

Report on Upazila Dialogue Meeting

Date : 26 November 2020

Place : MKP training center, Thakurgoun

Participants : Staff of Upazila Livestock office, CSO members

No. of Participants: Female-12(Minority-02), Male- 14 (Minority-03), Total- 26 (Minority-05)

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 Naghorik Somaj Songgathon (NSS) and officials/representatives of Thakurgaon upazila Livestock office was held at the MKP training center, Thakurgaon on November 26, 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:

The quarterly dialogue was presided over by Mr. Masud Ahamed Suborno of president of Upazila CSO committee while Mr. Mamun Ur Rashid Upazila Livestock officer, Thakurgaon sadar upazila was present as chief guest. In his welcome address, Mr. Rashedul Alam, Project Coordinator explicitly narrated goal, objectives, outcomes and operational mechanism of the project and the dialogue meeting. Later, the Al Imran, LEO, Livestock office, highlighted different ongoing services of their departments for grassroots people. He also conveyed his sincere thanks to Manab Kallayn Parishad-MKP for organizing such an event. He said that despite various limitations, the Livestock Office is working to bring their services to the doorsteps of the people. We believe that the quality of this service will be further enhanced through this type of event. Open discussion is held at this stage. In the open discussion session, Ms. Nasima Begum asked whether all the activities conducted by the Livestock Office should be made known to the people. In reply, the official said the list of all



activities would be hung in the union councils. Mr. Shihab wants to know whether any loan is given from the Livestock Office for farming. In reply, the official said that no loan is given from the Livestock Office, but the farm has to be registered with the Animal Resources Office and a loan has to be taken from the Youth Development Office. When Ms. Munira Begum asked about the method of grass cultivation in Napier, the official said that they have various books on the subject which can be collected from their office. Mr. Ashraful islam said that at the union level, animal resource office workers often have to pay for vaccinating cows, is this a government fee? In response, the animal resources official said there was no official fee for the vaccine, but they would look into the matter if anyone had taken the money. The question-answer session was concluded amid raising and replying of various questions and answers. Finally, President Mr. Masud Ahamed Suborno concluded the dialogue meeting by thanking all the participants for their spontaneous participation.

Achievement:

- Spontaneous participation of government officials
- Participants were aware of different service provisions
- Development of mutual cooperation

Challenge:

- Work load of department