

Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS)  
Right to Protection and Participation (R2PP) Project

**Yearly Progress Report FY 2018-19**



**Reporting period: July' 2018 to June' 2019**

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## 1. Particulars of the project:

### 1.1 Period:

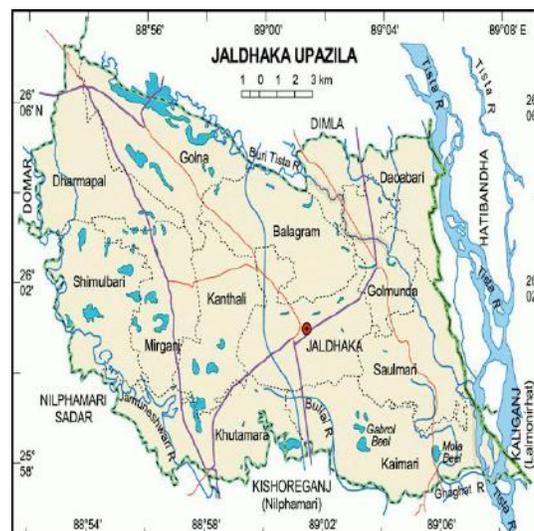
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### 1.3 Project Location:

Upazila	Unions
Jaldhaka	Shimulbari
	Mirganj
	Khutamara
	Kaimari
	Golna
	Dhormopal
<b>Total</b>	<b>06 union</b>



Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS) is one of the leading Organizations of the Nilphamairi District. Working with participatory approach & believe on the ability of community. USS has been working as plan associate from July 2006. Plan international Bangladesh believes that poor children and their families have the rights an inherent capacity to effectively and participate in and benefit from society. Plan's vision mission and program principals focus on increasing the capacity of poor children and their families to participate effectively in meeting their practical and strategic needs as well as contributing to and benefited from the society. In order to establish child rights, empowerment of all level is must, especially women. USS is going to achieve their destination Project through PAR (Participatory Action Research). Large numbers of women & children are vulnerable (in Poverty, Education, Health, Social Protection etc) at present situation of Bangladesh. They are neglected in their society. USS has been implementing Child Rights and Protection Project with the partnership of Plan International Bangladesh in Jaldhaka Upazilla to create a protected environment for children.

### **Project Goal:**

Children are better protected from all forms of violence including child marriage and child labour through inclusive and effective community based child protection mechanisms.

### **Objectives:**

- Enhance capacity of children and youth and duty bearers on Community Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM) to protect children from all kinds of abuse in the project area by June 2020
- Increase awareness and knowledge of mass people specially youths and parents to sensitize on child rights and protection issues through different child interventions by June 2020.
- Improve child protection situation advocating on child rights and protection relevant legislation in collaboration with CSOs by June 2020.
- Make duty bearers responsive to protect children from violence and discrimination in project area by June 2020

## **Outcome level Changes on R2PP Project, Jaldhaka**

Enhance capacity of children and youth and duty bearers on community based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPC) to protect children from all kinds of abuse in the Project area By June 2020

## **Target Population: 350,000**

### **Beneficiaries:**

#### **Direct:**

- Union Child & youth network -90
- Upazila youth network 25
- Community based child Protection Committee -864
- Upazila Community based child Protection network - 25
- Girls Action team -600

#### **Indirect:**

- 120,000

## Youth organization & committee of (R2PP) project.

- Union youth network -6
- Upazila Child & youth network -1
- Community based child Protection Commeetee -54
- Upazila based child Protection network - 1
- Girls Action team -24

### At a glance of plan and achievement of implementing activities for the period July'18 to June 2019.

Activities	Target and Achievement		Age-12-15			Age-16-16			Age-24+			TOTAL
	activities target	Achievement	Boys	Girls	SubTotal	Boys	Girls	Sub Total	Male	Female	Sub Total	
Quarterly meeting for planning, reviewing & reflection of the initiatives taken by CBCPC	228	228	213	229	442	42	37	79	1693	985	2678	3199
Quarterly coordination meeting at up levels includes the members from up domestic violence and child & women welfare committee, BR committee, up children & youth network for CP, CBCPC, Action tteam.	24	24	11	7	18	22	21	43	231	96	327	388

Quarterly coordination meeting of Upazila Children & youth Network for sharing the learning at upazila level	4	4	3	9	12	38	27	65	0	0	0	77
Leadership Development training for CBCPC members.	16	17	2	192	194	20	29	49	127	58	185	428
Training for CBCPC on community based advocacy	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	7	24	24
CBCPC network meeting at Upazila level	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	19	64	64
<b>Day observation at upazila level collaboration with govt.</b>	3	3	<b>269</b>	<b>1049</b>	1318	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	98	<b>269</b>	<b>146</b>	415	1831
<b>Script development &amp; Practice.</b>	1	1	<b>1</b>	11	12	12	0	12	0	0	0	24
<b>Drama show on CM,DBR,CR &amp; CP</b>	24	24	1428	1411	2839	838	812	1650	2962	3917	6879	11368
<b>Child Rights Convention at Upazila Level</b>	1	1	4	14	18	3	15	18	60	6	66	102
<b>Action team formation &amp; Training, consisting of adolesent girls at high school level</b>	5	5	0	125	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
<b>Child protection,lifeskill massase dissemination during karattee training for adolesent girls at high school level</b>	20	40	0	973	973	0	0	0	0	0	0	973
<b>Quarterly meeting of Action team members</b>	91	91	0	2247	2247	0	0	0	0	0	0	2247
<b>Negotiation meeting with UP bodys for social safetynet for Child laborers &amp; sponsor collection including budget allocation for children &amp; Youths</b>	24	23	13	15	28	33	23	56	392	119	511	595

Meeting of UP children & Youth network including consultation CP & Gender	24	24	59	96	155	96	100	196	0	0	0	351
Meeting With District child Welfare Board	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	5	33	33
Meeting With Upazila Child Welfare Board	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	42	6	48	50
Proclamation with Mikes for BR	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meeting on Birth Registration progress at union level	8	8	2	2	4	12	10	22	71	33	104	130
In house preparation for Child Shadow Parliament	1	1	1	22	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Child Parliament-2019	1	1	1	16	17	0	0	0	76	9	85	102
Interactive dialogue-Best Practice Presentation	1	1	5	19	24	3	4	7	40	5	45	76
Public hearing on fact finding report at public place	3	3	95	170	265	65	75	140	200	255	455	860
Regular coaching to the staff	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	30	135	135
District children from youth network+NGOs+ karatee trainers 3 persons.	4	3	0	0	0	23	35	58	2	1	3	61
<b>Grand Total</b>			2107	6607	8714	1255	1240	2495	6360	5697	12057	23266

## Major Achievements: July 2018 to June 2019:

### Girls Empowerment:

#### Outputs:

- Knowledge develop on Safeguarding for the children and Young people.
- Knowledge increase on life skills of the adolescent girls
- TfD groups are skill for Drama show,
- Capacity increased to conducted issue based meeting
- Skill developed on Self-defence technique of the adolescent girls
- Continue practice of Self-defence technical knowledge at school in assemble for all student
- Capacity building for survey & fact finding report collection

#### Outcomes/results the project aims to achieve:

- Result of 1200 adolescent girls improved as their attendance increased.
- Life skills training helped the adolescent girls to be self-confidents
- Knowledge level increased
- They can take initiative as per need of child protection
- They Use govt. service (109, 1098 & mobile number of UNO & OC) to protect child marriage so Child Marriage decrease.
- 99 child marriage stops
- 600 girls Receive Self defence training & Life skill training they provide training to others 12000 students in school assemble
- Develop life skill & Self Defence resource team by 23 young girls.
- Anti sexual harassment committee reform in 22 schools & functioning
- 1800 girls go to school by riding bicycle in 22 school
- 11 High school arrange hygiene sanitary napkin in School & waste box in latrine
- 16 High school established opinion box in 22 school
- Conducting campaign " Amar Sopno amer unnoyan" in 22 School
- 50 Campaign Conducted on adolescent reproductive health in 22 school

#### Impact in terms of changes in the lives of the project beneficiaries and their communities:

- Secondary schools have been practising self- defence techniques in regular schools' assembly
- Anti-harassment committee formed following High court instruction.
- 1200 children of which 70% girls have participated and benefitted directly

## Community Participation:

### Outputs:

- Knowledge increase on leadership for Community Based Child Protection Community (CBCPC)
- Media & news coverage increase
- Advocacy base activity like Public hearing, Child shadow parliament, Interactive dialogue, Help Govt. to responsive committee

### Outcomes/results the project aims to achieve:

- 91 Family get social safety net card by communicate CBCPC & Youth network
- 118 dropout student enroll in Primary school
- Birth registration in 45 days rate increase now it is 99.9%
- 99 child marriage stop
- Anti sexual harassment committee reform in 22 school & functioning
- 11 school arrange hygiene sanitary pad in School & waste box in latrine
- 16 opinion box Established in 22 school
- 75 yard meeting Conducted in 06 union
- 36 parents orientation Conducted in community level
- CBCPCs have meet the problems of the children and youths at local level communication with government and non-government sectors,
- Mass people are aware to protect the rights of the children and youths

### Impact in terms of changes in the lives of the project beneficiaries and their communities:

- By the declaration of UNO Jaldhaka Anti-harassment committee formation ongoing in all high school in Jaldhaka Upazila following High court instruction & functioning
- Community based Child Protection committee & Upazila & District Child welfare board arrange meeting regularly & take decision to protect Child abuse.
- In the decision of Upazila Child Welfare board UNO circulate by notice that opinion box will be establish & in all high school in Jaldhaka Upazila & also circulated by notice that all high school in Jaldhaka Upazila will be preserve hygiene sanitary pad in School & waste box in latrine.

CBCPC & Girls action Team have taken steps to stoop child marriage



Girls action Team have taken steps against rape & murder of Nusrat Jahan Raffe



Community based Child Protection Committee & youth network member helps community in digester





Girl's action Team & Youth Network have taken initiatives against violence. They arrange campain in school Amar sapno amer , unnoyan, they were commited no early marriage, they are practicing self defence technique, they are riding bicycle



**Major Activity in Details:**

Quarterly Meeting for planning, reviewing reflection of the initiatives by CBCPC



**members:** Community based protection committee (CBCPC) organized the quarterly meeting for review & reflection of their action plan. CBCPC Members discussed the child protection issues & taken necessary action & regarding these issues as per action plan. The meeting was held quarterly. In year 110 meeting has been conducted in 54 CBCPC at Khutamara, Mirganj, Kaimari, Shimulbari, Golna & Dharmopal union of Jaldhaka upazila. They have facilitated three types of activities awareness rising in community people on protection issues. They are playing proactive role to provide legal & others support to the victim If happen the incident in their community. CBCPC members reviewed their plan of actions and made next plan of action in the meeting to address the issues of child rights and protection.

**Quarterly coordination meeting at UP levels includes the members from UP Domestic violence and child & women welfare committee, BR committee, UP Children & Youth Network for CP, CBCPC, Action Team:** USS has provided support to arrange 12 meeting among the 06 unions under Jaldhaka Upazila in Nilphamari District in the reporting period. Objectives of the meeting were strengthening UP Domestic violence and child & women welfare committee, BR committee. AS a result community people can easily access to their services on Birth registration & gender based violence and child welfare related activities. 166 participants participated the meeting proactively.

**Quarterly coordination meeting of Upazila Children & Youth Network for learning sharing at Upazila level:** Quarterly coordination meeting organized of Upazila Children & Youth Network for sharing and learning at Upazila level during the reporting period. It was new activities for child & youth members. The content of the meeting was baseline survey & its effectiveness, gender and sex & gender equity & equality. Facilitator has conducted the session on base line survey on child protection issues through group discussion on respective unions. Firstly they find out the real situation on child protection issues in their community. They used the three colors for its effect for children which was Red is danger/ Strong, Yellow is medium level & blue is safe for children.

Secondly facilitator has discussed the concept of gender & difference of gender & sex and also discussed the impact of gender discrimination for child development.

Union level representative shared their progress, challenges and learning in the meeting. The participants reviewed their last plan of actions and analyzed progress and also made next plan of actions. Mst. Irin Akter said that this meeting was different from others meeting, we shown the real picture of protection issues in our community / union level and we selected our starting point for protection issues.

**Gender Development Training for CBCPC Members:** Plan International Bangladesh and their partners are trying to inclusive development in rural community. From this perception, USS organized the day long training on gender development at CLC Jaldhaka- Nilphamari. USS organized 17 batches training where 428 participants were participated sexual ratio were male 149 and female 279 in reporting period.

Objectives of the training:

- To build common understanding on gender & gender discrimination among man and women.
- To identifies gender gaps and its effect in development sector.
- To know the gender transforming programming in project cycle.

Detail description on condition and position due to gender perspectives at our local context and also discusses the discrimination on life cycle of human being.

After completed the training participants have known the below areas:

- Clear Concepts of gender and sex.
- Gender discrimination and effect to our life and society
- Participants knew how to reduce gender discrimination at family and community.

**Training on community based advocacy:** USS organized and facilitate the community based advocacy training for the CBCPC members. 24 CBCPC members participated in the training where male were 17 and female were 7 in reporting period. After participating the training they are well known about;

- Concept of Advocacy and community based advocacy.
- How to develop the advocacy plan and implementing way.
- Identifying the Lobby and advocacy and also known that community lead advocacy.

**Day Observation at Upazila level:** CBCPC & youth network jointly observed national victory day, International mother language day, Independent day & International women's day in six unions & upazila level. which was observed with collaboration with govt., UPs, Schools and community by the support of USS and Plan International Bangladesh in reporting period. Human chain, Rally drawing competition, poem recite, debate competition also arrange for children and youth forum members as well school students by the cordial support of UP and school teachers. Discussion session and prize distribution ceremony also took place as part of International & national Day.

**Script Development Training:** Three days long script development training was conducted in 01 batch at CLC Jaldhaka during the reporting period. The training was conducted with the facilitation of R2PP Project. 24 participants were took active participation from child and youth representatives in the training. Small group work, performances, presentations were exercised in the training. Participants developed scripts and performed on the issues of child marriage and right use of modern technology after end of the training. "It was very important for me to receive such kind of training. Now I am improved and can perform even more and this is how I will keep my contribution for the child rights" Rubina Akter, member of youth forum expressed his feelings at the end of the training.

**Awareness Show by drama on CM DBR & CP:** To aware the communities about child marriage, child rights & child protection and dowry 24 nos. of awareness shows were organized during the reporting period. Near about 11368 community people were present in those events. These awareness shows were arranged in 06 unions of Jaldhaka upazila. "TFD show program is gradually becoming popular in our communities and from the TFD there is lot to learn. After watching the TFD show many parents became aware about the education of children especially girls children." said Md. Belal Hossain, UP chairman of Khutamara union while delivering speeches as chief guest in awareness show in Khutama union. Youth forums of respective unions helped to arrange the program successfully while child forum members performed the awareness show.

### **Report on celebrate the child right week -2018 :**

Plan international Bangladesh and its partners are trying to ensure the child rights and their development through child centered community development approach (CCCD).USS has been

implementing various types of intervention to ensure the child rights; one of them is “Celebrate the child right week 2018. Bangladesh government declared 01 October to 7th October 2018, as the Child Rights Week -2018. Along with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), and different organization observed the week with different activities. The theme of the week, decided by the government, was “MoƒZ wkii fwel`Z, `zj nƒe wbivc`O. Each year Bangladesh government observes the International Children’s Day on the first week of October and declares the week as the Child Rights Week.

**Objectives of the event are below to;**

- To raise the awareness on the rights of children and also influence to the child welfare boards.
- To share the scenario of child rights situation in Bangladesh as well as our working area.

**Schedule of day observed:**

- Rally
- Dialogue session



**Speech chief guest**

I am very happy to attend the programme and get some information from children, about violation of child rights. In development country government is responsible to ensure the rights of the children but it was not applicable to our

country in present context. We hope that it will applicable of our country to considered economic growth. In context of our culture children learned from their parents and community. But we saw that some parents were always involved in conflict with his/her partners and they have beaten with each others. On that time children has been following the situation and they are growing anxiety of their life and future. In this circumstances need to change of mine and doing something for our children. I know very well of child organization and they come to me for claiming their rights and also demand. I will try to meet up their demand as per my ability on view to government mechanisms.-----

----- Mr Chanchal Kumar Boumik – Education Officer in Secondary level.

### **Reflection/ output of the events:**

- Participants have gotten space for sharing their best practices from view to Community level.
- UNO realized that child representation is most important of their development and also representation of Upazila child welfare board meeting.
- **Limitation and challenge**
- UNO and government officers didn't provide enough time to the event.

### **Child protection, Life skill training for adolescent girls at high school (Format Action team) at union level.**

During the reporting period 40 batches Child protection, Life skill training were conducted in the working area under Right to protection & Participation Project. Objective of the training were:

- Increase the skill & knowledge self protection mechanism from eve teasing & sexual harassment at community perspectives.
- To Format a action team, they are playing proactive role for child protection issues at school level.

625 girls were participated from 25 schools in shimulbari, Dormopal, Khutamara, Kaimari, Golna & mirganj union. The main content were current situation for girls & what were the main problem for child protection & they What is like, what is skill, stages of life skill, how to use life skill, elements of life skill topics were discussed in the training. Group work and presentation also exercised in the training. The trainings were facilitated by CAR- Trainers, TO & PC of USS, Jaldhaka branch.

I am very happy to participate the training & i known about protection from eve teaser..... Risat Khan (15).

### **Quarterly Meeting for planning, reviewing reflection of the initiatives by Action team**

**members:** Action team Members organized the quarterly meeting for review & reflection of their action plan. Action team Members discussed the child protection issues & take necessary action & regarding these issues as per action plan. The meeting was held quarterly. In this year meeting has been conducted in 91 meeting in 25 Action team in 06 unions of Jaldhaka upazila that is Khutamara, Mirganj, Kaimari, Shimulbari, Golna & Dharmopal union. They have facilitated three types of activities awareness rising on community people on protection issues- If organized the incident in their community than they are playing proactive role to providing support on legal & others support to the victim. In the meeting CBCPC members reviewed their plan of actions and made next plan of action addressing the issue of child rights and protection. **In this reporting period, they have conducted 45 meeting 625 participants from Action team members attended.**

### **Negotiation meeting with UP body's for social safety net for Child laborers & sponsor collection including budget allocation for children & Youths:**

In reporting period 23meeting was organized in 6 union. The main objectives are; to reduce the child labors through access to social safety-net Program. Total 595 participants were attended the meeting including local government representatives . As a result 90 poor families have gotten safety net support from respective union praised.

### **Meeting with UP children and youth network including consultation CP and gender:**

Plan International Bangladesh and their partners are committed to ensure the child protection and their rights .From this commitment it is very important to know the views of which we work for ensuring protection especially for children and youth as an organizational mandate and further initiatives and programs at

community level. District child and network members were participated the consultation at Community learning centre **of Jaldhaka upazila under Nilphamari district Total 14 meeting organized in different unions and 20 participants were participated male 78 and female 142.** S.M.Abdul Quader, Child Protection Specialist from Plan International, Rampur Divisional Office facilitated the consultation and documented by Md. Kaykobad Hossai & Forida yesmin, Project Coordinator (PC) CRP Project of USS.

#### **Objective of consultation:**

- To know children and youth's view about the child rights and child protection situation in the particular geographical locations and getting children's comments about the staff behaviors and practice of children's involvement in program in line with Plan's safeguarding policy for children and young.
- Finalize the some recommendations on behavior and practices view to the child and youth for future improvement of plans safeguarding policy.

Considering forms of child abuse it has been happening on different place and different organization. In this circumstance need to find out that which organization were involved in child abuse. Participants list down the existing non government organization in their Upazila and they find out the concern organization. (Who are involved in abuse). Participants have putted the information through voting system.

#### **Some limitation Of the consultation:**

- Some participants didn't understanding the concept and methods that's why it is not 100% correct.
- Some participants didn't have enough information on child abuse of his/her upazila . So we don't say that it is not reflected in whole upazila.

#### Considering the findings of the consultation, some recommendation as:

- Need to arrange awareness session at community level on child protection, child marriage and sexual harassment issues.
- Need to consultation with respective authority to mitigate the problem as soon as possible as per their organization rules.
- Need to arrange child protection and gender training

#### **Upazila Child Welfare board meeting at Jaldhaka.**

Upazila child welfare board meeting was conducted 4 meeting in this year. In these meeting average 15 board members were present while the meeting chaired by UNO of Jaldhaka upazila. Child representatives of six unions were also represented in the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Secretary of Upazila Child welfare board Jadhaka. After reviewing last meeting minutes some agenda took place those are child marriage, eve teasing at school gates and public gathering places, drugs used by youth, child labor etc. The decisions were as follows, UNO will give force in the public gathering places during and after school times, if any of the child forum members inform UNO regarding child marriage or drug uses by youth he himself will go there and take necessary actions. At the last meeting Youth network member present survey data about the situation of child in six unions. Which are below to;

UNO said that "we are concern about child protection. I will circulate all High School in Jaldhaka Upazila should arrange opinion box & sanitary napkin in school. Anti sexual harassment committee formed in Jaldhaka Upazila now our decision is its functioning. Of course I will do my best for the rights and wellbeing of the children".

## Community initiatives:

### Report on People dialogue with local elected bodies & Govt. officials about child protection issues.

Plan international Bangladesh and its partners have been trying to ensure the child rights and their development through child centered community development approach (CCCD). USS has been implementing various types of intervention to ensure the child rights. From this believed USS has developed the various types of agencies one of them is Community based child protection committee (CBCPC). CBCPC committees are trying to organize the different types of initiatives for awareness rising on child protection issues. CBCPC Shemulbari, Khutamara, & Koimari union organized the " Peoples dialogue with local elected bodie about child protection issues" Which was held on 13, 19 & 21 March 2019 at Union Parishad campus.



#### Objectives of the event are below to;

- To raise voice on the rights of children and also influence to the union parishad (Elected bodies) & upazila administration.
- To increase the accountability in all level for ensuring child rights through strengthening government mechanisms

**Description of the Event:** Mr. Amunur Rahman Chif of Upazila CBCPC network Jaldhaka, delivered welcome speech on the event at Mirgonj, Mr Pofullo Kumar Ray, Member secretary of Upazila CBCPC network- Jaldhaka , delivered welcome speech on the event at Khutamara & Mr. Abu Salak Member secretary of Upazila CBCPC network- Jaldhaka , delivered welcome speech on the event at Koimari . During the speeches they welcomed all the audiences and members to make the session successful in order to ensure Child Protection of the children. After finishing the welcome speeches Miss Dipti Rani Roy, member of Youth network Mirgonj, Irin Akter member of Youth network Khutamara & Miss Ajpia Akter precedent of Youth network, was presented Fact findings data analysis report about child abuse. After complete the presentation than they welcomed to the audience to participate interactive dialogue with respective duty bearer. Youth network & Action team member raise some question which is below;

- In union child marriage are increase what are the steps in union parishad to stoop child marriage.

- Girls are always falling sexual harassment on the way of School & private tuition so what are the step against violence
- Stapes of Anti sexual harassment committee formation & functioning
- Child marriage restraint committee didn't function properly, I have question to UP secretary how many days will be spent for strengthening union baed child marriage restraint committee.-
- Children's are involved in labor. I know that, union paised getting the social safety –net facilities. Many vulnerable child labor families did not get support. What is the plan of govt.?

### Dialogue session & expression of the honorable guests;

Community people have to play the minimum role & responsibility to stop child marriage. It is not possible for government to stop child marriage & child abuse without help of community people. I suggest to the community people to start family level consultation within the family on regarding this issues. We are always extended our hand to help the people for safety & security. We expect that Child will call me in any problem, like child marriage, sexual harassment, abuse. I gave you my (UNO) mobile number & Officer in charge's (Jaldhaka Thana) number. I am very happy to attend the interactive dialogue. Mr. Sujauddoula UNO Jaldhaka thana-Nilphamari.



### Reflection/ output of the event:

- Getting some commitment from UNO, OC Jaldhaka Thana, union parisad to stopped child marriage & child abuse.
- To create democratic space & linkage between community people, union parisad & govt. on child protection issues.



### Learning:

- If govt. officials & UNO present programme it will be achieve target or objectives.
- Those who are sufferer, if they are self-realized about problems then they can take initiatives to search opportunities.
- All stakeholders need to take necessary initiatives in participatory way for getting a fruitful result.

## Challenges:

- Ensure govt. participation in time.

## Recommendations:

Need more programme to take necessary initiatives in participatory way for getting a fruitful result.

## Child Shadow Parliament-2019

USS and Plan international Bangladesh organized Child Shadow Parliament-2019 in Deputy Commissioner Conference (DC) room, Nilphamari on April 2019 at 11.30 am .To develop the capacity of children so that they can raise their voice to different forum and government officials. To create network with different government departments are closely work on child rights issue.



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Najia Shirin , Deputy Commissioner, Nilphamari was chif guest the Programme. Md.Mahbub Hasan, NDC, Nilphamari, inaugurated the programme behalf of DC. Md. Sujauddola, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Nilphamari Sador & Jaldhaka Upazila, Nilphamari. Jhorna Sultana juthi, RDC, Nilphamari; Md. Abdul Faruq, Diputy director (DD) Youth devlopment office, Nilphamari; Nusrat Fatema, Assistant Director(AD) Social Service Office, Nilphamari; Mostak Ahmed,District Children Affair Officer, Nilphamari and Dr. Arefin Amol Islam, Divisional Maager (Acting) Plan International Bagladesh, Rangpur Division were at present special guest in the programme. Journalist, teachers, NGO worker and representatives of civil societies organization was participated in the event.

Alauddin Ali,Executive Director,Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS),Nilphaamari provided of weelcome speech the programme .He said, child parliament is a different and interesting learning session. Children's are talking about their problems area as presentation on Parliamentarian style.

The theme of parliament“**People's role is the Main in protecting child**” A total of 15 children participated of the event of diferent position.Lubna Akter Mim Sha was speaker.Motia Choudhory Mim,Prime Minister and Farjana Akter Mim Sha, opposition leader acting role-playing the Child Shadow Parliament-2019. Children's are leading the parliament. The parliamentary government and opposition members were debate their respective ministry. They point out the situation of child rights in Jaldhaka Upazila. They also point out the govt. law of child protection, Service of govt. and gape of law and service sector.

After parliamentary session all participants attend open discussion. Advocat Akkhoy kumar Roy Public prosecutor said that govt. and opposition groups are logically presentations the present situation of child protection issue. Government has many successful area but we need more action.





- To influence duty bearer on child protection issues
- Develop the linkage and coordination mechanism of duty bearers in Community level.

**Description of the Event:** interactive dialogue session was chaired by **Md.Imam Hasim** Deputy Director of social services & acting member secretary of district child welfare board, Nilphamari. **Nazia Shirin**, Deputy Commissioner (DC) was present as a chief guest. **Prefacer Dr. Md Shoriful Alam, AHM Mahfujur Rahman Aditional** Police Super (ASP), Nilphamari, **Md . Mahbub Hasan** NDC Nilphamari, **Jharna Sultana** NDC Nilphamari, **Md. Mamun ar Rashid** District Information Officer, **Mr. Alauddin Ali**, Executive Director of USS, **S.M Abdul Quader** Child protection Specilest, Plan International Bangladesh. **Dr. Mojibul Haque shaheen & Md. Tazul Islam**, Assistant District Primari Education Officer (ADPEO), were present as special guest. This event was started with national anthem of Bangladesh and all participants as well as guest joined and respected the national anthem. Md. Imam Hasim Deputy Director of social services & acting member secretary of district child welfare board delivered welcome speech in the event. In his speeches he welcomed all the audiences and guest to make the session successful in order to establish the protection & rights of the children. After finishing the welcome speeches the events started which were below;

Shirin Akter Asa , Presedent of Upazila youth Network & YAP member of Plan international Bangladesh presented the Data collection Report of child marriage , Child labor, School dropout issues . **After sharing the report youth network member of Jaldhaka, Nilphamari lift up their question to honorable guest against Child protection condition based on their local area.** The honorable guest discourse the problem & find out root cause of problem then they proposed the some recommendations to their speech which are below;



- **Functioning & Strengthening High school level harassment committee**
- **Need to more emphasize to increase the self accountability & responsive of Child & youth to stop child marriage & any kind of abuse**
- **Need to stop the registration by via marriage register.**
- **Need more committed to political leader**
- **Disseminate Information as early as possible to administration & Thana**
- **Use help line number, UNO number & officer in charge (OC) number**
- **Increase duty bearer's responsibilities**
- **Need special budget for Child labor family**

**Prize Distribution:** The Honorable Chief guest Deputy Commissioner (DC) Nilphamari distribute prize 24 youth & CBCPC members for their initiatives & effort of Child protection issue.



**Speech of chief guest Nazia Shirin Deputy Commissioner( DC) Nilphamari. :**

I thank to Plan international Bangladesh & USS for support the program & all participants who have presented information without fear and hesitation. I am very happy to see the performance of child who are playing role as a child defender. I would like to request all duty bearers to more responsive. I will work child protection issue in school & district level as early as possible. If any case happen against child protection, please inform me or additional police supper (ADC) Nilphamari . Present government has taken various types of initiative to ensure child rights but it will be more effective when ensure the active community participation. District & Upazila child welfare board committed to ensure child rights.

Picture of interactive dialogue:



Speech of Journalist



Speech of ADPEO



Speech of Executive director of USS



## Training of trainers (TOT) on Life skill & self defence for adolescent girls.



Receive self defence technique

Special demand of adolescent girls/ Action team of High school level USS & Rupantor Under Right to Protection & Participation Project Jointly arrange a special Training of trainers (TOT) on **Life skill & self defence for adolescent girls** by the support of Plan International Bangladesh at Community learning center (CLC) Jaldhaka. This Training has three parts one of module review by adolescent girls. others is basic knowledge on conduct training,

disseminations & technique of Self defence . Module review training held 16 – 17 May 2019 Training TOT on Life skill held 20 – 23 May 2019 & TOT on Self Defence held 15-20 June 2019 . Young girls & staff of USS & Rupantor under Right to Protection & Participation Project attend in this training. Objective of this training were:

- Module increase
- Increase the skill & knowledge on self protection mechanism
- Increase Facilitation skill



Trainees facilitate training

Trainees will play vital role to provide **Life skill & self defence training for adolescent girls at high level in jaldhaka Upazila**. 23 adolescent girls were participated from 23 schools in shimulbari, Dormopal, Khutamara, Kaimari, Golna & mirganj union. Group work and presentation also exercised in the training. Module review & Life skill part of this training was facilitated by TO & PC of USS & Rupantor Jaldhaka branch & Child Protection specialist of Plan International Bangladesh Rangpur. Second part of self defence training was facilitated by resource trainer.

Executive Director of USS, Child Protection specialist of Plan International Bangladesh Rangpur & UNO of Jaldhaka upazila attends in ending session of this training.

Comments:

- **Comments of participant:** we are very happy to participate the training now we are confident to conduct training.

- **Comments of USS ED:** This training increased your knowledge & technique. You have great opportunity to develop resource. But you need self-confidence & trust to achieve objectives of this training.



Speech of USS ED



Speech of Child Protection specialist of

can help them to protect from abuse.

- **Comments of Child Protection specialist of Plan International Bangladesh :** Plan International is a gender focused organization. Child marriage & abuse is common scenario of Bangladesh. I hope this training will help to increase dream of young girls to build up their future & it

- **Comments of UNO:** I impressed to see the trainees technique of self defence . It has required because day by day child marriage, harassment & rape increased in our country. To receive this training they will protect themselves. Thanks USS, Rupantor & plan International Bangladesh for arrange this training. I will support others Union in Jaldhaka Upazila to arrange self defence training & share UNO of Hatibandha & DC Nilphamari.



Speech of UNO Jaldhaka

**Challenge:** Attendance of all Govt. Officials.

**Learning:**

- If jointly govt. & NGO takes initiatives to arrange program than it will achieve objective.
- Need more chain of activity & preparation to arrange advocacy program

**Recommendation:**

- Next plan for joint program with govt.
- Chain of advocacy program for farther initiatives

## Case study :

### COMMUNITY BASED CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND NETWORK MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN STRONG STEPS AGAINST SEXUAL HARRASHMENT

An adolescent girl PINKY is the class ten student of a high school in Jaldhaka. During going to school, a man named MANIK 35, rapped her. PINKY raised voice against the rapist and demanded punishment following country law. She along with her family reported the matter to Union Child Protection Network and Ward CBCPC. They communicated with School Management Committee (SMC). Bangladesh Puja Celebration Porishad also came ahead to show their supports in this regard. They jointly initiated for her medical checkup and treatment. Two Network members provided mental supports to PINKY.



Journalist stood against rapist



Police arrested the rapist

CBCPC and Network members went to Legal Enforcement Agency /police and filed a case against MANIK. CBCPC and Network members organized a meeting and according their decisions, they organized human Chain, rally having all schoolchildren, teachers, civil society organizations and mass people of Jaldhaka Upazila. They submitted memorandum to UNO, Police authority and created pressure to local administration for arresting and taking necessary action immediately. As a result, within three days, Police arrested MANIK and sent to Jail. CBCPC, Union Children Network and Upazila Children and Youth Networks have kept contact with Upazila and observing the case day by day.

## Sonali is a role model of young girls

**Sonali Akter** (age16) is a girls Action team and Mirganj Shemulbari Youth network member. Being a member of poor family Sonali Akter is a student of class ten in Shemul Bari SC High School there are six members in their family and they are three brothers. Sonali's parents had no interest to continue academic education because she is a girl. But sonali is a ten student in her class. She had lot of dream. family wanted to stoop education & wanted



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early marriage. But she raises voice against early marriage. In 1916 Shemul Bari SC School create Grils Action team Supported by USS & Plan international. Sonali was a member in this team. In last year 2018 she recieved training on child protection, Life skill & self defence organized by Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS) supported by plan international Bangladesh. She gain lot of skill & knowledge on child rights & protection issues. After getting the training, she has transformed the skill & knowledge in others friends & fellows for build the common understanding on regarding this issues.



So she transform the skill & knowledge to till now to150 girls on self defence technique at school & community level, conduct session on gender, early marriage, Child protection issues at school. She Can Ride bicycle & Motorcycle helps to ride her friend circles, take initiatives to stops 5 early marriages through Youth Network, Conducting campaign "Amar Sopno amer unnoyan". As a result early marriage descres. Boys & girls Gates equal opportunities all sectors, Increase Women's participation in all level.

## Collective's initiative for ensuring Child protection

Girls Actin team, Child & youth network, community based child protection committee have played the active role to ensure the child rights & protection, they have quarterly & annual plan of action to this purpose. As per their plan they have generated a fund to implement the activities smoothly. According to their plan they conducted the survey of vulnerable position of Child labor, cause of Child marriage, and drop out



Girls Action team provide self defiance training at school



Kaimary youth forum organized the meeting with UP chairman for providing education

student

list student. After preparing the list they discussed among them about the issues & they prepare the strategy to provide support among them. Six hundred Girls Action team members attended the training on child protection, Life skill & Karate these events have been organized by Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS) supported by plan international Bangladesh. From these training they gained skill & knowledge on child rights & protection issues. After

getting the training, they Transfer the skill & knowledge in other student in school & fellows for build the common understanding on regarding these issues. CBCPC and Network members organize regular quarterly meeting. They take initiatives any harassment of child. According their decisions they arrange argent meeting, human Chain, rally, submit memorandum to UNO, Police authority and create pressure to local administration for arresting and taking necessary action immediately. As a result, descres child abuse & child marriage, boys & girls Gate equal opportunities all sectors, Increase Women's participation in all level.

## Community awareness ensure 99.9% birth registration within 45 days in Jaldhaka upazila



Plan International Bangladesh and their Partner Udayankur Seba Sangstha- Nilphamari (USS) had started development journey to ensure the child rights and their protection from 2015-2019. USS organized the three types of initiatives to ensure the birth registration within 45 days which were **Lobby and advocacy** with local government and local administration and Upazila & District child welfare board, secondly **community awareness raising session** with community and thirdly **Mass gathering** through using tools of theater for development on birth registration process., Union parishad and USS jointly organize the community based campaign to ensure the birth registration within 45 days through Proclamations with mikes, theater, community consultation, and family based counseling. After completed the campaign Child and youth network members have gone to door to door and described the process on birth registration and they have provided support to fillip the birth registration forms and influence to us for completing birth

registration without government fees. As per their suggestion we went to Union Paisad and submit the necessary documents with application for birth registration to our **children**. Union parishad upload the data in their webpage and printed the certificate and signed by UP secretary and chairmen. After complete the process they provided the certificate to Applicant. It was very simple for getting the birth registration certificate within 45 days and there is no government fess to this purpose. Now a day's others mothers will come to network member for getting suggestion for birth

registration. They will try best for them on regarding these issues. Need to say that as per United nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) article # 07, it was mandatory to ensure the birth registration for every child. Our local and central government have taken various types of initiatives on birth registration within 45 days. As a result national data of birth registration within 45 days is 3.2% and Jaldhaka Upazila was 89% in last year. **R2PP project Jaldhaka Arrange a Orientation on online birth registration process at Upazila Level.** In this program Alhaz Sayed Ali, Chairman, Upazila Parishad, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari was present as chief guest and Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodan UNO of Jaldhaka presided over in the program. Special guests were Riva Amzad, women vice chairman, and Faysal Hossain ( Morud) Vice chairman, upazila paishad, UP Chairman, UP Secretary, UP entrepreneurs were presented as

members of the event. Mr Rasidul Hoque Prodan UNO of Jaldhaka He described the objectives & importance of the meeting to ensure the birth registration for children. They discourse most of the poor families didn't take initiatives for birth registration. In orientation UNO & Upazila chairman committed to increase it minimum 90% in Jaldhaka Upazila. Successfully complete the joint initiatives of GO & NGOs on birth registration now **it is 99.9 % in Jaldhaka aupazila.**