

Report on District Dialogue Meeting

Date : 24 December 2020

Place : MKP training center

Participants : Staff of District Cooperative office, CSO members

No. of Participants: Female-11 (Minority-04), Male- 18 (Minority-0), Total- 29(Minority-04)

Introduction:

Manab Kallyan Prished has relentlessly been implementing “Promotion of social partnership for empowerment of marginalised communities in 6 districts and at national level in Bangladesh - PROSPECT” project with the financial assistance of BMZ and technical collaboration of NETZ-Bangladesh in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh district. As part of its efforts, a dialogue meeting between members of the Civil Society Organization (CSO) and officials/representatives of Thakurgaon District Cooperative office was held at the MKP training center hall room on December 24, 2020. The dialogue session was prominently focused on accessibility and availability of services from various entities towards targeted people through fostering a good and synergic relation.

Description:

Md. Shahajan Ali, District officer of Thakurgaon District Cooperative office was present as chief guest in the event while Md. Abdul Latif, president of District Civil Society Organization (CSO) presided it over. Others officer of cooperative office were present in the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Md. Rashedul Alam presented goal, objectives of the project along with different objectives of the dialogue meeting. Also he hoped that relationship between service provider and receiver would expedite more through this dialogue meeting. Later, Md. Shahajan Ali narrates various ongoing services of his department. He said that cooperatives are one of the ways in the economic development of the people. If we work on the basis of cooperatives, development will become dynamic and sustainable. He said many people in the area have become economically self-sufficient by working through cooperatives. He further said



that economic development of the society is possible in a short period of time if the co-operative system is implemented properly. Then, during the open discussion Mr. Shah Md. Nazmul Islam wants to know if there is any opportunity for loan from Co-operative Office? In reply, the official said, "We do not provide any loan but provide various types of training in skill development. Mr. Masud Ahmed Subarna wants to know what the process of registration in the co-operative is. The official replied that there must be at least twenty-five members and the samiti must have a certain amount of savings. Mrs. Nazmin Begum wants to know how the cooperative market of Thakurgaon is being run. In response to this question, the official said that it is managed by a committee. But here we also have some limitations. Mr. Nuruzzaman asked, how many types of registrations are given by the Cooperative Department? The official said such registrations were given from cooperatives to agricultural societies, youth societies and business associations. At this stage, Mr. Nure Alam Uzzal said, CSO members can get any service from the Cooperative Department? In reply, the official said that only members of the parties registered by the Cooperative Department get the service. However, you have the opportunity to register CSO. Mr. Asaduz Zaman asked how the place of cooperative was occupied in Thakurgaon Mandirpara area. The co-operative official said, we are trying to rescue it but many times we are also stuck in many limitations. The question-answer session was concluded amid raising and replying of various questions and answers. Finally, President Md. Abdul Latif concluded the dialogue meeting by thanking all the participants for their spontaneous participation.

Achievement:

- Active participation of Government officials
- Participants were better understood regarding different service delivery mechanisms
- Developed mutual relation

Challenge:

- Covid-19.