

## Kukribon CSO actors raise the dead issue and claim the rights and have got electricity

Uttor Godabari is a vulnerable village in Dhamopur Union under Birol Upazila in Dinajpur District. The village is border part of Bangladesh. The village is surrounding by the Shal forest and a ethnics majorities village. Most of the house is made by mude. The village is situated near about 20 km from district head quarters but unfortunately it is a most vulnerable village. Most of the people don't have own land as well as landless people. We know adibashi doesn't have land because they don't keep any documentary land, so, they work as a day labor, seasonal worker. On 2016 the Polli Bidyut launched the Civil Society Organisations Strengthen Democratic Dialogue Project by the supported of European Union and NETZ Bangladesh in Dinajpur District.



Before getting electricity

Year after year the community people of Uttor Godabari faced the discrimination by political, social and powerful people as well as mainstreaming people. On 2015 some local leader, muscle man and dishonest staff of Polli Bidyut department got money to provide electricity to the village, they trust them and gave 2000 taka from each family, total 21 families gave 42000 taka to the local political leader. But they didn't get electricity. The community people communicated with the leader again and again but no reply. As a result they become frustrated and took it their bad luck because they are ethnic's minorities.

In 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 the community people organized a much people gathering to form a CSO. After many discussion and as per project criteria they formed a CSO named Uttor Godabari CSO at Dharmopur Union. After formation the CSO actors organised regular meeting to sharing, planning, capacity building, community problem analysis they disseminated knowledge to each other and build a strong network with the Local government and different service provider.

Through the RTI application, Rapport building with duty bearers and receiving different training from project and govt. agencies they got different service. They also communicated with LAs for their community development.



After getting electricity

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the CSO actors meet with Dharmopur UP Chairman Mr. Sabul Chandra Sarker and shared it. They also communicated with UNO of Birol Mr. A B M Rowsho Kabir and Upazila Chairman of Birol Mr.

After sharing and discussion the Upazila administration called the Polli Bidyut department management and solved it to immediately. As a result on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 Uttor Godabari got electricity in their community. "It's a great achievement for the community people and a learning that if people can claim

their rights through organisation/“united all kind of problems can be solved” told CSO secretary Shukdev Pahan.

This is a best practice and it can be inspired others to claim the rights through united. So, people need a an organisation.