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



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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.

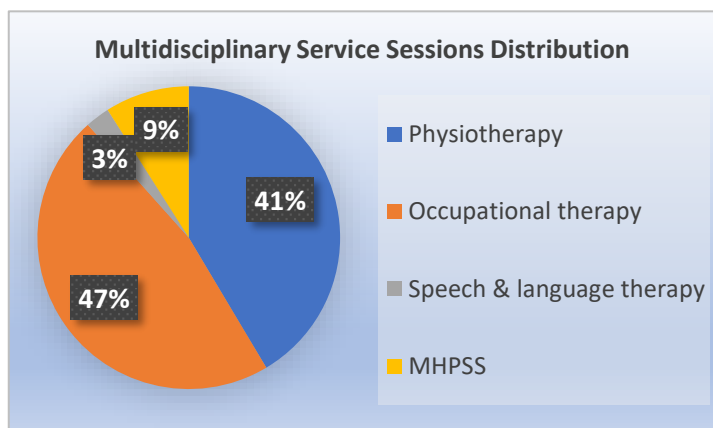
Service Team & Mode of Services

In May 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

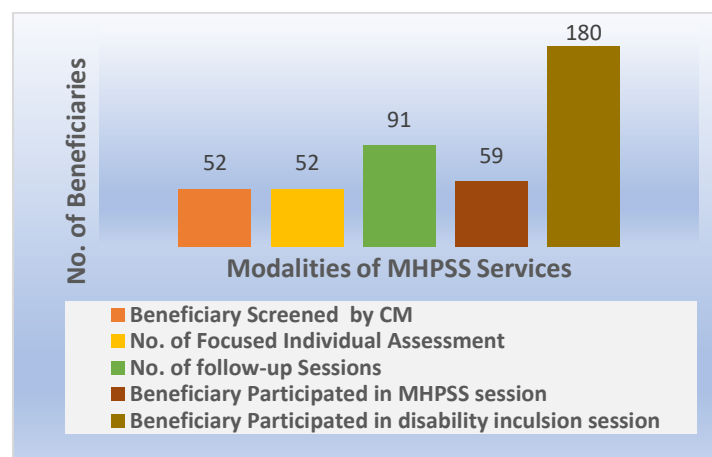
In May 2022, the Functional Capacity Building team provided rehabilitation services to 762 (58% female, 42% male) beneficiaries. Among them, 63% were persons with disabilities, and 21% were from the elderly group (60 and above). The FCB team provided 1588 service



sessions which included physiotherapy (658 sessions), occupational therapy (745 sessions), speech & language therapy (42 sessions), and MHPSS therapy (143 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 offered in May 2022.



Provision of Assistive Devices

In May 2022, 43 different assistive devices were distributed among 39 beneficiaries. The distributed devices include 12 toilet chairs, 17 hot water bags, 06 squeeze balls and one piece of urine pot, hearing aid, alphabetic puzzle, kneecap, spirometer etc.



Photo: Rehab officer provided Hearing Aid to a beneficiary

Referral and follow up.

During this reporting month, the multidisciplinary service team has ensured necessary treatment through external referral services to 109 (Male 43%, Female 57%) beneficiaries from Upazila Health Complex and

other health service posts for Basic health services and hearing screening services.

Home Modification Services

In May 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 41 persons (Female 66%, Male 34%, person with disabilities 81%) for their better access and functional independence in activities of daily living.



Photo: Ramp with handrail for toilet entrance

Skill Transfer to Caregivers

Functional capacity-building professionals transferred skills to 20 caregivers to enable them to extend basic capacity-building services to family members with disabilities in the service month of May 2022.



Photo: Therapy Assistant 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, and Teknaf Sadar Unions, whereby 239 community people (85% female, 15% male) gained basic disability prevention, inclusion, and

mental health wellness concepts. Seventy-eight registered beneficiaries participated in these awareness-raising sessions. Thirteen 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 Teknaf Sadar union of Teknaf Upazila in May 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 69 beneficiaries received the audiometric assessment services. One beneficiary was supported with a hearing aid device 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 and Ramu 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 May 2022, the following activities were carried out in cooperation with SHG members:

- ✓ Communicated with Local Government Institutions to ensure the person with disability people's access to various services.
- ✓ Thirty-two bi-weekly meetings of 16 SHGs.

- ✓ Meeting of SHG with UP Councils.
- ✓ Apex body formed consisting of 32 members from 16 SHGs.



Photo: Bi-weekly meeting of SHG

Pre-budget Workshop with Union Councils

The Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) has arranged a Consultative Workshop with Teknaf Sadar Union Council to Prioritize Schemes for Inclusion into Union Council Development Plan and Budget Allocation. The workshop was organized at Alo Resort of Teknaf Upazila On 24th May 2022. A total of 19 (Male:12, Female: 07; Participants with disabilities: 08) representatives have joined the workshop. The participants were local government representatives from Teknaf Sadar Union, including the Chairman, the Union Administrative Officer, the Members, and combined representatives from four different Self-help Groups of Teknaf Union.



Photo: A facilitator from CDD is talking about Pre-Budget issues before the participants.

Training for the DiDRR Taskforce Members

To develop the capacity of the task force members, CDD arranged three days of non-residential training on disability inclusive DRR and CCA. The training is conducted by the National Consultant, DiDRR and CCA Moly

Chaki and his team. In total, 15 taskforce members (Male: 10, Female: 05, Person with Disabilities: 04) from Baharchhara Union of Teknaf have participated in this training. The main objective of the training is to make the task force members aware of disability inclusive DRR and CCA so that they can practice in their implementation areas and policy level.



Photo: Training participants demonstrating the cause-effect relationship of Climate Change.

Data Collection and Management Training for Functional Capacity Building Team

The Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) has organized a day-long training for the functional capacity building team on data collection and management using SurveyCTO Collect on 31 May 2022 at Orchid Blue hotel, Inani, Cox's Bazar. In total, 25 participants (Male: 19, Female: 06, Person with Disabilities: 01) from both CDD Ramu & Teknaf Office have joined the training. The training's objective was to orient FCBT members on data collection and management strategy using SurveyCTO Collect for reporting Rehabilitation activities.



Photo: MEAL Officer facilitating the Training Session.

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