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## Foreword



It is our pleasure and joy to announce that the annual report of IED covering the period of July 2022 to June 2023 has finally come out. This report is the glimpse reflection of our stakeholders' collective efforts, dedication of our staff, and commitment of development partners. It also embossed the interventions implemented, challenges and problems faced, learning & knowledge captured and experiences documented. Our society and country are undergoing through diversified social, cultural, political and economic changes. These changes make shape of people's mind, behavior and ways of life. Quick technological development and evolution of digital technology, mode of communication of general public also is ever changing. Throughout its journey IED dedicated to materialize transformational development and changes of people's mindset so that the people could reap benefit and actualize their dreams stem from ever changing society. It posits that poor, women and community as a whole in the society would become the harbinger of change if their potentialities are worked out for future directions. In that tone, we always keep our stakeholders at center point in our every programs and interventions and letting them to explore and tap their prospects for achieving life-oriented development.

But the reporting period has experienced numerous phenomena in countries and across the globe that affects mankind severely. No sooner had the end of covid-19 pandemic, human society witnessed man made crisis that is Ukraine-Russia war. This war affects global economy significantly. As a result, economy of our country been highly affected and price of essential communities went up. People of lower- and middle-income group especially poor are the highest sufferer portion of this effects as they have fallen in poverty trap anew. As our economy witnessed upward growth, the Ukraine-Russia war has pushed global economy towards downward growth. Our government has been handling this challenge with difficulties. Price of all commodities is rocketed up and market has gone beyond the people's capacity. To ease out people's burden, government decided to sell essential commodities to 10 million poor families at affordable price to meet up basic needs.

In this crucial time, IED stepped up its implementation strategies, assisted people to mobilize more services and facilities form different service providing institutions. The organization is pushing the stakeholders of the working areas to get them familiar to use digital technology and able to communicate online. Women entrepreneur members are also starting to enter at online marketing after receiving training on digital marketing techniques. Youth and adolescent members are interested to get involved in more social activities and activism for the wellbeing of community.

We are highly indebted to our development partners, beneficiaries, colleagues and community people for their effortless support, cooperation and dedication and been with us in this journey. We believe that social transformation and development of community could be achieved if long term initiatives are taken for advancing the lives of the community people.

**Numan Ahmed Khan**  
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## Glimpse of IED

Year of Establishment : 1994

### Coverage

Direct implementation : 8 districts

Number of organized Groups : 162 (Women 106, Women Forum- 2, Community Forum-14, Men-20 Adolescents-14, IP- 4, Youth and Cultural Forum- 2)

Number of beneficiaries : Direct - 35,308 and Indirect – 6, 37,358

### Staff

Number of Staffs : 35 (Female-15, Male -20)

Number of fellows : 8

Volunteer : 492

### Legal status of the Organization:

IED is registered under Social Welfare Directorate, Government of Bangladesh, Registration No. Dha- 03553 dated 8 April 1996 and with NGO Affairs Bureau, GOB vide no 1866, 13 August 2003.

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## ACRONYMS

CF	Community Forum
HRD	Human Rights Defenders
IGA	Income Generating Activities
IED	Institute for Environment and Development
JU	Janaudyog
NGO	Non-Government Organization
PME	Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

PREIP	Promoting Rights and Empowerment through Initiatives of People
SAAPE	South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication
TAF	The Asia Foundation
TCS	Traditional Civil Society
UP	Union Parishad
UZ	Upazilla

## About the organization

Back in 1994, Institute for Environment and Development (IED) has emerged as a promising development organization. It is a nonprofit, nonpolitical and voluntary development organization having strong presence in development sector more than two decades. Since then, it is dedicated to promote social transformation and change of mindset of women, poor, disadvantaged, excluded groups and vulnerable people through socio economic, cultural and political changes in the society. It has strong prominence in the areas of women empowerment, rights of ethnic & religious minorities and environmental development & climate changes. In the course of time, it has widened its horizon and scope of work that includes promoting civic engagement & education, citizenship development, voter education, youth engagement, good governance etc.

Now in the age of digital technology and emergence of social media, digital disinformation floods the online media and most pressing challenge in this age. Netizens are less aware of using social media etiquette. Their insensitive post and write up destabilize social harmony and peace that escalates communal violence in various situation. To counteract this, it sensitizes and aware youth, students and journalist to combat digital disinformation online successfully by providing training. Now they are able to identify fake news, fact checking and maintain digital hygiene through which sensitive and empathetic young minds are thriving who tolerate diversity, promote good governance and fight against disinformation for building peace and harmony in the society.

IED is the organization for fostering awareness, mobilization, capacity development, sensitization, advocacy, campaign and lobbying for the promotion of rights and entitlements poor, women, disadvantaged, socially excluded groups and ethnic and religious minorities. It maintains strong networking with different indigenous groups and organizations for promoting cultural

diversity and strengthening social & cultural fabric of the country.

It develops unique approach Janaudyog (JU) – peoples’ initiatives that involves and engages people of diverse section of the society having willingness, dynamism and zeal to work for the betterment of the society. Janaudyog brings down cultural activists, women leaders, journalists, youth, community people, writers, academicians, teachers and social leaders under its platform to act on social, cultural, political, environmental, economic and development issues and address those issues and problems by influencing policy makers, elected representatives, social elites and government officials through advocacy, lobbying, mobilization and raising awareness at local to national level. It started to work as people’s platform since 2004 at district to national level. Now it works at 8 districts namely Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Sherpur, Netrakona, Mymensingh, Jashore, Khulna and Dhaka. It also creates high sensitization at local to national levels addressing the issues of women empowerment, rights of ethnic & religious minorities and environmental development & climate changes.

The institution is governed by its constitutions and managed by 7 executive committee who are highly experienced, committed, dedicated and engaged in social, cultural, research and development genre. They provide required support and suggestions for comprehensive development of the organization. To run and replace its philosophy in development field, it has many policies which includes finance manual, HR manual, gender policy, strategic plan for maintaining good governance of the organization. It publishes annual report regularly and conducts evaluation that enshrines organizations’ learning, best practices, dream, vision, mission and goal.

Executive Committee Board meeting is held regularly on quarterly basis and General Committee meeting is held on yearly basis.

This annual report represents three projects namely 1. Promoting Rights and Empowerment through Initiatives of People (PREIP). 2. Combating Digital Disinformation to Promote Good Governance in Bangladesh and 3. Festival

of Tolerance Program as well as documents & captures achievements including learning, challenges, impact and changes of peoples' lives through the interventions performed covering the period of July 2022 -June 2023.

**Vision Statement**

A just, prosperous and democratic society where all the people are living in a healthy and clean environment, access to all health and education services, possessing creative and professional skills, active in cultural participation, transforming conflicts with mutual respect and cooperation, dignity and respect for all, and equal opportunity to enjoy a mental well-being and peace.

**Mission**

Promoting community and peoples' initiatives for community wellbeing, livelihood security, gender equality, environmental sustainability, cultural diversity and indigenous rights, conflict resolution and violence prevention, and creative opportunities for all by facilitating community organisations, civil society organisation and advocacy for relevant policies contributing to structural change.

**Core Values**



**Equality**



**Freedom**



**Justice**



**Cooperation**



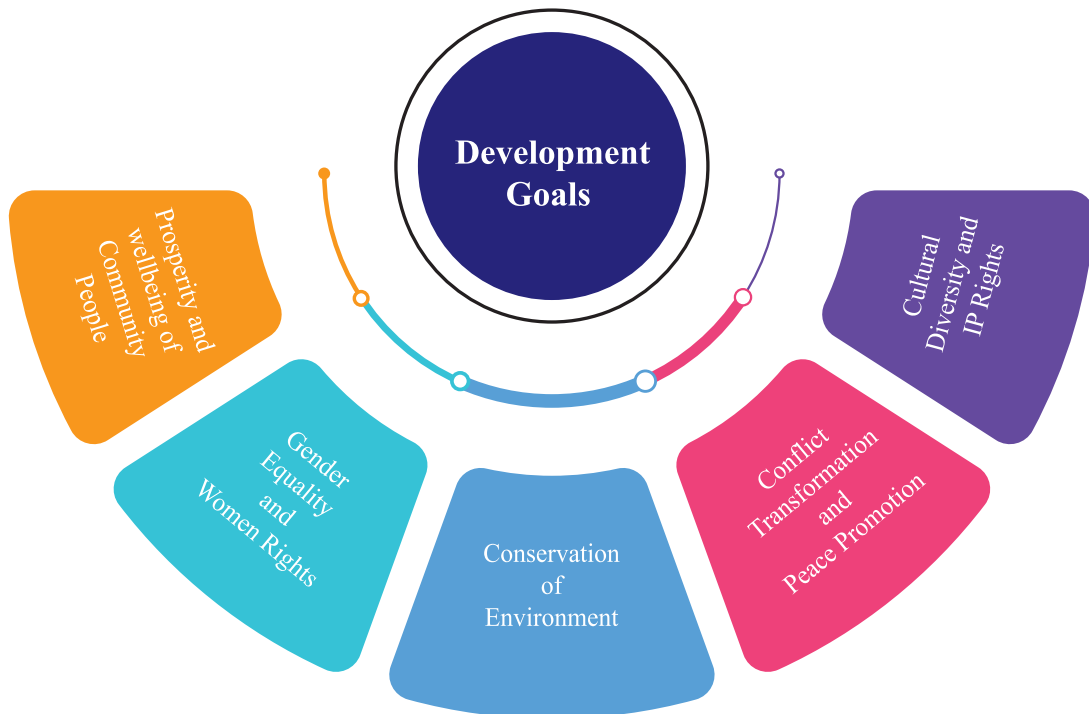
**Peace**



**Participation**

**Target group**

Poor, women, male, youths, ethnic and religious minorities, underprivileged, disadvantaged and socially marginalized communities.





# Strategic Approach

## Strategic Approach 1.

*At micro level, facilitation of Vision Oriented transformative activities implemented by CBOs and CSOs (Janoudyog), focusing thematic areas; livelihood, environment, gender justice, youth engagement, indigenous rights, cultural diversity and conflict transformation and peace promotion.*

### **(i) Facilitation of Peoples Initiatives:**

Peoples Initiatives or 'Janoudyog' has two connotations in IEDs' interventions. One is literally, assisting all the community people organised in various groups and forums. Another, specifically supporting CSOs at different districts and at national level. These CSOs called themselves "Janoudyog".

### **(ii) Enhancing Leadership Capacity**

Participatory Learning Needs Assessment (PLNA) will be conducted to understand the learning needs of all level of leaders. Modules and materials will be prepared focusing on ICT tools and virtual communication. Structured learning will be integrated with action and reflections by the community organisations and CSOs. A team of facilitator will be assigned to assist the community and CSOs for their learning, reflections, documentations and knowledge management.

### **(iii) Empowerment of Women**

Since long the term 'empowerment of women' is used by the development sector in Bangladesh. It is crucial to be strategically effective in promoting "empowerment" process. In gender training shifting discourse from "women as victim" to women as agency and their role and contribution to economy, society and culture may be more effective. While "empowerment of women" is in practice (even if not intentionally) means economic engagement by the women. The future strategic direction will be combining economic empowerment with social empowerment by assisting women in leadership positions. IED will facilitate leadership building among women and encourage them to take leadership in social spaces. Men and boys will be engaged in preventing domestic violence and all other form of gender based violence.

### **(iv) Engagement of Youth**

Facilitation of Youth engagement will be at various levels: in formal and informal forums, at community and educational institutions. Youth engagement will be in social (violence prevention), environment, gender, and issues relating to their active citizenship. The engagement will be educational, sports, cultural and practical skills development including life skills. Structured training will be provided for leadership development so that they are able to run their own clubs (debate clubs, sports clubs, creative skills: writing, painting, photography) and forums.

### **(v) Environmental Protection and Climate Change Adaptation**

Environmental protection and climate change adaptation strategy will be integrated with community peoples life and livelihood context and sustainability. Environmental issues are also a part of system that reproduces inequality and deprivation, therefore, the environmental issues have to be strategically linked to economic exploitation and sustainability of the environment.

### **(vi) IP/Minority/Differently Able Peoples Rights and Cultural Diversity**

The issue of cultural identity, international covenants of Indigenous rights, human rights, rights of differently able people and other social and cultural rights will be widely addressed along with SDGs.

### **(vii) Conflict Transformation and Violence Prevention**

The community organisations (CBOs) and CSOs leaders are provided with DNH and CT tools, conflict sensitive context analysis and conflict sensitive activity management.

## Strategic Approach 2.

*At Macro level Policy Promotion to Influence National Policy in Favour of Marginalised Peoples, Indigenous Rights, Gender Equality and Environmental Sustainability, Conflict Transformation and Peace Building.*

### (i) Advocacy on Development of Policy

IED to facilitate local and national level CSOs (Janoudyog) for deeper understanding of development challenges so that they are effective in raising voices, engage in development debates at public sphere and social media. The national level CSOs will cooperate with national researchers, public intellectuals, academia and political leaders on the national development policy, including allocation of resources in yearly national development budget.

### (ii) Advocacy on Thematic areas:

Gender, Environment, Indigenous Rights and Conflicts IED to facilitate in research on specific issues (gender, environment, human rights, conflicts) for policy advocacy. Training of advocacy strategy will be conducted and capacity will be enhance for building cooperation and networking with other actors at local and national level for policy advocacy.

### (iii) Conflict Transformation (CT)

Several study on basic conflicts in the context to be studied in cooperation with academicians and external experts. There are few actors working on political ideological conflicts under the label of violent extremism. The political ideological conflict is yet to be understood and clarified based on evidence. Therefore, more research and organisational capacity will be build on CT concept, method and tools.

*To put each Strategic Objectives (SOs) into practice, there are several PROGRAM as impact/output and as input, many specific ACTIVITIES are designed:*

## Projects

*Based on these strategies, IED implemented three projects namely 1. Promoting Rights and Empowerment through Initiatives of People (PREIP), 2. Combating digital disinformation to promote good governance in Bangladesh and 3. International tolerance fair 2022 during the reporting period.*

### Description of projects

## 1. Promoting Rights and Empowerment through Initiatives of People (PREIP) Project

### Objectives

- 2000 targetted women in Jessore and Mymensingh are having enhanced position through participation of women in making decisions increased at 30% families, increasing family income of 40% women group members by 30% and reducing family violence to 90%.
- Peoples' initiatives at 7 districts/local and Dhaka are enable to raise voice for improving the situation of environment, enjoyment of rights of women and ethnic & religious minorities and solving the local problems.
- 160 ( male-100, female 60) Human Rights Defenders from indigenous communities in the districts of Dinajpur, Rajshahi, Sherpur and Dhaka developed their capacities and 54 (male-45, female-9) youths of that communities developed their hands on skills for empowerment and livelihood development.

## Expected Results

### By the end of June 2023

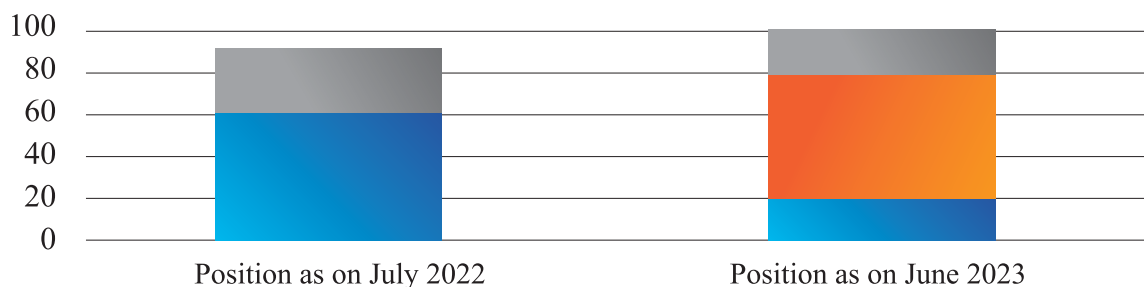
- Target women's participation in family decision making process of 2000 women group members' families increased by 30% from baseline position Mitigated / handled /addressed 90%cases related domestic violence against women at family level in the women group members' area.
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- Income increased by 30% of 40% women members of the groups considering the position at the end of the previous phase as baseline
- Vibrant (ensured by a self-developed index) civil society networks existed at 7 districts and 1 in Dhaka
- Average six monthly 20 news/reports on JU events published in daily newspaper.
- During the project period the HRDs organized at least 6 own events every year
- 54 IP youths received skill training (female18 and male 36 considering 1/3 female participants) from IP communities increased their income by at least Tk. 500/- per month.

### The project will contribute for achieving SDG 1, 3, 5, 13 and 16.

*The project covers the three years and corresponding the final year of the phase. IED has successfully carried out the project activities according to the plan aiming at achieving the aforementioned objectives and results. The financial assistance is provided by Bread for the World (BftW) – Protestant Development Service, Germany.*

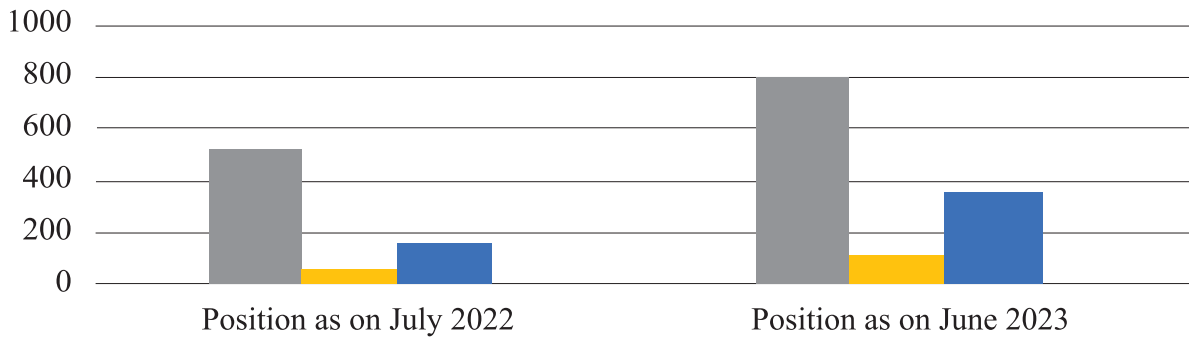
## Achievement of the expected results

### Women Empowerment and Livelihood Development



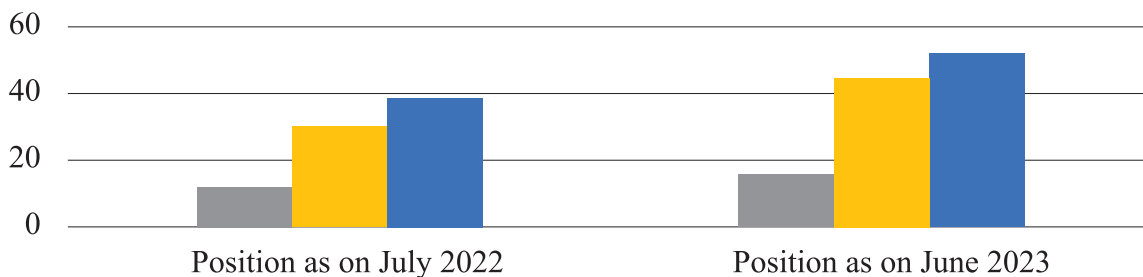
- At Least 30% Expenditure by women group members from her own income by 40% income earning group members
- Addressed at least 30% family violence casee are solved within 6 month of alldocumented cases by woman & male group members, community forum members and Janoudyog platform members
- Target women's participation in family decision making process of 2000 women group member's families increased by 30% from the baseline in Mymensingh and Jashore

## Janaudyog- People's Initiatives



- Average six monthly 150 news/reports on JU events published in daily newspaper or television
- Youth groups organized least 6 events year in 5 districts
- Trained 100 youth (50% female) of next generation on ICT skill in 5 districts to provide information to the community slum

## IP Youth Empowerment and Livelihood Development



- IP HRDs organized at least 6 events on right and entitlement every year by their own initiatives
- 70% (30 male and 15 female) of 45 skilled trained IP youths are having income at least Tk. 2000/- per month
- Skill training receivers employed/involved another at 30 IP youths in their skill works without financial support from IED

IED has been implementing projects at 3 unions of Jashore Sadar & 9 municipality wards of Jashore, 21 wards of Mymensingh City Corporation and 1 adjacent union, and Dhaka district. The activities under the project consist of a total of five components, namely

- (a) Women Groups for Upholding Empowerment and Livelihood Development
- (b) Promoting Peoples Initiatives– Janaudyog
- (c) Indigenous Peoples (IP) Youth Empowerment and Livelihood Development
- (d) Environment Development and Climate Change
- (e) Networking, Organizational Capacity Development & PME

Total number of beneficiaries covered during the reporting period was around 35,308.

The specific activities and the performance during the reporting period are described below.

## A. Women Groups for Upholding Empowerment and Livelihood Development



Women folk are mostly neglected and untapped human potentials. Their dignity and value in the society are highly ignored. Disorganization and disunity are one of the major features of women. They do not have proper platform where they can share their hopes, aspirations and ideas for better lives. On the flip side, patriarchal norms, social stigmatization and long-lasting prejudice, hold them back to drive changes. Since they are less literate, disorganized and poor, often they are unable to realize their inner strength and will power to do something better for themselves and society. To break these social barriers, IED formed women groups at its working areas Jashore and Mymensingh through which women of diverse background come together, get united and support each other towards their collective life's journey. In the group, women members organize meetings, different awareness sessions, devise plan, prioritize agenda and set issues related to their lives. Topics and issues that are discussed and debated e.g. empowerment of women, rights of women, dowry, early marriage, domestic violence, sexual harassments, eve teasing and rights girls and adolescent as well. Apart from these, they sometime mobilized food, social safety net program and other services and facilities from different government service providing institutions for group members. Forming the group, they have gained inspiration, enthusiasm, moral strength, power to speak up, bargaining capacity, place problems to the administrative and social authorities and mobilize resources.

*100 existed groups and 2000 group members*

*1000 awareness sessions held and covered 15000 participants*

*100 yearly plan exercises and attended 1700 participants*

*2 life skill trainings on leadership development held and attended 40 participants*

*2 yearly group members social gathering programs held and attended 100 participants in each event*

*2 gender trainings held and partook 40 participants*



# Case

## **Panna Akter's Initiatives: A women group leader to make polythene free local area**

Bangladesh is the first county in the globe that banned the production, marketing and usage of polythene on March 1, 2002. But the reality is not changed even the ban of polythene. The usage of polythene did not stop due to absence of stringent exert of law though there were mandatory law that emphasized usage of materials made of jute instead of polythene. Mosammat Panna Akter, resident of Balashpur area of Mymensingh took alternative initiative realizing the gruesome usage of polythene and make the community people alternative use of it. She distributed bags made of clothes to 20 women making by her own initiatives. She said, the ingredients of polythene is not environment friendly. It is a non-degradable stuff that destroy fertility of soil. Throwing polythene at drain creates waterlogging, and burning it makes air pollution. As a result people are affected from different types of diseases. So, it is only the usage of bags made of paper, jute and cloths can save us from the gruesome of polythene.

Asking the question, how she developed awareness about it and in what way she implemented these initiatives she replied, "I am the women leader of IED organized Rongon Women Group. IED works on issues of development, rights and environment of women, youth and people who are lagging behind. IED tends to organize awareness events like regular monthly meeting, awareness raising video presentation in different times. Basically she inspired to work on the usage of clothe made bag instead of polythene while seeing IED organized awareness raising video on environment protection.

Basically IED works to change of peoples' attitude and mindset. By using clothes made bag as well as sensitizing people to use bag made of clothes I do stitch bag and distribute it. She informed that she would foster awareness campaign to stop polythene at Abason area. She hopes to make at least small area polythene free.

## Cluster Committee

*20 cluster committees and 400 committee members*

*A cluster committee consist of 16-20 members from 4-5 primary groups*

*40 half yearly meetings held and attended 800 participants*

*20 yearly action plan exercise meetings held and participated 400*

*2 quick responses during emerging situation at groups & local level*

In Jashore and Mymensingh working areas, cluster committees have been formed to address issues in greater extent. People have to encounter in various issues, problems and challenges in the society. The extent of these issues is so prevalent and affects community severely that cannot be handled properly by individual or particular group and require combined efforts and initiatives.

Realizing these odds, IED formed cluster committee in the project areas. The aims of forming the committee are to build greater unity, create social cohesion and get united community people in harmony. These committees are composed of potential and vibrant members from 4 to 5 primary women groups. Upon forming the committee, they hold meeting regularly in quarter basis. In the meeting, the members set plan of action, devise priority areas for interventions, and work out accordingly. They also discussed issues relating to women empowerment, rights of ethnic and religious minorities. The committee addressed some emerging issues like girls' rights, violence against women & girls, sexual harassment, day observation, child marriages, dowry, access to services, control over income and decision making as well. They also mobilized service and facilities from different government and non-government service providing institutions for the wellbeing and development of community people.



*Streamlining the unity of cluster committee members*



*Involving male group for fostering development*

## Male Group

**20 male groups and 400 group members**

**80 quarterly sensitizing sessions & meetings held and participated 400 participants**

Development be it economic, social, cultural and human is streamlined and solidified based on mutual journey and equal partnership of men and women. But it is observed that the relationship between women and men is unequal and uneven in our country. Women are deemed as passive actors and traveler of development discourse. Patriarchal society like us regards them inferior to male counterpart. It is the same situation exist in our project areas where male controls every sphere of women lives. Therefore, women members in the family and society reside on edge of development ladder.

To alter this trend, and get the women members involved in development journey actively, male groups have been formed in the working areas. The aims of forming the male groups are to play supportive role, extend their hand in favor of women groups and their own development as well. Male groups have played instrumental role in achieving women empowerment during this period. The groups consist of male members from family and community. They held meeting in quarterly basis, and set priority agenda for interventions. They also attended and involved in various programs, training, meetings and dialogue that sensitized and held them accountable and dedicated to work for empowering women. They also take part in various activities like clean surround areas, create safe space for women, address women rights, girls' rights, solve domestic violence, and environment issues as well.



# Adolescent Group

Puberty is the thriving stage of human growth and development. It is a crucial period to grow up adolescent girls and boys with care, guidance and protection. In this stage, transformation of body, mind and thoughts are changed rapidly. Therefore, it is needed and important to handle adolescents with proper care, supervision, guidance and directions so that they can adjust and transform with ever changing society. It is our experience that adolescents are disturbed and annoyed by male section of the society in most cases. They have less scope and opportunity to thrive under any platform and agency. Therefore, their ideas, thoughts and views are unexplored and society is deprived of capitalizing its untapped potentialities. Considering the situation, IED intended to form adolescent groups at the working areas where they would get united, shared and discussed views and thoughts for future course of action. These initiatives will able them to face challenges and prepare for future.

The group is made up of adolescents aged ranging from 12 to 17 years. Basically, the members of the groups are taken from women group's family members. The sensitization and awareness meetings are held quarterly and issues relating to gender, child rights, adolescents' rights, domestic violence, violence against women and girls, reproductive health and rights, values, eve teasing, bullying, dowry, early marriages, etc. are discussed, analyzed, debated, and shared regularly. Each group consisted of 20 members. The adolescent member also takes part various sports and cultural events for creating greater sensitization and awareness in the community. They regularly navigate advocacy and campaign program in their areas.

They also received self-defense training that made them competent, confidence, and self-reliant to face future challenges.

*12 adolescent groups and 240 members*

*48 quarterly awareness meetings held and attended 240 adolescents*

*2 gender trainings held and 40 participants*

*2 yearly cultural/sports programs held and participated 300 persons in each event*

*3 self-defense and confidence building skill trainings held and trainees 40 adolescents*

*2 debate competition events for developing knowledge and analytical skills at school/college*

*Reduced eve teasing by 70%*

*Maintained health & hygiene by about 60% organized adolescent members*

*Protected and prevented early marriage in their living areas*

*Sensitizing adolescent girls for their own upbringing*



## An adolescent Krishna is the inspiration of other girls

# Case

IED has undertaken self-defense training for building confidence among adolescent girls to address harassment of adolescent in the community. It has created impression in the society. Krishna Adhikary is an example for creating an extraordinary example. Father Krishno Adhikary is a driver in occupation and Mother Kanika Rina is involved in household chores. They live at Kazipara Raypara area. Krishna is the eldest among 2 sisters and 1 brother. She is the student of 10 grade at Anjuman Ara Academy. Krishna got involved in adolescent group around 6 years back in 2017. As ever, she was eager to involve herself in sports and music along with her study. She always tries to get involved into cultural activities as well as her study. She would like to participate songs and dance at any event hold in school, area or adolescent group. Her parents were not convinced when she wished to learn playing music. Her parents did not have financial solvency to afford the cost of playing music. This matter suffered her but did not lose hope. She inculcated latent desire in her mind that she has to perform something other than study. She was inspired by watching the playing of Kalsindur's girls and winning of Bangladesh team in abroad. She thought that she would have to involve into playing sports especially with that institutions which inspires the girls

playing games and sports. She thought that her parents would not have to bear expenses if she could get involved with these institutions by any means.

In this time IED organized self-defense training for adolescent girls and she took part in the event. After completion of training from IED, she partook 15 daylong training on self-defense organized by Jashore Sports Academy. She practiced regularly and as a result, she participated in the event Sheikh Kamal 2nd Bangladesh Youth Game 2023 held in Dhaka and awarded bronze medal securing 3rd place from Khulna division. District Sports Academy was happy for her success. Deputy Commissioner conferred salutation to her for this success. Jashore district sports academy also conferred salutation to her by giving crest. The family of Krishna is also happy of her success. She has gained confidence from this achievement. She thinks that girls could move forward if they have will and exploit the opportunity they get. She wishes that other girls would come forward in playing like her. She dreams of joining in army in future. She ponders that adolescent girls should have more aware on their rights. All adolescent girls should protest against child marriage and there is in need to discuss about the detrimental side of child marriage with adolescents.

## Women Forum

Women empowerment is one of the major concerns for people of developing nations like Bangladesh as women reside in lowest tier of human development compare to male counterpart. In the working areas, same situation is existed where relation between man and women is exceedingly unequal and patriarchal that results in uneven, unjust and unbalanced development. On the flipside, women have limited scope and opportunity to play their due role and employ decision making in the family. To reverse this trend, empowerment of women is highly expected and time bound need. Considering this reality, IED formed women forum aiming to raise voice and provide support sensitizing civil society people, place problems to the policy makers, administration and related authorities for promoting women empowerment.



*2 women forums and members are 40*

*8 quarterly meetings held and attended 40 members*

*2 yearly school students gathering program held and attended 400 participants*

*8 sensitization sessions with 200 school students on health and hygiene*

The forum members include cultural personalities, lawyers, small entrepreneurs, housewives, teachers and social actors. In this reporting period, it maintains regular communication with women group, Janaudyog platform members, local government and government officials for empowering women. It organizes half yearly meeting regular ways and decides to maintain regular contact with group members, exchange views, play active role to prevent domestic violence, assist to provide legal assistance to group members, and play supportive role to resolve family problems. The members also play instrumental role for mobilizing service and facilities from different government and non-government institutions for beneficiaries and take pragmatic role to prevent early marriage. It is comprising of 20 members in each forum. Now, women can able to raise voice, make decision making in the family and society and develop leadership role in the working areas. All planned activities are actualized as per plan in this reporting period.

## Youth and Cultural Forum

Bangladesh has one of the largest shares of youth population in South Asia. It is around 28 percent of national coverage. This lion shares of youth population could become asset and prospect for prosperous Bangladesh. But the irony of fact, most of youth are grown up with improper care and less attention. Hence, country as a whole unable to leverage benefit from youth force. They could become harbinger of change and transformation if they are nurtured and directed proper ways. Taking this matter into account, IED formed youth and cultural forum in the working areas so that they can get involved into social activities and venture initiatives that drive changes. Under the forum, youth members take different types

of activities e.g. campaign, advocacy, mobilization and lobbying addressing the issues relating to women rights, girls' rights, domestic violence, violence against women, sexual harassment, drug addiction,

*2 youth and cultural forums and members are 40*

*4 forum meetings held and participated 80*

*4 audio visual presentation sessions on social development and change issues held and 750 participants*

*4 cultural events held and attended 480 participants*



*Sensitizing youth on social and cultural issues*

gender equality, and so on. As per plan, they also organize programs like debate, street drama, human chain, rally, and cultural events. They too maintain strong relation and communication with Janaudyog and women forum members to speed up their initiatives for social changes.

## Community Forum

In the community, people in diverse background and entity e.g. social, economic, political, culture, religion and occupation live altogether in peace and harmony. However, the degree of challenges and problems impacts individual, particular group and community differently and disproportionately. Therefore, its effects results in varying ways in the community. The extent to which problems affect the community need joint and collective efforts to address and solutions. In this tone, IED realized that formation of community forum is much needed resolution to address community issues, challenges, problems and prospects holistically. Through this forum, women leaders, women group members, community leaders, male group members, and youth come across in one platform. The aims of forming the forum are facilitate to build leadership capacity among different groups, initiatives to play social transformation, create decent working environment for



*Involving community people to bring changes in the community*

*12 community forums at center level and participants are 240 members*

*24 awareness sessions held and attended 240 participants*

*24 four monthly meetings held and took part 480 participants*

women, contribute to create democratic society at local level and enable to create good governance in the society. Person who has passion to do something better for the society could become the potential member of this forum. The forum meeting is held in regular basis half yearly and formulate action plan for interventions. In this period, they organize sensitization and awareness meetings, discussion and gathering events issues on women rights, empowerment, social and environment development applying audio visual presentation. The government officials, elected representatives, social & cultural activists are invited to attend those events and attended participants are highly motivated and sensitized. They also mobilized various supports and facilities from different government and non-government service providing institutions as and when need for community wellbeing. The community forum is becoming vibrant and dynamic through making interactions with community people, local government representatives, government officials, Janaudyog members and civil society people.

## Women Entrepreneur Group

It is observed and experienced that women in Bangladesh generally enjoy unequal, imbalanced and unjust status in terms of gender role compare to their male counterpart. As a highly patriarchal and male dominated society women have less opportunity and scope to empower themselves by their own initiatives. They have limited scope to play decision making role in the family and society. Since most of them perform household chores and non income activities, they are unable to generate income and contribute in the family. In the flipside, they also do not have enough space and platform where they can get together, discuss ideas and take income earning opportunity. Considering this hardship of women folk, IED formed women entrepreneurs group at the working areas. Under these groups,



*Providing skill training to entrepreneur group*

women entrepreneurs are get united, provided different skill trainings based on their needs and context, developed networks with various financial institutes and market authority. During the reporting period, these groups received need based skill training, learned control over their own income, invested earning to expand business. They also received training on digital marketing and online business techniques through which interest to land in these platform is being grown by women entrepreneurs and some of them have entered into this platform and promoted their products through digital ways. Now, members of these groups have earned confidence, dignity and decision making role in their family.

*32 entrepreneur groups and members are 384*

*4 need-based skill trainings provided and covered 80 participants*

*4 meetings with market committee and attended 80 participants*

*384 monthly meetings held and covered 400 members*

*4 trainings for capacity development on enterprise and business development process and attended 80 participants*

*6 skills training on electrician/refrigerator/TV repairing/parlor/tailoring/automobile/plumbing/mobile servicing/salesmanship*

*1 project to youth to develop mechanism/process/ideas for developing capacity for women entrepreneurs in the project areas to use digital devices to promote economic development*

*1313 members involved in income generating activities*

## Local Level Rally and Mobilization

Rally and mobilization events are important strategy to organize mass people for creating awareness, sensitization and motivation for social changes. For this reason, IED organizes rally and mobilization event at field level. It marks different national and international days by engaging women group, male group, adolescent group, cluster committee, community forum, youth and cultural forum, and women forum members so that they can realize the spirit of day's observation and apply in their daily lives. In this period, IED organized workshops, seminar, meetings, rallies, human chain, mass gathering, memorandum and roundtable discussion events to mark the different national and international days for creating mass sensitization and awareness in the working areas. Upon observing the days, attended participants able to realize their needs and act on according to their plan to achieve desired goals.

*10 different days observed and participated 850 attendees*

*4 campaign events and cultural programs on environment, women, ethnic & religious minorities related 600 attendees*

*5 advocacy events through roundtable, dialogue, human chain, rally, press conference and demonstration on women, minority and environment issues and 200 partakers*



## Democracy and Governance

Democracy is the most popular governance system in the world. Under this system citizens actively take participation in governance process, cast vote, make opinion and form government. But countries like Bangladesh, democracy is still not grounded at strong foundation. People are not aware on their rights, unable to take part in decision making process, less capable to engage in different development activities. Rule of law is less in force towards people, institutions are less strengthened and good governance is not up to the mark. As a result, democracy is not strong enough in our country.

Realizing this matter, IED promotes democracy and governance issues in personal, public and family life from very onset of its inception. It considers that if people do not practice in their daily lives, democracy and governance bear no fruits. Hence, it sensitizes, aware and motivates people about their rights, entitlements, and engage people to get participated in decision making process. To promote good governance and strong democracy it has implemented the following project.

## Interventions in Dhaka City (Kalyanpur Porabosti Slum)

Slum communities are most vulnerable group in the city or town. As other people of the country grow up with civic amenities, so they too supposed to avail those service and facilities. But in reality, they are one of the most deprived

people live in slum for generations. Basically, they live in public land and have no land rights. Slum dwellers lead poor quality of life that includes inadequate access to safe water, sanitation facilities, overcrowding, poor housing

*6 women groups and participants are 120*

*66 monthly meeting held and participated 120 group members*

*1 hands on income generating skill training and attended 20 participants*

*1 campaign and rally event held and attended 50 participants*

*1 legal awareness meeting held and participated 20 attendees*



**Forming women group  
Women Group for their development**

infrastructure and insecure residential status. Most of the people in slum are vulnerable, and less conscious about their rights and entitlements. They have poor knowledge, less capacity and skill to raise voice, claim rights and get service and facilities from government institutions. They lead their lives under continuous threat of eviction since the land where they reside is public

property. They maintain unhygienic and unhealthy practices that results in different types of frequent health complications.

Considering this matter into account, IED willing to perform interventions with slum dwellers at Kalyanpur Porabosti in Dhaka. To sensitize, aware and get united the people, it formed women group in the slum. The group hold regular

meeting, prepare plan and discuss issues affecting them most. Now the slum people are highly aware, sensitized and motivated about their rights. They are able to address their problems and challenges by their own. They are also active and sensitive enough to vocal against domestic violence, dowry, early marriage, and in favor of women & girl rights.

## Community Forum at Slum

IED formed community forum at Kalyanpur Porabosti to address and solve local issues and problems in the slum. The forum members provided support to women groups in achieving their goals. Person with high ambition, attitude and zeal for doing something betterment for slum people are the prospective members of this forum. Its members arrange regular meeting in quarterly and

discuss issues on girls' rights, women rights, early marriage, dowry, domestic violence, health and hygiene, income generation, neat & cleanliness, environment, etc. They also mobilize services and facilities for the community people. Each forum consists of 20 members. For greater sensitization, it also organizes rally, campaign and gathering events in their areas. Now, the slum people are more sensitized, active and aware on their rights.



**Involving community people  
to bring changes in the community**

*2 community forums and members are 40*

*8 quarterly meetings held and attended 160 participants*

Highlights



**Sensitizing youth on social and cultural issues**

**Youth Group**

*1 youth group and their numbers are 20*

*4 meetings held and meeting attendees' number are 80*

*1 campaign (rally) held and participants covered 30*

*1 cultural & sports program organized and partook participants around 500*

Youth of slum face more challenges and problems in terms of poverty, unemployment, inequality, unhealthy environment and some other factors than average youth of the country. They need better scope and opportunity for future growth and development. But those opportunity and scope are less existed in the slum. Therefore, the youth of slum are grown up without future prospects. But they could become change agents and torch bearer of development partner in the country if they are nurtured, cared and provided opportunity to exploiting their untapped potentialities. Considering this situation, IED organized and developed youth group at Kalyanpur porabosti slum areas. The aim of developing youth group is to involve and engage youth slum areas in social and cultural activities. In this group, youth addressed issues relating to their lives, growth, development

and meet future prospects. Under this group, youth come across, get acquainted, set agenda for discussion, make plan of action and actualized later on. They also joined campaign, advocacy, mobilization, rally, human chain and game & sports events, cultural events organized by women group and community forum for creating greater sensitization in the slum community. They received ICT skill training for mobilizing services and facilities for community people. Through this group, youth are aware, sensitized and inspired to promote safe mobility of women, gender equality, women rights, and fight against sexual harassments, climate change, inequality, domestic violence, early marriage, dowry, etc. They are playing active role to sensitize and aware the slum people for improving the cultural values, wellbeing, rights, entitlements, women & adolescents' rights.

## Adolescent Group at Slum

*2 adolescent groups and their number are 30*

*4 meetings held and meeting attendee number are 120*

*2 gender sensitivity training held and attended 40 participants*

*1 training on health and hygiene held and partook 20 participants*



**Enhancing self-defense skills of adolescent girls to improve confidence**



In the urban slum areas, social and cultural settings are much complex. To be grown up with potentialities, adolescent girls have to face different types of challenges and problems. As slum dwellers are poor and live in poverty, most of them perform odd jobs to sustain their lives. As a result, adolescent girls get less attention from their parents which is crucial for sound growth and development. In this period, they are annoyed, eve teased, disturbed and bullied. They also faced sexual harassment from male section of their surrounding areas. On the other hand, adolescence period is highly instable hence thought and thinking are shaped and changed rapidly. To address these issue, adolescent girls and boys need proper care, protection, guidance, opportunity and scope to thrive and nurture their soft skills. In realizing so, IED formed adolescent groups taking

aged between 11-17 years in the slum. Under the groups, adolescent members meet regularly, make plan, discuss issues that affects their lives and maintain communication with community forum and women group in the slum. Through this group, they are able to realize their potentials, develop soft skill and build healthy relation among themselves. During the reporting period, IED provided different types trainings that included leadership and capacity development, gender and development and self-defense and confidence building training. They involved and participated different kinds of sports & cultural events, rally, campaign and mobilization events. Now they are highly aware on their rights, reproductive health & rights, women rights, girls' rights, health & hygiene issues. They also made home to home visit in the slum and aware slum dwellers about their rights.

## B. Promoting People's Initiatives-JANAUDYOG

The program will contribute for achieving SDG 5, 13 and 16.



IED formed and developed Janaudyog- People's Initiatives a civil society platform that operates its activities at local to national level. This platform is composed of cultural activist, social leader, academician, youth, women, development activist and journalist as well. People with high ambition, passion, courage to drive change and zeal for social change are the prospective member of Janaudyog. It has been active and engaged in to spearhead campaign, rally, awareness, gathering, human chain, sensitization, advocacy, lobbying and mobilization on to promote rights of women, poor, ethnic and religious minorities and environment development since 2004. The platform also addresses the local problems and development initiatives. At present, its strong presence exists in 8 districts viz., Dhaka, Netrakona, Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Khulna and Jashore. It is such a platform where people themselves realize their own prospects, challenges, problems and address their issues

relating to empowerment of women, poor, disadvantaged, socially excluded groups, rights of ethnic & religious minority and environmental development and climate change as well.

It raises awareness and create sensitization in the community through advocacy and lobbying and influence policy makers, elected representatives, government officials and other actors to work for the betterment of community and society. Under the Janaudyog platform, people in the working areas are mobilized, sensitized and aware about their rights, and actively engaged to act on their own issues.

During the reporting period, it organized events like meeting, rally, human chain, seminar, mass gathering, press conference, press meet, memorandum submission, workshops, cultural program, self-defence training for adolescent girls, ICT training for youth, game and sports events for creating greater sensitization, awareness and motivation in the working areas. It also contributed to make linkages and liaison between people and different service providing institutions so that people can mobilize services and facilities for their wellbeing and development.

*5 campaign events and cultural events and covered 560 participants at district levels*

*35 advocacy events through round table/dialogue/human chain/rally/ demonstration and covered 1750 participants*

*20 press conference and media campaign events at local level covered 800 participants at district levels*

*1 press conference and media campaign event covered 80 participants at national level*

*4 mobilization events at Dhaka wards level covered 270 participants*

*1 workshop on ideas and change of mindset based on culture at national level involving cultural activists, writers, actors and singers in Dhaka*

*5 greater mobilization through social gathering followed by sports events involving Janaudyog members focusing social environment and promoting unity, peace, and cooperation at 4 district level*

*1 TV talk show on women, minority and environment and rights issues*

*24 events to develop space/folk center for analysing and developing efforts for social transformation, promoting peace and harmony involving youth, women, open thinkers and Janaudyog activists through open discussion, workshop, idea sharing, video presentation and cultural program in Dhaka*

## **Engaging Youth & Students**

### **Youth group at district levels**

*5 youth groups formed at 5 JU district levels associated with JU platforms and members are 100*

*5 trainings on information and communication technology (ICT) at JU district levels*

*5 self-defense and confidence building skill trainings for youth girls and adolescents*

IED has formed youth group at Janaudyog district level so that the youth could become active citizen and play their due role for social engagement and transformation. It is observed that youth of our country often get less opportunity and scope to get them involved in social activities. Hence, they are repeatedly misguided and used as tools of power elites. But they have the potentialities, motivation and zeal to do something for the betterment of the society. In this tone, it formed 5 youth groups in Khulna, Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Sherpur and Netrokona districts in order to actively take part in Janaudyog activities. Now, the youth group extend their supportive role towards Janaudyog platform at district level and address issues relating



### *Developing ICT skills of youth to gather need-based information*

to social, cultural, environmental and economic that engulf their lives. In order to make youth competent, capacitated, self-confident and motivated youth are provided hands on ICT skill training so that they can get familiar with information technology, smartly operate digital gadgets and able to mobilize services and facilities from different government service providing institutions for community wellbeing and development.

## **C. Indigenous Peoples (IP) Youth Empowerment and Livelihood Development**

**The project will contribute for achieving SDG 16.**

### **Empowerment of Ethnic Minorities**

Indigenous Peoples of plain land face multi-dimensional poverty viz., limited financial resource, material deprivation, social isolation, exclusion and powerlessness, physical and psychological ill being. They also encounter discrimination and deprivation in the form of wage, employability, rights, entitlements, dignity, decent work, etc. Landlessness and less income make their lives difficult to maintain prosperous life. In the flipside, their angst, hardship and issues are unheard, unreached and unreported in most case due to illiteracy, lack of suitable platform and poverty. As a development organization, IED dreams for just, egalitarian and balanced society for people irrespective of cast, creed, race, ethnicity, religion and color. In this tone, it implemented interventions to uplift living condition of Indigenous Peoples' of plain land. Under this initiatives, it followed two ways techniques-

- to develop soft skills and leadership capacity of IP youth by forming IP human rights defenders from promising youth of the community. The IP HRD members are provided training on leadership development, gender and development and get them involved to participate different workshops, seminar, human chain, rally, campaign, advocacy and lobbying events which enhanced their capacity, skills and developed self-confidence for raising voice and create greater awareness, sensitization in the community.
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## *Getting IP HRDs skilled to increase income at local market*

hands on skill training on automobile, mobile repairing, sanitary and plumbing, fridge and refrigerator repairing, beauty parlor and electrician to drop out IP youth so that they can improved their skills other than agriculture and diversify income and contribute in their family.

Apart from that IP HRDs, IP parents, guardians, and workshop owners get together at different meetings and work out plan for doing betterment of IP communities.

*3 IP human rights defenders (HRD) forums and its members are 60*

*6 six monthly meetings of IP HRDs at districts level and participated 120*

*3 leadership development trainings and participants 60*

*18 bimonthly sensitization sessions of IP community people on child education, gender issues, rights, early marriage, health and hygiene, and hands on skill training*

*3 gathering/rally/press conference events on IP issues*

*6 advocacy events with union parishad and paurasava*

*1 cultural program/conference at national level*

*(IP-Bengali cultural program for peace building and improving harmony*

*1 public hearing on adibasi issues at national level*

*2 IP network meetings at national level*

*Skill training on automobile-3*

*Skill training on saloon-1*

*Skill training on sanitary and plumbing-3*

*Skill training on electrician-2*

*Skill training on tailoring-3*

*Training on beauty parlor-3*

Human Rights

## Transformed life story of Sumi Biswas

# Case

Sumi Biswas was struggling with poverty that made her life miserable. She was unable to get an opportunity for income. She was very helpless and trying to find out opportunities to get work to be employed. She has indomitable eagerness and strong will power to do something. She was suffering in deep depression as there was family insolvency.

One day she attended in a bimonthly meeting with IP community organized by IED adjacent to her village. There she came to know the information that IED provides supports for hands on various skill training. Women are highly encouraged to get the opportunity by making an attachment with mechanical workshop and gives some lump sum money for lodging and fooding during the training period. As Sumi is an ideal and courageous indigenous woman, IED selected her to join in the 10 month long training course on

electrical works at local market in Sherpur. She completed 10 month long course under the supervision of Amit Biswas, workshop owner.

Her skill is so good that her reputation has been spread out in that area and the workshop owner was highly impressed. He has made an arrangement a job for her at his shop with monthly wage Tk. 6000/- (Six thousand). Now she is known as skilled electrician in the market. At present, she is getting more works on fitting fans and water pumps as her work is better. She has got a scope for earning income. She has made an example that a female could also do mechanical works at the market. Everyone has smiling face as prosperity returns in the family. Sumi hopes that she could show example in the society along with her works. We wish every success in her life.

## 2. Combating digital disinformation to promote good governance in Bangladesh project

Disinformation is spreading and becoming a more complex phenomenon based on emerging new digital practices of deception. Disinformation undermines gender violence, religious misunderstand, ethnic community, social peace-harmony, human rights and good practices of democratic process. It also creates adverse situation, complexity, violence, and violation of election rules and regulations in election period. Counter-disinformation measures can also have a prejudicial impact on human rights and even in election process.

Effective responses to face disinformation are needed at multiple levels, civil society members and community people's actions. While IED has started the process to promote for combating disinformation involving youths, students, teachers, local government representatives, civil society members, women that has created good impact in the community. It is the people's demand to continue the initiative for longer period of time and covering more people. It is one of the unique processes that would contribute for promotion of good governance including election processes and peace-harmony as well. IED implemented **the Combating digital disinformation to promote good governance in Bangladesh** project during October 2022 – March 2023 in Dhaka, Jashore, Mymensingh, Sherpur, Netrakona, Rajshahi, Gaibandha and Khulna district.

### Objectives:

#### To promote peace and harmony and strengthening democratic practices:

- Sensitized 160 teachers, civil society members Journalists, government and non-govt. agencies for taking initiatives to aware 860 community people.
- Developed and capacity development of 3 journalists providing fellowship to write at least 10 reports monthly.
- Sensitized 50 policy makers, social actors and development activists, academicians to highlight digital disinformation issues and making advocacy.

### Key Activities:

- 3 days training workshop for capacity building and sensitizing young university-college-school level teachers, civil society members, journalists, local government representatives, women and youths. Participants 30 each. 2 workshops in Jashore and Mymensingh;
- Campaign and interaction with 300 community people by the trained workshop participants. Jashore and Mymensingh, participants 30 each;
- Webinar with young leaders and TCS members, Participants 30 at Dhaka;
- Webinar with civil society (Janaudyog) members, Participants 30 at Dhaka;
- Develop Poster, Leaflet and Booklet on disinformation and good governance;
- Workshop on combating digital disinformation to promote good governance at Sherpur, Rajshahi, Netrakona, Khulna and Gaibandha with CS (Janaudyog) members, Participants 20 each;
- Campaign and interaction with 500 community people by workshop participants at Sherpur, Rajshahi, Netrakona, Khulna and Gaibandha by Civil society (Janaudyog) members, Participants 30 each;

- National level seminar/symposium on combating digital disinformation and challenges with policy maker, journalist, civil society members, development and cultural activists, Participants 50;
- Provide fellowship to 3 Journalists (Electronic, Print and Online) for 10 in-depth reporting on disinformation and good governance;
- Capitalization report, develop and print

### Outputs/performance indicators

- 60 young university, college and school teachers, civil society members, journalists, local government representatives, women and youths are skilled.
- 160 workshop participants interacted with 860 community people to make them aware to participate in the 7 campaign activities in 7 districts;
- 10 in-depth reports will be published on disinformation and its' effect on good governance in reputed daily newspaper, electronic media and online news portal covering about 2, 00,000 readers and audiences that will sensitize at least 2000 persons.
- 50 policy makers along with other development actors go for making advocacy covering 500 people.

**Total direct beneficiaries: 1100**

*3 days training workshop for capacity building and sensitizing young university-college-school level teachers, civil society members, journalists, local government representatives, women and youths*

*Sensitizing traditional civil society towards combating digital disinformation*



IED hosted 3 day long 2 training workshops from December 29-31, 2022 in Mymensingh and during January 5-7, 2023 in Jashore respectively. The workshops aim at building capacity and sensitizing young university-college-school level teachers, civil society members, journalists, local government representatives, women and youths to

initiate to combat disinformation challenges for strengthening democratic practices in the election process and promoting peace and harmony. Total 60 participants actively participated in the events. Mr. Qumrush Shahid Hafiz Adnan Riad, conducted and facilitated the training workshops. The events featured on identifying digital

disinformation, information disorder, its identification and prevention technique, cyber security, digital hygiene, fact checking, social media management, information verification, and other related issues.

Dr. Shantanu Majumdar, Prof. of Political Science, Dhaka University said, there are various attempts ongoing from vested groups through spreading rumor and disinformation to achieve their goal. Disinformation and rumors are regularly spread by all the parties in the election period. There is a possibility to spreading rumors and disinformation among the groups in the next election. The professional society and the youths should be careful about this. He also said that disinformation, rumors, misinformation and fake news lead to misunderstanding, violence, aggressive attitude etc. in the society. Rumors have personal and political motives. Even sometimes rumors are spread through mass media.

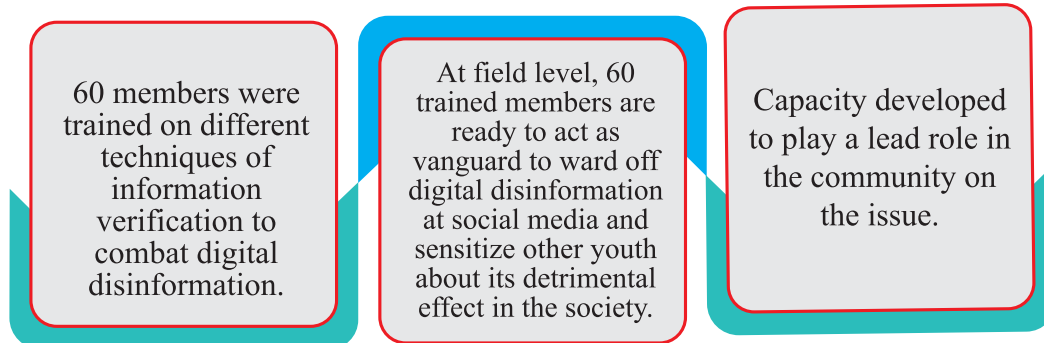
Mr. Mobarak Hossain, Teacher of Jashore University of Science and Technology said, individual awareness is needed to avoid spreading misinformation. If we are aware about it then it is possible to deal this issue effectively. Ms. Muna Afrin, District Disability Development Officer; Elin Said Ur Rahman, District Assistant

Information Officer; Sheikh Rokeya, Jashore Municipal Councilor; Begum Dolly, Vice President of Sommilito Sangskritik Jote; Kamrun Nahar Kana, Mahila Parishad; Shaheen Iqbal, Former Principal of Upshahar College; Rukunuddullah, Veteran Journalist; Jamal Uddin, Teacher, Jashore Zilla School; Habibur Rahman Milan, Jashore Press Club, and Shajahan Nannu, Vice President, ADAB participated along with other participants in the Jashore workshop.

Agriculturalist Abul Kashem, Assistant Director of Youth Development Department; Abdullah Al Muktadir, Teacher, English National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam University; Tanveer Ahmed Noman, Assistant Professor of Bangladesh Agricultural University; Mobarok Hossain Sumon, former Joint General secretary of BAU Teachers Association; Arif Shakil Pollob, Assistant Professor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Masudul Hasan Arif, Principal, DKGS United College; Rokshana Shirin, Woman Councilor; Hamida Khatun and Hasina Begum, Syeda Convener, women's Forum participated along with other participants in the Mymensingh workshop.

At the end of these sessions, all participants were encouraged and sensitized to combat unremitting spread of disinformation online effective way.

#### **The outcomes are as follows:**



### **3. International tolerance fair 2022 Project**

Bangladesh has a history of rich cultural, religious, and ethnic diversity. For decades the country has embraced the values of togetherness in diversity. Unfortunately, intolerance and hate have been on the rise and may threaten the peaceful coexistence of Bangladesh's diverse population over time. To restore and promote peace, harmony, tolerance, coexistence and social cohesion among the people in the society, Institute for Environment and Development (IED) jointly implemented a project titled International Tolerance Fair, 2022 during November 6, 2022 – December 15, 2022 in Dhaka. The other implementing partners were UNDP Bangladesh, The Asia Foundation, Dhaka, Action Aid, and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).



In recent years, hate speech and disinformation is increasing in social media and calling for hatred and violence towards liberals, minorities and women. Extremists speed up their attacks online on liberal values & voices and ideologies such as democracy, secularism, and feminism. To combat the rising levels of incitement to discrimination, hatred, intolerance, and violence towards liberals and vulnerable groups, we need to encourage greater appreciation and respect for diversity. Therefore, IED decided to join in celebration of the international day for Tolerance, with the following objectives:

- Nurture empathy among the diverse Bangladesh population.
- Enhance appreciation of the rich diversity in Bangladesh.
- Empower and give voice to diverse people and communities.

### Description of the event: Festival of Tolerance



The festival of tolerance needs to be celebrated at each and every house in Bangladesh. People should be inspired by the spirit of harmony. It is our responsibility to respect people of all races, religions and gender in the eye of respect, said by Selina Hossain, eminent writer and president of Bangla Academy, participated as chief guest in the event.

Institute for Environment and Development (IED), Action Aid Bangladesh, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), The Asia Foundation, British High Commission, Embassy of Denmark Dhaka, Norwegian Embassy Dhaka and UNDP Bangladesh jointly hosted the event to mark the international day of tolerance on November 16, 2022 at the precinct of Bangla Academy in Dhaka.

Ms. Aroma Dutta, MP, Bangladesh National Parliament said, the birth of Bangladesh is from harmony where people of all races, religions, creeds and languages got liberated the country unitedly. But unfortunately, the temper of tolerance is somehow reducing day by day. To

build up a country of non-communal and multi-race in the true sense, we need to continue the discussion and dialogue of harmony every day.

Ms. Van Nuyen, Deputy Residence Representative, UNDP Bangladesh said in her welcome tone, Bangladesh has a long history of rich cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. For decades, the country has embraced the values to live with togetherness in diversity.

Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka and chief guest of the inaugural session has given heartfelt thanks to the host organizers Forever, Bangladesh is the land of harmony for all race and religion. But in the course of time, some vested and evil groups disturb the ground spirit of peaceful coexistence and harmony. This festival is the collaborative efforts to counter the narrative against those evil forces.

Norway always respects diversity and harmony with special attention and dignity. It is our trusts that Bangladesh too will maintain this positive trend of uplifting humanity, harmony and

coexistence aiming at balanced and just development, said Ms. Sijle Finnes Wannebo, The Mission Head, Norwegian Embassy of Dhaka. Conveying deepest gratitude to the organizers, Mr. Matt Cannel, Development Director to British High Commission, Bangladesh said, Bangladesh has a history of tolerance and harmony. However, intolerance, violence and fanaticism are in the rise in recent times. UK is always extending support to continue the dialogue for ensuring peaceful coexistence for all.

HE, Winnie Estrub Peterson, Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh said, tolerance is highly important for all of us. It is our duty and responsibility to respect and appreciate harmony and cultural diversity for the sake of world's humanity.

Mr. Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, The Country Representative, The Asia Foundation said, Once, the University of Dhaka was the melting spot for practicing politics and culture. The trend of lively discussion among the diverse race and religion was continued. It is the craving need to bring back the trend of cordial dialogue with all in this hard time.

Our new generation are in the transition period. There are virtual and mundane world ahead of them. It is crucial to synchronize between the two worlds, said Nazmul Ahsan, Manager, Young People Project, Action Aid Bangladesh.

Numan Ahmed Khan, Executive Director of IED said, social media is increasingly used as tools for spreading hate speech and disinformation, calling hatred and violence against minority and vulnerable groups. We all need to promote greater

dignity and respect for diversity in order to prevent increased incitement, discrimination, hatred, intolerance and violence against minorities and vulnerable people.

Shaheen Anam, Chairperson of the Inaugural Session and Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) said, it is not enough to accept diversity only, we need to celebrate this spirit. Indigenous Peoples of our land are losing their languages, land and culture. It is only possible to build secular and non-communal Bangladesh guaranteeing the protection of all races, religion,s and languages.

The festival featured on Pongsong, Adivasi dance, folk song, drum playing, group dance of transgender community, drama, storytelling, and screening of documentaries and art that highlighted the culture and rich diversity of the country. Apart from that various stalls were decorated with indigenous foods & artifacts, Bangali food and cloth items. Along the cultural event, the interfaith discussion was held engaging youth, educationists and development practitioners. In the evening session, cultural event was held where Tonger Gaan, F Minor, Joler Gaan and MADAL performed their cultural presentations.

The event highly sensitized the diversified about 3000 participants that would be integrated among a large number of people. The event was published and aired in different print and electronic media with high emphasis. Many people commented that it was a very exceptional initiative to promote the gravity of tolerance.

## **D. Environment Development and Climate Change**

**The activity will contribute for achieving SDG 13.**

Climate change and global warming are most pressing and burning challenges and problems that human civilization has to face in 21st century in this globe. Rapid urbanization, high mass consumption, unplanned industrialization, destroying normal flow of rivers and extinction of forest land lead to climate change that results in global warming. Bangladesh is highly vulnerable

situation due to its geographical landscape. IED gives special emphasis on environmental development and climate change issues in its programs and approaches as cross cutting issue. Environmental protection and climate change adaptation strategy is an integral part with community peoples' life and livelihood context and sustainability. Environmental issues are also a



### *Employing advocacy campaign to gear up green movement*

part of system that reproduces inequality and deprivation, therefore, the environmental issues have to be strategically linked to economic exploitation, restoration of nature and sustainability of the environment. The structured and formal/informal training to community leaders on environment, ecology and climate change has been linked with broader socio-economic context.

IED is also taking initiatives to enhance the capacity of organized group and forum members, community people, Janaudyog platform members, women, students and youth for fostering policy advocacy on environmental protection and climate change adaptation at district and national level.

It is noted here that IED as a development organization emerged from the movement of the

highly sensitized issue environment development and climate change. From its inception in 1994, it highly concerned about the issues.

In doing so, it carried out numerous activities like meeting, dialogue, seminar, human chan, rally, campaign, and gathering to raise awareness and create sensitization among the people for protection and promotion of environment development and face climate change issues. It involved youth, students, academicians, development practitioners, elected representatives, women, community people, journalists, cultural activists and government officials to materialize green development for sustainable environment. During the reporting period, Janaudyog platform's members and youth group are active and vocal against land grabbers, river polluters and grabber in the working areas. It also observed and marked world environment day on June 5 each year through which attended participants are sensitized and aware to protect and promote environment in their surrounding areas. With school students, it organized debate, rally, street drama and campaign program to create greater sensitization and awareness among the people towards environment development. It also sensitized people to plant more medicinal, forest and fruits plant for building sustainable environment and combat effects of climate change.



*Raising awareness to promote sustainable environment*

## Some basic information

- 8 Janaudyog platforms in 8 districts to address environment issues and organize movements for environment protections.
- About 65,000 beneficiaries are sensitive and active for environment development and save river, save sundarban, save green, save hills, save forests, protect air pollution, improving cleanliness, develop drainage system, reexcavation of rivers and ponds, tree plantation and protection.
- Organized 110 women groups, 14 community forums, 2 women forums are directly involve in development of environment at local level.

## Comments

- It is becoming quite hard to protect rivers due to the high influence of landgrabbers and power elites.
- Air pollution of Bangladesh is very worst. It would be addressed with high importance.
- The environment situation is less improving due to less sensitization and participation of people in the environment protection movement.
- IED is highly experienced in organizing campaign, advocacy, lobbying, and mobilization for movement and activating people's participation.
- IED's target beneficiaries and students are very sensitive and active to take part environment development related activities. Debates, sports and cultural events and social gatherings are organized to sensitize people on environment and climate change issues.

## Some remarkable achievement

- Addressed Magurchara gas field disaster standing beside the affected people, organize advocacy and campaign movement at national level. The government became sensitized to take necessary supportive steps.
- Addressed the miserable living and livelihood conditions of HAOR people to bring changes through mobilizing people, sensitizing government machineries and activate HAOR Development Board.
- Provided support to the family of the HAOR areas for protection of their houses and bazars from storm and strong wave through constructing 5 protection walls at 5 unions in Dharmapasha, Sunamgonj district.
- Conducted Comprehensive Risk Assessment (CRA) in Faridpur.
- Constructed 500 houses for disaster affected people and 20 toilets at schools of Netrakona and also provided 30 days food support for 500 families.
- Addressed the river protection, reexcavation, pollution and erosion issues for Bhairab river, Jashor; Mayur river, Khulna; Ghagot river, Gaibandha; Magra river, Netrakona, Padma river, Rajshahi; Karnaphuli river, Chattogram and Buriganga river, Dhaka.
- Organized 'Save Sundarban Movement' in Khulna.

- Reexcavation of Brahmaputra river covering 227 km from Jamalpur to Bhairab Kishorgonj, that was strongly initiated by Janaudyog Mymensingh. The work is going on and JU is playing active role to monitor the progress of the project and maintaining direct communication with the district administration.
- Organized movement 'Save century old trees of Jashore- Benapole highway'. Lastly the trees have been saved.
- Established 8 JU platforms at district and national level for raising people's awareness, organizing campaign, conducting advocacy and lobbying, sensitizing government departments and institutions to protection of environment and climate change.
- IED is very sensitive to publish books, posters, leaflets, stickers, and newsletters to create mass awareness and sensitization.
- It has created sensitization at the community levels at 2 districts and Kalyanpur slum, Dhaka for improving cleanliness and drainage system for better life involving IED organized women groups, and community forums.

## Organization's Other Interventions

### Universal Pension

IED realized the importance of economic security of each and individual old aged citizen of the country. From this realization, it started discussion informally with different sections of the people including politician, economist, academician, development activist for long time. And the issue was shared with the policy makers to introduce a scheme immediately. On the other hand, people at the grassroots levels were also mobilized to raise the pension issue in IED working areas. The Janaudyog platform played effective role to promote the idea at 8 districts. IED played advocacy role and developed IEC materials in this regard.

We appreciate the government to introduce the universal pension scheme. Now, our organization is moving forward to sensitize, aware and mobilize people at the grassroot levels covering IED organized groups and forums, community people, Janaudyog members to enter into this scheme. It is also organizing meeting, workshop, discussion, gathering to present the detail system and process of the scheme where representatives from Sonali Bank Ltd, Social Welfare Department, Local Government Department and other government officials remained present.

### Family Budgeting

Family budgeting is very essential for promoting disciplined family life, economic development and family management. IED took the matter with high importance and started study on it. Based on the study, it developed a module, guideline and IEC materials to aware and sensitize people at all levels especially disadvantaged, poor and marginalized groups. Our organization is facilitating meeting, discussion, and workshop with IED organized group, forum & Janaudyog platform members and community people for starting practice of family budgeting. Recently we have started this initiative. It is a very hard job to make the people put in practice.

## Digital Disinformation

Digital disinformation is emerging issue and challenge that pops up at social media every day. It creates unrest, destabilize social cohesion, peace and harmony in the society. Many people with bad intentions spreading out disinformation to make the people excited to create unrest and disturbing situation. As we are gradually moving towards digital world for online communication, it also poses risk of encountering disinformation at social media. Netizens especially youth generation lack online manner and etiquette, capacity, knowledge and skills to identify fake news, digital disinformation

To combat digital disinformation online, IED implemented interventions involving youth, students, journalists, civil society members, govt. officials, elected representatives and district administration in 8 districts including Dhaka. It provided training to the participants that included fact checking, identifying fake news, misinformation, digital disinformation, maintaining digital hygiene, follow online manner and etiquette and technique of posting digital content e.g. photographs, images, text, irritating languages, etc. at online. Now, the trained youth, students, journalist and community are able to combat digital disinformation competent ways. We also fostered campaign, mobilization, human chain and rally to gear up awareness to fight against digital disinformation. For creating sensitization, it produced IEC materials and distributed among the stakeholders. IED has undertaken this issue in its regular programs.

## E. Networking, Organizational Capacity Development and PME

The activities will contribute to achieve SDG 1, 3, 5 and 16.

### Networks and linkages



*Strengthening networks  
among likeminded actors*

IED lays special emphasis to maintain strong network and linkages with likeminded organizations during this reporting period. It thinks that there are some pressing and burning challenges, problems and issues exist in the society that are difficult to address and solve by individual or particular organization. It needs collective and joint efforts to solve those challenges. In that tone, IED continuously searches out likeminded organizations whose values, ethics and practices are identical with us and streamlines existed networks and linkages with friendlier organizations.

For mutual growth and wellbeing of the community, IED extends its hands and cooperation with various civil society members and platforms, social actors, cultural activists, Indigenous Peoples, development organizations, NGOs, platforms and networks. During the reporting period, it organizes network meetings, share and exchanges views, ideas lessons, and learns experiences from each other.

To influence policy makers, lawyers and influential elites, it navigates advocacy, lobbying and campaign techniques in the form of mass

gatherings, mobilizations, human chain, rally, press meet, roundtable discussion and memorandum submission. IED is always vocal and active to promote issues relating to poor, women, rights ethnic & religious minorities, environment, and climate change from local to national level.

It continues sound, friendly and healthy relationship and partnership with different coalitions and alliance viz., Samajik Protirodh Committee, Sammilito Samajik Andolon, Election Working Group (EWG), Sampritee Mancho, Poribesh Bachao Andolon, Haor Bachao Andolon, Adivasi Adhikar Andolon and Health Rights Movement. It maintains even relation and networks with SANGAT and SAAPE at regionally. At international level, it has partnership with Jubilee South. To create atmosphere for equal and just society, it closely works with People's SAARC and Anti-Poverty Platform. As an indigenous peoples' friendly organization, IED forms IP Human Rights Defenders Forum to raise voice in favor of Indigenous community and address their challenges, problems and prospects holistically.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is important tools for any organizations. Organization can understand if the projects or programs implemented accordingly and achieved its goals. To this respect, IED employs unique and identical M&E tools track, analyze and assess the project. It thinks strong and comprehensive M&E method is crucial to knowledge management and learning. It has developed own participatory monitoring and evaluation (PM&E) techniques for documenting, analyzing and capturing information, data and knowledge. Skilled, capacitated and staff having long working experience are employed to look after PM&E of IED. Over the course of time, it modifies, updates and upgrades PM&E cell to meet up the ever changing scenario of development field.

IED also develops different types of questionnaire, format, checklists, tools and techniques for documenting information, data and capturing knowledge. To make effective use of PM&E tools and formats, it orients and trains the assigned staff as and when need be. During field visit period, staff collect and gather essential information from various groups, forums and janaudyog platforms. Then it processed, analyzed and prepared report for the organization. Upon completion of the report, it shared the report findings with senior staff and provided feedback. Staff from Dhaka, central office organizes regular monitoring visit at field level. And center offices Mymensingh and Jashore also do monitor their own activities accordingly.

*31 internal monitoring and evaluation by central office*

*286 internal monitoring and supervision by local management*

*72 liaisons with group and community conveyance support*

## Organizational Capacity Building

As a development organization, IED is always concerned about its future growth, prospect and sustainability. To achieve long lasting success, it has to chalk out organization's strength and weakness to meet ever changing need of time. Based on these findings, it developed different plan of action and resort staff capacity development. Developing capacity of staff enables organization and make them more competence and skills. During the reporting period it allowed staff to participate, engage and attend in various workshops, seminars, dialogue, events, meetings, and programs and provided trainings that enhance their knowledge and develop skills to implement interventions accordingly. Staff from central and center level develop monitoring plan and do visit field frequently. Sometime it organized learning visit at different development organizations that enabled staff to understand development practices, challenges and learning documented by those organizations.

At central level, monthly staff meeting and capacity development forum are held regularly. In these programs, various issues, topics and agenda are discussed and highlighted. At field level, staff also organize monthly meeting as well. Both center and central level staff attend half yearly review and planning meeting in Dhaka twice in a year.

*12 capacity development forum meetings conducted*

*2 half yearly review meetings held*

*12 coordination meetings held at central office*

*48 coordination & staff*

*development meetings held at both 2 centers*

*2 IP defenders six monthly meetings held*

*1 staff development training on peace building and conflict resolution and refreshers course*

*1 cross learning & experience sharing visit for 25 members at inter district level*

*1 participation in international seminar/conference/meeting*

## Documentation and Publications

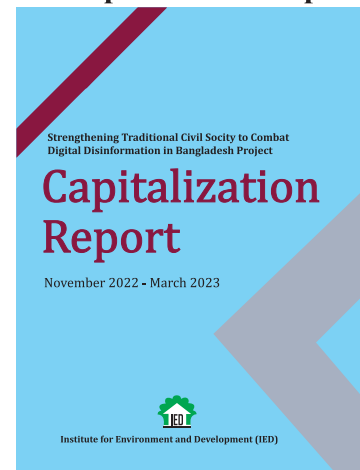
IED also publishes various documents and publication issues working for. Covering the reporting period it has published 2 wall banners, 1 capitalization report, 6 posters, 6 stickers, 3 festoons, 2 newsletters, 1 leaflet, 1 invitation card, 1 booklet and highlighting the women, environment and ethnic & religious minority issues.

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### Wall banner

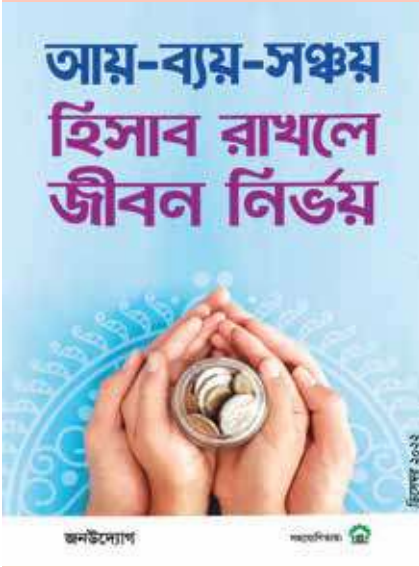


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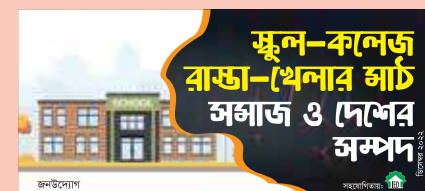
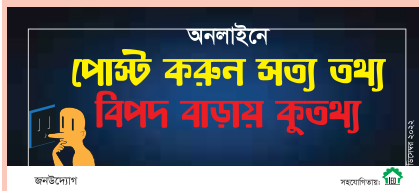




## Poster



## Sticker



# Newsletter

**পরিবেশ ও ক্ষমতায়ন**  
আইইডি'র সাম্প্রতিক ব্যবস্থা



**সম্মিলিত উদযাপন**  
আইইডি'র সাম্প্রতিক ব্যবস্থা

সম্মিলিত উদযাপন অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে অধ্যক্ষ প্রফেসর ড. মোস্তাফিজুর রহমানের সভাপতিত্বে আইইডি'র বিভিন্ন বিভাগের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীরা অংশগ্রহণ করেছেন। অনুষ্ঠানে অধ্যক্ষের সভাপতিত্বে আইইডি'র বিভিন্ন বিভাগের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীরা অংশগ্রহণ করেছেন।



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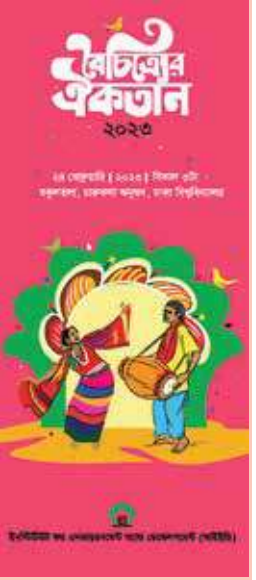
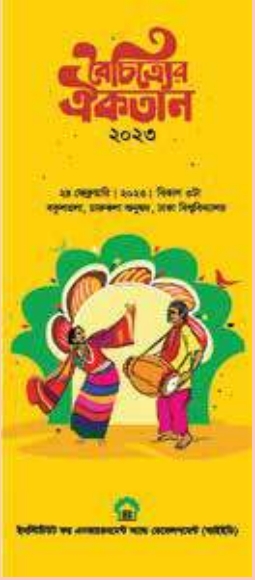
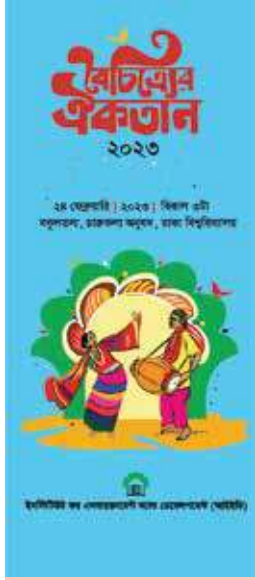


**সংস্কৃতি ধারণ, দালাল ও চরার মাধ্যমেই সাংস্কৃতিক ঐতিহ্য বহন**

সংস্কৃতি ধারণ, দালাল ও চরার মাধ্যমেই সাংস্কৃতিক ঐতিহ্য বহন। আইইডি'র বিভিন্ন বিভাগের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীরা অংশগ্রহণ করেছেন।



# Festoon



# Leaflet

**সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে কুতখ্য থামাও**  
জীবন নীচাও দেশ নীচাও

আজকের সমাজে জনপ্রিয়তা অর্জন করছেন  
ইন্টারনেটে সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমের মাধ্যমে।

কিন্তু এই আধুনিক যুগের সাথে সাথে  
সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমের মাধ্যমে কুতখ্য থামাও  
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# Invitation Card

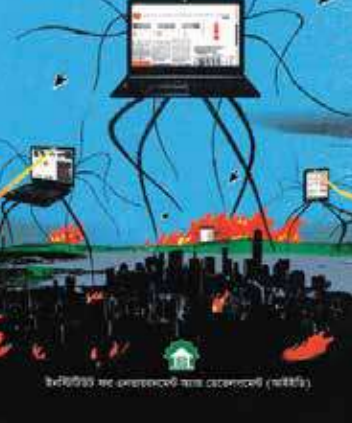
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# Booklet

**কুতখ্যের কথকতা-২**



ইউইডি'র সাম্প্রতিক ব্যবস্থা

## Executive Committee

SN	Name	Occupation	Designation
1	Prof. Dr. Rashid-E-Mahbub	Academician, Physician and Social Activists	Chairman
2	Shantanu Majumder PhD	Academician, Professor, DU	Vice Chairman
3	Numan Ahmed Khan	Environmental, Excluded group activist	Secretary
4	Dr. Laila Arjumand Banu	Social Worker, Development Activist	Treasurer
5	Nazneen Begum	Social Worker and Development Activist	Member
6	A.K.M. Zahidul Mostofa	Artist and Development activist	Member
7	Jahangir Hossain Sharif	Researcher and Activists	Member

## General Committee

SN	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Rahid-E-Mahbub	Chairman
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3	Numan Ahmed Khan	Secretary
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7	Jahangir Hossain Sharif	Executive Member
8	Sohrab Hasan	General Member
9	Laila Afroz	General Member
10	Kazi Abdur Rahman	General Member
11	Shahida begum	General Member
12	ATM Zillur Rahman	General Member
13	Julekha Begum	General Member
14	Dr. Jahanara Akter Chowdhury	General Member
15	Maj. (Rtd.) Mustafa Najib	General Member
16	Dr. Habiba Shamim Sultana (Daizy)	General Member
17	Zinat Fatema Nur (Luna Nur)	General Member
18	Mehedi Banu	General Member
19	Md. Hasanuzzaman	General Member
20	Shahana Syed	General Member
21	Abdul Mannan	General Member

# Financial Statement

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Chartered Accountants

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**INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (IED)  
Consolidated Financial Account (CFA)**

**Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2023

PARTICULARS	Note	Amount in Taka	
		2022-2023	2021-2022
<b>PROPERTY AND ASSETS:</b>			
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant & equipments	Note -1	1,269,145	1,572,255
<b>CURRENT ASSETS :</b>			
Advance & Prepayments	Note - 2	50,000	50,000
Security Deposit	Note - 3	4,000	4,000
Advance office rent	Note - 4	51,000	51,000
Closing Cash & Cash equivalents	Note - 5	76,824	863,130
<b>TOTAL :</b>		<b>1,450,968</b>	<b>2,540,386</b>

PARTICULARS	Note	Amount in Taka	
		2022-2023	2021-2022
<b>FUND AND LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>EQUITY/FUND ACCOUNT</b>			
Restricted fund (Unutilized donor Fund)	Note -6	(810,954.42)	589,943
Unrestricted fund (General Fund Program)	Note -7	26,668	26,557
Asset Fund Account	Note -8	1,269,145	1,572,255
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Loan Account -GPF and Gratuity and PF	Note-9	135,000	-
Liabilities & Provision for expenses	Note-10	831,110	351,631
<b>TOTAL :</b>		<b>1,450,968</b>	<b>2,540,386</b>

The annexed Schedules 1 to 23 from an integral part of these financial statements.

  
Head of Finance  
IED

Shaim Uddin Mallick  
Accounts Officer  
As per our Annexed report of even date  
Environment & Development

  
Executive Director  
Numan Ahmed Khan  
Executive Director  
Institute for Environment and Development (IED)

Khaja Shiraj Uddin Ali Ahmed, FCA  
ICAB Enrolment No-248



Partner  
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Dated : Dhaka, 7th November 2023

# Financial Statement

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**INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT (IED)**  
**Consolidated Financial Account (CFA)**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
As at 30 June 2023

**6. RESTRICTED FUND (UNUTILIZED DONOR FUND):**

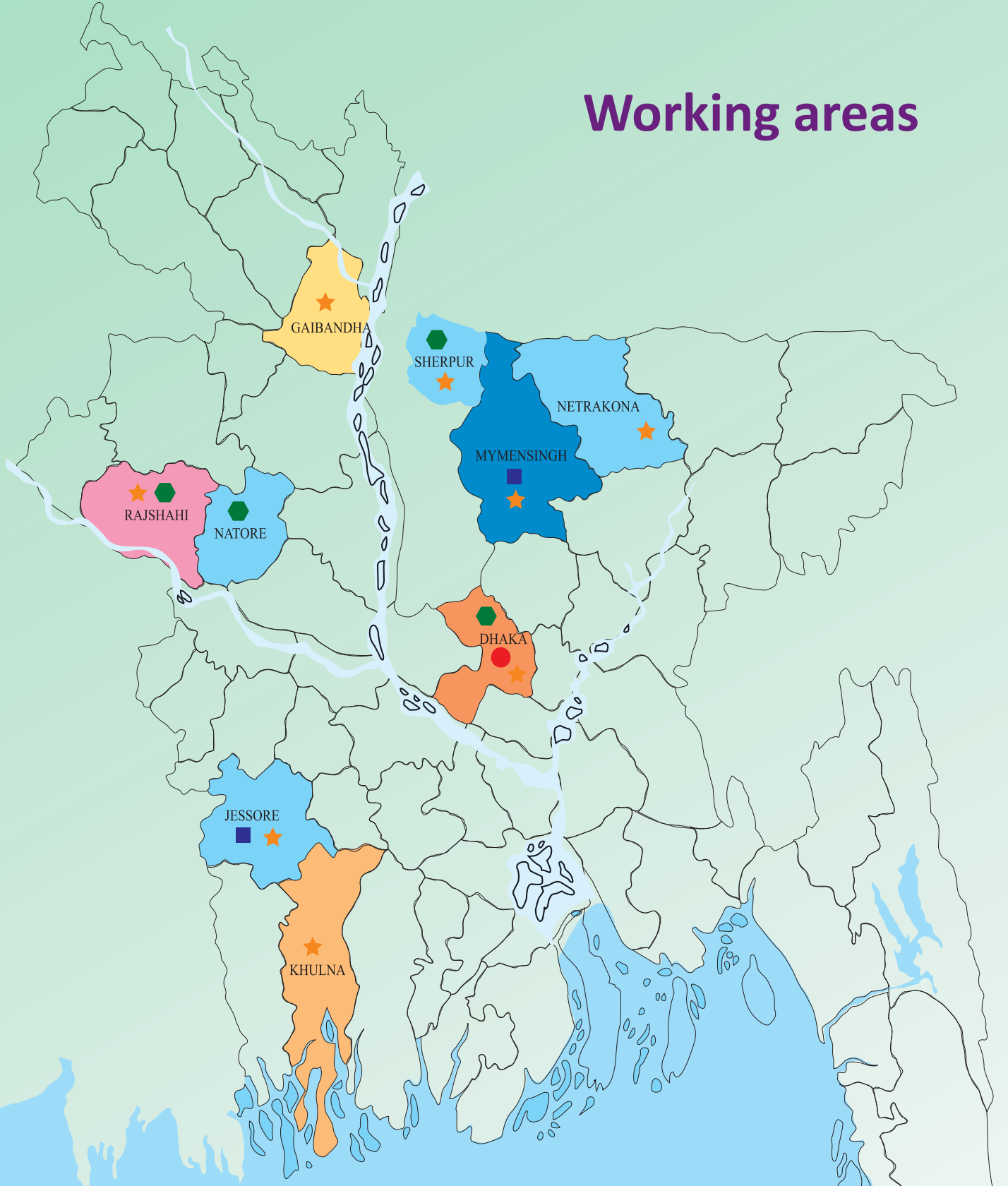
Sl.No	Name of Fund	Opening Balance (in Tk.)	Received during the period	Contribution & Loan receipts	Excess of income over exp.	Total Received (Tk.)	Fund Utilized cost this period	Fund Adjustment with GPF and Gratuity & PF	Provision for Expenses	Closing Balance 30.06.2022
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (3 to 6)	8	9	10	11
1.	Promoting Rights & Empowerment through Initiative of People (PREIP)-Bfw [2017-20]	(266,631)	265,851	-	-	(779)	-	-	-	(779)
2.	Promoting Rights & Empowerment through Initiative of People (PREIP)-Bfw [2020-23]	849,073	29,671,520	190,809	9,176	30,720,578	31,482,079	-	55,000	(816,501)
3.	Strengthening TCS to Combat Digital Disinformation in Bangladesh -TAF,Dhaka:	1,140	1,465,412	-	1,375	1,467,927	1,432,125	-	35,000	803
4	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE "Under PTIB Project of UNDP Bangladesh.	-	587,000	-	891	587,891	586,971	-	-	920
5.	Various Fund Balance- Funded Project	6,360	-	-	132	6,492	1,889	-	-	4,603
<b>Total :</b>		<b>589,943</b>	<b>31,989,783</b>	<b>190,809</b>	<b>11,574</b>	<b>32,782,109</b>	<b>33,503,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>(810,954)</b>

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# Working areas



- Central Office -1 ●
- Center Office -2 ■
- Janaudyog Areas-8 ★
- IP Areas-3 ●



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