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## FOREWARD

We are very glad to admit that considering environment this year we are not printing this whole report to have low paper consumption and hence, this will be continuing in future too. The year 2015-2016 is another successful year of YPSA when it's celebrating its 30th years. This year YPSA received special consultative status of United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Consultative status for an organization enables it to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programs, funds and agencies. 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 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 all staff for their contribution toward the vision of organization. This annual report gives the reader a good overview of all the running programs and projects of YPSA during the period of 2015-2016. We are also grateful to the relevant staff of YPSA who have contributed to this report.

Special thanks go to the team member of YPSA Knowledge Management for Development (KM4D) Department, responsible for the compiling and polishing of the annual report, for their outstanding work to make this report reader friendly.



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Chief Executive

YPSA

## **Organizational Background**

The youth community comprises of half the world's population. With the view of creating worldwide 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. Being inspired by sprit of International Youth Year some socially conscious youths of Sitakund Upazilla under Chittagong District of Bangladesh began to motivate and organize the youth community 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 **voluntary, nonprofit, social development organization** registered with the different department of the People's Republic of Bangladesh including **NGO Affairs Bureau, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Youth Development, Health & Family Welfare, Copyright office, Register of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and Micro Credit Regulatory Authority.**

## **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.

## **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

## **Organizational Culture**

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

## **Governance System**

Three bodies govern the activities of YPSA i.e. the General Council (GC), the Executive Committee (EC), and the Advisory Council (AC). The General Council consists of 57 members while the Executive Committee is of 7 members. According to the constitution of YPSA the General Council is the supreme authority of the organization.

The Executive Committee represents the second line of command for formulates the strategic directions and principles of the organization.

The General Council elects the Executive Committee for a period of 2 years. Generally the Executive Committee members sit with the General Committee members once a year during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held regularly. The EC meeting is held regularly around six times in a year. The EC members meet with the senior staff through Social Development Coordination Meeting (SDCM) on a quarterly basis.

The General Secretary prepares the documents on different need based organizational policy, strategic issues, plans, budget and reports etc. in consultation with the staff for submission to the Executive Committee and General Council . The EC members finalize and approve the policies, plans, budget and reports. EC examine the operations and implementation policies of the organization as well as monitoring the program activities.

### **Geographical Coverage**

At present YPSA's direct program interventions reach in Greater Chittagong Division (including Chittagong Hill Tracts) and Dhaka District. Besides, YPSA doing country-wide and regional campaigning through its advocacy initiatives and joint program with grassroots NGOs through its Networking & Strategic Linkage Unit.

### **YPSA divisions**

As per structure of organization there are five divisions of YPSA;

**Social Development Program division:** All the social development interventions has been implementing under this Division. Under this division there is Networking and Strategic Linkage Unit, which is responsible for maintaining communication and strategic relationship with Govt., Non-Govt. Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and support to different program of YPSA accordingly.

**Economic Development Division:** All economic development related programs like Micro Finance, Micro Enterprise, Micro Insurance, Social Business enterprise has been implementing under the division.

**Finance Division:** Finance division is responsible for dealing with all finance related matters including financial forecasting & analysis, Financial Control and Risk Management.

**HRM &D and Admin Division:** Human Resource Management & Development and Admin division is responsible for staff recruitment, staff evaluation, staff management and take initiative for staff capacity development & coordinate admin related issues.

**Knowledge Management for Development (KM4D) Division:** The Knowledge Management for Development division comprises of research, monitoring & evaluation, documentation & publication and program development.

### **Development Program Theme of YPSA**

1. Health 2. Economic Development 3. Human Rights 4. Education 5. Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Management 6. Environment and Bio Diversity 7. Knowledge and Capacity Development

## YPSA Logo Explanation



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. Social problems reduced through planned and collaborative efforts is symbolized by the **white portion 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 color 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	<b>“Young Power”</b> - A Youth Led and Youth Managed Club Established on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1985 (UN International Youth Year) at Sitakund under Chittagong District of Bangladesh Youth and Anti Drug – Anti Smoking Programs
1986	Youth and Cultural Programs
1987	Youth and Sports Programs
1988	Youth and Tree Plantation Programs
1989	Registered with Bangladesh Government as voluntary , non profit , non political organization
1990	Start short-term welfare activities with and for Youth and disadvantaged community
1991	Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation Activities after the Devastating Cyclone of 29 <sup>th</sup> April
1992	<b>“Young Power”</b> transformed into <b>“Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)”</b> as social development organization
1993	Transition to long-term development Program based on community needs and vulnerabilities Start Sustainable group formation and Capacity development of target peoples and community Start Participatory Savings & Credit Program (PSCP) for Economic Development of community
1994	Non-Formal Primary Education Project Started
1995	Maternal, Child Health Care & Family Planning (MCH & FP) Project NGO Home Gardening and Nutrition Surveillance (NGNSP) Project Registered with NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh Government (Foreign Donation)
1996	STD/AIDS Prevention Program Started: Youth and Lower cast community
1997	Emergency Relief operation in Cyclone affected Coastal areas and Islands Finalization of YPSA 1 <sup>st</sup> Strategic Plan (1997-2001)
1998	YPSA represented in UN World Youth Forum & Festival in Portugal Urban Development Program (UDP) starts in slum areas of Chittagong. City Established formal school EVERGREEN International School (EIS)
1999	Strengthen Health and Population for Less Advantaged Program(SHAPLA) Community Based Rehabilitation for Person with Disabilities (CBR for PWD's) Established YPSA Human Resource Development Centre HRDC - Sitakund Campus
2000	YPSA awarded International Youth Peace Prize IYPP 1999 Head Office set up in Chittagong (Commercial capital of the Bangladesh)

	Char Development and Settlement Project (CDSP) started Long term development partner of Action Aid Bangladesh (DA 12)
<b>2001</b>	YPSA represented in Global Forum of International Year of Voluntarism in Switzerland Inauguration of YPSA-Centre for Youth and Development CYD by Global president of International Association of Voluntary Effort IAVE Dr. Kenn Allen Full Membership of INFOYOUTH Network (UNESCO - INJEP) France Finalization of YPSA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Strategic Plan (2002-2007) Integration of Right Based Approach RBA as core organizational programmatic approach
<b>2002</b>	Women Empowerment through Decent Employment (WEDE) Project STD/AIDS Prevention Program with floating and street-based sex workers of Chittagong City Corporation area
<b>2003</b>	Youth led Poverty Reduction through Digital Opportunities (YPRDO) Project Advocacy for Public Policy for Ensuring Human Rights in Ship breaking Industry Project Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia (RHIYA) Project Broad-based Coalition and Advocacy for Human Rights (BCAHR) Project Micro Health Insurance for Rural Poor Women in Bangladesh (MHIB) Project Established YPSA Human Resource Development Centre HRDC - Chittagong Campus
<b>2004</b>	Establishing Partnership for Disaster Preparedness (PPDP) Project (DiPECHO- II) Gender Awareness and action for Grassroots Enterprises (GAAGE) Project HIV/AIDS Prevention Project: Drug User Intervention Program Office set up in Chittagong Hill Tracts CHT YPSA official website <a href="http://www.ypsa.org">www.ypsa.org</a>
<b>2005</b>	Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) For All (DFA) Established ICT & Resource Center on Disabilities (IRCD) Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign in Chittagong division (BCCC) Established Youth Community Multimedia Center (YCMC) Prevention of HIV/AIDS among young people in Bangladesh (GFATM Package # 902) Working area and program coverage extended to greater Chittagong division Established YPSA Dhaka Office as National Advocacy and Networking office (Main Capital City of the Bangladesh) YPSA website on Ship breaking issues <a href="http://www.shipbreakingbd.info">www.shipbreakingbd.info</a>
<b>2006</b>	Partnership with Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) Micro Enterprise Savings-Credit Program (MES-C) Reducing Risk of the Vulnerable Communities to Flood and Earthquake Project (DiPECHO- III) Campaign to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Program Capacity Building for Ensuring Safe Labour Migration (CABSLAM) Project
<b>2007</b>	Partnership of the South Asia Civil Society Development Initiative (CSDI) Project Global Exchange GX Program (with British Council, VSO-Bangladesh and Nagorik Uddog)

	<p>Prevention and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking in Bangladesh (PPVHTB) Project</p> <p>Promoting Rights for Persons with Disabilities (PRPD) Project</p> <p>Mobilizing Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction Project (DIPECHO- IV)</p>
<b>2008</b>	<p>Strengthening Adolescent Reproductive Health in Bangladesh (SARH) Project</p> <p>Self Employment by Promoting Income generation to Youth (PAP CHT) Project</p> <p>Community Based Child Development (ComBaCD) Project</p> <p>Primary Prevention of HIV &amp; Risk Reduction through Work- place Interventions in Garments Industries in the Chittagong Division (GFATM Package # 912)</p> <p>GFATM Round-6 (Malaria Component) Project</p> <p>Women Entrepreneurs through Skill Development Project</p> <p>Strengthening Capacity of NGO's to better perform in Disaster Management project</p> <p>Finalization of YPSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Plan and Business Plan (2008-2013)</p> <p>Established YPSA Human Resource Development Centre HRDC - Kawkhali Campus</p> <p>Registered with Micro Credit Regulatory Authority of Bangladesh Government to work as Micro Finance institute</p>
<b>2009</b>	<p>Community Managed Local Health Services &amp; Water Sanitation Project in South East Bangladesh</p> <p>Promoting Smoke free local Government &amp; public spaces in Chittagong Division Program</p> <p>Post Literacy and Continuing Education for Human Development Project-2 (PLCEHD-2)</p> <p>Restoration and conservation of biodiversity in the denuded hills in Sitakunda and Mirsharai, Chittagong</p> <p>Disaster Preparedness by Ensuring Water and Sanitation Facilities in Relief Shelters</p> <p>Enhanced Disaster Preparedness among Communities and institutions in Bangladesh (DIPECHO-V)</p> <p>Project on Promoting basic services to survivors in trafficking through integrated approach</p> <p>Holistic Program for Sustainable and Environment Balanced and Safer Ship Recycling in Bangladesh (SEBSSR)</p>
<b>2010</b>	<p>Safer life of Girl Domestic Workers Project</p> <p>Promoting pro-poor policy programs and public services for all</p> <p>GFATM- Round-8 (TB- Control program)</p> <p>Promoting Human Rights persons with Disabilities through UNCRPD</p> <p>YPSA received National e-Content and ICT4D champion Award 2010 for DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) for all in Social Inclusion and participation categories. YPSA also awarded Special Mention award For Ship Breaking in Bangladesh web portal (<a href="http://www.shipbreakingbd.info">www.shipbreakingbd.info</a>) under e-enterprise and livelihood categories from D.Net in association with Ministry of Science and ICT, Government of Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh.</p>
<b>2011</b>	<p>Make Community based Disaster Risk Management inclusive South Asia (CBDRM)</p> <p>Community Radio for building awareness on early warning system and climate change and health issues for the coastal population</p>
<b>2012</b>	<p>Unique Interventions for Quality Primary Education-UNIQUE II Project</p> <p>Construction of Youth Training Center (YTC) in Cox'sbazar under GGHP of Japan</p> <p>Bangladesh Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Rights Initiative</p> <p>HIV/AIDS Prevention Services for Street Based Sex Workers and their Clients (Package SP-2)</p>

2013	<p>Mainstreaming the Children of Street Based Sex Workers (CSBSW) through Integrated Education Programs</p> <p>Climate Change Adaptation by ensuring Water and Sanitation facilities in Cyclone</p> <p>Empowering Youth with Disabilities through Market Driven ICT Skills</p> <p>YPSA awarded special consultative status of UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)</p> <p>Livelihood Support Program for landless Forest dependent community in Mirsarai Upzilla</p> <p>Leadership Development Program (LDP)</p> <p>Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation project (CRPARP)</p> <p>Trusted Intermediary Global Accessible Resources (TIGER)</p> <p>Production of Multi Media Digital Talking Book (Access to Information 2)</p> <p>LaborVoices SmartLine Implementation</p> <p>Interventions for Hotel, Street and Residence based Female Sex Worker (Link up Package #02)</p>
2014	<p>Uplifting the Children of Sweepers Living in Slums (CSLS) through integrated Education program.</p> <p>YPSA-PVHT Project in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar</p> <p>Community Legal Service (CLS) for Access to Justice</p> <p>Improve primary health Care and WASH situation of Cox's Bazar district through awareness building</p> <p>Cox's Bazar Youth Training Center (CYC) Launched</p> <p>Engaging private sector work place to increase access and use of Injectable and LARC services</p> <p>Addressing the rights of people with disabilities in climate change adaptation and disaster management</p> <p>DPOs in Action of CRPD implementation (DACI)</p>
2015	<p>Creating and enabling environment for young people to claim and access their sexual and reproductive health rights in Bangladesh Project</p> <p>Essential HIV Prevention, Sexual And Reproductive Health (SRH) Services for Most At Risk Adolescent Female Street Based Sex Worker in Dhaka</p> <p>Creating Evidence at the grassroots for National Level Advocacy on Leadership Development</p> <p>Youth Empowerment for Development</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Service Innovation Fund for Accessible Book Production (6-10 grade) by PMO</p> <p>Winning of International Excellence Award, 2015, London Book Fair (LBF)</p> <p>Securing a Better future for Working Children in Ship Breaking Yard</p> <p>Bangladesh Counter Trafficking In Person (BCTIP) Program</p> <p>Community Engagement in Environment Protection Initiatives (CEEPI)</p> <p>Emergency WASH support to the people affected by the South-East Flood and Cyclone KOMEN</p> <p>Relief Support for flood and cyclone affected Population in Need in South-East Bangladesh (RESPONSE) project</p>
2016	<p><i>Ashshash</i>: A project for social and economic reintegration of the victims of trafficking</p> <p>Advance Program for Improved Lifestyle of the Urban Poor (APILIP), LRP-48</p> <p>Sustainable Livelihood and Inclusive Development of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Strengthening Health Outcomes for Women &amp; Children (SHOW)</p>

## Donors & Development Partners

● Bangladesh Government ● PKSF ● DFID (BPHC/PHD) ● UNESCO ● ILO ● CARE ● Family Health International-FHI ● USAID ● Health and Social Action Bangladesh (HASAB) ● GFATM ● UNFPA ● UNDP ● VSO ● The Netherlands Embassy ● Action Aid Bangladesh ● CIDA ● JOBS-USAID ● Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) ● Oxfam ● BRAC ● PROSHIKA ● Save the Children ● CONCERN ● GTZ/GFA ● HOPE'87 ● SAP/IAE ● Basic Bank ● Sight Saver International (SSI) ● NIPPON foundation, Japan ● DAISY Consortium, Switzerland ● PATH Canada & BATA ● WBB Trust ● Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) ● Concern Universal ● IOM ● Bangladesh

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## **National and International Networking**

### ***National***

• Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC), Bangladesh • Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) • Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance (BATA) • Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) • Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) • Center for Disability in Development (CDD) • Coastal Fisher folk Community Network (COFCON) • Coordination Council for Human Rights (CCHRB) • Credit and Development Forum (CDF) • Campaign for Good Governance (SUPRO) • Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) • Society for Participatory Education and Development (SPED) • Forum for Regenerative Agriculture Movement (FORAM) • National Forum of Organizations Working with Disabilities (NFOWD) • National STD/AIDS network of Bangladesh • NGO Forum for Public Health • Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) • Bio-diversity Research Group of Bangladesh (BRGB) • Coalition for Urban Poor (CUP) • Chittagong Society for the Disabled (CSD) • ECOTA Fair Trade Ltd • NGO Coordination Council for Climate Change (NC4) • Network for Information, Response And Preparedness Activities on Disaster (NIRAPAD) • Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum, Bangladesh • Civil Society Alliance of Scaling Up Nutrition in Bangladesh (CSA for SUN) • Bangladesh Urban Forum (BUF) • Bangladesh Community Radio Association (BCRA) • Women & Child Protection Network (WCPN), Cox's Bazar.

### ***International***

• UN- ECOSOC • United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), United Nations • 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), Netherlands • The United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNDCCP), Austria • The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Germany • 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 • AYAD • IJGD- German • International Youth Cooperation (IYOCO), The Netherlands • NGO Platform on ship breaking, Belgium • International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) • World Association of NGO (WANGO) • Global Youth Action Network (GYAN) • World Toilet Organization (WTO) • IOGT International.

## **Network Secretariat Support**

- PROYOUTH Network Bangladesh-a Nationwide network on youth and development issues
- NGO Alliance of Chittagong (NAC)
- Enterprise Development Forum Chittagong (EDFC)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention Coordination Committee Chittagong
- SUPRO, Chittagong
- Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP)



# Theme: Health



Projects/programs under the Health Theme are described as follows;

## **HIV/AIDS Prevention Services for Street Based Sex Workers and their clients,**

### **Package # SP -2**

**Donor:** World Bank through National AIDS STD Programme, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

**Background:** HIV/AIDS Prevention Services for Street Based Sex Workers and their clients project, supported by National AIDS STD Programme of Bangladesh under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and funded by World Bank. This project has been implementing by YPSA Consortium since November 2012, where Light House (LH), Nari Unnoyan Shakti (NUS) working as consortium partners as Young Power in Social action (YPSA) as lead.

**Implementing Organization:** YPSA Consortium [YPSA as lead and Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS) and Light House as partners]

**Goal:** To prevent HIV and STIs among the street based sex workers and their clients

**Specific Objective:**

- To increase knowledge safer sexual behavior of Street Based Sex workers and their clients
- To Provide basic services to the target population on STI/SRH including Psycho-social and HIV counselling
- To empower sex workers to run self help groups by their own initiatives.

**Duration:** November 2012 to November 2015

**Working Area:** Cox's Bazar, Dhaka, Jessore, Rajshahi and Dinajpur District

**Target Population: 1500 Street Based Sex workers and 50,000 clients**

**Major Activities:**

1. Mapping/identification of target population
2. Diagnosis & treatment of STI, Sexual health check-up sessions
3. Treatment for General Ailment and Referral Service
4. BCC Session on HIV-AIDS and STI, Condom Promotion, Counseling Session
5. Referral for HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)
6. Recreational, Bathing and Drinking Facilities
7. Human Rights and Life Skill Including Basic Education
8. Formation of Self Help Groups
9. Advocacy with Target Community and their Associated Stakeholders
10. Formation of Project Facilitation Committee
11. Peer based Outreach Activities: Coordination Meeting and Review Meeting & Establishment of Network with other GO/NGO Bodies
12. Observation of World AIDS Day and Other Days & Events

**Target & Achievement:**

<b>Target ( 15-16)</b>	<b>Achievement(15-16)</b>	<b>Cumulative Achievement</b>
STI Treatment provided	5507	8607
VCT Tested	718	958

General Health Checkup	4494	5594
Sexual Health Check up	650	950
Condom distribution	9724561	1024561
Advocacy Meeting	472	872
Day Observation	8	12
One to One Session	90122	86122

## Global fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) in Bangladesh (Malaria Control Program)

**Donor:** GFATM through BRAC as Principle Recipient

**Background:** According to the World Health Organization, World Malaria Report 2009, a total of 50.6 million people are at risk of Malaria, and more than 95% of all Malaria cases are reported from the 13 highly endemic districts of Bangladesh, affecting 11 million people. National Malaria Control Program under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) is responsible for malaria control activities of Bangladesh. Bangladesh secured Round-6 GFATM grant and is currently implementing the planned activities focused on early diagnosis of uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria by introducing RDT with improved microscopy and introducing treatment with ACT and prevention by promoting use of ITNs/LLINs (Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Net). BRAC led NGO consortium (comprised of 21 NGOs) is implementing the community based activities in partnership with GoB.

**Goal:** To reduce 60% burden of Malaria in 10.9 million populations in 13 high endemic districts of Bangladesh by the year 2015 (comparative between 2008).

**Specific Objective:**

- To provide quality diagnosis and effective treatment to 90% of the malaria cases in 13 high endemic districts;
- To promote use of ITN / LLIN's in 80% - 90% of the households in 13 high endemic districts for containment of outbreaks;
- Strengthen programme management capacity and coordination and partnership in malaria.

**Duration:** May 01, 2008 to Dec, 2016

**Working Area:** Rangunia, Chittagong.

**Target Population covered:** 381,744

**Major Achievement in (July'15-June'16)**

SL No.	Particulars	Achievement (July'13-June'14)
01	Number of blood slides taken	2321
02	Number Microscopy positive	5
03	Number of RDT Taken	307
04	Number of RDT positive	12
05	Total Number of Test (Microscopy + RDT)	2426
06	Total Number of Positive (Microscopy + RDT)	16

07	Number of LLIN's distribution	17900
08	Number of bed nets treated (ITN)	0
09	Number bed nets Re-treated (ITN)	0
10	Number of advocacy Workshop	1
11	Orientation session on BCC	4
12	Number of Popular theatre	2
13	Number of Folk Song	2
14	World Malaria Day Observe	1
15	Village Doctors orientation	2
16	Malaria Signboard Installation	15
17	Monthly Meeting	12

**Next Year Plan:**

1. Universal Coverage of Households with LLINs
2. 100% coverage of Patients for access to diagnosis and treatment
3. Improved diseases and vector surveillance
4. Early warnings system for detection and containment of epidemic
5. Ensuring pre-referral treatment and referral support for severe malaria patient

**YPSA-GFATM TB Control Program (Round-10)**

**Donor:** GFATM through BRAC as a Principle Recipient

**Background:** The Government of Bangladesh, together with diverse partners from the public & private sectors, is committed to further strengthen the TB control program. It has adopted the stop TB strategy in 2006 aiming strengthening quality DOTS, addressing MDR-TB & TB-HIV, engaging all care providers, strengthening health systems, empowering people and the community and undertaking operational research. This was initiated with a view of sustaining the achievements of the past years and reaching the TB control targets linked to the Millennium development Goals (MDGs)

**Goal:** To reduce morbidity, mortality and transmission of TB until it is no longer a public health Problem

**Specific Objective:**

- To sustain the global targets of achieving at least 70% case detections and 85% treatment success among smear-positive TB cases under DOTS for the country as a whole.
- Reach the interim targets of halving the TB death and TB prevalence rates by 2010 towards achieving a reduction of incidence of TB as stated under the MDGs by 2015.

**Duration:** July, 2010 to June'2015

**Working Area:** Chittagong City Corporation

**Target Population covered:** 9008

**Major Activities:**

1. Data collection from CDC, CMCH, General Hospital, USTC, Ma o shishu general hospital, Al- amin hospital, Hospital, Modhumita Centre.
2. Conduct orientation for Graduate PPs in City Corporation.
3. Conduct orientation workshops for factory workers of the garments within City Corporation.
4. Conduct orientation for non-graduate PPs of City Corporation.
5. Providing social support to the TB patients & suspects.

**Major Achievement:**

Activities	Achievement('15-'16)	Cumulative Achievement from the beginning
Conduct 12 (Twelve) Orientation for Graduate PPs on TB	15	35
Conduct 04 (Four) Orientation for Non-graduate PPs on TB	05	28
Conduct 10 (Ten) Orientation with Small Private Hospitals and Clinics	17	33
Conduct 16 (Sixteen) Orientation Workshops for Factory Workers	21	55
Provided social support to TB suspects till to.	3, 45,731/=	

## Intervention for Hotel, Street and Residence based Female Sex Worker (YPSA – Link Up Project)

**Donor:** BUZA (Dutch Government) through HASAB Link Up Consortium

**Background:** Link up is the multinational (Bangladesh, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Uganda and Burundi) program which is funding by Dutch (Netherland) Foreign Ministry-BUZA. Link up has been implementing in Bangladesh by a consortium comprising HASAB-linking organization of The International HIV/AIDS Alliance (IHAA)-the lead organization, Marie Stopes Bangladesh (MSB) and Population Council (PC). By ~linking up we will make a significant contribution to the integration of vital SRHR interventions and will generate important evidence to aid the broader SRHR/HIV integration movement. Link Up will bring SRHR interventions to existing community based HIV programmes and create linkages with public and private SRH providers. Link Up has been designed to provide young people with age appropriate information and services to ensure comprehensive sexuality education and targeted commodities and services. It also capitalizes on established investments in the HIV response by linking SRHR programming to existing HIV programming and structures. As a member of HASAB consortium Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) has been implementing Link up Project (Package # 2.2) in Chittagong Division.

**Goal:** The goal is to contribute to reduce unintended pregnancies, HIV transmission and HIV-related maternal mortality amongst young people affected by HIV (aged 10-24).

**Specific Objective:** To increase health-seeking behaviors and uptake of quality integrated maternal health, family planning and HIV information, services and commodities amongst young people affected by HIV and uphold their sexual and reproductive rights in generalized epidemics in Bangladesh.

**Duration:** January, 2013 to June, 2016

**Working Area:** Chittagong, Cox's bazar, Rangamati, Feni, Comilla, Khagrachari, Lakshmipur District

**Target population:** 6,000 Sex Workers

**Major Activities**

- Mother list preparation of existing hotel, street and residence based sex workers
- Participate in Master Trainer Training on Life Skill Education on SRHR, HIV and Family Planning Promotion

- Simultaneous Training of peer educators on Life Skill Education on SRHR, HIV and Family Planning Promotion
- Group meeting session to KP by Peer Educators and one to one session-IPC
- Organizing target specific Local level campaigns and Sensitization workshop Local level
- Identify and list referral service centers in the catchment areas
- Ensure referral linkage for SRHR with other organizations
- Refer Targeted Beneficiaries using prescribe referral format (Overall Service)
- Select case studies registered with CBOs, KP and advocacy networks
- Identify and compile a list of existing youth advocates and representatives

**Major Achievement (2015-2016):**

Achievement (15-16)	Cumulative Achievement from the beginning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1500 Key Population enlisted.</li> <li>• 02 Master trainer training participated</li> <li>• 02 Advocacy meeting organized</li> <li>• 1336 Targeted key Population disseminate through Group Meeting</li> <li>• 1336 Targeted key Population disseminate through One to One Session</li> <li>• Observed local level campaign (International Women Day'16)</li> <li>• 07 youth forum formed</li> <li>• 458 Targeted Beneficiaries using prescribe referral format</li> <li>• 07 service center ensure referral linkage for SRHR</li> <li>• 05 Organize Monthly Review Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1500 Key Population enlisted.</li> <li>• 02 Master trainer training participated</li> <li>• 02 Advocacy meeting organized</li> <li>• 1336 Targeted key Population disseminate through Group Meeting</li> <li>• 1336 Targeted key Population disseminate through One to One Session</li> <li>• Observed local level campaign (International Women Day'16)</li> <li>• 07 youth forum formed</li> <li>• 458 Targeted Beneficiaries using prescribe referral format</li> <li>• 07 service center ensure referral linkage for SRHR</li> <li>• 05 Organize Monthly Review Meeting</li> </ul>

**Creating and enabling environment for young people to claim and access their sexual and reproductive health rights in Bangladesh Project**

Donor: Plan International

**Goal:** To improve the sexual and reproductive health status of all young people in Bangladesh, including socially excluded youth from hard the reach areas, through ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and information.

**Objective:** To enable young people, 10-24 years old, to make informed decisions, access accurate information and quality services for sexual and reproductive health in Barguna, Khagrachari and Kishoreganj by 2018.

**Location:** Panchari, Khagrachari.

**Activities & Achievement:**

<b>Result 1: Young people, including the most vulnerable, are able to make informed decisions, have access to information and services for sexual and reproductive health in the targeted areas</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
6.1.1 ToT on peer education for Master trainer (A1.1)	<b>05 Master Trainers</b> on Peer Education (Male: 03, Female: 02)
6.1.2 ToT on peer education for trainer (A1.1)	<b>19 Trainers</b> on Peer Education (Male: 09, Female: 10)
6.1.3 Peer education training for peer and co-peer educator (A1.1)	<b>1904 Peer and Co-peer</b> Received Training on Peer Education.
6.1.4 ToT on Life skill for Master trainer (A1.1)	<b>05 Master Trainers</b> on Life Skill (Male: 03, Female: 02)
6.1.5 ToT on Life skill for trainer (FF+UC) (A1.1)	<b>18 Trainers</b> on Life Skill (Male: 09, Female: 09)
6.1.6 Life skill training for peer and co-peer educator (A1.1)	<b>1904 Peer and Co-peer</b> Received Training on Life Skill
6.1.7 ToT for Master Trainers on CSE (5 days) (A1.1)	<b>04 Master Trainers</b> on CSE 05 (Male: 02, Female: 02)
6.1.8 ToT on CSE for trainer (FF+UC) (A1.1)	<b>18 Trainers</b> on CSE (Male: 10, Female: 08)
6.1.9 CSE training for peer and co-peer educator (A1.1)	<b>1904 Peer and Co-peer</b> Received Training on CSE.
6.1.11 ToT on facilitation techniques for trainers (2 days) (A1.1)	<b>04 Trainers</b> on Facilitation Techniques (Male: 02, Female: 02)
6.1.12 Training on facilitation techniques for FFs and UCs(2 days) (A1.1)	<b>19 FF and UCs</b> received Training on Facilitation Techniques (Male: 10, Female: 09)
6.1.14 Young people listing - HHs enumeration (A1.2)	<b>8591 HHs</b> Enumerated and <b>15620 Youths</b> (Male: 7957 and Female: 7663) were Identified aged among 10-24 years.
6.1.15 IEC Materials development/ adaptation cost (A1.3)	IEC Materials Distributed to <b>952 Youth Groups</b> and <b>15 Youth Clubs.</b>
6.1.24 Youth club formation and activation (A1.7)	<b>15 Youth Clubs</b> Formed.
6.1.25 Awareness campaigns in the communities on SRH of young people through theatre for development (A1.6)	<b>20 Awareness Campaigns</b> were done through Theatre for Development.
6.1.26 Training on TFD for TFD group representative and UCs (A1.6)	<b>10 male and 10 Female</b> TFD Group Representatives and <b>05 UCs</b> received a Training on TFD.
6.1.29 Youth club led activity (3 events for each club per year) (A1.7)	<b>45 Youth Club Led Activity</b> were done. (Sports competition, Quiz contest, Rally, Poster Pasting, Signature Campaign & Application to Union Chairman for YFHS)
6.1.30 Leadership training for elected 3 representatives from youth club (1 male and 1 female) (A1.7)	<b>15 Representatives</b> (09 Male and 06 Female) from Youth Club received 03 days long Leadership Training.
6.1.31 Quarterly meeting with youth forum - 31 youth forum (A1.7)	<b>20 Quarterly meeting</b> with youth forum organized successfully.

<b>Result 2: National and Local government institutions have improved their implementation of the national adolescent sexual reproductive health strategy in the target areas</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
6.2.5 Monthly staff meeting at district level (A2.3)	<b>11 Monthly Staff meeting</b> held at District Level, where all of the project staffs joined accordingly.

6.2.7 Regular meeting with Community, LGI and staff (A2.3)	<b>06 Meetings</b> were organized where 91 Male and 42 Female Participants from LGI, Community and staffs were present
6.2.8 Half-yearly meeting with CG, UH&FWC and UHE committee members (A2.5)	<b>08 Half yearly Meeting</b> organized successfully.
6.2.9 Coordination meeting with local government officials (upazila health and family planning officer, upazila family planning officer, civil surgeon and Deputy Director – Family Planning) (A2.5)	<b>03 Coordination Meeting</b> organized successfully.

**Result 3: CSOs have the capacity to facilitate sexual reproductive health information and youth friendly health service in target areas**

Activity	Achievement
6.3.1 Orientation to CSO members on SRH of young people (A3.2)	<b>150 CSO members</b> oriented on SRHR of Young People.
6.3.2 Half-yearly meeting with CSO (A3.2)	<b>10 Half Yearly Meetings</b> with CSOs at Union Level organized successfully
6.3.3 Young people's forum formation and link them to local government institutions and CSOs (A3.3)	<b>20 Linkage meeting</b> were organized successfully
6.3.4 Half-yearly advocacy meeting by young people forum members at Upazila level (A3.3)	<b>02 Advocacy Meeting</b> were organized Successfully. 15 Forum members Advocated their SRHR issues to 22 CSOs of Panchari.
6.3.5 Training on CSE for CSOs etc. (A3.2)	<b>149 CSOs (115 male and 34 Female) received</b> training on CSE
6.3.6 Orient Community group (CG)and Union Health and Family Welfare Centre (UH&FWC)management committee and Union health and Education (UHE) standing committee members on SRH of young people (A3.6)	<b>41 CG Members ( 25 Male and 16 Female), 43 CSG Members ( 34 Male and 09 Female), 36 UH&amp;FWC Committee Members (18 Male and 18 Female)</b> oriented on SRHR of Young People.

**Result 4: An accessible, inclusive youth-friendly quality health service is available at local health facilities in the target areas**

Activity	Achievement
6.4.2 Materials for peer group for keeping attendance of the session (A4.1 and A4.2)	<b>1613 Registers were Printed</b> and Provided to the 952 Youth Groups and being used in BCC sessions.
6.4.5 Meeting at Upazila level with government health officials on referral for services (A4.4)	<b>01 Meeting</b> organized successfully. (12 Male and 09 Female Participated including Health Service Providers at Upazila Level)
6.4.6 Meeting with government health official at union level on referral services (A4.4)	<b>15 Meeting were</b> organized successfully. ( 133 Male and 123 Female participated)
6.4.10 Logistic support to Govt Health Centre (Family Welfare Centre) to make service delivery points youth friendly (A4.6)	<b>02 UH&amp;FWC and 01 Rural Dispensary</b> was supported with required Logistics to make YFHS corner.
6.4.11 Joint supervision visit (Local Health department+Plan+Partner) (A4.8) - 2 visit per year per upazila	<b>01 Joint Supervision Visit</b> took place.

## Strengthening Health Outcomes for Women & Children (SHOW)

**Implemented by:** YPSA-Young Power in Social Action

**Supported by:** Plan International, Bangladesh

**Funded by:** Global Affairs, Canada

**Project Location/Area:** Panchari Upzilla, Khagrachari Hill Tract

**Union (5):** Logang, Chengi, Panchari Sadar, Latiban & Ultachari (Village/Para: 246)

**Duration of Project-** 4th April'2016 to 31 December'2019

### Beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries - Most marginalized & vulnerable mothers & pregnant women; Adolescent girls (age between 15-19 years); Newborns; Children under five.

### Ultimate Outcome

**1000.**Contribute to the reduction of maternal and child mortality in targeted regions

### Intermediate Outcomes

1. **1100.**Improved utilization of essential health services by women of child bearing age (WCBA), adolescent girls, newborns & children under 5 living in poverty, with high vulnerability.
2. **1200.**Improved delivery of quality essential health services to WCBA, adolescent girls, newborns and children under 5 living in poverty, with high vulnerability.
3. **1300.**Increased dissemination & use of data by project, communities, health committees, service providers, planners & decision makers.

### Key Activities of SHOW Project

1. **Increased Knowledge through Community SBCC;** Video clips-SBBC session; Video story /script; ICT based SBCC; T4D of gender equality & MNCH; Community radio; Campaigns on MNCH; Training of volunteers; Swim-safe program.
2. **Gender Mainstreaming & Networking** - Gender equality & women's leadership for CHC; male & community influencers' engagement; Peer education.
3. **Community mobilization** - Strengthen or establish CS Groups & Adolescent Groups and SHG, men's groups, change-maker, VSLA Groups; policy & system for Health social fund mobilization.
4. **Facility strengthening** - Form/Train CG (CG, CSG, UH&FWC) for MNCH services; Training for CG on GR & management services; Facilitate meeting (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly);
5. 24/7 delivery; Trained to CSBA; Training on BEMOC, F-IMCI,, data continuum, Skilled base manual; MoH&FW training manuals.
6. **Improved accountability** - Increased dissemination and use of data; Improved HMIS; Data collection tools development; Advocacy with MIS –DGHS to monitor; Training on record keeping; Training on database for management; Strengthening regularly reporting & dissemination system.
7. **Improved process of sharing result & learning-** Share gendered project findings; develop gender responsive clinic standard; Introduce suggestion box at Clinic; Training for media coverage; Establish CS, GE & model village; Award for Model Centers.



# Theme: Economic Development



Projects/programs under the Economic Development Theme are described as follows;

## Microfinance and Micro Enterprise (MF&ME) Program

**Supported by:** Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) and Own Fund

**Background:** Microfinance and Micro Enterprise Program (MF&ME Program), is one of the core programs of YPSA, has been continuing since 1993. At present PKSF is the main source of fund, YPSA has also achieved licence from Micro Credit Regulatory Authority.

**Goal:** To reduce poverty and empowerment of target people specially women through capital formation and entrepreneurship development.

**Specific Objectives:**

- To organize poor people particularly women for creating self confidence and enthusiasm to self development through formation of group
- Capital formation through savings mobilization and providing access to financial sources
- Local resource collection and its maximum utilization
- To involve target people specially women with the Production
- To promote employment through capacity development
- To facilitate entrepreneur for establishing linkage with market

**Duration:** Since 1993

**Working Area:** Chittagong, Rangamati, Comilla and Feni District

**Major Activities:**

Group Formation, Benchmark Identification; Awareness Building; Savings Mobilization; Credit Need Assessment; Providing need based business and skilled training; Market Linkage; Assets creation & livelihood Improvement; Remittance

**Products:**

**1) Savings Product:** I) General Saving, II) Open Saving

**2) Credit Product:** I) Rural Micro Credit Loan II) Urban Micro Credit Loan, III) Micro Enterprise Program IV) Agriculture Micro credit Loan, V) Seasonal Loan VI) Income Generating Activities Loan, VII) Assets Creation Loan IX) Livelihood Improvement Loan

**Micro Finance at a glance as of 30 June'16:**

Branch	Member	Borrower	Savings Balance (TK)	Loan Outstanding Portfolio (TK)	Cumulative Loan Disbursement (TK)	Cumulative Recovery Rate
24	28,629	20,630	170,166,568	511,304,955	3,625,507,000	99.54%

## Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty (ENRICH)

**Supported by :** Palli karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)

### Objectives:

- Attain overall development of each household as well as the whole participant community
- Ensure freedom from all 'un-freedoms' and human dignity for all members of all households
- Empower the poor households so that they can pursue a pathway that would lead them towards the goal of human freedom and dignity
- Ensure access of all participants in ENRICH to all capacity enhancing activities such as education, skill training and health services; essential institutional facilities; appropriate financing for their chosen economic undertakings; necessary market and other information; appropriate technologies; and so on.

**Working Area:** Sayedpur Union of Sitakund Upazila under Chittagong District

### Services under Enrich Program:

Provide health service through satellite clinic, health camp with the MBBS doctor, consultant doctor; NID & EPI Service; Education for reducing drop out children; Provide physiotherapy, facilitate the PWD's to develop self help organization; Savings and Loan Program; Production of *Bondhu* Stove and marketing; Solar Lamp marketing; *Basak* Leaf production and marketing; Motivational program to use Guti Urea, Control the insecticide without pesticide, Vermi composed production for the farmer; Distribute the vegetable seeds homestead gardening; Bagger rehabilitation program; Special Savings Program; Facilitate youth development and engagement in the job; Infrastructural development and facilitate to install like Culvert, tube well, latrine with the support of community; Establish the Enrich ward centre.

### Major Achievements of Enrich Program

- No of Health Camp organized : 9
- No of Satellite Clinic been conducted : 147
- No of service provided from Static Clinic : 600
- No of Non Formal School been operated : 45
- Facilitate to produce medicinal plant : 25,031
- *Bondhu* Stove Establishment : 614

### Special Credit Programs under ENRICH and Achievements as of 30 June'16

Name of Credit Component	Member	Borrower	Savings Balance	Loan Outstanding (TK)	Cumulative Loan Disbursement (TK)
Income Generating Activities Loan (IGAL)	220	123	961,200	1,214,770	35,855,000
Livelihood Improvement Loan (LIL)	242	242	0	1,987,000	2,725,000
Asset Creation Loan (ACL)	157	157	0	2,440,000	3,340,000



# Theme: Human Rights



Projects/programs under the Human Rights Theme are described as follows;

## Promoting Smoke Free Local Government and Public spaces in Bangladesh

**Donor:** Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CFTFK) and Bloomberg Initiatives (BI)

**Background:** YPSA has been implementing the project of “Promoting smoke Free local Government and Public Spaces in Chittagong Division” since April 2009 with the aim to promote smoke free local government and public spaces within Chittagong Division, by advocating for smoke free policies and effective tobacco control practices at City Corporation and Municipal level as a preventive and regulatory mechanism in compliance with National Smoking and Tobacco control Act. The first BI funded Smoke free program in Bangladesh started through YPSA in 2009, emerging as a good practice with a process of Coalition Building, Work with local government and Smoke free guideline for local government. The project is implementing in 11 districts of Chittagong Division with 2 City Corporation and 9 Municipalities.

**Goal:** To uphold the principles of FCTC in the policy process and institutionalize the best practices of local government to establish 100% smoke free environment across the country.

### Specific Objective:

- To contribute to the process of TC law amendment and Rules formulation for facilitating FCTC compliant Smoke Free principles
- To advocate for institutionalization of Smoke Free guidelines of local government through relevant government authority and national associations
- To develop capacity of other NGOs for effective replication of SF guideline implementation
- To further strengthen the smoke free coalitions for ensuring sustainability of Smoke Free movement in the Chittagong Division

**Duration:** April 2009 to April 2017

**Working Area:** Chittagong, Comilla, Cox's Bazar, Feni, Noakhali, Laksmipur, Brahman Baria, Chandpur, Bandarban, Khagrachari and Rangamati District.

**Population Coverage:** 29,440 (Direct) 6,700,000 (Indirect)

### Major Achievements:

- As a result of continued advocacy by YPSA and Smoke Free coalition, a total of 31 lacs 20 thousand taka allocated by 10 local governments in Chittagong Division for implementation of Smoke Free Guideline and Tobacco control law in their annual budget of the fiscal year 2015-2016.
- All the DCs office of Chittagong division are very much active on the smoke free issue for activating mobile court and anti-tobacco taskforce meetings and initiatives.
- YPSA organized events to observe the world no tobacco day 2016 in 11 districts of Chittagong division.
- Different Municipalities has placed no smoking messages in the rickshaw license plate.
- Women leaders who are working in 11 districts of Chittagong division have involved with Tobacco control initiatives as a members of TABINAJ and good working relation has developed with them.
- A good relation has developed with Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association (BROA) in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar and BROA also declared that all restaurant will be smoke free in both the districts.
- Mobile courts have operated in Cox's Bazar, Feni, Chandpur, Comilla and Chittagong. The court removed tobacco advertisement from point of sell and gave penalties for smoking at public places.
- Smoke Free guideline is replicating by other BI grantees across the country

**Next Year Plan:**

Activities	Plan
<b>OBJECTIVE 2: To advocate for institutionalization of Smoke Free guidelines of local government through relevant government authority and national associations</b>	
Organizing Roundtable jointly with MAB and the media to demand countrywide replication of smoke free guideline	1 meeting
Advocacy meeting with MOLGRD&C for adoption of required policy on replication of SF guideline	1 meeting
Following up with MOLGRD&C for adoption of required policy on replication of SF guideline	12 months
<b>OBJECTIVE: 4. To further strengthen the smoke free coalitions for ensuring sustainability of Smoke Free movement in the Chittagong Division</b>	
Lobbying through the coalitions with relevant departments of local government for effective implementation of SF guideline	6 months
Conducting joint meeting with coalition to influence local government authorities for budget allocation for implementation of SF guideline	1 meeting
Following up with local government through the coalition to ensure effective implementation of guideline	5 months
Conducting jointly with coalitions divisional consultations with government departments/officials for ensuring smoke free environment in Public Places and Transports	1 consultation
Meeting with different stakeholders like taskforce, associations, public place authorities, restaurant, education, health etc	3 meeting
Organize cultural campaign like theatre, folk media etc for raising awareness on smoke free issue	22 events
Publish Smoke Free journals to share best practices on smoke free policy implementation in Bangladesh	1

## Community Legal services for Access to Justice

**Donor:** Community Legal Services (CLS)

**Duration:** 01 July 2014 to 31 March 2017

**Background:** BLAST-YPSA Consortium has been implementing the “Community Legal Services for Access to Justice” project aiming to empowering the poor and marginalized communities through legal services and remedies within their community and the upper courts if required. This project emphasis on vulnerable communities, including indigenous people, fisher folk, persons with disabilities, victims of trafficking, women and girls who are victims of domestic and sexual violence in the project areas.

**Location:** Chittagong District

Activities	Achievement
Legal Education for the awareness of the Target Groups; Bazaar Meetings	<b>Completed</b>
Courtyard Meeting	Completed
Broadcast Legal Information at Community Radio	Completed
Distributed Digital Talking Book CD to community	Completed
Conduct Right Awareness Meeting/Legal Aid Camp	Completed
Cultural campaign (Street Theatre, Folk Song and Video Show)	Completed
Open Meeting	Completed

Human Chain and Rally on Need Base Issues	Completed
Awareness on Ending Corporal Punishment and sexual harassment at Educational Institutions	Completed
Promote and enhance legal awareness and on available services through networking with the representatives of civil society	Completed
Conduct Orientation on roles and responsibilities of CLS Coalition	Completed
Conduct Follow up meeting with Coalition Member	Completed
Conduct and Facilitate refresher's Training for the members of the local government	Completed
Linking with the service providers for provision of legal service to the target groups	Completed
Conduct workshop with local level justice service providers	Completed
Organize Coordination Meetings with the service providers like UP members, ULAC members and Coalition members	Completed
Organize and Coordinate GO-NGO Collaboration meetings	Completed
Organize & facilitate sharing meeting to activate Upazilla Legal Aid Committee (UZLAC)	Completed
Meeting with Upazilla Nari-O-Shishu Nirjaton Protirodh Committee;	Completed
Provide Legal Advice through panel lawyers in CLS centres	Completed
Conduct mediation at the local level by involving panel lawyers	Completed

## YPSA-BCTIP Program

Project Name: Holistic assistance to the Survivors in Trafficking (HOST)

**Donor: USAID & Winrock International**

**Goal:** To strengthen access of assistance to the survivors of trafficking through effective and comprehensive referral system with government and non government actors

**Specific Objective:**

- 1.To provide rehabilitation support to targeted Trafficking victims through shelter and Community based assistance
- 2.To establish strong, functional and effective referral mechanism among service providers to ensure service to the trafficking victim
- 3.To strength ANIRBAN as advocate groups to work on survivor protection
- 4.To enhance the capacity of CTC, service providers and community leaders for ensuring an effective reintegration process of the survivors

**Duration: May 2015 to April 2017**

## **Project Activities:**

### **1. Provide basic care and support to survivor through Shelter :**

Run a shelters home for 100 survivors in Cox's Bazar with adequate facilities.

Provide psychosocial, preventive and curative Medicare and health services to 100 survivors from health services providers through maintaining referral procedure & linkage.

Provide 4 Life Skills training to 80 survivors at YPSA-Cox'sbazar Youth training Centre (YPSA-CYC). YPSA-BC/TIP project will provide Food, Accommodation, Materials & local Conveyance for the participants & YPSA-CYC will provide free venue and others logistic support for the Training.

Provide market driven skill development training for ensuring livelihood security for 40 survivors directly & 20 survivors indirectly through maintaining referral procedure & linkage with others actors.

Provide business startup support to skilled 20 survivors for Livelihood/IGA activities or business development directly through project activities and More 15 survivors will provide support (Job Placement & Internship) collaboration with others Govt. & Non-Govt. service providers.

### **2. Networking and collaboration with different multiple sectors**

Develop MOU with 5 selected service providing organizations to implement the responsive referrals linkage for survivors support. Among them USAID supported Smiling Sun Clinic & Hope Foundation supported Ma O Shishu Hospital, Cox'sbazar will provide health support to survivors. UCEP Bangladesh will provide Vocational Training support. BSEHRb, BLAST & District Legal Aid Committee will provide Legal support, WCPN (Women & Child Protection Network) will work community awareness & survivors reintegration collaboration with the ANIRBAN Members.

Develop a referral mechanism for ensuring integrated services and information for the survivors and 200 survivors will get services.

Organize coordination meeting with service providers like Government District Legal Aid Committee, BLAST, BSEHR, BRAC – HRSL (Human Rights & Legal Aid Services) Project and CTC.

Develop 2 directories on Service Providers at district level through mapping workshop.

### **3. Strengthen ANIRBAN as survivors' voice**

Provide advance training to 20 ANIRBAN members including facilitation and leadership training, capacity development training on social mobilization/campaigning.

Facilitate 8 quarterly meeting of ANIRBAN & Peer Leaders for joint activities Planning & implementation.

Facilitate 4-campaign programs through HRD & IMD observance organized by ANIRBAN like human chain, information fair, video show, dialogue with community people etc.

### **4. Reintegration of survivors**

Provide 5 training/orientation on Survivors' Reintegration Strategy, Role of CTC and Case Management for CBOs, CTC Members, Service Providers (Govt. & Non. Govt), ANIRBAN members & Peer leaders. (Peer Leaders of BSEHR)

Reintegrate 200 survivors in their family and community through CBOs, CTC, service providers, ANIRBAN members and Community leaders

Collaborate with conducting a Baseline Survey/Study (Situation Analysis) on Human Trafficking issue. (to be conducted by Winrock International).

**Target & Achievement:**

Name of Activity	Overall Project Target	Year 1 target (July '15- June,16)	
		Target	Achieved
Survivors rescue & enroll with the BCTIP Program	200 survivor	100 Survivor	116 (M-92, F-24)
Provide shelters home Support to survivors	100 survivors	50 Survivors	143 (M-114,F-29,)
Provide psychosocial Counseling Support	100 survivors	50 Survivors	72 (M-48, F-24)
Provide curative Medicare and health support to survivors	100 survivors	50 Survivors	18 (M-03, F-15)
Provide Life Skills training to survivors of in shelter and out of shelter.	04 Training 80 survivors	2 Training 40 Survivors	03 Training 67 (Male-66, F-1)
Provide market driven skill development training for ensuring livelihood security for survivors	40 survivors (Need Based Training)	20 Survivors (Need Based)	4 Training 29 (Male-29, Female-00)
Provide business startup support to skilled survivors for IGA activities or business	24 survivors	12 Survivors	8 (Male-08, F-00)
Develop MOU with selected service providers to implement the responsive referrals linkage for survivors	5 service providers	03 Service Provider	00 Service Provider
Organize coordination meeting with service providers like Government District Legal Aid Committee, BLAST, BSEHR, BRAC – HRSL (Human Rights & Legal Aid Services) Project, Smiling Sun & Ma O Shishu Hospital, UCEP Bangladesh and CTC.	12 participants from different service providers	04 Coordination Meetings	04 Coordination Meetings
Develop directories of service providers at district level	2 directories	01 Directory	01 Directory
Provide advance training to ANIRBAN group members including advance facilitation and leadership training, capacity development training on social mobilization/campaigning.	20 ANIRBAN group members	01 Training	01 Training
Facilitate quarterly meeting of ANIRBAN & Peer Leaders	20 ANIRBAN Members	04 Coordination Meeting	05 Coordination Meeting
Facilitate campaign program organized by ANIRBAN like human chain, information fair, video show, dialogue with community people and day observance.	4 Campaign through Day observation	2 Campaign through Day observation	3 Campaign through Day observation
Provide training/Orientation on survivors' reintegration and case management for CBOs. CTC, service providers, ANIRBAN and Peer leaders	04 Training 20 representative from different stakeholder	02 Training	03 Training

## **Ashshash ( For Men and Women who have escaped trafficking): A project for social and economic reintegration of the victims of trafficking**

### **Donor:**

IOM (International Organization for Migration), funded by SDC (Swiss Development Corporation)

### **Goal:**

To ensure the mainstreaming of 30 escaped Trafficking survivors into their society with safe work and dignified Life

### **Specific Objective:**

The objective of this project is to mainstream at least 21 men and women out of 30 beneficiaries who have escaped trafficking back into society

- 1) By ensuring they can establish and run sustainable micro-enterprises and
- 2) By socially reintegrated into mainstream society.

**Duration: January, 2016 to December 2016**

**Location:** Cox's Bazar, Chittagong & Comilla

### **Major Activities :**

#### **Project Activities:**

- Select 30 beneficiaries from six government ( pprox. 10) and two NGO shelter homes and NGO GBV programmes (30)
- Provide basic orientation and vocational training through qualified training institutions/organizations for 30 beneficiaries (Male-18, Female-12)
- Provide food, accommodation and transport costs for 30 beneficiaries during vocational training, on-the-job-training and life skills training and initial business set up (6 months)
- Maintain regular communications with local administration and beneficiaries
- NGOs will mobilize legal and infrastructural support for business set-up
- NGO staff, with support from project and Business Development Specialist, will provide hands-on technical (product development, marketing, communication) and managerial (customer service, accounting) support to new businesses
- Referral of beneficiaries needing legal support to legal service providing NGOs
- Commission group of counselors to provide psycho-social and life-skills orientation for field staff and ensure counseling and life-skill services for project beneficiaries (minimum 40hrs)
- Provide psychosocial counseling support (Need Based) to 30 survivors to cope with difficult and/or adverse situations pertaining to their social and professional life
- Counselors will create a database of beneficiary case profiles to follow up and document progress of project beneficiaries
- Business proposals (developed for the project beneficiaries by students and NGO staff are reviewed and approved by project advisory committee; and provided monetary grants to beneficiaries to run businesses) [NGO]
- Meeting with Local Administration and Civil Society at working area.

**Target & Achievement:**

Name of Activity	Year 1 target (July '15- June,16)	
	Target	Achieved
Select 30 beneficiaries from six government ( pprox. 10) and two NGO shelter homes and NGO GBV programmes (30)	<b>30</b> beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed screening format was used to identify the victims of trafficking and assess their eligibility for the project.</li> <li>• 18 female &amp; 12 male beneficiaries have been selected from Chittagong &amp; Cox's Bazar.</li> </ul>
Provide basic orientation and vocational training through qualified training institutions/organisations for 30 beneficiaries (Male-18, Female-12)	01 Basic Orientation  5 Vocational Training Institute Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiaries had been enrolled in the project.</li> <li>• 5 vocational institutions have been selected to provide quality training on 6 different trades.</li> <li>• Basic orientation on project activities and vocational training has been provided.</li> <li>• Vocational training on each and every trade is being continued.</li> <li>• Follow-up activities are being continued to ensure quality training.</li> </ul>
Provide food, accommodation and transport costs for 30 beneficiaries during vocational training, on-the-job-training and life skills training and initial business set up (6 months)	30 Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiaries are being provided food, accommodation and transport facilities by YPSA HRDC.</li> <li>• Effective monitoring system is being regulated to ensure the entire facility.</li> </ul>
Maintain regular communications with local administration and beneficiaries	-----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various networks and a high degree of communication have been maintained.</li> </ul>
NGOs will mobilize legal and infrastructural support for business set-up	NGOs will mobilize legal and infrastructural support for business set-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YPSA team delivered legal support for business setup by engaging local Govt. member with business development committee</li> <li>• YPSA team worked to ensure infrastructural support for every business set up.</li> </ul>
NGO staff, with support from project and Business Development Specialist, will provide hands-on technical (product development, marketing, communication) and managerial (customer service, accounting) support to new businesses	Business Development Specialist, will provide hands-on technical support to new businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible staff has been providing hands-on technical and managerial support to new businesses with support from Business Development Specialist (University Professional, Existing Business Personality) since the inauguration of the businesses.</li> </ul>
Referral of beneficiaries needing legal support to legal service providing NGOs	Referral of beneficiaries needing legal support to legal service providing NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YPSA team used referral system in victim's case management. All cases were referred to the advocate of trafficking related NGO program and to some extent in Govt. legal support program.</li> </ul>
Commission group of counselors to provide psycho-social and life-skills orientation for field staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YPSA Ashshash team provided ensures counseling and life-skill services for project beneficiaries by skilled counselors.</li> </ul>

and ensure counseling and life-skill services for project beneficiaries (minimum 40hrs)		
Provide psychosocial counseling support (Need Based) to 30 survivors to cope with difficult and/or adverse situations pertaining to their social and professional life.	Provide psychosocial counseling support (Need Based) to 30 survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial counseling support has been provided to the beneficiaries.</li> </ul>
Business proposals (developed for the project beneficiaries by students and NGO staff are reviewed and approved by project advisory committee; and provided monetary grants to beneficiaries to run businesses) [NGO]		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed business proposal was developed by NGO staffs.</li> <li>• Beneficiaries have been provided monetary grants to run businesses</li> </ul>
Meeting with Local Administration and Civil Society at working area.	12 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Meeting has completed</li> </ul>

**Next Year Plan:** YPSA-Ashshash Project wills extent business support activities to all districts of Chittagong and Cox's bazar in future.

## Advance Program for Improved Lifestyle of the Urban Poor (APILUP)

**Donor:** Action Aid Bangladesh

**Location:** 19 and 35 ward of Chittagong City Corporation

Duration: Jan, 2016- December,2025

Activity and Achivement:

Target	Achivement
Baseline Survey	Completed
Child Rights Day Observation	Computed
Spouse Meeting	Computed
Training on CRC and CPP	Computed
Training on Shishu Bikish kedro Management	Computed
Meeting on Child Sponsorship	Computed
Appload and Sponsor	Computed



**Theme: Education**



Projects/programs under the Education Theme are described as follows;

## Unique intervention for quality primary Education Project (UNIQUE-II)

**Donor:** European Union through Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)

**Background:** Unique Intervention for Quality Primary Education-UNIQUE II is a 6-years long project started its activities in December 2011. The project is being implemented with financial support of the European Union. The major objective of the project is to impart quality education to out-of-school and drop-out children particularly from the disadvantaged group through the opening of complete multigrade classes. It also intends to provide remedial services to the slow learners of targeted government and registered primary schools. UNIQUE-II aims at promoting, facilitating and managing greater community involvement and allowing the local community to participate at all stages of the project cycle. The project works for creating sufficient ownership of the local people with the aim of making more resilient and vibrant communities.

**Overall Objective :** To contribute to develop a collaborative basic education system that enables primary school aged children to avail quality education

### Specific Objectives:

- To provide primary and pre-primary education to disadvantaged children from the targeted geographically susceptible upazilas
- To develop institutional collaboration and horizontal learning mechanism between formal and non-formal primary education providers
- To document and disseminate effective practices and lessons
- Effectiveness of non-formal primary education programmers increased in targeted districts through reaching the out-of-school children and catering for their learning needs
- Children's performance improved in formal schools of targeted upazilas

**Duration:** December 2011 to November 2017

**Working Area:** Rangamati and Khagrachari Hill District

**Target Coverage:** 11,071 people [4,322 (direct) 6,749 (indirect)]

### Major Activities of six years project:

Teachers Refreshes; Organization of CLC for NFPE; Community based pre primary education; Replication of MGTL Approach; Organization LRC; Organization learning camp for slow learners; School improvement programs; Collaboration between formal and non formal PG; Promoting role of LGI; Development of contextualize learning materials; Family Life Education-FLE; Parental linkage with livelihood opportunities; Disaster risk reduction; Promoting mother language for early learning; Horizontal learning

### Major Achievements:

Activity	Achievement ('15-16)	Cumulative Achievement
Teachers Refreshes	36	72
Formation of CLC for NFPE	135	223
Total enrolment of Children in CLC	00	2320
Formation of LRC	05	11
Organization learning camp for slow learners	24	36

**Working Area:** Chittagong and Comilla City Corporation (at present in Chittagong only)

**Target coverage:** 200 Children

**Major Accomplishment:**

- **Basic education with children at centre:** 30 children enrolled in the centre. They have been participating in education session, entertainment session and cultural session and indoor and outdoor games, like, karam, lodo, drawing etc.
- **Motivational meeting with guardian:** Motivational meeting with guardian conducted for motivation and sending the children to the center.
- **Vocational training:** 20 adult (Second Batch) aged of 14 – 24 have been selected for vocational training, whom are compelled to take risky jobs, unfair means to earn to live. YPSA arranged for them tailoring course for group-2 learners as vocational training.
- **General health check up:** YPSA arranged general health check up session in the centers and provided treatment on fever, cough, eye, ENT problems and regular treatment with antibiotics and minor accidents.
- **Counseling:** Regular counseling is going on for retention of children of street base sex workers in the center.

## Ever Green International School (EIS)

**Donor:** YPSA own fund

**Goal:** To provide quality education to the community at grassroots level

**Objectives:**

- To provide the quality child care facilities.
- To provide the best developmental tools for the growth of children.
- To facilities children to develop relationship skills.
- To provide an atmosphere where children feel happy and develop themselves emotionally.
- To facilitate parental access to an institution of higher education.

**Date of Establishment:** 1999

**Location:** College Road, Sitakund-4310, Chittagong.

**Present status of student enrollment:**

Class	Total Student	Boys	Girls
Play	27	19	08
Nursery	38	18	20
One	46	27	19
Two	28	17	11
Three	16	08	08
Four	15	09	06
Five	03	00	03
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>75</b>

**Future plans:**

- Establish own school building and play ground at own land.
- Develop regular scholarship fund for students from disadvantaged families.
- Establish ICT and Internet Centre for the students and parents.

## 1. Kazi Para Sheshu Nekatan, 2. Alekdeya Sheshu Niketan and 3. Tripura Para non-formal school

**Donor:** YPSA own fund (at present)

**Goal:** To provide quality education and proper psychological development through Recreational education.

**Objectives:**

- To ensure the child protection policy through the recreational education
- To ensuring quality education for the children with disabilities, indigenous child and hard poor children.
- To encouraging the indigenous children and their family for mainstream education.

**Location:** Kumura , Sitakund, Chittagong

**Coverage and Achievement:**

Class	Kazipara Shishu Niketon		Alekdiya Shishu Niketon		Kumira Tripurapara Non - Formal School	
	Student was 2014	Promotion to 2015	Student was 2014	Promotion to 2015	Student was 2014	Promotion to 2015
Nursery	78	66	20	18	20	13
One	58	53	21	18	18	13
Two	57	52	33	30	03	02
Three	53	46	24	20	<b>Total-41</b>	<b>Total-28</b>
Four	60	55	20	16		
Five	42	39	20	18		
<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>120</b>		



**Theme: DRR and Emergency Management**



Projects/programs under the Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management Theme are described as follows;

## Emergency WASH support to the people affected by the South-East Flood and Cyclone KOMEN at Pekua in Cox's Bazar

**Donor:** Plan International Bangladesh

**Goal:** Reduce the vulnerability of people living in areas highly prone to natural disasters

**Objective:** To prevent epidemic and maintain hygiene standards in the targeted area through restoration of community providing WASH facilities

**Duration:** August 20, 2015 to December 19, 2015

**Location:** Pekua Upazila in Cox's Bazar District

Major Activities:

- Repaired and renovated of 300 Hand Tube-Wells (HTW) among the community level in targeted area
- Tested of Water Quality for 300 HTW
- Treatment of Surface water by Aquasure WT Plan and distribute among 1500 HHs
- Repaired 1500 HHs latrines (Including Accessibilities and Remote location)
- Developed and printed users friendly IEC materials for WASH awareness building
- Distributed of Hygiene kits and water storage container among 1500 HHs
- Conducted of community and school hygiene session for awareness and knowledge building on hygiene issue as well as hand washing.

### Major Accomplishment:

Cyclone KOMEN turned into land downheartedness and came close to Bangladesh's southern coastline around 9:00pm on 30 July 2015 accompanying winds and extreme rains topped up the sufferings of the people affected by flood in June 2015, inundated vast areas across Chittagong, Cox's Bazaar and Bandarban Districts, as well as severe damages to the local housing, infrastructure, WASH and livelihood. As per DMIC report and JNA triggered by the Humanitarian organization, a total of 132,900 households were affected. At least 17 people have died, 3 were missing, 5,000 houses have been damaged and 27,600 HH displaced (Source: WFP, INGO ESC). 90,000 families were affected in Cox's Bazar District with the most severe impact in Pekua sub district where 63% of the families were affected. PLAN International, Margaret A Cargitt & YPSA jointly implemented WASH Project to recovered the damage of 1500 House Hold in Pekuya, under Cox's Bazar District. Duration of the project was from August 20, 2015 to December 19, 2015.

During the project period the project achieved; selected 1500 HH (Barobakia 402, Mognama 1098 & 37 HHs included have person with disability. Identified of tube-wells site and necessary technical survey completed. Grounding works such as, drawing, design, water quality test and vendor selection completed for all selected TWs. Repaired /renovated works at field level, 479 (out of 1500) households received Water Container (Jerrican) for collection and preservation of water. Identification of latrines site and necessary technical survey completed; remote locations, addressing the persons with disabilities were consider during the identification process. Grounding works such as, drawing, design and bill of quantity (BoQ) completed. 02 vendors have been selected for latrines repairing/construction and completed agreement with the vendor. Repairing/construction work started at field. 479 households (out of 1500) have received Hygiene Kits (Washing soap and bathing soap, Tooth brush and tooth paste, Sanitary Napkins as per NFI standards). Hygiene promotion sessions have been completed at 11

schools, still ongoing at the community level. Relevant IEC materials provided to the partner from Plan's existing projects for conducting awareness session at school and community level.

## **Relief Support for flood and cyclone affected Population in Need in South-East Bangladesh (RESPONSE)**

YPSA (Young Power for Social Action) is going to implement a project Under NARRI consortium supported by Oxfam, Concern Worldwide and Plan International in Bangladesh and funded by DFID in the South-East region of the Bangladesh named 'Relief Support for flood and cyclone affected Population in Need in South-East Bangladesh (RESPONSE)'. The project has been selected most vulnerable Union of South Mithachori and Chakmarkul of Ramu, Demoshia and Konakhali of Chakaria, Barabakia and Mognama of Pekua under Ramu Upazilla of Cox'sbazar and GhumDhum and Sonaichari of Naikkhanchari upazila under Bandarban district on the basis of the declaration of local administration as a cyclone 'KOMEN' affected area.

**Donor** : UK AID

**Supported By** : Oxfam, Concern Worldwide and Plan International

**Implemented By** : Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)

**Duration:** September 2015 to December 2015

### **Project Objective:**

To meet the immediate lifesaving needs and reduced vulnerabilities of flood and cyclone-affected HHs in South-East Bangladesh

### **Major Activities of RESPONSE Project**

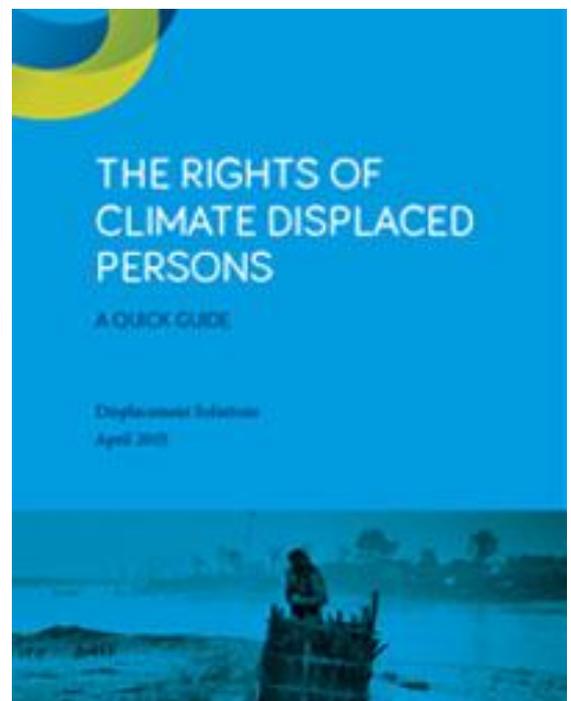
- Beneficiary selection in the targeted Upazilas in consultation with local government and administration at Selected area
- Beneficiary profiling (voter ID card, photo, registration) for cash transfer and field preparation
- Orientation to beneficiaries on cash transfer mechanism
- Distribution of BDT 9,000 (3,000 for 3 months) a total of 3259 households to meet their daily needs and necessary goods
- Coordinate with the local government and administration
- Attributions monitoring (PDM), including market assessment
- Lesson learning exercise, experience sharing, challenge and dissemination of the findings through a workshop among the consortium members, with wider humanitarian community and others stakeholders

### **Implementation Steps of this project**

- Upazilla Inception meeting
- Community Consultation meetings
- Sensitization of Men on Gender & Women Empowerment
- Door to Door Checking & Form Fill up
- Finalize Beneficiary List
- Collect Photo
- Contract with Financial Institutions
- Procure SIM
- Mobile Account opening
- Distribution of SIM
- Distribution of CASH
- Prepare documentation



## Theme: Environment and Biodiversity



Projects/programs under the Environment and Biodiversity Theme are described as follows;

## Bangladesh Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Rights Initiative for Climate Displaced Persons

**Donor:** Displacement Solutions

**Background:** Bangladesh is one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world and is set to become even more so as a result of climate change. Natural hazards across the country are already leading to the forced displacement of millions of Bangladeshis and this number is set to multiply as the effects of climate change increase the severity and frequency of these natural hazards. Many of these individuals have lost their houses and lands to climatic hazards and have no ability nor received any support or assistance to access new homes or new lands. At present, there is no comprehensive Government plan or policy to ensure the housing, land and property rights of climate displaced persons in Bangladesh.

With a view to adopting a right-based approach emphasizing the human rights, in particular, housing, land and property rights for the people of Bangladesh especially for the victims who are displaced due to climate change; YPSA with the support of Displacement Solutions has been implementing an outstanding project named “Bangladesh Housing Land Properties (HLP) Rights Initiative” in Bangladesh.

**Goals and Objective:** To identify rights-based solutions and actions that could be undertaken to resolve the displacement of climate-affected communities as well as to ensure and safeguard their housing, land and property rights.

**Duration:** April 2012 to August 2017

**Working area:** Entire Bangladesh focusing on Chittagong

**Target population:** 57,060

**Major Achievement:**



Activity	Achievement (15-16)
<p><b>1. Coastal Kids Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art and debate competition on Climate Change issues</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Schools participated in Coastal Kids Debate Competition, 1 school for Coastal Kids Art Competition</li> <li>Coastal Kids debate and art competition on climate change and climate displacement completed and accordingly awarded to winner</li> </ol>
<p><b>2. Advocacy, lobbying and coalition development on climate displacement in Bangladesh through enhanced legal support for YPSA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and printing of 5 points advocacy plan (IEC Materials)</li> <li>Meetings with climate affected communities and local civil society organizations</li> <li>Meeting with MPs from climate-affected communities across Bangladesh</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and printed 3000 booklets of five key action (IEC Materials)</li> <li>Organized 10 Meetings with climate affected communities and local civil society organizations</li> <li>Three Meeting with several MPs from climate-affected communities across Bangladesh completed</li> <li>One meeting arranged with legal groups and</li> </ol>

<p>2.4 Meeting with legal groups and lawyers associations in Bangladesh to raise awareness of climate displacement</p> <p>2.5 Comprehensive training in a 2-day workshop on international legal issues related to climate displacement in Bangladesh (to be conducted by DS)</p> <p>2.6 Meeting with Media personnel</p> <p>2.7 Prepare and Publish mapping study report of 'Climate Displacement in Bangladesh: Stakeholders, Laws and Policies - Mapping the Existing Institutional Framework'</p>	<p>lawyers associations in Bangladesh to raise awareness of climate displacement</p> <p>2.5 Completed one Comprehensive training in a 2-day workshop on international legal issues related to climate displacement in Bangladesh</p> <p>2.6 One Meeting with Media personnel held</p> <p>2.7 Published mapping study report of 'Climate Displacement in Bangladesh: Stakeholders, Laws and Policies - Mapping the Existing Institutional Framework'</p>
<p><b>3. Mapping study on actors and institutions of the Government of Bangladesh relevant to climate displacement</b></p> <p>3.1 Workshop with NGOs/Civil Societies, Academicians and Govt./local govt. officials</p> <p>3.2 Key Informant Interview and FGD with relevant stakeholders</p> <p>3.3 Publication of mapping study 'Climate Displacement in Bangladesh: Stakeholders, Laws and Policies - Mapping the Existing Institutional Framework'</p>	<p>3.1 Arranged two workshops with NGOs/Civil Societies, Academicians and Govt./local govt. officials</p> <p>3.2 Conducted Key Informant Interview and FGD with relevant stakeholders</p> <p>3.3 Mapping Study report published</p>
<p><b>4. Translation, publication and distribution of "Climate Displacement in Bangladesh" Report</b></p> <p>4.1 Professional translation of the "Climate Displacement in Bangladesh" report from English into Bangla.</p> <p>4.2 Printing and distribution of Bengali version of the report</p> <p>4.3 The Rights of Climate Displaced persons</p>	<p>4.1 Translation of the "Climate Displacement in Bangladesh" report from English into Bengali has been done.</p> <p>4.2 Printed 1000 copies of Bengali version of the report and already distributed the more than 500 copies</p> <p>4.3 Developed and printed Pocket guide "The Rights of Climate Displaced persons"</p>
<p><b>5. Enhancing the work of legal groups on the rights of climate displaced persons</b></p> <p>5.1 Regular meeting for formation of climate displaced lawyers group/ forum of Chittagong Bar Association.</p> <p>5.2 Lawyers Initiative for Displacement Solutions formed and starting activities</p> <p>5.3 Professional translation and publication of the "Peninsula Principles on Climate Displacement Within States"</p>	<p>5.1 Meeting regular conducted for lawyers groups formation and continuous function</p> <p>5.2 Convener Committee of the lawyers Initiative for Displacement Solutions formed and starting the activities</p> <p>5.3 Translated and published the "Peninsula Principles on Climate Displacement Within States"</p>
<p><b>6. Land Acquisition for Climate Displaced Persons</b></p> <p>6.1 Guidance note on New land for Climate Displaced persons in Bangladesh</p>	<p>6.1 Developed and printed Guidance note on New land for Climate Displaced persons in Bangladesh</p>

**Next Plan:**

- Coordination and Management including the Coastal Kids Programme
- Land Identification and Advocacy;
- International Campaigning and Advocacy;
- Domestic Advocacy ,Climate Negotiations, Capacity Building and Media Outreach;
- Model resettlement site development and Action research

## Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation & Reforestation Project (CRPARP)

**Donor :** World Bank through Arannayk Foundation

**Background:** YPSA with the support of Arannayk Foundation has been implementing the component-2 "Alternative livelihoods to support forest dependent Communities" of "Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project" in collaboration with Forest Department. The project implementation area is 5 forest divisions including 12,105 ha plantation of 21 Upazillas (120 villages of 33 unions) under Chittagong and Cox's Bazar District.

**Goal:** To reduce forest degradation through participatory planning/monitoring and to contribute in building the long-term resilience of selected coastal and hilly communities to climate change.

**Specific Objective:**

- To reduce forest dependency among the community people through non-forest based livelihood opportunity for the communities and groups living in and around the forest/plantation areas.
- To promote sustainable institutional development of the forest dependents people through capacity building and building awareness.
- To contribute to the sustainable use, conservation and protections of forest for reducing climate change effect through the active participation of communities in the Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

**Duration:** November 2013 to May 2016

**Working Area:** Chittagong and Cox's Bazar District

**Target Population:** 3,600 as direct

**Major Activities:**

- Village selection through using world bank village selection guideline (Collect proposed plantation list from FD, Village meeting, Gathering poverty data, Conducting Focus Group Discussions)
- Conduct PRA
- Verification of selected households
- Conduct HH Survey and Affirmation of HH list
- Beneficiary Selection: 3600 numbers (120 Groups in 120 Villages)
- Conduct Inter-component coordination meeting
- Preparatory work for Formation of Forest Dependent Group (FDG)
- 120 community volunteer selection, Female-80.833 % and male-19.2 %
- Capacity building: A basic orientation to Community Volunteer
- Organized forest dependent communities ODM Training.
- Assessment of vegetable seeds cultivation opportunities
- Observed world Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June (rally, discussion and seedling distribution)

**Major Achievements (June 15 to June'16):**

- Completed Site Selection (120 Villages)
- 3600 HH selected through HH survey applying PRA method
- Selected 120 Community Volunteers and provided training
- Developed Organization Development Management Module for FDG
- Form 46 out of 120 Forest Dependent Group Formed
- Demand assessed for Vegetable Culture



**Theme: Knowledge & Capacity Development**



Projects/programs under the Knowledge and Capacity Development Theme are described as follows;

## Leadership Development Program

**Donor:** USAID through Counterpart International, Bangladesh

**Background:** Leadership Development Program trains and supports youth and community leaders for strengthening their ability to identify development priorities, make decisions and communicate their interests to the government. Leadership development program is committed to providing leadership trainings, tools and techniques to 567 Youth during this year. An equally strong emphasis is given to young people (aged 18-35) taking action, networking with their peers, and applying what they learn. The LDP youth leaders are young people from communities across Sitakund, Chittagong among who at least 40% are female youth leaders. The LDP program is aimed to involving its LDP community leaders with all stakeholders in identifying priority needs and facilitating participatory project planning, design and implementation.

**Goal:** To increase citizens' capacity and participation in community development and democratic processes. Also creates leaders at grassroots which are work for poverty reduction, employment generation, environmental conservation and social developments via advocacy.

**Specific Objective:**

Building the capacity of community leaders to become change agents for democratic processes and development, and increasing the capacity of youth to do the same.

**Duration:** November 2013 to February,2016

**Working Area:** Sitakund, Chittagong

**Target Population:** 4,534 (direct and indirect)

**Major Achievements:**

- Observed International Women's Day
- Organized divisional youth fair
- Organized Human Chain on Reconstruction of Coastal Dam at Banshbaria, Sitakunda, Chittagong
- Organized Human Chain on Reconstruction of Coastal Dam at Sonaichhari, Sitakunda, Chittagong
- Organized Human Chain and Discussion for Preventing on Child Marriage and Dowry System at Syedpur Union, Sitakunda, Chittagong
- Discussion and Rally for Preventing Domestic Violence against women and what will be youth role at Barodarogahat, Bariardhala, Sitakund
- Organized Rally and Human chain for Preventing Eve-teasing and Domestic Violence against women at Barabkunda, Sitakund.
- Organized Discussion and Campaign for increasing Youth Employment Opportunity at local level at Muradpur, Sitakund, Chittagong.
- Organized ward and Union Development forum
- Participated training of Department of Youth Development.
- Provided Youth Internship facility for 12 Youth leaders.

## Creating Evidence at the grassroots for National level advocacy on leadership development

**Donor:** UNDP

**Specific Objective:**

- a. Encourage students to participate in the community development activities;
- b. Encourage the guardians and teachers to facilitate the community engagement of the students;
- c. Institutionalize the community engagement activities in the mainstream education system.

**Duration:** 15 May, 2015 – 15 November, 2015

**Location:** Chittagong City Corporation and Sitakund

**Background :**

Community level engagement of the students are not that much prominent in Bangladesh. There is a tendency of avoiding community activities other than some selected sports and cultural items. The opportunity for sports and games has been shrinking over the years due to decrease of available space for sports. As a result the recreational activities of the students at the school and college level have increasingly confined within computer or cell phone games or watching television. This culture has detrimental effect on the health and leadership quality of the future generation of the country. On the other hand the parents in most of the cases don't encourage their children to be involved in the community level activities and focus more on their study in order to help them survive in the competition.

It is evident that family and educational institutions are the major role player in shaping the characteristics of human beings. The task, role and function of families have not changed with time. The family has a responsibility to pass on to the children many truths and values, and competencies to achieve their station in life, whatever the society, whatever the culture or times. The aim of educational institutions should not be to impart education alone but should also be to inculcate values and enhancing skills of young minds. Teachers' role is very vital in molding the future of a country. Teachers are the ideals to their pupils. An educational institute should not be just confined to teaching and learning but it should be considered as a place where consciousness is aroused and illumined; soul is purified and strengthened. It is the place where the seeds of discipline, devotion and commitment are planted and fostered with deliberate efforts.

The combine effort of the family (parents), teachers (educational institutions) and students is necessary to bring in effective leadership quality among the students through community engagement

**Major Activities:**

Target	Achievement(2015-16)	Cumulative Achievement from the beginning
Identify and selection of educational institution in rural and urban area	10 Institution	10 institution
Toolkit development	1	1
Leadership Training/orientation (including community engagement initiative) to student	27 Batch	27 Batch
Orientation to selected SMC Members and teachers	10 Session	10 Session
Orientation to students' guardians	10 session	10 session

Meeting with Guardian, SMC and Teacher (Platform)	10	10
Facilitate Student group for implementing project	83 group	83 group
Award giving ceremony (including award value)	1	1

## Youth Empowerment for Development

**Donor: UNDP**

### Goal

The goal of the project is to measure the situation of youth living in Chittagong City Corporation area about opportunities to employment, Governance , voice raise, idea about human right, corruption, health, climate change and many more, also participation and engagement in development/responsibility delivering activity.

### Specific Objective:

- To understand the need of the youth.
- To identify the problems, challenges and available opportunities for the youth.
- To identify the way forward to the solution of those problems and challenges.

**Duration: May 2015 to December 2015**

**Location: Chittagong City Corporation**

### Background:

Youth related issues are of growing importance for the government in Bangladesh as they represent a growing force that can change the future of this land. Collective youth voices are generally absent from important debates that affect social and economic life. Their interests are generally not high on the political agenda and can be over shadowed by more mainstream issues that affect other influential parts of the population moreover deeply rooted patronage system dominated by specific interests.

### Major Activities:

1. Conduct base line survey among Youth of Chittagong City Corporation.
2. Narrative sessions 10 in number among 8 groups.
3. Civic engagement activities by those groups.
4. Youth development Forum and Youth support network formation in three wards of City Corporation. ( ward 4,9,10)
5. Organizing Youth Boot Camp in Sitakund.

**Major Achievement:**

Activities	Achievement(2015-16) (Briefly)	Cumulative Achievement from the beginning
1. Conduct base line survey among Youth of Chittagong City Corporation.	Conducted among 269 youth	Completed
2. Validation Workshop	1	1
3. Narrative sessions 10 in number among 8 groups.	10	10
4. Training for Narrative facilitator	1	1
5. Civic engagement activities by those groups.	8	8
6. International Youth Day celebration	1	1
7. Youth Leadership Training	1	1
8. Youth development Forum and Youth support network formation in three wards of City Corporation. ( ward 4,9,10)	3	3
9. Organizing Youth Boot Camp in Sitakund.	1	1

## Access to Information Program (A2I):“Production of Multimedia Digital Talking Book”

**Donor:** A2I, Prime Minister Office

**Background:** YPSA was awarded by A2I of Prime Minister Office under service Innovation fund initiative for implementing “ Production of Multi-media Digital Talking Book”. Access to Information Program (A2I) and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) jointly working for Digital Talking Book for initially primary school.

**Project Goal:** To ensure accessible study materials by DAISY full text and full audio multi-media digital talking books, Braille books and accessible e-books for the students with visual disability, print disability, learning disability and information disadvantaged of class 1 to class 5.

**Objectives:**

- To initiate a process of developing and producing text books in accessible format for the students of class 1 to class 5 through the use of DAISY standard.
- To ensure the availability of the multi-media text books through JATIYO E-Tothokosh in order to minimize inequality of information for the print disable, learning disable, visually impaired and information disadvantaged groups of students from class 1 to class 5.

**Duration:** October 2013 to April 2017

**Major Achievements:**

- YPSA prepared primary school text books in full text full Audio DAISY format using the funds provided by the Access to Information program, Prime Minister Office of Government of Bangladesh.
- YPSA has uploaded these text books on the National E-content repository (Jatio e-tothokosh) [www.infokosh.gov.bd/](http://www.infokosh.gov.bd/) Online e book. These digital contents will be popularized to the students and the target group through accessible book popularization.
- Total 503 books converted in Unicode, DAISY Full text full Audio Multimedia Books and Digital Braille copies.

## Trusted Intermediary Global Accessible Resources (TIGAR) Project

**Donor :** World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**Background :** The TIGAR Service is an activity of the Accessible Books Consortium (ABC), which is located at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The Accessible Books Consortium is an alliance of WIPO, organizations that serve the print disabled, including the World Blind Union and the DAISY Consortium, and organizations that represent authors and publishers, including the International Authors' Forum, the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations and the International Publishers Association. YPSA was awarded by WIPO for the first time in the history of Bangladesh for making the study materials, available in accessible format, for the visual impaired students studying in higher secondary level and also the books for the graduation level students through the TIGAR initiative.

**Goals:**

- Collection, Production and Distribution of DAISY Digital Talking Books for visually impaired students of higher education and persons with print disabilities (including low literacy) in Bangladesh.
- To reduce the gap between people with print disability and print enabled peers in case of access to information.

**Objectives:**

- Development of an informal network to produce and distribute DAISY materials across Bangladesh through Trusted Intermediary (TI).
- To increase the users of DAISY materials throughout Bangladesh by increasing number of publications and accessibility through wider distribution.
- Exchange Accessible Books by using TIGAR System for visually impaired and People with print disability.
- To use the TIGAR System to exchange accessible books for visually impaired and persons with print disabilities in Bangladesh and elsewhere, including overseas readers of titles in Bengali
- To expose titles produced in Bangladesh to international e-book markets.

**Duration:** November 2013 to June 2017

**Major Activities:**

- 15,000 pages of conversion in accessible formats including a minimum of 50% human narration.
- Training for YPSA Staff and volunteers on Digital Talking Book (DTB) production.
- Training on orientation on the use of DTB for users by DAISY.
- Development of VIP Database
- Upload and Download books through TIGAR system.

**Major Achievements:**

YPSA converted 200 books around 45,000 pages study materials has been completed total 90 titles identified with the consultation of students. All of them got the permission for the production from the right holder In other hand all the 90 books are now converting in accessible format. Hence 90 title 15,000 pages now available for end user. 90 books are already completed and ready for the distribution.

# YPSA LINK ORGANIZATION

## Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) Sitakund Campus

**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.

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

**Specific Objectives:** To build Capacity of YPSA staff, target community and other NGO professional through providing training in systematic manner.

**Supported by:** YPSA own initiative & Basic Bank.

**Duration:** Since 2001 to till date.

**Major Activities:** Conduct Training, Module development, Ensure training facilities, Organize workshop and Seminar.

**Training Centre facilities :** Training Room (30 Persons each), Training Capacity 60 Persons with residential facility, 6 VIP rooms, Disabled friendly 4 rooms, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks & Tea, Constant Power Supply, Overhead Projector, White board / Flannel board/Clip board, Multimedia, Generator for alternative power supply, Cultural Equipment facilities.



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## Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC) – Chittagong

**Background:** The Human Resources Development Centre is a link organization that provides an affordable method for YPSA staff and other like-minded organizations to develop their human resources. Workshops, seminars, and skills development any training can be held in the center. It offers modern training facilities that can be used by grassroots' people, and is easily accessed from Dhaka and Chittagong. The Human Resources Development centre (HRDC) Chittagong was established 20 May 2000 as a self sustained initiative to facilitate official meetings and other events for YPSA and other partners.

**Goal:** To organize and facilitate Human Resources Development Program of YPSA and other like-minded organization.

**Establishment:** In 2000

**Target Group:** Organizational staff and beneficiary of YPSA as well as of other like-minded organizations staff.

**Major Activities:** Conduct training, Module development, Ensure training facilities, Organize Workshop and seminar.

**Services:** Two Training Room (AC) with capacity of 30 persons each, 60 People residential facility, 4 VIP rooms with AC. 4 VIP rooms Non-AC, Dining, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks & Tea, Instant Power Supply, Transport facility.

**Other 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, Generator for alternative power supply, Still Camera, Cultural Equipment facilities.

## Cox's Bazar Youth Training Centre

**Background:** YPSA applied to the Grant Assistance for Grass -roots Human Security Projects (GGHSP) of Japan Embassy for construction of a Youth Training Center in Cox'sBazar and finally received award from Japan Embassy after necessary correspondence, clarifications and physically visiting the project location by the Japan Embassy.

To create employment opportunity for youth YPSA implemented the project titled 'Construction of Youth Training Center' from March, 2012 to February, 2014 with support of Japan Embassy. In the initial stage of the project first applied for approval the project to NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh Government and got official approval of project and fund clearance.



The major activities of the project were construction of civil work, sanitary work, electric work, and setting up equipment including furniture and fixtures. The major portion of the fund was provided by the Japan Embassy and YPSA contributed partly to the project. After the construction the project has plan to conduct the training program for youth as well as maintenance of the centre on regular basis. Due to some unavoidable situation like as devastating flood in Cox'sBazar, unstable political situation and other natural calamity, YPSA was bound to seek the extension the project period and from Japan Embassy also approved the extension. It is noteworthy that YPSA completed all the planned activities within the approved timeframe except getting the electricity connection from Rural Electrification Board. YPSA already submitted the application for electricity connection and it will take some time for processing, according to the concerned official of Government.

**Location:** Paner Chara, South Mita Chari, Teknaf Road, Ramu, Cox's Bazar.

**Impact on Beneficiary:** As it is youth training center, youths are the direct beneficiaries. Construction of the youth training center is the remarkable step towards capacity building of youth community under Cox'sBazar district. Direct impact on the beneficiary will be visualized after starting the training session, which is supposed to be started after opening this YTC.

**Prospects:** The main objective to construct this center is to provide the need-based training to the youth. Accordingly there is plan to provide 1007 youth by the next one year. For this training YPSA will mobilize resources from its own sources and external as per plan shared already with Japan Embassy. In the coming year YPSA is going to initiate need based job oriented as well as trade based training in the youth training center. The participants will be selected from different upzillas of Cox'sBazar district. Then YPSA will make Job linkage for the trained youth.

**Maintenance:** YPSA has deployed staff to maintain Youth Training Center including conduction of training. As this training center will be utilized frequently for the different training purpose so it is obvious that YPSA will properly maintain this center including cleaning, security, repairing of all logistics if need. YPSA management will follow up the training session, maintenance of the center including its staff and share the update report with Japan Embassy.

**Plan to follow up :** YPSA already shared the training plan with fund inflow and outflow and staff engagement with the Japan Embassy. This plan will be implemented just after opening this center. There will be set of staff to regular look after the training activities and center management. YPSA management will also follow up all matter related to the YTC for proper utilization and quality output.

## Radio Sagor Giri FM 99.2

**Goal:** To set up a community radio, a radio station that practice radio broadcasting as a community service and see communication as a universal right.

### Specific Objectives:

- To run a community radio station within the project location by the community participation.
- To provide training and the opportunity to broadcast to groups traditionally marginalized by mainstream media.
- To establish community radio as an important part of community development and of the community and voluntary sector.
- To enhance the capacities of local people to work together to tackle a range of social problems, including poverty and exclusion through radio.
- Building awareness on early warning system and climate resilience for the coastal population using the community radio.



**Background:** Community Radio is characterized by the active participation of the community in the process of creating news, information, entertainment and culturally relevant material, with an emphasis on local issues and concerns. It is a non-profit making enterprise and having skills with training, local producers can create program using local language. The community can also actively participate in the management of the station and have a say in the scheduling and content of the program. YPSA initiated Community Radio established in Sitakund, a sub-district of Chittagong. The name of this Community Radio is RADIO SAGOR GIRI, which carries the natural characteristics of Sitakund that is surrounded by Ocean (Sagor) and Mountains (Giri).

In the National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction-2 FY 2009-11(PRS), govt. of Bangladesh emphasized on "Access to information and Awareness building at the grass root level through Community Radio". To implement this strategy, NGOs including civil society, on behalf of community, had started movement for a policy on

community radio since 1998. With long process, in 2008 Govt. of Bangladesh formulate a policy on community radio for installation, broadcasting and its operation. As per policy Govt. invites application for community radio.

After following selection procedure, Ministry of Information of Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has finally approved 14 Community Radio Initiators (where 13 are NGO) for installation, broadcasting and operation of community radio in Bangladesh first time on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010. To ensure free flow of information and people's right to information government enacted Right to Information Act 2009. Community radio approval is a strong step to empower people in this regards. After having license YPSA, as an initiator, established Community Radio Station (Radio Sagor Giri FM 99.2) at the Sitakund of Chittagong.

**Target Audience:** A community radio is a radio for all the members of the community. Everybody is invited to participate, give his opinion, share interests and tastes and listen to the radio. However, the principal groups with difficulties like the indigenous and ethnic minorities, fisher folk community, women, farmers, person with disabilities and young people will be the main target for the community radio initiated by YPSA in Sitakund area.

**Broadcasting hour:** 03pm to 08pm.

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