

Highlights

- Organized training on Urban Community Volunteers Development
- Organized Eye Camp at Southkhali Union
- Organized 3 batches orientation on VSLA at Southkhali Union
- Observed International Women's Day, World Hearing Day and National Disaster Preparedness Day 2021 at all project locations



About Project

Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) in partnership with CBM is implementing three (3) years project titled "Community Driven Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation (CDDiDRM & CCA)" project in selected areas of Dhaka North City Corporation, Gaibandha, Savar Municipality and Bagerhat. CDDiDRM & CCA project is implementing from January 2020 and will be continued till December 2022.

The project is divided into three components. Rural DiDRM component is implementing in Sreepur and Haripur Union under Sundarganj Sub-district of Gaibandha district. Urban DiDRM component is implementing in W-2, 4 & 6 of Savar Municipality and W-23 of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC). DiCCA component is implementing in Southkhali Union under Sharankhola Sub-district of Bagerhat district.

Overall objective of the project is to enhance resilience of the most at-risk community through sustainable Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DiDRM) & Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA) in rural and urban areas of Bangladesh.

Facts and Figures



2,134 persons with and without disabilities reached



773 persons with disabilities reached



52% were female with disabilities



1,452 Persons with and without disabilities reached by awareness raising sessions



75 persons with and without disabilities participated training on Fire Fighting and VSLA



115 persons with disabilities included under safety net program



9 WDMCs formed following by SoD 2019



3 meetings of Southkhali Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation Working Group held



270 times different therapy sessions conducted

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting of Self-help Group (SHG)

From January to March, 2021 total 39 number of regular monthly meetings of 10 Self-help Groups (SHG) of Sreepur and Haripur of Gaibandha and 3 Self-help Groups (SHG) of Southkhali held. In these meetings issues discussed on needs of mental health services, COVID-19 vaccination and preventive measures, access to safety net programs, referral services, government facilities for persons with disabilities and Persons with Disabilities Rights and Protection Act 2013 etc.



Figure: SHG meeting at Haripur Union, Gaibandha

Orientation on VSLA for Self-help Group (SHG) Members

3 batches 1 day orientation on Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) was organized at Southkhali Union for SHGs members. Total 40 persons with disabilities and 3 caregivers participated in the orientations. As a way forward of orientation SHG members will start practice VSLA in their respective groups.

Regular Meeting of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPD)

Total 6 regular monthly meetings of OPD at Sreepur and Haripur held and discussed on roles and responsibilities of OPD members, rules for new membership, financial management, monthly report preparation for office, importance of health service and how to access, registration progress, monitoring of CFG & SHG activities, COVID-19 vaccination and preventive measures for COVID-19 etc.

Capacity Enhancing of Disaster Management Committees (DMCs)



Figure: Monthly meeting of WDMC

Regular Meeting

Total 31 number of Disaster Management Committee meetings held at Savar Municipality, DNCC and Southkhali Union. Issues discussed on practice contingency fund, local resource mobilization, COVID-19 response initiatives and observe National Disaster Preparedness Day 2021 etc.



Figure: Formation meeting of WDMC

New Formation

In Southkhali Union, 9 Ward Disaster Management Committees (WDMCs) formed following revised Standing Order on Disaster (SoD) 2019.

Training Program

3 days training on Urban Community Volunteer Development (UCV) held at CDD HQ where 29 volunteers (F-13, M-16) including 1 person with disabilities (female) from W-2, 4 & 6 of Savar Municipality and W-23 of Dhaka North City Corporation participated in the training. Training was facilitated by Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence (FSCD) from 23rd to 25th March, 2021.



Study on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation

Project initiated the process of conducting "Study on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation". The objective of the study is to identify the climate change related vulnerabilities and its impact on the coastal community including persons with disabilities. This study will also identify the gaps of inclusion of persons with disabilities in adaptation measures to climate change.

Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER), BRAC University has been selected and contracted as a consultant organization to conduct the study. As a part of this study, CDD provided orientation on Understanding Disability to the team members and data collectors of the consultant organization.



Figure: Orientation on Understanding Disability

Awareness Raising Initiatives



Figure: Courtyard meeting at Southkhali



Figure: Festoon on COVID-19 at Savar Municipality



Figure: Billboard on DiDRR at Southkhali

Courtyard Meeting

Total 25 number of courtyard meetings held in Sreepur and Haripur Union of Gaibandha and Southkhali Union of Bagerhat and W-23 of DNCC. Issues discussed on mental health, child marriage, care for pregnant mother, services of government for persons with disabilities, home stead vegetable gardening, waste management and preventive measures for COVID-19 etc.



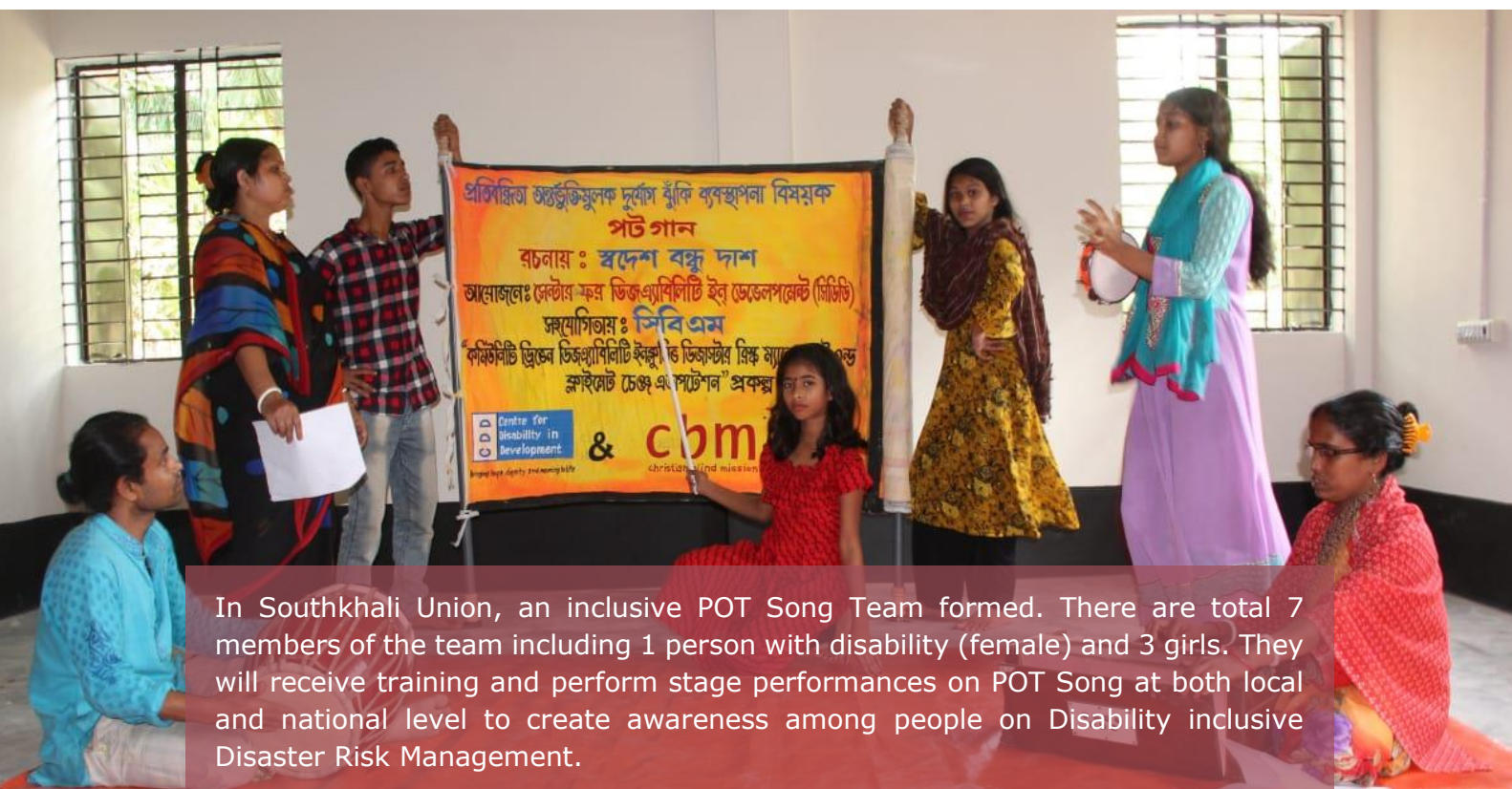
511 persons with and without disabilities participated

Sensitization Meeting with Apartment and Slum Committee

5 number of sensitization meetings held with Slum and Apartment Committee at W-23 of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) held. Issues discussed on understanding disability, disaster, disaster risk, disaster risk reduction, urban DRR and inclusion of persons with disabilities in DRR.



56 persons with and without disabilities participated



In Southkhali Union, an inclusive POT Song Team formed. There are total 7 members of the team including 1 person with disability (female) and 3 girls. They will receive training and perform stage performances on POT Song at both local and national level to create awareness among people on Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management.

Health and Rehabilitation Service

Therapy Service

In Haripur and Sreepur Union of Gaibandha and Southkhali Union of Bagerhat, total 73 persons with disabilities received 270 time different types home-based services like physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, skills training for low vision, skills for daily living and psychosocial intervention etc.



Figure: Caregiver is providing therapy at Gaibandha

Referral Service and Assistance for Health Support

In Haripur and Sreepur Union of Gaibandha and Southkhali Union of Bagerhat, total 34 people including 12 persons with disabilities were referred for general medical service. In Sreepur and Haripur Union, 8 persons with disabilities (M-3, F-5) received support of medicine and doctors fee as health support.



34 persons with and without disabilities received referral services

Awareness Raising Session on Mental Health

In Ward no 23 of Dhaka North City Corporation and Southkhali Union of Bagerhat total 19 number of awareness raising sessions held on mental health issues.



273 persons with and without disabilities participated

Eye Camp at Southkhali Union

In Southkhali Union, an eye camp organized at Union Parishad Complex. Dristidan Eye Hospital of Bagerhat provided technical support in the camp. In the camp, patients received eye assessment service, free medicine, glass support and referral service for Cataract Surgery. Total 181 patients (M-65, F-116) including 99 (M-42, F-57) persons with disabilities received assessment service at the camp. Where 75 patients were supported with medicine and 65 patients received glass. 17 patients were referred and received Cataract Surgery services without any cost from Dristidan Eye Hospital.



Figure: Patient is receiving assessment service in the Eye Camp



75 persons with and without disabilities received medicine support



65 persons with and without disabilities received glass support



17 persons with and without disabilities received Cataract Surgery at free through referral

National and International Day Observation

National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) 2021



2 dramas on disaster preparedness organized



3 discussion sessions organized



139 persons with and without disabilities participated



56 persons with disabilities participated

International Women's Day (IWD) 2021



15 courtyard meetings organized



50 handmade posters hanged



198 persons with and without disabilities participated



57 persons with disabilities participated

World Hearing Day (WHD) 2021



15 courtyard meetings organized



2 Memorandums submitted to the local government on hearing care



221 persons with and without disabilities participated



45 persons with disabilities participated



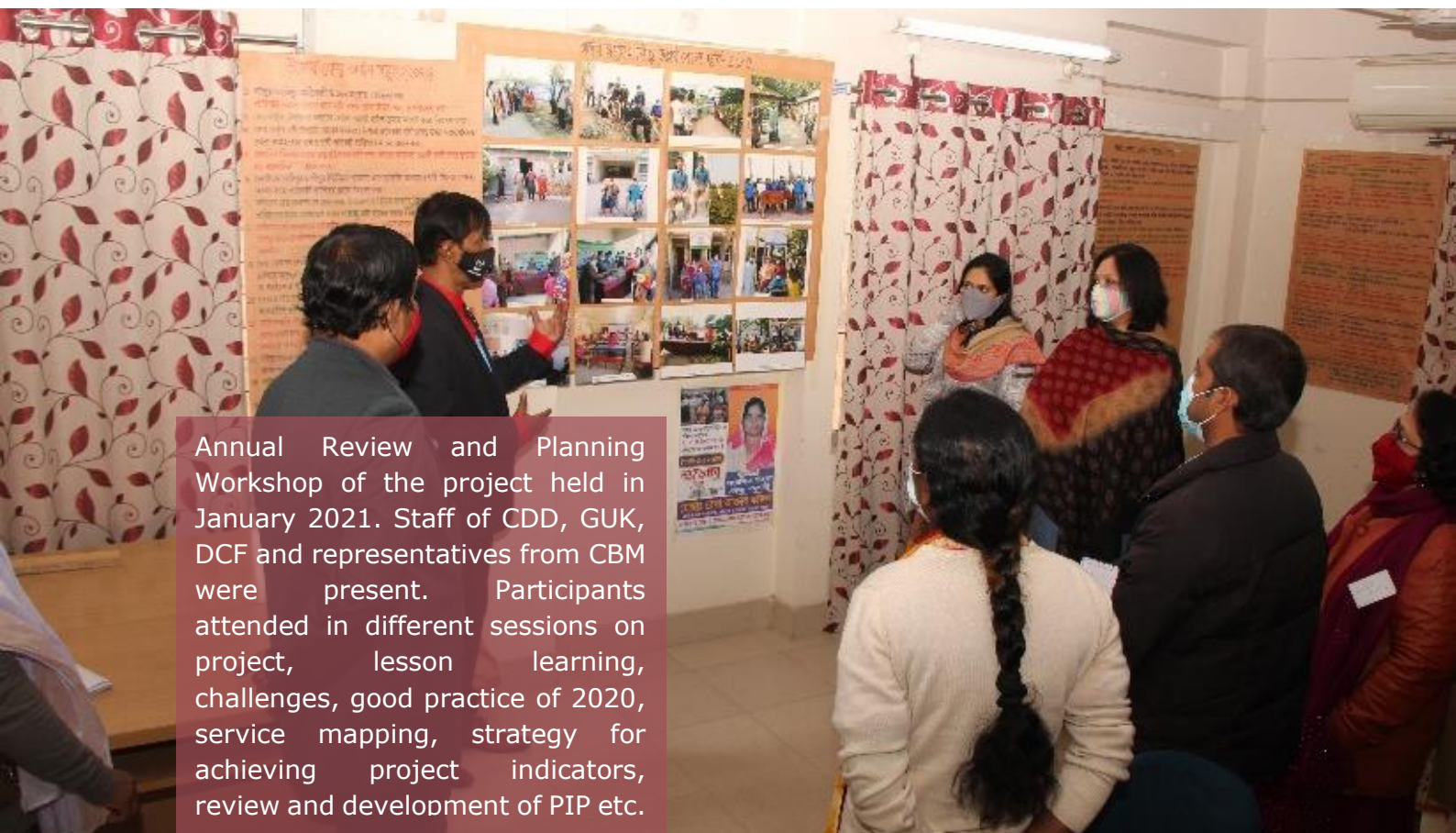
Figure: Drama on disaster preparedness



Figure: Courtyard Meeting on IWD 2021



Figure: Courtyard Meeting on WHD 2021



Annual Review and Planning Workshop of the project held in January 2021. Staff of CDD, GUK, DCF and representatives from CBM were present. Participants attended in different sessions on project, lesson learning, challenges, good practice of 2020, service mapping, strategy for achieving project indicators, review and development of PIP etc.



In Southkhali Union project conducted advocacy with BRAC through the support of Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Sharankhola Upazila and as a result of successful lobbying BRAC installed one accessible hand washing station for the wheelchair users.

Lobbying, Networking & Advocacy






Therapy Camp at DNCC

Jatiyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF) has mobile therapy vans service at free of cost. Project communicated with them and as a result of successful networking JPUF organized therapy camp at W-23 of DNCC. In the camp total 57 persons including 39 persons with disabilities received services. In the camp persons with disabilities received free therapy and consultation. JPUF included W-23, DNCC in their schedule and from now they will organize the camp at W-23 on regular basis as per their schedule.



Figure: Children with disability is receiving therapy service in the therapy Camp

Through WDMC and OPD

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3 persons with disabilities (M-1, F-2) received livelihood support from BRAC through advocacy of WDMC of W-2 at Savar Municipality
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115 persons with disabilities (M-52, F-59, G-4) included under Government Safety Net Program through the advocacy of OPD at Gaibandha
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4 persons with disabilities received wheelchair from Disabled Services and Help Centre, Gaibandha and Uttoron Protibondhi Unnayan Songstha through the advocacy of OPD at Gaibandha
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6 persons with disabilities received smart card through the support of OPD at Gaibandha
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1 damaged road repaired at W-23, DNCC through the successful networking of WDMC with local authority. Now, wheelchair users no longer face any communication difficulties