Workshop with Police Officials for Strengthening Diversion in Bogra

The workshop was held on October 25, 2017 where a total of 24 participants were attended including Superintendent of Police, Additional Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Officer-in-Charge (2) admin and inquiry, IRSOP project staff and GIZ representatives. The main objective of the workshop was to strengthen the partnership with police in order to divert cases from the Police Station to the community justice systems. The workshop was chaired by Mr. Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House. Md. Asaduzzaman BPM, Superintendent of Police, Bogra was present as a chief guest in this workshop. The meeting was moderated by Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House. The participants of the workshop have made the following recommendations:

* The Superintendent of police welcomed Light House to resolve the compoundable cases by using Golghor of police station;

* The police super suggested to include honest, devoted persons with social responsibility in the community based organization (CBO) as member;

* The Superintendent of police also suggested to involve all stakeholders in this process to ensure justice;

* Police will not encourage people to file petty case rather encourage them to resolve it locally;

The chief guest thanked GIZ and Light House for coming forward in this worthy work. He has seen about 2,000 compoundable cases have been resolved in 8 union of 2 Upazila under Bogra district. If 30% of cases were filed from the resolved cases, there would be more burden for police. Diversion of compoundable cases burdens police a lot. He further said that "Our two police stations are well aware about IRSOP project activities; they are cooperating and it will be continued in future. If you have an opportunity to extend your working area in all the Upazila of Bogra, then it will benefit the citizens and the success of the project will continue. The importance of diversion will be increased as a result of this workshop with police officials. Better communication has been established with the police office and IRSOP staff. At the same time, the police officials are very cooperative to implement our project activities.

Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House finally thanks to all police official including SP Bogra(Additional DIG) to participate the workshop and extending sincere cooperation to the project.

CE-Light House participated in the International Training Programme on SRHR

Swedish Health Care System, a mirror of past and current politics; 6) Sexual coercion and violence; 7) Value clarifications; 8) Leadership & management; 9) Filling/communication strategies; 10) Peer Education; 11) Forum Theatre; 12) Youth discussions; 13) Youth SRHR Policy; 14) Theatre for Development; 15) Sex Education. Gender equality, sexuality and human relationships in the Swedish Curriculum; 16) Global perspectives on maternal mortality and morbidity; 17) Global surgery; 18) Significance of midwifery, incl. contraception; 19) Antenatal care; 20) Leadership and management 2: Effective leadership; 21) Neonatal care; 22) Abortion; 23) Prematurity; 24) Maternal health and human rights; 25) Life saving skills (opt-out session); 26) Sexual violence and maternal health (opt-out session); and several participants led session were conducted during this phase. Participants were developed the change project in consultation with their mentor. For Bangladesh group the title of the project was-Prevention of Oral STI among the key population in Bangladesh.
This training programme is equivalent to a diploma course that's consists of five parts as follows:

Phase 1 - Preparatory period

The preparatory phase (2 months) takes place prior to the participants' arrival in Sweden between September 1 and October 29, 2017. This phase includes an introduction to the programme's web platform, to relevant literature and to programme leaders. Following articles were studied during phase: 1) ICPD beyond 2014: Moving beyond missed opportunities and compromises in the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive health and rights; 2) E-health in low- and middle-income countries: findings from the Center for Health Market Innovations; 3) Sexual and reproductive health: a matter of life and death;

Phase 2 - Scheduled programme in Sweden

The second phase (4 weeks) takes place in Sweden between October 30 and November 24, 2017. Its main focus is on theoretical and practical components within the SRHR field, combined with study visits to relevant Swedish institutions. The participants also make plan and design a change project with assistance from their assigned supervisor. The old curriculum was delivered by the internationally known faculty and professional: 1) Introduction to SRHR and Policy; 2) Sexual orientation and gender identity; 3) Human rights and Gender in SRHR; 4) Popular science writing / writing for the web; 5) The

To increase community sensitization for acceptance of government legal aid service and access to justice in the formal justice system Light House is working in Pabna district under USAID's JFA Program. In this connection with Light House implementing different activities where public hearing is an important functional key to address legal aid information among a vast people.

On 26th September 2017 Light House JFA Pabna project organized a public hearing at kashinathpur Union Parishad of Santhia Upazila under Pabna District, where Advocate Samsul Haque Tuku, Gonobhab member of parliament & former state minister for home affairs were present as a Chief guest. The purpose of the Public hearing is to make hearing between public and duty bearers by this session the general people get the opportunity to speak about their rights. Presided over by the Kashinathpur Union Parishad Chairman Mr Manzur Iahi and special guests were Md. Moklesur Rahman, Upazilla Chairman and Md Jahangir Alam, upazila Nobadi officer of Santhia upazila who discussed legal aid related information. With a striking and fruitful event the coming people gets satisfactory answer throwing questions to the duty bearers. Before the session a miking also held to inform the people about the public hearing session. IEC materials are also distributed in the day. In his speech Advocate Samsul Haque Tuku, MP says, "We will have to focus Family protection Law beside government legal aid program. I will present the legal aid related problems especially long term process of cases in the Justice, law and parliamentary affairs committee of National assembly as a member of the committee.

Motivational Session report for the prisoners on Drug and rehabilitation issues

To motivate the prisoners for re-integrate in their society and positive changes their behaviors after release. Considering this object IRGSP project have conducted 02 motivational sessions inside the prison for convicted and under trial prisoners. These two motivational sessions were the 11th & 12th batch. The duration of these trainings were 24 September to 28 September, 2017. A total 55 prisoners have participated in these sessions where 30 were male and 25 were female. The duration of the session was 5 days. Ms. Sajeda, Volunteer/Rehabilitation Officer (RO) and Mas. Nilofar Yesmin-Rehabilitation Supervisor cum Counselor (RSCC) were the facilitators of these sessions.

Phase 3 - Interim period

During the third phase (6 months), the participants will establish and work with their respective change projects. The Swedish supervisors will provide regular supervision including a visit to the participants' countries.

Phase 4 - Regional follow-up

The fourth phase (7 days) consists of a regional workshop in one of the participating countries between May 14 and 19, 2018. The focus will be on the change projects. Each country team will present and discuss the progress of their project together with members from the Swedish programme team.

Phase 5 - Continuation of the change projects

During the fifth phase (6 months) the participants will finalize the change project and present the results to Lund University and the respective Ministry of Health, and, if relevant, to the Ministry of Education. Participants who receive a passing grade will receive a certificate of 22.5 university credits from Lund University.

It was a good opportunity for him to establish a rapport with Lund University and other institutes in Sweden apart from in-depth learning on SRHR issue to integrate with other health project of Light House as well as develop a new project for intervention. Thanks to Lund University and sida who has created a scope for capacity building of activists of under develop countries.

Public hearing program held at Santhia, Pabna with Participation of local MP

Upazila Chairman and UNO commented that they will give support to legal aid program in their upazila to ensure justice for the vulnerable people. Immediately 2 victims are referred to District legal aid committee and about 350 people were present in the public hearing.

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The main discussion points were Communication, Rapport building & maintenance, Rights, responsibility & morality, stress management, tendency of showing extra emotion, techniques of self-control, ways of sustaining relationships, emotion and over-emotion, assertiveness and its necessity, techniques of saying ‘no’, problem solving & decision making.

After these two sessions some female participants were interested for receiving livestock training; some showed interest for beautician, sewing, housekeeping, computer operating, shopping bag making, and modern dress making. On the other hand some male participants were interested to received driving, electronics, electrical, Mobile servicing, and bus supervisor. All the participants were eager to receive the training. They hope that they will be benefited after receiving this session. Some of the prisoners agreed to receive drug treatment after release.

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