



# Monthly Bulletin

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Strengthened capacities of local state and non-state actors on disability-inclusive services in Cox's Bazar.

## Project Brief

CDD, with the financial and technical support from GIZ, is aiming to strengthen the capacities (physical and mental) of the people with disabilities, local state and non-state actors on disability-inclusive development services in four Unions of Teknaf and Ramu Subdistricts.

The target group/persons with disabilities of four unions will benefit through Functional Capacity Building Services, capacity building of 4 GIZ partner organizations, 4 Union Parishads and its different committees, Government officials at 2 Sub-District Offices, 12 mixed Self Help groups of persons with disabilities, 4 Self Help Groups on women with disabilities, and other actors including the community.

## Geographical area of planned Interventions

Teknaf Subdistrict's Unions: Teknaf Sadar & Baharchhara; Ramu Subdistrict's Unions: Rajarkul & Fotekharkul.

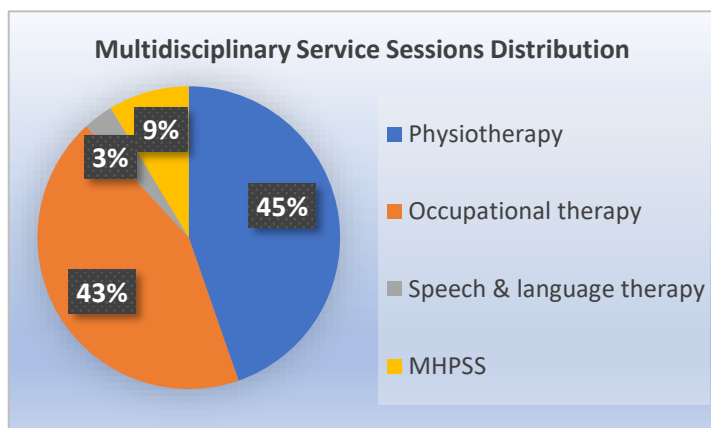
## Service Team & Mode of Services

In April 2022, two Functional capacity building teams, two inclusion teams, and one DiDRR team were engaged in providing planned services.

The Rehabilitation services are being implemented through the Home-Based Rehabilitation (HBR) approach in both subdistricts. Besides the HBR, Rehab services are also provided through Accessible Mobile Rehabilitation Van from strategically selected significant locations in Ramu and Teknaf sub-districts.

## Service Provision: Functional Capacity Building

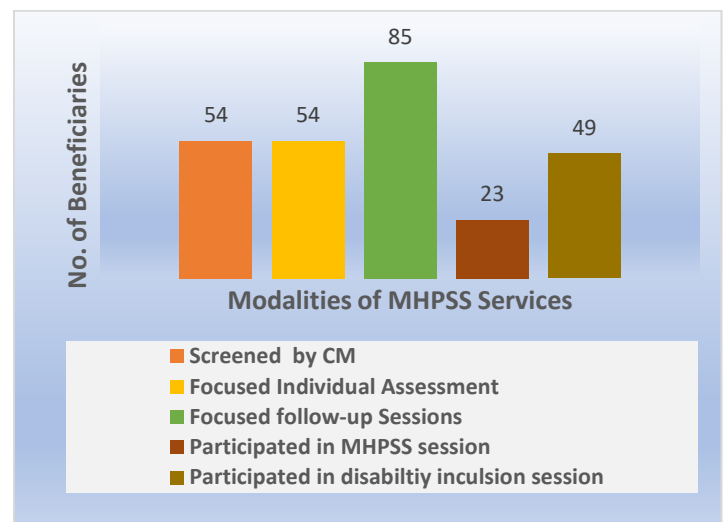
In April 2022, the Functional Capacity Building team provided rehabilitation services to 728 (67% female, 33% male) beneficiaries. Among them, 51% were persons with disabilities, and 24% were from the elderly group (60 and above). The team provided 1612 service



sessions which included physiotherapy (720 sessions), occupational therapy (701 sessions), speech & language therapy (52 sessions), and MHPSS therapy (139 sessions).

## Modalities of MHPSS Support Services

This project offers five types of mental health and psychosocial support services to the registered beneficiaries, such as screening by CM as an MHPSS patient, focused individual assessment and follow-up sessions, referral to a psychiatrist and MH GAP doctors, and community-based awareness sessions on MHPSS and disability inclusion. The following chart provides an overview of the MHPSS support services provided in April 2022.



## Provision of Assistive Devices

In April 2022, 15 different assistive devices (09 toilet chairs and 6 hearing aid devices) were distributed among 15 beneficiaries.

## Referral and follow up.

During this reporting month, the multidisciplinary service team has ensured necessary treatment through external referral services to 68 (Male 32%, Female 68%) beneficiaries from Upazila Health Complex and other health service posts for Basic health services and hearing assessments services.

## Home Modification Services

In April 2022, the Functional Capacity Building Team provided home modification services (e.g., instalment of a parallel bar with slope, a ramp with handrail for door and toilet entrance, tube well platform, kitchen, and bathing place modification) to 48 persons (Female 50%, Male 50%, person with disabilities 85%) for their better access and functional independence in activities of daily living.



## Skill Transfer to Caregivers

Functional capacity-building professionals transferred skills to 62 caregivers to enable them to extend basic capacity-building services to family members with disabilities in the service month of April 2022.



Photo: Rehab Officer demonstrating caregiving strategy to caregiver

## Disability Sensitization and MHPSS Awareness-raising Sessions

Community Mobilizers facilitated 09 awareness-raising sessions on Disability Inclusion and 03 sessions on MHPSS in Rajarkul, Fatekharkul, Baharchaara and Teknaf Sadar Unions, whereby 234 community people (84% female, 16% male) gained basic disability prevention, inclusion, and mental health wellness concepts. Seventy-two registered beneficiaries participated in these awareness-raising sessions. Twenty-three MHPSS beneficiaries attended three related sessions. The influential community people obtained an improved understanding of disabilities, including the capacities of the individual with disabilities to respect their inherent dignity.



Photo: CDD staff facilitating an awareness-raising session

## Hearing Screening Campaign

The functional capacity building team organized audiometric assessment campaigns at the Fatekharkul union of Ramu Upazila in April 2022. The purpose of the campaigns was to

assess the beneficiaries with hearing impairments and support them with necessary interventions and advice to assist them in overcoming their existing problems. A total of 42 beneficiaries received the audiometric assessment services. In April 2022, 06 hearing aid devices were distributed among the beneficiaries in the presence of local actors following the successful assessments.

## Self Help Group: Localized Platforms for Person with Disabilities

To enhance the capacity of collectives of persons with disabilities, the CDD-Teknaf office facilitated the formation of 16 SHGs and continuous capacity enhancement of the SHG members to become self-advocate agents of their rights.

As part of this process, in April 2022, the following activities were carried out in cooperation with SHG members:

- ✓ Communicated with Local Government Institutions to access services.
- ✓ Thirty-two 32 bi-weekly meetings of 16 SHGs.
- ✓ 9 Ward-level meetings.
- ✓ Meeting of SHG with UP Councils.



Photo: Bi-weekly meeting of SHG

## Joint Visit by MoDMR Secretariats & GIZ advisory bodies

The Joint Secretary (Planning) and Senior Assistant Secretary (Planning-3) led by the Additional Secretary (Planning and Development) of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and senior advisor (livelihood and government relationship), advisor (capacity development), technical advisor (infrastructure) of GIZ visited the rehabilitation program for the person with disabilities implemented by CDD under Capacity Strengthening on Disability Inclusion project implemented by CDD at Ramu and Teknaf sub-districts of Cox's Bazar on 08 April 8, 2022.



The visiting team observed the mobile rehabilitation van service and the mode and types of services provided by the mobile rehabilitation Van. During the conversation with CDD staff, they applauded the frequency of services, alternative strategies for continuing services, and the overall sustainability of the project activities.



Photo: Additional Secretary (MoDMR) discussing with a beneficiary of REHAB van service.

Additional Secretary (Planning and Development) also interacted with the beneficiaries and learned about their experiences with and the quality of services provided by the CDD.

## Courtyard Meeting: Disability Inclusive DRR

DiDRR Community Mobilizers conducted four courtyard meetings on disability issues and disability inclusive DiDRR and gender at Baharchhara union in Teknaf Sadar Sub-district. In total, 40 community people (65% female, 35% male) participated in these courtyard meetings. The participants learned about disability, disability-inclusive DiDRR & gender, localized types of hazards and disasters, signal patterns of cyclones, associated preparation, and aid-seeking procedures before, during, and after a disaster.

## Orientation on Disability Inclusive Search and Rescue

The orientation on disability-inclusive search and rescue of CPP volunteers started on 10 April and continued till 17 April. The volunteers, who got the ToT on disability-inclusive search and rescue earlier, facilitated these orientation sessions. In total, 139 CPP volunteers from 8 units participated in these orientation sessions, of which 72 were male participants, and 67 were female participants.



Photo: CPP volunteers facilitating a session

The two-hour-long orientation sessions were conducted in a participatory way using the local dialect of the participants. Participants understood these interactive sessions well, and they promised to follow the learning in the practical field.

## Team Building and Learning-Sharing Workshop

The Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) has organized a day-long workshop for CDD-GIZ Project Staff on Team Building & Learning Sharing on 21 April 2022 at Hotel Long Bay of Inani in Cox's Bazar. In total, 48 participants (Male: 40, Female: 05, Person with Disabilities: 03) from both CDD Ramu & Teknaf Office have joined the workshop. The workshop's objective was to build team engagement with each other for a better and smooth intervention of the project and identify the challenges of project intervention and share the learning with other staff.



Photo: Facilitator sharing learnings among the participants

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