

Report on Quarterly Dialogue Meeting

Date : 09 October 2018

Place : Thakurgaon-Baliadangi-Ranisankail

Participants : CSO members, Different professional

No. of Participants: Female-53, Male- 78, Total- 131

Introduction:

A road show on fostering awareness of rights to information was held on 9th October 2018 under the auspicious of Manab Kalayn Parishad under the financial collaboration of European Union and technical assistance of Bread for the World amid the spontaneous participation of government officials, public representatives and members of Civil Society Organization.

Description:

The inaugural session of the road show was held at the presence of BD hall, Thakurgaon amid the chair of Monoara Begum, president of district Civil Society Organization (CSO). Mr. Javed Ali, District officer of district Child Academy, Faratun Naher, vice chairman of Thakurgaon sadar upazila council, Mr. Monsur Ali, president of Thakurgaon Press Club, & Ahia Rob, a noted social worker were, among other, present in the inaugural session. The distinguished guests in their address said that "information is power and knowledge". They went on further saying that rights to information is one of the constitutional rights of the people and can get this rights through proper channel. They also narrated that one needs to be enriched with information so that our country can march forward towards further development. So that, all of us will have to be equipped with information. We have to realize our rights to information by the proper application of Government's Information Act. It is our obligation to disseminate various beneficial factors of the Act at grassroots level. The speakers were optimistic that such of event would play a central role in fostering greater understanding and promoting wide scale awareness among mass people about rights to information. Later, a colorful motorcade procession was brought out from Thakurgaon toward and terminated in Ranishankail upazila headquarter via Baliadangi upazila with message based songs rendered by artists and discussion by some participants on the way to their final destination. Meanwhile, Mr. Shafikul Islam, Baliadangi upazila, Mr. Rafikul Islam, Social Welfare officer of Ranishankail upazila, Mr. Sonjoy Bebnath, Upazila Agriculture officer, & Mr. Ainul Haque Master, chairman of Ranishankail upazila expressed their allegiance and full support to the road show and delivered their valuable speeches.

Achievement:

- Spontaneous participation of all concerned
- Mass people showed keen eagerness over rights to information

Challenge:

- Hot weather was prevailed