Provide support in terms of book, stationeries, uniforms and food to victims/survivors/vulnerable children (Feni District).
7. Provide training on skill/entrepreneurship development to victims/survivors/vulnerable women and linking with the micro financing (Feni District).
8. Provide support in terms of stationeries, cloths and food to victims/survivors/vulnerable women (Feni District).

Participatory Savings and Credit Program (PSCP)

Participatory Savings and Credit Program (PSCP) is YPSA’s own program and implemented by YPSA’s own initiative. It is mentioned that YPSA have been working with PSCP since 1993.

Goal of PSCP:

Organizing the target people especially women for accumulation of capital and creating the self-employment, which leads to poverty reduction and empowerment.

Objectives:

To create self-confidence and enthusiasm to development through making united by their own organization. Capital formation through savings mobilization.

To provide capital for creating self-employment through income generating activities.

To participate in all development activities play positive role accordingly.

Location:

Chittagong Division in two districts (Chittagong and Rangamati).

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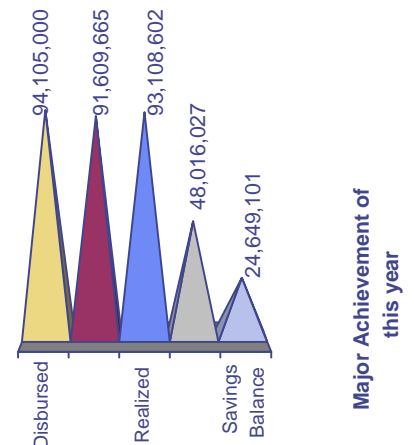
414 village/Ward under the Chittagong and Rangamati districts.

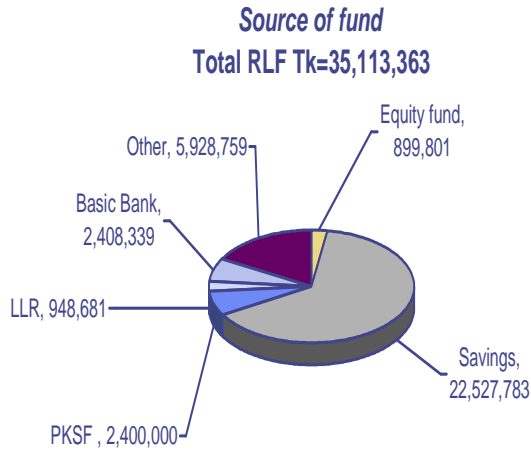
Major Activities:

- ◆ Group formation. ◆ Benchmark Identification. ◆ Awareness building
- ◆ Savings Mobilization. ◆ Credits need assessment. ◆ Providing credit.
- ◆ Credit and IGA follow up. ◆ Participation in the development activities.
- ◆ Skilled Development. ◆ GO-NGO Networking.

Name of the Partner and Donor:

- ◆ PKSF ◆ BASIC Bank ◆ BRAC NCU ◆ CARE Bangladesh through INCOME Project.
- ◆ Action Aid Bangladesh. ◆ BPHC ◆ DFID through Cofcon.





Micro finance Information:

# of Branch	# of Group	# of Member	# of Borrower	Savings Balance	Loan Disbursement (Cumulative)	Loan Realized (Cumulative)	Portfolio	Recovery Rate	OSS
12	822	12739	9559	24649101	398532000	350507285	48024715	99.35%	109%

Micro Enterprise Development Program (MEDP)

Goal: Entrepreneurship development amongst the target people especially among women to reduce poverty and discrimination between men & women.

Donor: Presently YPSA own funds & Basic Bank

Objectives:

Local resource collection and its maximum utilization

To involve women with production

To provide/arrange capital to the target population for generating employment that will contribute to national development

Duration: From 2002

Location: Sitakund 1&2, Kumira and Pahartali Field Office of Chittagong District

Target People: Graduated members of Micro Finance program and potential members involved with IGA in the working area.

Major Activities:

Group formation

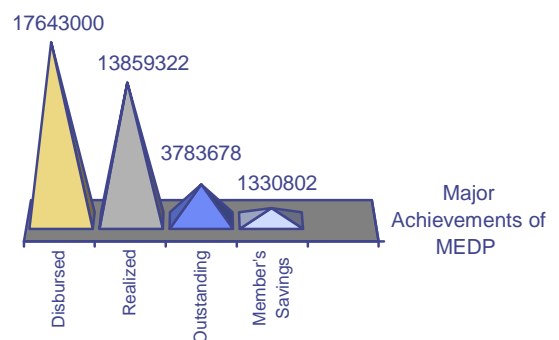
Providing need based business & skills training

Technical support to the micro entrepreneurs

Capital formation and provision of credit

Organize and ensure participation in the fair trade

GO-NGO networking



Major Achievements		
Sl No.	Description	No. of Achievement
01	EDBM & EDT training	527 mem.
02	Skill/product development training	189 mem.
03	Decent work training	316 mem.
04	Book Keeping training	85 mem.
05	Enterprise based workshop	247 mem.
06	Display & Sales Centers	02 Centers
07	Participate in fair trade	11
08	Loan disbursed	17,643,000
09	Loan realized	13,859,322
10	Loan outstanding	3,783,678
11	Total members Savings Balance	1,330,802

Conclusion:

Experience says that sustainability of micro entrepreneurs in the long run depends upon providing technical support along with the credit facility in the right way. Keeping this in mind YPSA has been providing technical support side by side with credit support to the micro entrepreneur through the Micro Enterprise Development Program (MEDP). It is expected that by 2010 a total of 30 field offices will be brought under MEDP.

Micro Health Insurance Program (MHIP)

Donor/Fund Support: Presently YPSA Own.

Goal: To ensure health services for the poor and vulnerable people in the working area.

Objective:

1. Cost effective quality health services
2. Build up awareness on health issues
3. Decrease MMR and CMR
4. Birth Control through motivation and distribution of FP method
5. Ensure quality of reproductive health service
6. Reduce the rate of RTI and STI
7. Reduce malnutrition of poor people
8. Sustain the program through maintaining professionalism in providing service

Duration: January 2006 –ongoing.

Location: Pahartali & Katgor Field Office of Chittagong City Corporation and Sitakund, Kumira, Mirasharai, Shaherkhali, Muhuri Field Office of Sitakund sub-district, Khawkhali Field Office of Rangamati district.

Target People:

Direct Client: Micro Finance and Enterprise members

Secondary Client: Other Program participants of YPSA and poor people of target area.

Major Activities:

- Card distribution
- Discussion on health issues in the group meeting
- House visit (FP, ANC, PNC, RH)
- Organize satellite clinic/Sub center
- Provide treatment from static and satellite clinic
- Subsidized Medicine distribution
- Mini pathological test
- Referral of patient for higher treatment and path. test
- GO-NGO Collaboration for quality health service

Sl No.	Description	Achievement (as of June'07)
01	Area Coverage	8 Field Office
02	No. of Static Clinic	8
03	No. of Satellite Clinic	90
04	Coverage under Card	7128 members
05	Treatment provided	10000 patient
06	Referred (treatment & test)	100 patient

Conclusion:

Micro Health Insurance Program of YPSA has been starting in YPSA since January 2006 as a pilot program in the Pahartali & Katgor field office. At present this program is also implementing in the Pahartali & Katgor Field Office of Chittagong City Corporation and Sitakund, Kumira, Mirasharai, Shaherkhali, Muhuri Field Office of Sitakund sub-district, Khawkhali Field Office of Rangamati district. There is plan to expand this program in all field offices (MF&ME) of YPSA.

Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship Development

Supported by: Bangladesh NGO's Foundation - BNF

Objectives: Building overall capacities of partner organizations.

Location: Banskhal, Chittagong

Target group: 200 Micro women Entrepreneurs of Banskhal

Major activities: Entrepreneur development and business management.

Conclusion (achievement and future plan): We have already developed 100 no of women entrepreneurs developed for their business management by different types of training. In the long run we hope that they will be successful entrepreneurs in their community. Next year we will upgrade 100 women entrepreneurs for their survival in the competitive market. We will start other activities like WE Can program, education program in Banskhal Upazilla.

Advocacy for a Public Policy to Ensure Human Rights in Ship breaking Industry

Goal of the Project:

To influence the public policy makers for formulating a specific policy for the ship breaking industry in which basic needs and rights of yard-based workers are ensured.

Duration of the project:

The project is segmented into two phases of 3 years each. The duration of this phase of the project August 2006-October 2008

Donor:

Manusher Jonno Foundation and YPSA own fund

Activities and Achievements:

YPSA organised seminars, dialogues, and day observation programs, video shows in national and divisional level. YPSA met with different stakeholders' like-workers, government bodies, high level policy makers, different like minded organizations, International players of EC and UN etc. Two researches like on legal aspect, environment aspect has conducted. YPSA launched its website on the shipbreaking and YPSA activities for the shipbreaking campaign.

The government decided to formulate the ship breaking policy. The third inter-ministerial meeting, regarding the shipbreaking policy, decided to form an small five member committee to finalize the shipbreaking policy. It was also decided by the meeting that YPSA should be in the meeting with other four Ministries. YPSA made its comments to the policy. This seems as a hot issue in the Secretariat. The ministries like Labour Ministry, Shipping Ministry, and Department of Environment –all arranged separate meetings about shipbreaking. YPSA got opportunity to raise the workers' rights and environment issue regarding shipbreaking.

After an effective lobbying The Ministry of Labour decided to send notice all the owners of yards where the workers died after accidents took place in this year. Almost all families of the dead workers, who died this year, received the compensation as the amount of Labour law. YPSA informed by written about the recent accidents to all the concerned departments to take urgent action. As YPSA has established a good reputation in the policy level, so such letters from YPSA move the concerned departments to take actions. And they are also filed case about the recent accidents to Labour Court, against the owners who has not provided compensation to the workers. This is the first time that the government is showing such interest on the issue.

Beside this, Workers are getting aware about their rights and the safety in the work place. And Divisional concerned govt. representatives and Civil Society representatives are also very active in ensuring the workers' rights and protection of the environment. They want to give recommendation for the expected policy. Inspection by the government officials are increased than before. Articles published in different newspapers and magazines about shipbreaking written by YPSA. Different national and International media made reports on shipbreaking those fascilated by YPSA. YPSA focal person for shipbreaking participated AGM of the NGO platform on Shipbreaking. YPSA established as a resource organization on shipbreaking and recognized in different national and international forum on shipbreaking campaign.

Future Plan:

YPSA wants to continue its activities on the shipbreaking advocacy campaign. YPSA will include more like minded organizations with the campaign and will do more researches on different aspects of shipbreaking.

Community Mobilization Project to End Violence against Women in Chittagong (YPSA-CMPVAWC)

Donor: OXFAM GB

Goal: To build up awareness for breaking up silence to end domestic violence against women in the Chittagong through mobilizing all section of people of community, PNGO's, media and civil Society

Objectives:

- To disseminate the WE CAN Campaign messages developed on Domestic Violence (DV) issues to 90,000 community people
- To mobilize the people especially civil society through advocacy campaign program
- To develop capacity of the members of different forums already formed to end domestic violence against women as well as PNGO's
- To develop more 10000 (Ten Thousands: Direct 6,000 and Indirect 4,000) Change Makers and strengthening the existing Change Makers, who will contribute to reduce VAW & DV and towards program sustainability.

Duration: May 2008-April 2009 (up to April 2011)

Location: YPSA will implement the project directly in 21 Wards of Chittagong City Corporation areas.

Target group: The grassroots people of Chittagong district (Chittagong City Corporation Area and Northern part of the Chittagong) 90,000 individuals/families are the existing beneficiaries of YPSA's different programs. YPSA will share the message and materials of WE CAN with the existing group members, partners' organizations, Ward Level Paribarik Nirzathon Protirod Jhoot and other stakeholder. Beside these, 10000 (Direct 6,000 and Indirect 4,000) Change Makers will be developed and ensured involvement with this programs.

Major activities:

8.1 Awareness Raising & Advocacy Campaign

- i) Materials distribution among PNGOs, CBOs, CSOs, Local club and other organizations
- ii) Sharing Meeting on **SVAW** and End Domestic Violence against women With PNGO's' CBO's, CSO's etc (One Batch and 40 Participants)
- iii) WE CAN campaign through street drama, pantomime drama & folk song
- iv) Sharing Meeting on **SVAW** and End Domestic Violence against women With Kazi's, Masque imam, religious leader (One Batch and 40 Participants)
- v) Courtyard Meeting about SVAW and End Domestic Violence against women. (300 Courtyard Meeting, Per meeting Participants average 20)
- vi) School level sports and cultural competition
- vii) Guardian samabesh in school level
- viii) Union/School/College level Workshop on SVAW and End Domestic Violence against women. (30 Union and 10 School/College Level Workshop)
- ix) Debating Competition on SVAW and relevant issues in association with Chittagong University Debating Society (CUDS) and Dristy Chittagong (debating organization)
- x) Special Day observation (International Human Rights Day, International Women's day and International Stop Violence against Women Day) in YPSA's different field and district office (Rangamati, Banderbhan, Khagrachari, Cox'sBazar, B, Baria etc.)
- xi) Organize and Facilitate Chittagong Divisional Change makers convention 2008
- xii) Posturing in public place and develop materials like stiker, Dairy, Calenders etc. (with we can messages) etc.
- xiii) Ward level (21 ward) WE CAN committee meeting
- xiv) To form an International Human Rights and International Women's Day Observation Committee (2 times Meetings)
- xv) Mass campaign activities in YPSA's different district office (Rangamati, Banderbhan, Khagrachari , Cox'sBazar, B, Baria etc.), Chittagong International trade fair, Boishaki utsab / Mela in DC hill and Sitakund , Book fair, Nattaya utsab, Jabberer Boli Khela etc.

8.2 Capacity Development on SVAW/DV

- i) Organize Training on Stop Violence against Women especially Domestic Violence and Gender Development to ward level paribarik nirzathon protirood jhot members and ensure that they will act as Change makers. (10 Batches, Per Batch Participants - 25)
- ii) Organize Training on Stop Violence against Women especially Domestic Violence and Gender Development to PPDP and DEMU volunteers. (5 Batches, Per Batch Participants - 25)

- iii) Capacity Development Training on SVAW and Gender Development of YPSA's and PNGO's staff (two Batches)
- iv) Capacity Development Training on SVAW and Gender Development of YPSA's General and Executive Committee Members (one Batch)
- v) Capacity Development Training on SVAW and Gender Development of the members of different forums already formed (Paribarik Nirzathon Protirood Jhot, Chittagong, Ward level Paribarik Nirzathon Protirood Jhot, Nari Nirzathon Rode Sangbadik Forum, Chittagong, Young Journalist Changemakers Forum in Chittagong)or to be formed to end domestic violence against women as well as PNGOs (2 Batches, Per Batch Participants - 25)

Conclusion (achievement and future plan): The 1,00,000 (One Lac) community people will become aware on domestic violence and change their existing social and individual attitudes on domestic violence. Materials on domestic violence published by OXFAM will be reached to the mass people. Different media activist (25 Media Activist) will be aware on domestic violence against women and they are dynamic to reveal all the reports on it. Concerned government administration and public representatives will play active and positive role on the Issues. WE CAN Committee play active role to reduce domestic violence in Different Level (Thana, Ward, School and College Level) and Developed 10000 (Direct 6000 and Indirect 4000) Change Makers.

Self employment by Promoting Income Generation to Youth

Programme Title: Poverty Alleviation Project in Chittagong Hill Tracts (PAP-CHT)

Goal of the Project:

To promote self-employment among the targeted people especially among the indigenous youth through capacity building on income generating activities

Objective of the Project:

- Organizing the targeted people especially indigenous youth through awareness raising activities.
- Capacity building of targeted people through providing training (business/IGA related) and technical support.
- Making them skilled on respective IGA through providing trade/product based training

Duration of the Project: May-2008 From-To: April-2010

Donor: Hope'87 in Bangladesh.

Working Area: Rangamati Municipal Corporation area and Kawkhali Upazila.

Major Activities:

■ Construction of Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) at Kawkhali ■ Members selection from existing members ■ Module development on EDBM training considering the need of target area members

■ Tot on Entrepreneurship Development and Business Management (EDBM) ■ To publish Booklets for members (training) and other IEC materials ■ Refreshers training on EDBM-Tot receiver in the 2nd year
■ Provide EDBM training with modified module ■ Skilled/ product development training ■ Trade/product based workshop with the appropriate resource person ■ Credit support to the selected trained members from HOPE'87 grant and YPSA own-supported by PKSf ■ Growth monitoring ■ Linked with the buyer and market (if need) ■ Exposure visits for project staff ■ News letter publication ■ Participation in the Monthly coordination meeting

Achievements:

■ Construction of Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) at Kawkhali-75% Work Complete 15th November 2008 ■ Members selection from existing members-350 ■ Module development on EDBM training considering the need of target area ■ Members Tot on Entrepreneurship Development and Business Management (EDBM) On Members ■ Provide EDBM training with modified module ■ Participation in the Monthly coordination meeting

Enhancing Disaster Preparedness among Communities and Institutions in Bangladesh (DIPECHO V)

Donor of the Projects: DIPECHO & Action aid Bangladesh

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE:

To reduce the vulnerability of people living in areas highly prone to natural disaster.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

Strengthen local communities and institutions (volunteer groups, disaster management committees) to prepare for and respond to cyclone, earthquake and flood.

Duration: 15th June 2009 to 15th September 2010

Location: Chittagong City Corporation.

Target Group: Earthquake Vulnerable Communities & Institutions.

Activities of the Projects:

- Procure and provide equipment/logistics to 180 volunteers (first aid kits, search and rescue equipment, hand mikes, uniforms id cards, radios)
- Conduct 3 day refresher training on search and rescue for 180 volunteers
- Facilitate quarterly sharing meetings among volunteers (3 groups* 4 meetings each)

- Facilitate 1 training and 3 orientations on hospital safety for doctors, nurses and other hospital staff for 5 hospitals
- Procure and provide logistics/equipment to 1 hospital for MCM
- Facilitate simulation drills in one hospital (in Chittagong)
- Printing and distribution of earthquake and fire preparedness posters/booklet (IEC materials) in 1 garments factory and orientation on the booklet.
- Facilitate 1 coordination meeting on hospital safety involving national planners and policy makers and other development partners



Mobilizing Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction (DIPECHO IV)
Donor of the Projects: DIPECHO & Action aid Bangladesh

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE:

To Reduce the Risk of the Most Vulnerable Communities to Earthquake in Bangladesh.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

To increase the awareness and response capacity of local communities, institutions and local authorities in order to reduce risk from disasters such as flood, earthquake and cyclone.

Duration: 1st October 2007 to 31st December 2008

Location: Chittagong City Corporation.

Target Group: Earthquake Vulnerable Communities & Institutions.

Activities of the Projects:

- Sensitization Program on Earthquake Vulnerability for Hospitals, Garments and community people
- Orientation for Garments workers, Staffs & senior management officers
- First aid training for Garments workers, Staffs ■ Develop garments Friendly Poster ■ Review hospital & Garments contingency plan
- Simulation Exercise at Garments and hospitals ■ Mass casualty management training for doctors
- TOT on first aid for volunteers' ■ Workshop with BGMEA, Hospital & garments Authority
- Publication of EVA ■ Door to door campaign on Vulnerability atlas ■ Exposure Visit

YSA-DEMU

YPSA Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Management Unit is-

- □ YPSA-DEMU is a Member of YPSA Family has Started work in Chittagong City Corporation from 2003
- □ We are working on four Programmatic major areas: Disaster, Emergency, Relief and Rehabilitation.
- □ Disaster Management is a part of our Livelihood issue. We work to increase the asset Base and Protect Income & Asset Erosion of the Poor & Most Vulnerable People from Foreseen and unforeseen Hazards.
- □ We are working in 41 ward in CCC - Mostly Natural Hazards Prone area and our Investment is Mostly on those areas where Disaster-Development Programs are wily Linked.

Goal

Ensure a society where every one enjoying a risk free and safety life

Objective

Will exist to reduction of vulnerability, hazard, risk for community people where they can live safely.

Implement Project / Program under YPSA – DEMU

- Enhancing Disaster Preparedness among Communities and Institutions in Bangladesh (DIPECHO V)
- Mobilizing Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction (DIPECHO IV)
- Reducing Risk of the Vulnerable Communities to Flood & Earthquake (DIPECHO III)-Follow-up
- Establishing Partnership for Disaster Preparedness (PPDP)-Follow-up
- Capacity Building Project for PNGO`S

Capacity Building Project for PNGO`S

Donor of the Projects: Concern Universal & DG-ECHO

Objectives of the Projects: The main objectives of the vulnerability assessment by seven partner NGOs are:

- To obtain first general pictures with hazard and its consequences of their working area
- To involve local community for identifying and prioritizing problems
- To know their own coping mechanism during disaster
- To formulate a participatory mitigation planning
- To share the role and responsibilities in carryout planning

Duration of the Project: August 2008 October 2009

Location of the Project: Chittagong District

Target Group of the Project: Different PNGO.

Activities of the Projects: Arrange different types of Training, Orientation which will enrich the capacity of PNGO`s

Emergency Response:

■KTS Garments (Kalurghat,Ctg) fire accident ■ Bakalia Bow Bazar (Chittagong) Fire accident ■ 11 June 2007 Land slide at Chittagong ■18 August 2008 Land slide at Chittagong

Future Plan

■ Institutional Capacity Development ■ Resource Centre ■ Networking (Local-National-International)
■ Radio Communication and Networking ■ Public Awareness ■ Volunteer Group Development ■ Simulation Exercise (Community-Institution) ■ Emergency Fund and Response ■ Contingency Plan (GO-NGO-CBO)

DAISY for All ICT & Resource centre for the Disabled

Donor : DAISY Consortium & Nippon Foundation.

Goal : To ensure the best use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) for PWD`s made them differently able.

Duration: 3 Years.

Location: Whole Bangladesh

Target Group: Visual Impaired, Print Disabled.

Major Activities:

Need analysis of study materials & solutions for the visually impaired students of Universities.

Set up of the study corner for the visually challenged.

Developing a group of devoted volunteers.

Production of 10 Braille books.

Production of 100 DAISY and Audio books.

Arranging Face-to-Face Reading Service.

Organize Formal & Non Formal training programs for the visually impaired students.

Orientation for volunteers.

Publication of a Booklet, brochure & sticker.

To collect study materials from National & International organizations & libraries.

Conclusion (Achievement and future plan):

1. In future we have established 4 productions Centre.
2. Accessible study corner Dhaka & Chittagong University.

3. 200 (hundred) Digital Talking Book will be produced.
4. Digital National Library will be established.
5. Training & Employment project will be start.

NGO Alliance of Chittagong (NAC)

Supported by: European Union through Proshikha

Goal: To continue in developing capability of the targeted people through mobilizing internal and external resources, skill development, exchange of experience and mutual cooperation among member organizations and establishing organizational sustainability.

Location:

Greater Chittagong (Chittagong, Cox'sBazar, Chittagong Hill Tract)

Target group: 21 PNGO in Chittagong district.

Major activities:

- Organizational capacity building
- Micro finance support to the PNGO
- Technical Support for Organizational Development

Conclusion (achievement and future plan): We have supported 21 PNGOs in Chittagong district for their capacity building in different level, like skill development, peoples theater etc. NAC supported 27 lacks taka among the 14 PNGO for strengthen their micro credit program. We have a plan for the next year that we will provide capacity building for 20 PNGOs in Chittagong district.

Enterprise development Forum Chittagong (EDFC)

Supported by: USAID, JOBS, Canadian CIDA

Objectives: Building overall capacities of partner organizations.

Location: Greater Chittagong (Chittagong, Cox'sBazar, Chittagong Hill Tract)

Target group: 143 PNGOs in Chittagong district.

Major activities: Entrepreneur development and business management.

Conclusion (achievement and future plan): We have already developed 2625 no of women entrepreneurs developed for their business management by different types of training. In the long run we hope that they will be successful entrepreneurs in their community. Next year we will upgrade 1000 women entrepreneurs for their survival in the competitive market.

Name of the Program/ Project/ Unit:

Community Managed Local Health Services and Water and Sanitation Project in South-East Bangladesh (CMLHSWS)

Donor: Cordaid and Concern Universal- Bangladesh

Goal: To improve the quality of peoples life with special emphasis on reproductive health and water and sanitation of hard to reach areas so that maternal, neonatal and infant mortality could

substantially be reduced and to develop a model of sustainable health care system through the active participation of community people.

Specific Objective:

1. **Health:** To ensure the local health services as well as to raise awareness, skill and knowledge on modern treatment for reducing mortality and morbidity rates

2. **Water and sanitation:** To improve the overall water and sanitation status through:

- Ensuring safe water supply providing feasible water options as per the topography of CHT
- Ensuring the use of sanitary latrines promoting low cost latrines managed by the community
- Enhancing behavioral changes on hygiene practices in term of house holds and personal

Duration: Three years (January 2009 to December 2011)

Target Groups: 18,734 population (Male- 10,732, Female- 8,002) and house holds 3,434

Major Activities & Progress Status

Activities	Progress Status
Establishment of six Community managed Health Clinics	Established six, Three in Ramu upazill under coxs bazar district and Rest three in Alikadam Upazilla under Bandarban district
Formation of Clinic Executive Committee	Formed six Clinic Executive Committee, Three in Ramu upazill under coxs bazar district and Rest three in Alikadam Upazilla under Bandarban district
Formation of women & adolescent group	Formed 12 groups, 6 in Ramu upazill under coxs bazar district and Rest 6 in Alikadam Upazilla under Bandarban district
Formation of community volunteer group	Formed 6 groups, 3 in Ramu upazill under coxs bazar district and Rest 3 in Alikadam Upazilla under Bandarban district
Project Launching Ceremony	Done with the Ramu and Alikadam Upazilla
Base Line Survey	Done with the Ramu and Alikadam Upazilla
Orientation for Project Staff/Foundation Training /Refresher	Done in YPSA-HRDC. Conducted by Concern Universal- Bangladesh (CUB)
Training for the Community Health Worker (CHW)	Three months basic training completed. 20 CHW participated in the training.
Training on Community Mobilization to Community Health & Hygine Promoters	Training held which conducted & organized by YPSA training division. 20 HP & 20 volunteers participated the training.

Training/Refresher on Safe Water, Hygiene & Sanitation /project staff	Training held which conducted & organized by YPSA training division. 20 HP participated the training.
Training on Community Empowerment	Training held which conducted & organized by YPSA training division. 20 Clinic Executive Committee members participated in the training.
IGA: Skill Training / Income generation	Training held which conducted & organized by YPSA training division. 20 Clinic Executive Committee members participated in the training.

Achievement:

- A wide partnership developed with the GO-NGO in coxs bazar district
- Six Community based and community managed approach established regarding ensure the primary health care services in Hill Tracts and disadvantaged area
- During the project period sustainability approach developed with the local people/community regarding the project completion

Plan:

- Community people will have the easy access to local health services by the community managed health centre, which will reduce the rate of mortality and morbidity in CHT communities. Similarly, community awareness and knowledge level will be increased.

Human Resource & Development (HR & D)

Goal: To strengthen internal organization, to make it more structured, ensure equality and to give more attention to the development of the YPSA staff

Activities:

- Human Resource planning, Recruiting
- Job analysis, Job design, Performance Appraisals
- Socializing new employee, Development Intern & International Volunteer
- Conflict resolution, Benefits and services
- Maintaining Disciplinary Procedure, Employee Training, counseling and Motivation
- Exit Interview with employee, Arrange farewell program
- Support to arrange managerial meeting (CMT & CCM)

Manuals: Personnel policy & procedure Manual, General Job description, Result oriented personal job description, Performance Interview, Gender Policy, HID/AIDS Work Place Policy.

Future Plan: YPSA wants to encourage women to grow into the organization up to management level, to improve our development part of the department; in this department we will structure all our trainees and workshops modules for our YPSA staff and beneficiaries.

Human resources

Number of Human Resource	Total	Male	Female
Staff	404	186	218
Local volunteer & Internee	505	210	295

Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC)-Sitakund

Name of the Program /Project: Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC)

Donor: YPSA own initiative & Basic Bank.

Goal: To facilitate Human Resources Development Programs of YPSA and Similar Organizations.

Specific Objectives: To build Capacity of NGO activities to provide training facilities to various development players.

Duration: 09 years old

Target group: Organizational staff and Beneficiary of YPSA as well as of other like minded organizations staff.

Major activities: Conduct Training, Module develops Ensure training facilities, Organize workshop and Seminar, Supports Others facility.

Background:

The Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC) Sitakund was established in 26th November 2001 in Sitakund with a view to develop skill and technical competence of the grassroots people, organizational staff of YPSA as well as the other like minded organizations. The center is situated just beside the Dhaka Trunk Road and at a stone's through from the Eco-Park. Training is one of the key components in the ear of developing human resource and capacity building. Training enables personnel to facilitate creative dynamics to contribute in the process of development in a more professional way. Different training programs YPSA helps its partners to improve their skill and capacity to plan implement and monitor the any programs at the community level. YPSA Training cell responses to the country's human resource development needs be it at national and local level. Equipped with advances in training/ learning technologies in adult learning principles, and in multi-media and electronic technologies the YPSA Training cell has been a major player in the development and delivery of decentralized and customized training programs in the area. YPSA Training cell has also been delivering organizational capacity building training as a Human Resource Development expert.

Training Centre Facilities:

1. Dormitory (with 50 beds)
2. 8 Guest Rooms (with AC facility)
3. Dining
4. Telephone
5. Library
6. Photocopy
7. Overhead Projector
8. White board / Flannel board/Clip board
9. Audio-visual Equipments (TV-VCP)
10. Digital Camera
11. Video Camera
12. Multimedia
13. Laptop Computer & Internet Access
14. Generator for alternative power supply
15. Still Camera
16. Cultural Equipment facilities.

Future Plan:

The HRDC is playing very significant role to enhance the knowledge and technical competence of YPSA. In addition to that, it is increasing the cohesiveness among the organization. It is also contributing to make the organization self-reliant by generating income for it.

Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC)-Chittagong

Donor: YPSA own Initiative

Goal: To facilitate Human Resources Development Program of YPSA and similar Organization.

Duration: 7 Years old

Target group: Organizational staff and beneficiary of YPSA as well as of other liked Organizations staff.

Major activities: Conduct training, Module develop, Ensure training facilities, Organize Workshop and seminar, Supports others facility.

Back ground: The Human Resources Development centre (HRDC) Chittagong was Established 20 May 2000.

Training centre facilities:

Dormitory (with 50 bed), 2 guest rooms (with AC facility), Dining, Telephone, Library, Photocopy, overhead projector, whiteboard/flannel board/clip board, Audio-visual,Equipments (TV-VCP), Digital Camera, Video Camera, Multimedia Laptop Computer & Internet Access, Genaretor for alternative power supply, Still Camera, Cultural Equipment facilities.

Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC)-Khulshi

Donor: YPSA's own initiative

Goal: To facilitate Human Resources Development Programs of YPSA and Similar Organizations.

Specific Objectives: To build Capacity of NGO activities to provide training facilities to various development players.

Duration: 2006-On going.

Target group: Organizational staff and Beneficiary of YPSA as well as of other liked minded organizations staff.

Major activities: Conduct Training, Ensure training facilities, Organize workshop and Seminar, Supports Others facilities.

Background: The Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC) Chittagong in khulshi area was established in 2005 in with organizational staff of YPSA as well as the other like minded organizations. The center is situated just beside the Zakir Hossian Road for developing human resource and capacity building.

Training Centre Facilities:

Training Room with AC, Dining, Photocopy, Overhead Projector, White board / Flannel board/Clip board, Audio-visual, Equipments (TV-VCP), Digital Camera, Video Camera, Multimedia Laptop Computer & Internet Access, Generator for alternative power supply, Still Camera, Cultural Equipment facilities.

YPSA-Savings and Investment Society

Goal of S & I Society

Economical & Humanitarian development by savings and profitable investment through combined effort

Objective

■ Creating unity, cooperation, friendship, affection, brotherhood ness by mutual introduction and sharing of opinions among the members of society ■ Future security and uses of money for self-necessity through regular small amount of savings ■ Arrangement of highest profit of one's capital by safe investment ■ Creating self-confidence & spirit for own development among the members of the society ■ Providing the extensive facilities to the members from the society

Duration: From 1996 –On going

Target beneficiary

■ Initially only general members of YPSA and its staff are the eligible for the members of society but at present members of the society are as follows ■ Mandatory for all YPSA staff ■ General members of YPSA

■ Family members of YPSA staff and general members

Major Activities:

■ Savings accumulation ■ Invest accumulated money to the reliable sector ■ Interest disbursement to the client ■ Record keeping and accounting.

Sl no.	Description	Achievement as of June'08
01	Total members	265
02	Total savings Coll. during the Year with June '08 savings balance	11,59,860
03	Savings withdrawal (dropout) in 2007-'08	3,04,157
03	Total Investment	9,55,005
04	Interest given in June'08	77,020

Conclusion:

YPSA-S&I Society has been established to secure the future of staff and general members of YPSA and their family. A five-member management team is responsible to operate this society and general members of the society elect them for 2 years where President-1, Member secretary -1, Finance secretary-1 and Members-2. Beside these, there have associate members on behalf of society's management committee in every respective project/Program/Field Offices. It is planned, in future to expand the activities of the society beyond YPSA following with proper Govt. regulation.

Aungshee (Display & Sales Center) Report



Introduction

From the study, it has been observed that only credit cannot ensure the permanent positive economical change of targeted people. Keeping the view in mind Micro Enterprise Development Program (MEDP), one of the major programs of YPSA has been providing technical support along with credit support to the micro entrepreneur. Through experience it is realized that the main obstacle to develop entrepreneurship is marketing. Grassroots entrepreneur does not know how to marketing and how to compete with big entrepreneur. As a result they are losing their inspiration to be a good entrepreneur. Realizing this importance of product marketing YPSA has been giving the priority to marketing the grassroots entrepreneur's product through MEDP. For assisting the marketing of grassroots entrepreneur's product YPSA already established 2 display and sale centers namely *Aungshee* with the support of ILO and Action Aid Bangladesh at Chandgaon R/A and Sitakund of Chittagong respectively. Through these centers products of entrepreneur is being displayed and sold among the local and foreign customer.

Goal of Aungshee

Enabling Grassroots entrepreneur economically sustained through assisting marketing their product.

Objective

■ To assist Grassroots entrepreneur through increasing demand and quality of their product ■ Ensuring proper price of product along with product advertisement

Duration: From 2004 –On going

Target beneficiary

■ Any grassroots entrepreneur can use this center for marketing their product but the following will be given priority ■ Women Entrepreneur of MEDP under YPSA ■ PSCP (Participatory S & C Program) group member of YPSA ■ Entrepreneur of EDFC (Enterprise Dev. Forum Ctg.) member organization ■ Any other Entrepreneur who are involved with NGO

Major Activities:

■ Producer group development ■ Embedded BDS to grassroots entrepreneur ■ Linkage for product development ■ Product Marketing ■ Participate in the fair ■ Assisting for registration with concern authority ■ Record keeping and accounting.

Conclusion:

These centers have been established as commercial basis, the Aungshee will follow so all types of commercial activities. Though initially these centers are focusing on local market but in long run there is a plan to catch up foreign market through exporting. Besides this, efforts are continuing to shift the *Aungshee* from Chandgaon R/A to any suitable commercial center of Chittagong. To meet up this objective *Aungshee* has been participating in local and International trade fair

YPSA HERBARIUM-STORE HOUSE OF PLANT GENETIC

Herbarium: A collection of dried and pressed plants arranged according to a classification system and available for study of reference, a name first applied by Linnaeus. Modern herbarium is utilized as reference center for identification of plants by the botanists doing research work in taxonomy, ecology, agriculture, Pharmacy, etc. It is a link organization of YPSA and also a documentation center because it contains the specimens of new taxa, plants belonging to new discoveries, plants of economic importance, and voucher specimens of cytological and cytogenetic studies, photographs of importance important plants, and all decampments related systematic research. Geneticist, chemists, pharmacists, etc. use the modern herbarium as a storehouse. It stores habitat, distribution of plants, etc. Modern herbariums provide training for Young undergraduates, solve quires of scientist, environmentalists, doctors, students, etc. and thus work as a service institution.

Back Ground: Sitakund was one of the richest areas of biodiversity in Chittagong until the independence of Bangladesh. The vegetation has largely been destroyed by logging and fire wood collection by local people. Both local and forestry have cleared shrubby jungles in many area people thus greatly depleting the biodiversity in the area. Many rare and medicinally important plant species have been locally threatened. Hooker and Thomson had made a number of collections from sitakund during their visit to Chittagong in 1851 (khan 1991b), and recorded many species in the Flora of British India (Hooker 1872-1892). Heinig (1925) included 36 species from Sitakund. Khan (1985) recorded 11 species of the family Convolvaceae from Sitakund in the Flora of Bangladesh. But there have been no intensive explorations and published reports exclusively on the Flora of Sitakund. So there is an urgent need to survey, collect, identify and inventory of plants. Utilizing the indigenous Knowledge base, efforts should be made to increase the diversity of species foe food, medicine and other purpose.

Locally available medicinal plants from the primary source of medicines for traditional system healthcare at community level. Loss of biodiversity is occurring at all levels. Ecosystem and communities are being degraded and destroyed and species are being driven to extinction due to various human activities.

Women have greater interest in sustaining biological resource because they make economic use of a much wider range of products than men do. The participation of women in planning and implementing projects that involves natural resource will be a necessary step in conservation of floral diversity.

Projects area: Initially the project Covers Sitakund Forest zone and than other areas of Bangladesh.

Goal: To establish a well- developed Herbarium, this well be rich, plant genetic resources and centre for floral research. .

Function of Herbarium:

- Preserved specimens of herbarium are used in almost all types of taxonomic research.
- Our Knowledge of distribution of plant evolution, and several taxonomical problems etc. Is based mainly on the herbarium specimens.
- Plants specimens are permanently stored in herbarium, and therefore it is the major sources of information about plant and vegetation.
- A picture of all species of a genus, or all the genera of a family may be gathered only in the herbarium.
- The classification of all words `Flora' based mainly on the herbarium materials.
- Only herbarium specimens may prepare list of endangered species of any region.
- Only herbarium specimens prepare monographs of genera of families of families.
- Big herbarium provides training to the students in herbarium practices.
- Herbarium preserves the national plant wealth and provides scientific information to the public regarding the plants.
- Herbarium provides loan of specimens for study at other institutions.
- Herbarium materials are used in studying the palynology, anatomy and chemical aspects of desired plants.

CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE (SUPRO)

Chittagong Committee

Shushashoner Jonno Procharavijan or in English Campaign for Good Governance- (Bangla acronym SUPRO) is the transformed name of Campaign for Political Reform (CAPRE). CAPRE was formed in the first quarter of 2001 based on a survey on grass root NGOs with a view to seeking opinions to conduct a campaign for non-confrontational politics voluntarily. More than 600 local NGOs across the country responded positively. On the eve of the National Parliament Election 2001, CAPRE had organized nationwide campaign on non-confrontational politics. The campaign was conducted throughout the nation with Booklets, Flipcharts, Poster, Press Conferences, Seminars and Rallies. At that time, 20 regional committees, 45 district committees, a national council and a national executive committee were formed. During the last quarter of 2001 the national council members reviewed the campaign and felt the need to continue the network with a greater agenda of good governance, especially to promote pro-active local NGOs, and CSOs (civil society organizations). CAPRE was renamed as Shushashoner Jonno Procharavijan or SUPRO in the beginning of 2002 and a five-year plan was prepared with a vision, mission and a set of strategies, which are below.

Mission and Vision:

Vision: We like to see a People's Republic of Bangladesh where true democratic culture and good governance is practiced in all spheres of life.

Mission: We do like to organize strategically important activities that will facilitate the cultivation of democratic culture, good governance and various rights based social movements on behalf of the poor.

Activities:

YPSA is a national committee member & gives secretariat support in the Chittagong division. There are 18 local NGOs members of SUPRA Chittagong committee. Activities implemented last year by 'SUPRA Chittagong Committee' are as follows:

On 30 July 2007 SUPRO Chittagong District Committee Organized seminar on MDG at Chittagong District Council Auditorium, Chittagong, and title on "Progress, Review & Evaluation of MDGs: Nothing for Complacency". SUPRO Chittagong committee Observed International Day for Eradication of Poverty (17th October 2007). It observed International Human Rights Day (10th December 2007, Workshop on NGO Governance (27 January 2008), Rights Based Approach Training (9th February-2008), Consultation meeting on Right to Information Act 2008 (16 March, 2008), World Health Day (7 April 2008), World Press Freedom Day (3rd May 2008), Pre Budget Seminar (26 May, 2008), Post Budget Seminar (15 June, 2008), Media Partner The Daily Sunpro Bangladesh.

Youth Community Multimedia Centre (YCMC)

Supported By: UNESCO and YPSA

Working Area: Sitakund Upazilla under Chittagong District of Bangladesh.

Project Duration: January 2006 – Ongoing.

Project Beneficiaries: Immediate beneficiaries are community members of the Sitakund sub-district, with specific focus on poor and marginalized youth, indigenous peoples and fisher folk communities.

Institutional beneficiaries include local development organizations, local government bodies and media organizations

Rationale & Justification: The YCMC project is strategically focused to harness the power of media to give a voice to the voiceless & thus contribute to their empowerment.

Project Activities:

Selection of rural disadvantaged youths and adolescents for training.

Provide training on radio, video and multimedia digital content production.

Theoretical and practical training on research methodologies (e.g. field notes, interviews, FGDs, PRA etc.)

Expanding the CMC facility through infrastructural development and combining an existing telecenter with new audio and video production.

Formation of Narrowcasting networks.

Development of audio & video programs on local news, local music, interviews and other programs.

Development of multimedia contents in multiple formats (e.g. educational tutorials, digital stories, presentations etc.)
Broadcasting audio, video and other digital contents produced by the CMC through a separate channel acquired from the local cable operator.

Formation of cassette casting network with existing savings and credit groups of YPSA.

Awareness, motivation and capacity development of local communities on participation and CMC management.

Development of institutional frameworks and documents.

Formation of a CMC volunteer coordination committee, an advisory committee and a management committee.

Community Based Child Development Program (ComBacd)

Goal: Goal of the project is to improve literacy rate of target Children and community, Provisional, education others facilities under the project.

Specific objective (out puts):

-To Mobilize and motivate the community people to make them aware regarding the importance of education social context.

-To 12 Training center (primary school) at 12 village.

-To provide teachers and staff skills and capacity building to ensure good teaching for students/children.

-To create teaching and learning environment.

Duration: February 08-December (3 years)

Target Groups: Our target is to cover hilly and remote area and the indigenous community children.

Background: Considering the geographical location and lacking of government or any other development agencies towards development activities specially educational institutions development organization undertook project **Community Based Child-development Program** ,supported By **SONNE-International** aiming to promote Primary education program for deprived children generating quality learning /teaching materials training methods and delivery systems, promoting effective strategies and method for training teachers and SMC'S ensuring effective follow up and evaluation.

Major Activities:

■ Implement “Community Based Child-Development Program” (ComBacd) ■ Monthly refreshers training for teachers ■ Monthly SMC Meeting ■ Co-ordination meeting ■ Basic Training for teachers ■ Survey of area House (para visit) ■ Ensure effective follow up and evaluation ■ Exam for students (1st term, 2nd term & Final) ■ Yearly Tour study

Future Plan: Extend areas and more community Based-Child Development Program in Bandarban Hill District.

Building Bridges through Leadership Development

Supported by: Davis Project for Peace and MIT

Building Bridges

We have three distinct schooling systems in Bangladesh – English medium, Bengali medium and Madrassa. There is little or no interaction between students from different educational system. We believe that this divisiveness in society is a threat to progress in our country if future leaders, in whatever field, cannot understand where the other half of the population is coming from, then how will they exercise correct judgement and leadership. Therefore, one objective of our program is to bridge this gap by uniting participants from diverse backgrounds.

Leadership Training

A good leader is somewhat like a good doctor. Just as the doctor must diagnose the patient accurately to ensure effectiveness of the prescribed drug, the leader must also be able to diagnose problems, voices, and values, and come up with effective solutions work if the diagnosis is wrong? Therefore, another objective of our program is to help participants develop diagnostic skills through large class discussions and small group case analysis.

Community Service

At BYLC does not use the word 'leadership' in a value manner. Values are at the core of our program. We believe that leadership as a position of authority alone is of no use unless it delivers positive results for others. We believe that training in itself is not good enough. Action is important. Therefore, the third objective of our program is to help participants apply their skills and knowledge in a real world setting by serving in their local community.

Total Participants: 30

SOCIAL FORESTRY

Social forestry is a vital component of YPSA. Since the initiation of the field project YPSA has been implementing various project with Bangladesh Government and other donors in the field of forestation social forestry. Social awareness raising, training etc.

YPSA successfully implemented Coastal Green Belt project with Bangladesh Government at Sitakund coastal belt covering 125km with 125beneficiaries within 1998-2000.Roadside plantation with union parishad is another achievement in the field of plantation.

YPSA has been implementing road side plantation under IFFD with joint collaboration of LGED and CARE, Bangladesh since 1998 and it will continue till 2013.

A brief statistics below about the performance in the forestry sector within 2001-2006:

KUMIRA RANGE:

Name of Range	Name of beet	Upazilla	Garden	Beneficiaries	Year of implementation
Kumira	Kumira	Sitakund	Strip garden 60km	60	2001-2002
Kumira	Kumira	Sitakund	Strip garden 20km	20	2002-2003
Kumira	Sital pur	Sitakund	Woodlot garden 15Hector	15	2002-2003
Kumira	Kumira	Sitakund	Woodlot garden 15Hector	15	2002-2003
Kumira	Kumira	Sitakund	Woodlot garden 12Hector	12	2003-2004
Kumira	Sital pur	Sitakund	Woodlot garden 12Hector	12	2003-2004
Kumira	Sital pur	Sitakund	Bafor zone 10 Hector	10	2005-2006
Kumira	Kumira	Sitakund	Bafor zone 5 Hector	5	2005-2006
Kumira	Brabakund	Sitakund	Bafor zone 5 Hector	5	2005-2006

BARYADALA RANGE:

Name of range	Name of beet	Upazilla	Garden	Beneficiaries	Year of implementation
Baryadala	Sitakund	Sitakund	Woodlot 10 Hector, Bafor zone60 Hector	10 60	2002-2003
Baryadala	Bartakia	Mirsari	Woodlot 10 Hector, Bafor zone60 Hector60	10 60	2002-2003
Baryadala	Baryadala	Sitakund	Bafor zone 120Hector	120	2002-2003
Baryadala	Bayadala	Sitakund	Streef garden 2km	10	2002-2003
Baryadala	Baryadala	Sitakund	Bafor zone 160 Hector	160	2003-2004
Baryadala	Sitakund	Sitakund	Bafor zone 80 Hector	80	2003-2004
Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Bafor zone 80 Hector	80	2003-2004
Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Woodlot 10 Hector	10	2003-2004
Baryadala	Sitakund	Sitakund	Woodlot 10 Hector	10	2003-2004
Baryadala	Sitakund	Sitakund	Bafor zone 40 Hector	40	2004-2005
Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Bafor zone 50 Hector	50	2004-2005
Baryadala	Baryadala	Sitakund	Bafor zone 50 Hector	50	2005-2006

Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Bafor zone 40 Hector	40	2005-2006
Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Bafor zone 40 Hector	40	2006-2007
Baryadala	Bartakiya	Mirsari	Bafor zone 40 Hector	40	2006-2007
Total				1024	

Evergreen International School (E.I.S.).

Goal: To Provide quality education to the community at grass roots level.

Objectives: The development of the childcare services in E. I. S. to meet number of objectives—

■ To provide the quality child care facilities ■ To provide the best developmental tools for the growth of children ■ To facilitate children to develop relationship skills ■ To provide an atmosphere in which children feel happy and develop emotionally ■ In addition, socially to become confident independent individuals.

■ To facilitate parental access to an institution of higher education

Duration: In January 1999, the institution started functioning.

Location: Evergreen International School is situated in Sitakund Thana is an area of Chittagong district between the hills and the Bay of Bengal.

Major activities: Evergreen International school is a Disable friendly institution. For the purpose all-necessary, arrangement including in restructure change already taken with the help of YPSA.

Beside this all student with disabilities will get full scholarship including necessary textbook, from the institution in access able format such as DAISY; BRAILLE; LARGWPRINT etc. All students get provide psychotherapeutic treatment.

Achievement and plan: Evergreen International school and YPSA dream together to established one community based and managed International standard school at the grass roots level as symbol of co-operation. Other organization and person could learn from this initiative and replicate this model to their area. EIS and YPSA's plans are ---

■ Establish own school building and playground at own land ■ Transform Kindergarten school to 'O' level school ■ Develop regular scholarship fund for student from disadvantaged families ■ To get Government registration and recognition ■ Establish regular penal system with student of other countries.

Kazi para Sheshu Nekathan And Alekdeya Sheshu Nekathan

Introduction: Kazi Para Sheshu Nekathan started with a objective to give basic education to poor member's of women co-operative society's children. With the time World vision Bangladesh made example by setting it a full fledged primary school during the year 1989, After that 1995 Alekdeya Sheshu Nekathan established in Alekdeya a World Vision completed there with period. Ended over 1st November-2006 till than it got a new a new administration under ypsa supervision. Members incorporated with the YPSA education activity want to develop a beautiful picture and proper execution, drem's by providing education to under privileged, under develop children's throw our fruitful education system.

Goal: Its goal is to provide quality education and proper psychological development and up bring them through education.

Students Kazi Para sheshu Nekathan:

Nursery			Class One			Class Two			Class Three			Class Four			Class five		
29	23	52	27	27	46	15	21	36	24	17	41	12	13	25	16	16	32

Students Alekdeya Sheshu Nekathan:

Nursery			Class One			Class Two			Class Three			Class Four			Class five		
6	6	12	6	6	12	7	4	11	5	4	9	4	1	5	4	5	9

Future Plan:

■ Arrange Primary Scholarship from government approval ■ To ensure quality education ■ To arranged Government approval ■ To Strong Economical condition ■ To remove Superstitions from society.

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YPSA Dhaka Office

With a view to implement various programs throughout the greater Chittagong Division successfully and strengthen organizational capacity, it has been decided to set up an office in national level. As such YPSA Dhaka Office has started its continuous support from September 2005. It was observed before that a national level office is very much essential as we have to contact, represent and immediate communication with the national level donors, partners, Government officials and concerned authorities. Besides, YPSA has taken some Advocacy Programs to influence the policy makers. And also has started some programs strengthening relation with the civil society, development agencies, media partner and journalist. Without an office in Dhaka it was not possible to work on sorts of issues within a short time. So based on the overall situation, YPSA Dhaka Office play a vital role on behalf of YPSA in national level.

Goal:

Networking and advocacy in national and international level with a view to provide necessary support to YPSA.

Target group:

Different government ministries, national and international level partners, donors, non-government agencies, local NGO's, youth organizations, media, journalists, policy makers and civil society.

Major activities:

- Participating in different events
- Establishing national level network and create linkages.
- Leading and Implementing youth related activities within the country and abroad under "Pro Youth Network Bangladesh"
- Taking necessary action to organize different events and programs in Dhaka.

Achievement:

Global Xchange Programme: Global Xchange Programme is a youth exchange program between the UK and Bangladesh. This programme has been implementing since 2007. GX programme gives young people an unique opportunity to work together to develop and share valuable skills and make practical contributions where it is needed in local communities.

Pro Youth Network Bangladesh: Through the Pro Youth Network Bangladesh, YPSA Dhaka Office is implementing youth related activities in nationally and internationally in various issues. Recently, Pro Youth Network is working with Directorate of Youth Development and different organizations to review the National Youth Policy.

PKSF Micro Credit Fair 2008: YPSA has participated Micro Credit Fair 2008 organized by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre from 25th April to 29th April 2008.

Networking & Linkage: The staff of YPSA Dhaka Office could able to establish a strong national level networking and linkage. Especially on the issue of ship breaking activities, YPSA made a good impact in the mind of civil society, journalists, teachers, students and NGO's worker. Besides, a strong network has been

established with the NGO Bureau, PKSF partners, BTN partners, STI/AIDS Network partners, INGO's, DNGO's, and Lawyers.

Conclusion: Dhaka office has planned to extend its activities to support the advocacy related programs. Besides, the organization has planned to take more programs and activities for next few years in national level. The activities of Dhaka Office bring YPSA as a well known organization into the national stage.

UNITS

YPSA-DEMU

YPSA Disaster & Emergency Management Unit is-

- YPSA-DEMU is a Member of YPSA Family has Started work in Chittagong City Corporation from 2003
- We are working on four Programmatic major areas: Disaster, Emergency, Relief and Rehabilitation.
- Disaster Management is a part of our Livelihood issue. We work to increase the asset Base and Protect Income & Asset Erosion of the Poor & Most Vulnerable People from Foreseen and unforeseen Hazards.

- We are working in 41 ward in CCC - Mostly Natural Hazards Prone area and our Investment is Mostly on those areas where Disaster-Development Programs are wily Linked.

Goal

Ensure a society where every one enjoying a risk free and safety life

Objective

Will exist to reduction of vulnerability, hazard, risk for community people where they can live safely.

Implement Project / Program under YPSA – DEMU

- Mobilizing Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction (DIPECHO IV)

- Reducing Risk of the Vulnerable Communities to Flood & Earthquake (DipECHO III)-Follow-up

- Establishing Partnership for Disaster Preparedness (PPDP)-Follow-up
- Capacity Building Project for PNGO`S

Advocacy & Publication Unit

At the beginning of the last decade when YPSA terminated most of its program to Right Based Approach. The implementing plan and all other activities got a tremendous change and then for the rights of the poor and mass people a specific work was needed-advocacy work is designed and implemented through this unit. Meanwhile the unit has successfully ensured the voting rights of the ethnic minority in Sitakund. The unit has achieved huge national and international network, appreciation, exposure for working on the shipbreaking advocacy campaign. The unit has managed to influence the policy makers to take initiative for formulating a policy for the shipbreaking industry. The unit also has rich Information center which is called `Bangladesh Shipbreaking Information center.

This unit also performs the major role of all kinds of organizational publications. This unit also carries out research work. Recently this unit develops a photo archive to preserve all photography documents as well as to provide photography support to all development activities. The major publications of the unit are monthly bulletin `YPSA Sang bad'. Quarterly magazine `Social Action', Annual report, research papers, Stickers, Poster, special publication etc. Last year the unit has taken a successful initiative to publish a journal named `Social Change', the first issue of the journal is published.

Above all, the unit is also giving IT support to all the units and maintaining the two official websites of the organization regularly.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING AND REFLECTION UNIT (OLR)

This unit performs the role of monitoring, documentation, information sharing within the organization and other development partners. It plays significant role in preparing yearly report of YPSA, Project proposal writing etc. The unit has been publishing the facts and figures, which contains brief activities information/report of every projects/programs of YPSA.

RESEARCH AND STUDIES UNIT (RSU)

This unit has been doing the action-oriented research, to know the projects/programs performance by using the different types of tools.

The unit also tries to innovative idea from our clients and partners. RSU always understand and believe the social culture, because it is very essential for to design our programs and sustain for long run. By using the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), Focus group discussion (FGD) the unit finds out the outcome of our service.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (ICT4D) UNIT

There is now growing evidence of the role that ICTs can play in enhancing development. In spite of this enabling potential & role, ICTs are yet to be widely mainstreamed to assist developing countries in addressing traditional development problems with innovative solutions & approaches that are both effective and more easily scalable & replicable. YPSA has been a pioneer in this area with its ICT enabled development activities since the very early days. Activities ranging from 'Radio Listeners Club', 'Amateur Radio', 'Citizen Band Radio', and 'Virtual Marketplace' to the first 'Community Multimedia Center' & the first 'Digital Accessible Information System' initiative of Bangladesh, YPSA has been playing the lead role all over. The formation of YPSA ICT4D Unit (Information & Communication Technology for Development) is a result of YPSA's realization & commitment to mainstream ICTs in the development arena of Bangladesh. The unit enables coordination among all the ongoing ICT for development objectives.

Networking Support Unit (NSU)

Networking Support Unit is giving support to the partner NGO's and having regular contact with them. Under the NSU there six programs which are being implemented by the NSU. Those are- Community Mobilization Project to End Violence against Women in Chittagong (YPSA-CMPVAWC), NGO Alliance of Chittagong (NAC), Enterprise development Forum Chittagong (EDFC), Child Communication Unit (CCU), Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship, Building bridges through Leadership Training.

Globalization Biodiversity and Food right (GBF) unit

GBF is working on environment pollution, Protection of biodiversity, promotion of gardening and using natural seeds. Also work on the food right and participate in the campaign programs of food security.

Case Study

Case Study: Lipi Akhter: Symbol of Success

I have been able to stopped early marriage of my friend

..... Lipi Akhter, Peer of BBF

I am Lipi Akter. I read in class eight at Children Care School and College in Chittagong and living with my parents in Bakalia Village under Chittagong City Corporation area. I am a peer of Bright Bangladesh Forum (Strategic Partner of YPSA) under Life Skills Education (LSE) program.

I have a class friend named Rina Akter. She is 15 yrs old. Last few days she was irregular in school. When she comes school she was absence minded. I want to know the reason of this. She told me that, her father had finalized her marriage with a man of her village. But she is not ready to marry at now. She wants to continue her study. When she felt that there is no alternative then she talked with me. At first I listened her all story then I suggest her to talk with her parents. She replied me that it is not possible to talk with her parents because she afraid to discuss this issue with her parents. She wanted to get help & suggestion from me. I assured her that we would talk with her parents.

After few days at first I talked with her mother. She answered me, she is also not agree to arrange marriage program of her daughter at now but she could not talk over Rina's father decision. Her mother suggested me to talk with Rina's father in this issue. Then I take decision to talk with Rina's father.

Next day I met with Rina's father with my friend Rumi & Jasmin. At first He charged me that, you are a too young to understand this issue. Why did you discussed with Rina's mother about this? That time I told him about the bad effect of early marriage; it can be risk of Rina's life. Beside that it is illegal too as per country law. Moreover, Rina is not ready to get married now. At first she wants to establish herself. After our discussion Rina's father thought some moments & told us that he will inform us after some time.

Next day we went again Rina's house. At first Rina's father was disagree. After long discussion we have able to convinced Rina's father. He assured us after passing of Rina's SSC examination they will think about Rina's marriage. Through this way we are able to stop Rina's early marriage.

Now Rina is happy. She is going to school regularly & enjoying her study. Rina's father has realized that his decision was wrong. Now Rina's parents are also happy.

After receiving Life Skills Education (LSE) from Bright Bangladesh Forum (Strategic Partner of YPSA) now I am confident on myself. We can solve problem & able to take right decision in right time. I have saved Rina from early marriage. Before receiving this training many early marriages has occurred in front of us whose are 13-15 years old. That time I have enjoyed that marriage. But now I am able to judge what is right or wrong and also motivate others to take right decision. Now I discuss with my friends about Life Skills Education (LSE). I would like to thanks everybody to conduct LSE session in my community.

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Bright future is being coming for their children's

Child ID: 0505043756
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Hatiya, Noakhali

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Name: Sanjida Akter
S/O: Sahadat Hossain
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Shahadat and Fazur Banu have only two children. Mehrab Hossain, 4 years and Sanjid akter, 1 year old. Their father Sahadat Hossain has a small grocery shop. Fazur Banu is a house wife. They are living from hard line with their small earning. Few days ago, before coming in the screening camp their parents saw their children eye is changing. They do not give prevalence on it. They have no idea about on cataract and blindness and don't take their children to the doctor. Neighbors seen their children's eyes, sometimes they give them suggestion to go to the doctor.

In Hatiya, Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign (BCCC) is being implementing. Childhood blind children identified by PNGO volunteers house to house visit. The volunteer saw their children's eyes and they told them it may cause of cataract. Suggested them to come to camp, eye specialist will see their full free and after seeing if children's are cataract, the surgery cost and other medical faculties will be full free. Parents of Mehrab and sanjida hopefully that at least they will know what is in their children's eye. 29 April 2008 they came in the screening camp, the ophthalmologist examine their eyes and the above two children's are **Bilateral cataract**. After identifying we conducted a counseling session among with the cataract affected children and their parents. We refer Mehrab and sanjida to Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex (CEITC) for cataract surgery. They came to the CEITC on date 14 May 2008. They admitted hospital and one eye operation on 15 May 2008. Talked with their mother in the hospital and she told god will cure their children's and also they pray to almighty of Allah who identify their children's and brought them in the hospital for betterment. Now they are waiting with their children's both of them full cure and will come in a bright future.

YPSA AND MDG:

All the programmes of YPSA are related to the MDG. The philosophy of YPSA is that people are only able to work on their economical independence when their basic needs like food and an acceptable home are fulfilled. Therefore our health care programs are central activities in helping poor adolescents and adults to gain a better health, to give birth to children in better conditions and to give information about family planning. The next step is to help the beneficiaries in their general education (reading and writing) and to develop a profession. Our ICT4D, human rights awareness, HIV prevention, education Programmes and special programmes like-MEDP, GAGEE, PSCP etc. look developing women by providing training to women to become professionals in delivery- assistance are examples. There are other programmes which are working to ensure the human rights of marginalized people. Above all,

our micro credit programme supports grass roots and poor people to start their own small enterprise to become economically independent.

THE 8 GOALS

Goal 1

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Target 1:

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than \$1 a day.

Target 2:

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

Goal 2

Achieve universal primary education.

Target 3:

Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

Goal 3

Promote gender equality and empower women.

Target 4:

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005 and in all levels of education no later than 2015.

Goal 4

Reduce child mortality.

Target 5:

Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate.

Goal 5

Improve maternal health.

Target 6:

Reduce by three-quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio.

Goal 6

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.

Target 7:

Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Target 8:

Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

Goal 7

Ensure environmental sustainability.

Target 9:

Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources.

Target 10:

Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Target 11:

Have achieved, by 2020, a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

Goal 8

Develop a global partnership for development, nondiscriminatory trading and financial system. In cooperation with developing countries, develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth. The targets 12 to 18 demand from the developed countries that they cancel trade barriers, give poor countries access to essential drugs and lighten their indebtedness.

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