

Report on Exposure visit

Date : 23-25 February 2021
Place : DASCHO, Rajshahi
Participants : CSO members, LAs, Staff (Male-07, Female-06, LA-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 & Panchagarh district. As part of the project activities a team of 13 members went on a 02 days exposure visit at partner organization DASCHO, Rajshahi.

Description:

1st Day:

When the team reached Rajshahi on 23 February, DASCHO officials welcomed them and an introductory session was held.

2nd Day:

An exchange meeting was held with the members of Tilibari CSO of Godagari Upazila on February 24 at 9.30 am. After introducing everyone at the meeting, the CSO team president presented the activities, progress and various achievements of their organization. Mr. Ershadul Haque of the visiting team shared some experiences of their organization. The visiting team then met at a meeting with the Union CSO and LA at Godagari Union Parishad. The President of the Union CSO welcomed all and presented the activities of their party, saying that their organization is working closely with the Union Parishad to reach out to the right people with the social security programs allocated for the poor people in the area. Union council members said they are also benefiting from working jointly with CSOs, improving their relationships with people. Mr. Alifur Rahman, a member of the visiting team, said that they are also taking various joint ventures with Union Parishad and various government service providers in their area. In a meeting with the district CSO, the members said they are working with CSOs at the community and union level to solve various problems. Besides, they are participating in various activities organized by the project.



After a lunch break at the DASCO Kakanhat office, the visiting team participated in an exchange meeting with CSO members of Sundarpur Yuktipara. At the beginning of the meeting, Ms. Rikta Begum, a CSO member from Thakurgaon, presented the various activities of their organization and said that it has become much easier for them to achieve their rights as a result of working together. The acceptance of CSO members in the area has increased. The members of Yuktipara CSO also agreed with her discussion and presented various achievements of their organization. After the discussion, the members of the visiting team enjoyed the human rights drama performed by the Theater Forum at Yuktipara, Kakanhat. A meeting was held at the DASCHO office at 4.00 pm. At the meeting, Dasco extended his best wishes to the visiting team. Mr. Raisul Islam spoke on behalf of MKP and Mr. Abdur Razzak, Mr. Abul Bashar spoke on behalf of DASCHO. The negotiators said that through this experience tour, they will learn about each other's good aspects and use them in their work.

3rd Day:

On the third day of the visit, at 10.00 am on 25th February, at the beginning of the exchange meeting with the CSO members of Tanore Upazila, the Upazila President greeted all and presented the activities of their organization. On behalf of the visiting team, Union Parishad Secretary Mr. Maqbool Hossain greeted all and said that they have learned a lot through the activities of this project. They have realized that development can be accelerated if the union council and the people work together. At 11.30 pm, the visiting team exchanged experiences with Kamargaon Union CSO and Union Parishad members. In the discussion, the speakers presented the achievements achieved as a result of the activities of the PROSPECT Project. They said a united work of CSOs and LAs would pave the way for grassroots people's rights.



Conclusion:

The path to achieve human rights will be much easier if CSOs and LAs practice the lessons learned through experience exchange visit in their respective organizations and institutions.

Achievement:

- Build good relationships between CSOs and LAs.
- Knowing good learning in other areas.
- Increase participants' motivation to work.
- Gain more clear idea about project activities.

Challenge:

- Covid-19 situation.

