OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL LEGAL AID DAY - 2017

With the theme of "BIRODTH HOLE SHUDHU MAMLA NOI, LEGAL AID OFFICE APOSH-O HOY!", Light House's Justice for All (JFA) projects of Pabna and Bogra, supported by USAID have observed the National Legal Aid Day on April 28, 2017. With the support, cooperation and active involvement of district and upazila level concerned government stakeholders (administration, judiciary, LEB, LEA, DLAC, UZLAC & UPLAC) and community people, Light House projects organized different events like colorful rally, discussion session and cultural event and legal aid clinic, courtyard meeting, miking campaign, public hearing, quiz competition, etc. to make successful of the observation of National Legal Aid Day 2017.

Female Sex Worker Intervention of Light House, supported by GF-NFM developed a data base on income generating activities. The IGA data base says that, average sex frequency was 4.2 per sex workers per day before joining to the skill building training. And it has decreased to 2.5 for the sex workers who were get involved with the alternative livelihood program right after completing the training but no changes found among those who were not placed with job. The analysis concludes that alternative livelihood program reduces the risk of HIV transmission if it’s managed effectively.

Inauguration of Men’s Parlor Training inside Prison

The IRSOP project of Light House, supported by GIZ, has been working to reduce recidivism and thereby overcrowding in Bogra district Jail. And part of that, the project organized first batch of 35 days long Men’s Parlor Training in Bogra District Jail where 30 convicted prisoners participated. The objective of the training is to support in job placement so that the convicted prisoners remains free from the crimes while they will be get released from the Jail. During inauguration the Jailor told that there is the growing need of Men’s Parlour in the society and Light House has taken right initiative in right time for the prisoners, he also put importance and suggested to use this training opportunity for better future. Light House has initiated this training after a long interval, said Jail Super concluded speech with the hope of continuation of the training opportunity further. Beyond the participants, the Jailor, Deputy Jailor, and head guard of prison, Counselor-IRSOP project, etc. participated the inauguration.

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Peer Volunteer Training inside Prison

The IRSOP project of Light House, supported by GIZ, has included peer education approach inside the prison for smooth implementation of the project activities. A 3 day long peer volunteer training organized for 23-24 April, 2017 where 24 participated. Mr. Rafiqul Islam, Jailor, Bogra District Jail, inaugurated the training session and delivered a motivational speech to the participants. Mr. Prodyut Roy (Counselor) and Mr. Shamim Ahmed (RO) facilitated the training sessions. The major training topics includes roles and responsibilities of peer volunteers, co-operative activities to assist project staffs for smooth implementing of the project scope of work, psycho-active substances and it’s classification & reactions, withdrawal and overdose management, effective communication, nature and effectiveness of self-help group, steps of behavior modification and positive attitude to perform role and responsibility as a peer volunteer.