

FINAL REPORT

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR FOOD SECURITY

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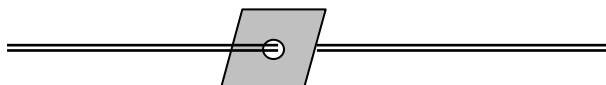
Coastal Development Partnership (CDP)
Khulna

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ABSTRACT

More than 70% people of Bangladesh are living under poverty level with increasing population, hunger, poverty and malnutrition. Moreover natural disaster is a regular visitor of the country. The government is trying to develop all the over the country but the grass root level enhancement is not optimistic. In this situation the non-governmental volunteer organizations are plying the vital role to assist the government for the overall betterment of the country. In spite of being limitation of our resources, we can utilize the unutilized resources succeeding modern and environmental friendly technology to remove poverty of our country. CDP is such an organization that has successfully completed the entitled Special Program for Food Security (SPFS) with the support of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) and financed by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)/UN. The project has been implemented for one year from November' 2003 to October' 2004 at Kapali Para of Khulna Metro Area under Khulna District. Under the project 134 households covering 669 population have been served. The project has also provided the beneficiaries with training, credit support, infrastructure and enterprise development.



INTRODUCTION

Agricultural production relates highly to the poor people's livelihood strategy, urban-rural interaction by supplying the production and prospects for the country's economic growth. In Bangladesh about 80% people live in rural Bangladesh and mainly dependent to agriculture for their livelihoods. Agricultural accounts more than one-third of country's GDP and two-thirds of the country's labour force. Maximum of the people whose livelihood strategy depend on agriculture subsist in the abject poverty. The per capita productivity and food production have declined and so as to insecurity to consumption increases both for the resource poor urbanities. Many factors are in the back like limited assets as land, labour, capital, skill etc. excluded the poorest from markets, from financial services from land and technical information. Participation of women folk in the agriculture it sub-sector both in farm lands and in the processing, distribution and marketing is remarkable. But the problem exists highly for the women as more unskilled, sophisticated and inexperience. So it is best to increase the participation of women in the agriculture to raise the level of food security as effectively as possible by providing different types trainings on income generating activities (IGA), technologies, credit and thereby ensure the empowerment of women thus strengthening the capacity of grassroots people in production, distribution, and marketing of agricultural items, especially the women section to eradicate the extreme level of poverty would be a better strategy both for the earnings of their livelihoods and raise the food security.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Project Name	:	Special Program for Food Security
Project No.	:	SPFS-GCSP/BGD/003/JPN
Broad Objective	:	Capacity building of group members
Duration	:	1 year
Implementing Organization	:	Coastal Development Partnership (CDP) 55/2, Islampur Road, Khulna-9100 Bangladesh Phone: 88-041-810573 Fax: 88-041-729310 E-mail: cdp@cdpbd.org Website: www.cdpbd.org
Supporting Organization	:	Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) & Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)/UN
Project Location	:	Khulna Metro
Target Beneficiaries	:	134 Families
Population Coverage	:	669
Reporting Period	:	November 2003 to September 2004
Striating Date	:	Planned : August 2003 Actual : November 2003
Completion Date	:	Planned : July 2004 Actual : September 2004
Project Cost	:	BDT 2,03,000.00

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To form village base organization (VBO) and facilitate the organizations providing essential services in support of community development
- To assist the VBOs and other women associations providing training on different aspects of agriculture like nutrition, storing, preserving, income generating activities etc. and enhance the social mobilization in project areas
- To assure the access op poor people especially the women to credit and other resources related to agriculture supplies, irrigations equipments etc.

PLANNED STRATEGY

- Capacity building of resource poor people
- Social Mobilization
- Credit support

HUMAN RESOURCE

For smooth and successful implementation following human resource were engaged with the project

Sl. No	Designation	Number
1.	Field Organizer	1
2.	Field Supervisor	1

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

District	Upazila	Union	Village
Khulna	Khulna Metro	Arongghata	Kapali Para

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

ACTIVITIES

Constraint Analysis

Under the project PRA and baseline survey has been conducted to get comprehensive picture of socioeconomic and environmental picture of the village. Moreover through the survey the project has-

- Got a complete picture of the village
- Assessed the food security status of the area
- Identified poverty situation and
- Identified possible strategies to alleviate poverty in the target village

Survey Findings

Total Households : 134

Methodology : Questioners and PRA

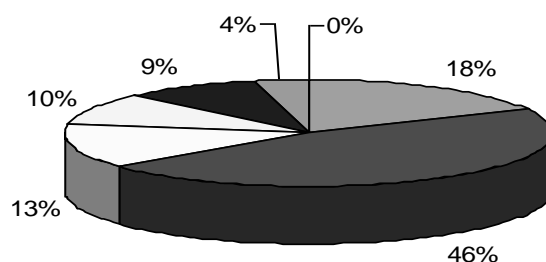
Interviewee

Interviewee/Household			Population Coverage			
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Child	Total
108	26	134	297	282	90	669

Households Types

Landless-1 (No land at all)		Landless-2 (only homestead land,<0.5 acre)		Marginal (0.5 -1.49 acre)		Small (1.5-2.49 acre)		Medium (2.5-7.49 acre)		Large (>7.5 acre)		Women Headed	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
24		62		18		13		12		05		00	

Chart-1: HH type



Landless-1
 Landless-2
 Marginal
 Small
 Medium
 Large
 womenheaded

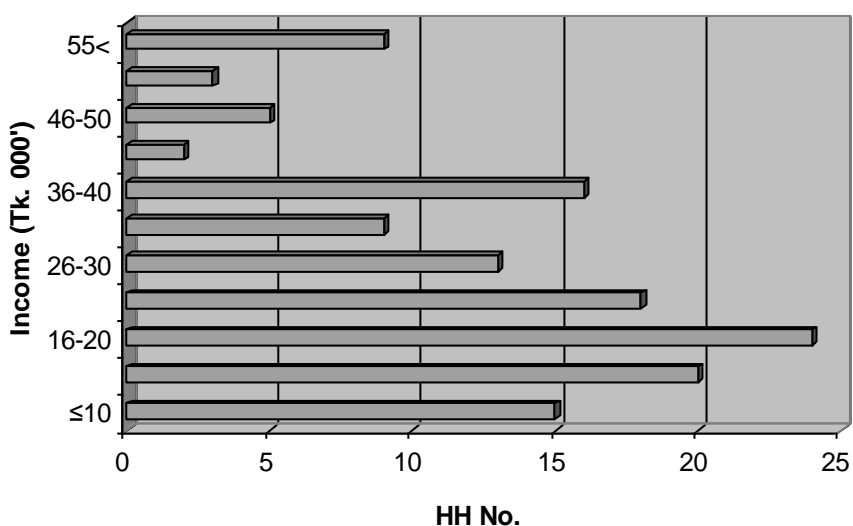
Homestead type

Kacha		Sami-pacca		Pacca		Safe Water Facilities		Sanitary Latrine	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
74	55	54	40	6	5	85	63	8	6



Yearly Income (000' Tk.)

Range	≤10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	55 <
HH No.	15	20	24	18	13	9	16	2	5	3	9
%	11.2	14.9	17.9	13.4	9.7	6.7	11.9	1.5	3.7	2.2	6.7



General Group Formation

Based on survey report the project personnel met the beneficiary households several times to motivate and to introduce them the project activities. Then 11 general groups were formed consisting of 10 members in each group. Among the 11 groups 8 groups were formed with female members and the rest 3 with male. A group leader was selected with the opinion of other members of each group. Each

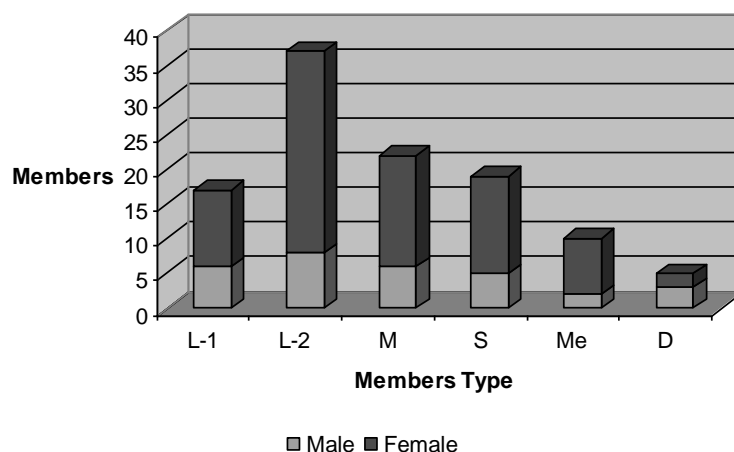
group met weekly in presence of the field organizer of the project. In the meeting they discuss the progress of their activities as well as other problems they face in their regular life. CDP has supplied a registration book and the groups kept records of each meeting. Besides, the groups' members have been motivated to save Tk. 10.00 per week. During weekly meeting the members deposit their savings. They can withdraw their savings as per their needs with 6% interest.

General Groups' Information up to October 2004

Sl. No.	Group Name	Group Type (Male/Female)	Total Member	Savings (Tk.)
01.	Sangram	Female	10	7,607.00
02.	Satota	Female	10	7,580.00
03.	Aragoti	Female	10	5,190.00
04.	Jiboner Alo	Female	10	5,980.00
05.	Asar Alo	Female	10	5,660.00
06.	Sakal Sandha	Female	10	5,390.00
07.	Jiboner Sandhane	Female	10	5,090.00
08.	Mukthir Pathe	Female	10	6,008.00
09.	Mohona	Male	10	5,420.00
10.	Bhandhan	Male	10	5,184.00
11.	Jagoran	Male	10	4,480.00

Various types of members in the general group

Sl. No	Members Type	Gender		Total	%
		Male	Female		
1	Landless-1 (L-1)	6	11	17	15
2	Landless-2 (L-2)	8	29	37	34
3	Marginal (M)	6	16	22	20
4	Small (S)	5	14	19	17
5	Medium (Me)	2	8	10	9
6	Destitute (D)	3	2	5	5
Total		30	80	110	100



Village Base Organization (VBO) Formation

Under the project a Village Base Organization (VBO) has been formed with the engagement of all beneficiary members of the project for food security of the village. In a meeting 1 member has been selected from each general group as the Chairperson of the group by vote of the members of the group in order to form the executive committee of VBO consisting of 11 members. Again by the vote of the general members Chairperson, 2 Vice-chairpersons, general Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and 5 General Members of the Executive Committee were selected.

Women Group

A women group was formed with the engagements of all female members of the VBO. Among the members of the group an Executive Committee was formed consisting of 9 members (Chairperson, General Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Treasurer and 5 general members) by the vote of other members. The Women group was formed consisting of following members

Activities Based Group Formation

Based on the strength of character of the members different types of group were formed from the general groups. Members from various general groups formed following activities based groups

Sl. No.	Activities	No. of Group	No. of Members		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Fish Culture	2	15	17	32
2	Crop Production	1	05	0	05
3	Homestead Gardening	1	02	07	09
4	Nursery	1	0	03	03

5	Irrigation	1	06	0	06
6	IGP	2	08	31	39
7	Cow/goat Raring	3	05	51	56
Total		11	41	109	150

Capacity building

Under the project provided the beneficiaries with various in-house and informal trainings for their capacity building and human development according to the needs and aspiration of the group members. The trainings were divided in to two categories i.e. social development training and skill development training.

Social Development Training :

Sl. No	Course Title	Duration (Day)	Participants		
			Male	Female	Total
1.	Savings, Credit & Record Keeping	2	06	16	22

Skill Development Training:

Sl. No	Course Title	Duration	Participants		
			Male	Female	Total
1.	Integrated Fish Culture (Small Scale Fish Culture)	2	18	16	33
2.	Block & Batik	4	04	42	46
3.	Poultry and Livestock Develop	2	13	15	28
	Orientation on Field Day	3	40	110	150
Total			75	183	257

Credit Support

Under the project the beneficiary members were provided with credit support based on their activities. During the reporting period following credit support has been provided and installments recovered

Credit : BDT 1,30,000.00

Recovered : BDT 39,880.00

Coordination

The working team of the project has maintained a better coordination with all stakeholders, concerned organization, institute and other field staff of the organization. Weekly Group Meeting, Monthly Coordination Meeting, Quarterly Coordination Meeting were the main formal component of coordination.

Monthly Staff Meeting

The management committee of CDP met once in every month with the staff of the project to review the activities of previous month. In every meeting, the staff members of the project submitted the monthly report of the previous month and work plan for the next month.

Weekly Group Meeting:

Every week, the concerned Field Organizer was present in the group meetings and shared his opinion with the members on project activities as well as health, hygiene, sanitation and environment. The records of their discussion were kept in resolution register. If required, the supervisor of the project also participated in the group meetings.

Quarterly Coordination Meeting

The project arranged quarterly coordination meetings with entire project staff to discuss all the problems faced in the implemented quarter as well as the achievements. The Executive Director presided over the daylong coordination meeting. All the personnel of the project discussed their achievements and shortcomings of the last quarter and delivered the future plan for the next quarter.

Supervision and Monitoring

A participatory planning method has been practiced at every stage of project activities. The Field Supervisor monitored and supervised the project activities and successes regularly with the assistance of the Field Organizer. The Field Organizer reported to the Field Supervisor on the completion of assigned tasks (target). The problems came across the implementation period of the project, were solved using solutions from the project field areas and in consultation with experienced personnel of CDP. More over, the Project Coordinator has monitored the activities as well. The progress and performance of the project activities have been monitored using the monitoring format and was approved by the Project Coordinator.

Achievement

- The beneficiaries are aware of nutrition, health and food conservation
- New income source for the beneficiaries created
- Literacy rate increased
- Awareness on savings built among the beneficiaries
- Introduction of Scientific *Chulla*

Problems

- Non-cooperation of local leaders or the rich
- Limitation of fund to provide sufficient support to the beneficiaries
- Lack of training center in the project area