

## Quarterly project update/report (July2018-September 2018)

<b>Project name</b>	Dalit/Adibashi Rights, Empowerment & Access towards Mainstream (DREAM)
<b>Project number</b>	610-404
<b>Location of project</b>	Adamdighi Upazila under Bogra district, Charagpur union, Mohadevpur sadar union and Enayetpur union in Mohadevpur Upazila, Patnitala union and Patichora union under Patnitala Upazila of Naogaon district.
<b>Implementing organisation</b>	Association for Rural Cooperation (ARCO)
<b>Duration of project</b>	January2017-December 2020
<b>Total project budget</b>	6,77,42,978 BDT
<b>Annual project budget</b>	1,75,52,774 BDT
<b>Reporting period</b>	July2018-September 2018
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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

ARCO = ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL COOPERATION.

MFI = MICRO FINANCE INSTITUTE.

POOCs = PEOPLE OF OUR CONCERN.

RSSC=RURAL SALES & SERVICE CENTER

TVET= TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

UDMC= UNION DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ULO=UPAZILA LIVESTOCK OFFICER

UP = UNION PORISHAD

VCA = VALUE CHAIN APPROACH

VDC = VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DYD= DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

VGf=VULNERABLE GROUP FEEDING

BDBL=BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED

HHs=HOUSEHOLDS

UST= UREA STRAW TREATMENT

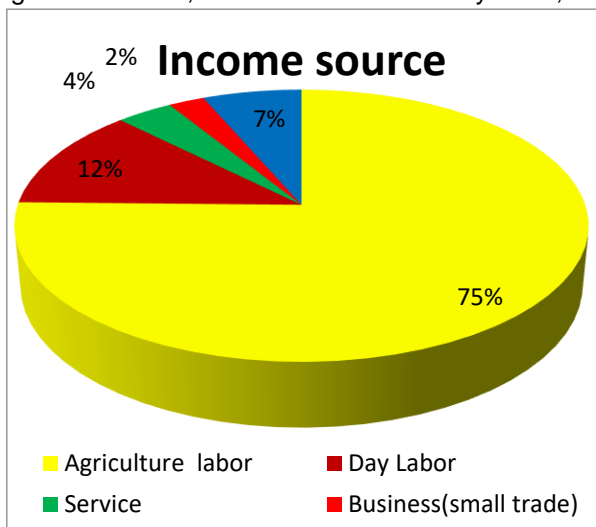
RAKUB=RAJSHAHI KRISHI UNNAYAN BANK

## 1.Context Review

### Social and Economic Conditions

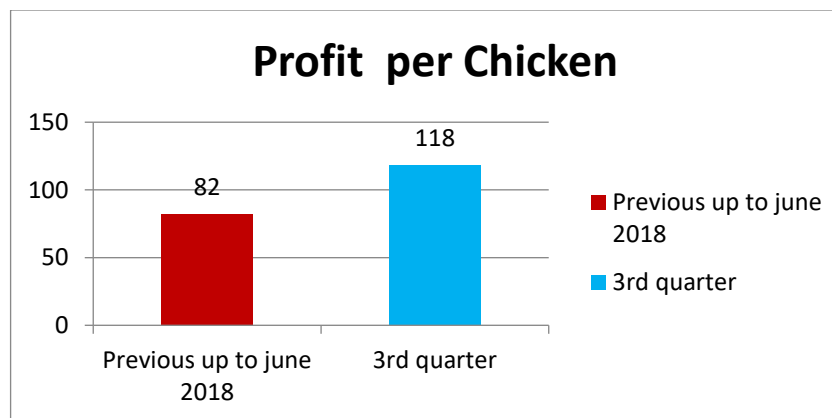
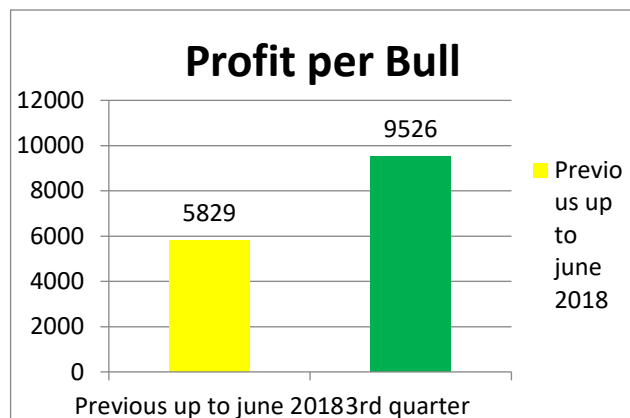
Bangladesh is a developing country. Keeping this developing process Bangladesh is taking various activities following SDG and vision 2041. Recently Bangladesh govt has gained some remarkable success in industry, agriculture, electricity, health, education and road construction. In recent years Bangladesh govt also take some special measures for the development of ethnic minority people of Bangladesh but this process is scarcely touched the people of our concern (PooCs). Even sometimes they are unknown to this process. ARCO is working with the dalit and Adibashi people to develop their social status and included them in mainstream community. ARCO has disseminated various information about development issue among PooCs. Now PooCs have knowledge of their rights and raised their voices against their rights. Though their traditional occupation is agriculture, now many of them are involved in alternative profession such as bull fattening, chicken rearing, small trade business, driving etc.

DREAM project has been working with 1701 HHs (Dalit-222, Adibashi-1479) and 6884 PooCs in its project area. Here 1281 HHs are involved in agriculture labor, 207 HHs involved in day labor, 63 HHs involved in service, 40 HHs involved in small trade business.



During the reporting period, the producers were capacitated to mitigate the risks such as high temperature, maintain regular health checkup & vaccination, add value for cost effective production, face huge market fluctuation, and undertake the due decisions anticipating the market, political and environmental situation, which has increased their production volume and profits reducing mortality and production cost. The practical knowledge has been increased amongst 62 PooCs of bull fattening and native chicken rearing, who have completed their production cycle successfully. It has affected to increase their regular income. The production cycle management has reflected that BDT. 2843 profits of bull fattening and BDT. 36 profits of chicken rearing have increased more than previous (BDT. 5829/bull and 82/chicken respectively) on average. The mortality rate of native got reduced more than previous. The MR is 6.69 in this quarter and is 9.76 in total. In addition, it has increased the access to finance from Banking sectors, RSSCs' roles, and using UST has reduced the production costs up to BDT 2000. Fifteen (15) producers have accessed micro finance of BDT. 1070,000 from RAKUB and BDBL, and forty (40) producers have accessed micro finance of BDT 700,000

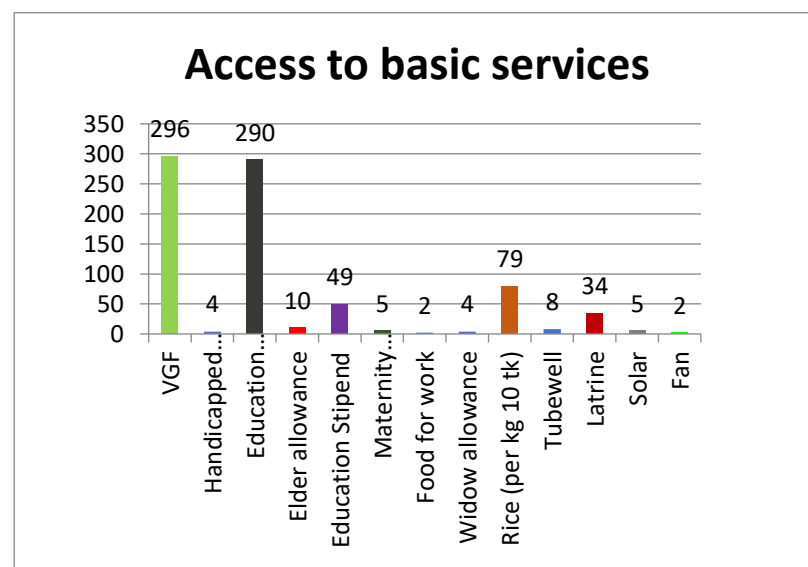
from MFIs. A total of 15 producers have started up Vermi compost production with bull fattening business. In this quarter, a total of 12 youths are linked with private sectors and TVET institutions for their technical skill development. 8 youths (6 in mason and 2 in motor mechanics) are linked with private sectors for on-job training, by which they earned BDT 200 daily. A young girl is linked with the beautification training of Depart of Women Affairs and 3 boys are linked with mobile servicing training. A total of 12 youths (3 girls and 8 boys), who received TVETs in previous quarter are placed with jobs, which affecting to reduce their poverty as well as increase the sustainable income source of 12 households



Dalit/ Adibashi PooCs are aware about education than previous time. They are sending their children in govt and non-govt educational institute and dropout rate is gradually decreased in comparison to previous years. The overall literacy rate is approximate 60% where baseline status is 52.79 %(2016). Their children received education stipend, education allowance and other educational materials. During the reporting period in total 290 students get education allowance and 49 students get education stipend from the Upazila and school.

During this reporting period ARCO has gained some issues in its implemented activities. Continue communication with various duty bearers and stakeholders 10 people get old allowance, 290 students get education allowance, 49 students get education stipend, VGF 296 PooCs (20 kg rice), 4 PooCs get widow allowance, 34 Households get sanitary latrine, 8 tube well, 5 solar panel, 2 Ceiling fan for Adibashi primary school from the local govt. and other respective department. Around 200 meter road construction has been completed in Shantahar colony.

In the Dalit and Adibashi community the overall health situation was not up to date in compare to the present situation. They did not get proper health facilities from the community clinic and hospitals. They did not have faith on the govt. health service provider. They often harassed by the service provider. But due to regular linkage and advocacy with the health department, now our PooCs get proper treatment and their faith is growing up towards the health service provider. Representative of health service provider visits the community regularly and arrange satellite clinic in the Dalit and Adibashi area. Now the people are about family planning methods, immunized their child and adolescent girl and as well as pregnant women. Getting service from quakes is gradually decreased. The rate of common disease is gradually decreased and the health complexity of pregnant and lactating mother and their child is gradually reduced. During the reporting period 500 PooCs get health service from Upazila health complex, community clinic, family planning department and Surjer Hashi clinic and 60 children and adolescent got immunization.



Most of the people of Dalit and Adibashi are landless and have no legal documents of their land. Even they are not aware about legality of lands. During this period we have aware them by different meetings and provide them legal support. During the reporting period Choighati Adibashi community under Cheragpur has recovered 0.073 hectares of agricultural land from the mainstream community.

### **Political and environmental condition**

During the reporting period an exciting situation exists in all over the country due to upcoming national election. Ruling party and opposition party are promoted election campaign to support themselves. Till now our community people have not face any political unrest situation. But in upcoming period it will create some unrest situation in the project area. Our PooCs are not involved in power body at Up and Upazila. They are used for vote bank. Due to mind setup of mainstream community people, they are not elected Dalit and Adibashi PooCs in power body of local govt. Due to lack of knowledge about political rights they did not raise their voice. Now in this period they communicate with Up to include themselves in the UP level standing committee. They apply for inclusion but still they are facing some problems in this area.

## 2.PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Project Logframe Follow-up Matrix at output level

Intervention logic of the project (copy from logframe)	Planned target value (copy from YPO or M&E plan, as appropriate)	Achieved target value (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter)	Planned budget for expected out-put	Actual (%) ex-penses on ex-pected output	Explanation on deviations	Steering Decision
<p>Expected output 1.1:</p> <p>Policy makers acknowledged rights of Dalit and Adibashi and initiated supportive policy recommendations</p>			<p>Total plan budget: 3,16,999 BDT</p> <p>Output:(1.1,1 .2,1.3)</p>	<p>Spent</p> <p>Amount: 3,77,673 BDT (119%)</p> <p>Output:(1.1,1 .2,1.3)</p>	<p>According to the needs of PooCs, we have observed one more day which was not in our plan.</p> <p>Due to workload of Upazila administration, They cannot give us program schedule in previous quarter. So we have implemented dialogue with Upazila administration in this quarter instead of previous quarter.</p>	
<p>Output indicator 1.1.1:</p> <p>Official claims made / accepted reflecting the interests of PooCs</p>	<p>Target 2018 :</p> <p>Made 10</p> <p>accepted : 3</p>	<p>We have made 7 claims on the issue of Sanitary latrine, safety net, Education allowance, land ownership, credit linkage, road construction, safe water to Upazila, union &amp; bank authority and they accepted 7 issues</p>				<p>We will grow leadership of our PooCs so they can raise their voices and claim their rights.</p> <p>We will arrange various advocacy programs and communicate regularly so that duty bearers remain</p>

		and implement the issue in favor of Dalits and Adibashi. Now Dalit and Adibashi people are aware about their rights and can claim their constitutional rights to the respective departments				sensitized about Dalit and Adibashi issues.
Output indicator 1.1.2: ...					...	...
Expected output 1.2: ...			...	...	...	...
Output indicator 1.2.1:					...	...
Output indicator 1.2.2: ...					...	...
Expected output 2.1: Adibashi people are aware about the laws related to land monitoring mechanism.			Total plan budget: 32,501 BDT  output :(2.1,2.2)	Spent Amount: 8,8,362 BDT (25.73%)  output :(2.1,2.2)	Legal aid support program is in process	We will accomplish this activity in next quarter
Output indicator 2.1.1: ...					...	...
Output indicator 2.1.2: ...					...	...



Expected output 3.2  Social interaction with mainstream neighbors  :			Total plan budget:3,33,800 BDT  out put : (3.1,3.2)	Spent  Amount: 3,57,878 BDT (107%)  (out put : (3.1,3.2)	Due to workload of Upazila administration, They cannot give us program schedule. So we have not implemented youth conference in previous quarter and completed this in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter instead of second quarter.	
Output indicator 3..2.2:  PooCs children don't experience discrimination at school (by teacher, other students)	Target 2018 :80%children don't experience discrimination	Discrimination incidents at school are gradually decreased due to sensitization of various stakeholders and improved relationship with mainstream community. Through our observation and talking with the students and their parents we noticed that more than 80% students did not face any discrimination at schools by teachers and mainstream students.				<p>We will visit school regularly to sensitize the teachers and the mainstream students and build good relationship with the mainstream parents on Dalit and Adibashi students.</p> <p>We will build relationship with SMC and Upazila Education Department among our PooCs.</p>
Expected output 4.1:  Increased regular income D/A through VCA			Total plan budget: 7,54,875 BDT	Spent  Amount: 3,93,785 BDT (52.17%)	Private sector engagement training preparation (consultant recruitment )is ongoing	We will accomplish this activity in next month

			out put (4.1,4.2,4.3)	(out put 4.1,4.2,4.3)		
Output indicator 4.1.3 : # of PooCs who increased their practical knowledge on VCD through specific trainings and on VCD supporting areas	100 producers have practical knowledge on VC	62 producers have practical knowledge on VC in 3rd Qrt			Development of market actors amongst the PooCs (3 bull traders, 21 micro hatchery, 1 paravet, RSSC)  Ensure input services  Increased capacity  Highly linked with public and private sectors and leveraged services from DYD, ULO, Banks, MFIs, Traders, etc.  Add value for cost effective production	Build up institutional capacity of 3 bull traders, 21 micro hatchery, 1 paravet, RSSC  Sharing the value for cost effective production in other areas  Increase Vermi and UST with bull fattening  Increase the parents chickens
Expected output 4.2  Improved professional skills of D/A			Total plan budget: 7,54,875 BDT  out put (4.1,4.2,4.3)	Spent  Amount: 3,93,785 BDT (52.17%)  (out put 4.1,4.2,4.3)	Private sector engagement training preparation (consultant recruitment ) is ongoing	We will accomplish this activity in next month
Output indicator 4.2.1:  # of PooCs employed thanks to TVET and job mediation	Target 2018:  30 PooCs thanks to TVET and Job mediation.	12 PooCs thanks to TVET and Job mediation in 3rd Qrt			Youths surveyed and analysis the situation and Identified the scopes of jobs  Identified the choices of youths	Identified the choices of youths  Identified the scopes of jobs  Implementation of strategic plan of

				Linkage build with public and private sectors	TVET creating more priority
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### 3.LESSONS LEARNT

Lessons learnt	What opportunities are implied by the lessons learnt?	What challenges are implied by the lessons learnt?	Steering decisions for improving project implementation	Responsibility/ deadline
1: Training on Enhancing analytical report and writing skill to capture changes in PooCs life	<p>It creates an analytical power to understand the real context of our PooCs</p> <p>It will help us to enhance our knowledge to reduce risk and assumption of our PooCs</p> <p>To highlight best achievement, cases and other relevant issue of the project through excellent report writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation skills is not equal of all staff</li> <li>• Staff receiving capacity and implementation skill</li> </ul>	We will train up our staff about data collection, analysis and compilation	PC,MDM,M&EO Within December 2018
2: Training on community score card	<p>It will build a good relationship between the service holder and duty bearers through accountability</p> <p>Duty bearers are realized their problems and right holders get support from govt department more than previous time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bureaucratic complexity and good governance unavailability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will enhance our PooCs knowledge on community score card and inspire them to communicate with duty bearers regularly</li> </ul>	PC,M&EO,PO Within October 2018

<p>3: Build up institutional capacity of Market Actors amongst Poocs (3 bull traders, 21 Micro Hatchery, and 1 pravets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to knowledge, services and inputs increased</li> <li>• Increased productions</li> <li>• Reduced mortality rate</li> <li>• Cost effective of production</li> <li>• Access to market increased</li> <li>• Accessing to the services of quantity and quality</li> <li>• Improved economic and livelihood status</li> <li>• Fulfilled rights and improved access to services</li> <li>• Inclusive market development</li> <li>• Development of new sub-sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unrest political situation raised by upcoming national election</li> <li>• Unfair means of vested interest groups</li> <li>• Cataclysm of weather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remaining political unbiased</li> <li>• Capacity building support to increase the institution capacity</li> <li>• Capacity building support on DRR by learning session</li> </ul>	<p>PM,MDM,F&amp;AO,PO, MDO</p> <p>October- December, 2018</p>
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**ANNEXURE: Access to basic service**

Sl no.	Particulars	Achieve
1	VGf	296 PooCs
2	Handicapped allowance	4 PooCs
3	Education allowance	290 PooCs
4	Elder allowance	10 PooCs
5	Education Stipend	49 students
5	Maternity allowance	5 PooCs
6	Food for work	2 PooCs
7	Widow allowance	4
8	Rice (per kg 10 tk)	79
9	Tube-well	8
10	Latrine	34
11	Solar	5
12	Fan	2
13	Road construction	200 meter
14	Immunization	60 PooCs