

Report on Upazila Dialogue Meeting

Date : 29 May 2021

Place : Manab Kallyan Parishad training center, Thakurgaon

Participants : Staff of Youth Development department, CSO members

No. of Participants : Female-10 (Minority-04), Male- 13 (Minority-03), Total- 23 (Minority-07)

Introduction:

Manab Kallyan Parishad 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 Youth Development office was held at the MKP training center, Thakurgaon on 29, May 2021, 11.00 am. 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 Dialogue Meeting was chaired by Mr. Masud Ahammed Suborno the president of Thakurgaon sadar upazila CSO. Mr. Emdad Ali, Upazila Officer, Upazila Youth Development office was the chief guest. Ms. Rowshan Ara, Project Manager Mr. Rashedul Alam explicitly narrated the goal, objectives, activities, expected outcomes and operational mechanism of the project coupled with the objectives of today’s quarterly meeting. He said that the Department of Youth Development is an important department, through which various services of the department help the youth to build themselves for the future. He requested everyone to participate in the meeting spontaneously. Later on Mr. Emdad Ali, thanked Manab Kallyan Parishad to arrange such this type of meeting. He said, through this, we will be able to expand our services to the grassroots, as well as service recipients will be able to learn more about



service delivery. He said that one should not only run behind to the job, but also build one's career by becoming an entrepreneur. To this end, the Department of Youth Development is organizing various types of training to make the youth competent. He elaborated on the various services running in his office. At the beginning of the open discussion, Ms. Shahana Akhter said, "Should the mobile training be organized by any organization?" In reply, the official said that there should be only 25 participants for the mobile training, no organization is required. Mr. Shihab wants to know who will determine the place and time of mobile training. The official said it was determined by the combination of participants and the Youth Development Office. Mr. Sultan Ali asked if any kind of financial assistance is provided to become an entrepreneur after 6 months of computer training. In reply, the official said that their office also provided some loan assistance and they also established a connection with the Kormo songsthan Bank. Mr. Raj Kumar said that handicraft training was recently organized by the Youth Development Office in their area but the participants have not been given certificates yet. The officer advised to contact him later in the matter. Mr. Salauddin Saju wants to know if there is a fee to be paid for the trainings. Officials said they had to pay a small fee set by the government to participate in the training. He presents the prescribed fees for various trainings. Ms. Nasima Begum would like to know whether the participants of the 7-day training were given certificates. The official said certificates were also awarded in this training. The open discussion ends with answers to various questions.

Later Mr. Masud Ahammed Suborno who chaired the meeting thanked everybody to attend in the meeting. He said the dialogues were held would be fruitful if the CSO to tender knowledge and information to the tillers have been disseminative and replicable.

Achievement:

- Developed relation between CSOs and LAs
- Keeping informed on the various aspects of youth development.

Challenge:

- Covid-19 situation