

## **Report on District Dialogue Meeting**

**Date** : 25 May 2021

**Place** :MKP Project Office Dhakkamara ,Panchagarh,

**Participants** : Staff of District Women Affair’s office, Panchagarh, CSO members

**No. of Participants:** Female-14 (Minority-02), Male- 13 (Minority-05), Total- 27 (Minority-07)

### **Introduction:**

ManabKallyanPrished 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 PanchagarhDistrict Women Affair’s office was held at the MKP Project OfficeDhakkamara, Panchagarh,on May 25, 2021. 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:**

Mr A K M Whaduzamman,Deputy Director of District Women Affair’s office, Panchagarhwas present as chief guest in the event while Mst .Jabun Nahar Mukta, president of District Civil Society Organization (CSO) presided it over.

GourokishorRoy Trainer , and Others officer of Women Affair’s officewere present in the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Lilimamandal Advocacy and Training Officer (A&TO) 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, Mr A K M Whaduzamman,narrates various ongoing



services of his department. He said that,the work done by the Department of Women's Affairs is for the development of women, such as shelai, block batik, poultry rearing, etc. Training is provided in different periods. In addition, widow allowance, maternity allowance, registration of women and adolescent organizations and grant fund. Therefore, the District Women Affair’s

office is implementing various activities at the field level including training and disbursement of loans. He sought the cooperation of all for the smooth implementation of the activities of the District Women Affairs office. Then the open discussion started, First Mr. Navaranjan wants to know why the name has been included in the list for the payment of maternity allowance but why he is not getting the allowance till now? In reply, the official said that all those whose names are on the list will get the allowance, but in phases. Miss Mukta Begum asked what are the trainings prescribed for women, how long is the duration and what is the process of participating in the training? The official gave the names of the various trainings and said that one has to apply online to participate in the training and the selection committee will decide it later. Mr. Bishnu Kumar Roy asked whether any kind of loan is provided for the employment of the participants after the training. The official replied that the participants were linked to various banks. Miss Beauty Begum wants to know if field level trainings can be provided? In reply, the official said that they do not have that opportunity at present due to manpower crisis. The open discussion ended with the active participation of all and more questions and answers. In concluding the dialogue, Mst .Jabun Nahar Mukta thanked all the participants and all the officials of the Department of Youth Development for participating in the dialogue.

**Achievement:**

- Active participation of Government officials
- Developed mutual relation

**Challenge:**

- COVID-19 session
- Congested Meeting venue.