

Increase the Social Dignity of Orao Para Adibashi Community through Reduction of Drugs

Orao Para is a small village, under the Charagpur Union of Mohadebpur Upazila in Naogaon District. About 82 families live here. There are many problems in the Community, but drug is the main problem among them. They could not solve this problem due to their traditional practice and lack of unity. Women were suffering from insecurity and relationship with mainstream people was not so friendly due to drug. Even they were not so courageous to reduce drug from the society with the help of local administration. But recently Adibashi and mainstream people jointly have completed water supply project with the help of BMDA authority. By applying this experience, Adibashi and mainstream community jointly have created a barrier for selling and taking drugs in their own community as well as in their neighboring community called Rishipara. Local administration helped them to do the actions. As a result the rate of selling drugs and addiction is now in their control. They feel that their dream comes true. Consequently the family conflict has reduced and security of women has improved gradually. As a result relationship between Adibashi and mainstream people has improved which has increased their social dignity.



View of Drug materials destroyed

In past, they thought themselves as the outside part of the civil society. But by this time, they have participated in various types of workshop, seminar with govt. officials and mainstream people that help them to increase their mental confidence and to reduce their mental scare. As a result adibashi and mainstream people jointly have taken strong initiatives and worked for drug prevention. Now Adibashi community thinks that their unity helps them to solve many kinds of problems of their own community like as drug. So they want to continue their effort to gain better achievement in future.

Adibashi community also thinks that only academic education can change their livelihood. Besides this, it is also necessary to develop their economic status through alternative profession. They want to take themselves from out of Drug, to develop community health and hygiene and develop the relationship with mainstream people more and more.

DREAM Project staff thinks that this kind of joint initiatives can solve the problems of Adibashi community. Sensitization of duty bearers and mainstream people is also necessary for changing their social status and as well as social inclusion.

