

Report on Exposure visit

Date : 23-24 February 2021

Place : Pollisree, Dinajpur

Participants : CSO members, LAs, Staff (Male-07, Female-06, LA-04)

Introduction:

As part of the project activities a 13-members team of MKP's Panchagarh and Atwari Upazilas went on an exposure visit from 23 to 24 to Pallisri Rangpur to accelerate human rights activities by practicing learning from other areas in their own organizations.

Description:

1st Day:

When the 13 member delegation arrived at the Rangpur Pollisree office on 23 February 2021 at 2.30 pm an introductory meeting was held with the Pollisree staff. At 3.00 pm the team participated in the monthly meeting of Padma CSO, Srirampur. At the beginning of the meeting the President of CSO welcomed everyone with flowers. The meeting discussed child marriage, identification of local issues, etc. and presented the achievements of the organization. At the end of the meeting, Union Parishad Secretary Mr. Daimul Islam, a member of the visiting team said that if these activities are continued child marriage and violence against women will be reduced in the area and human rights will be easier to achieve. The visiting team then participated in a dialogue meeting with the Department of Social Services at Pollisree Office, Rangpur at 4.30 pm. At the meeting, the Department of Social Services presented their ongoing services and answered various questions of the participants. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Pradeep Kumar of MKP highlighted the various issues achieved through the dialogue meeting held in their area. The social service official said that through this national event, the relationship between the service providers and the service recipients is improved and the development of the area is accelerated.



2nd Day:

On the second day at 10.00 am an exchange meeting was held with the Laxitari Union CSO party of Gangachara upazila. At the beginning of the meeting, the CSO President greeted everyone and expressed his gratitude for coming to their area. They then present their organization's ongoing activities, annual plans and various achievements. Mr. Roben Chandra, a member of the visiting team, said, "We have learned a lot from your activities which can be used in our organization to play a role in achieving human rights. The visiting team participated in the dialogue meeting held with Rangpur Gangachara Police Station at 1.30 pm. At the meeting, OC Mr. Prashant Kumar Roy said, "We



are benefiting a lot from the activities of CSO. Many problems in the area are being solved locally which is reducing our workload a lot and the common people are also getting relief from many hardships and expenses. Mr. Damiul Islam, a member of the visiting team, said that if the police administration and the CSO work together, child marriage, violence against women and drugs will be largely prevented in the area. Through these activities, the experience tour of CSOs and LAs of Panchagarh district of MKP came to an end.

Conclusion:

If the learnings of this experience tour practice their respective CSOs and workplaces, it will be helpful in achieving the goals and objectives of the project.

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.