

Quarterly project update/report (January 2019-March 2019)

Project name	Dalit/Adibashi Rights, Empowerment & Access towards Mainstream (DREAM)
Project number	610-404
Location of project	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.
Implementing organisation	Association for Rural Cooperation (ARCO)
Duration of project	January 2017-December 2020
Total project budget	6,95,64,212 BDT
Annual project budget	1,86,23,373 BDT
Reporting period	January 2019-March 2019
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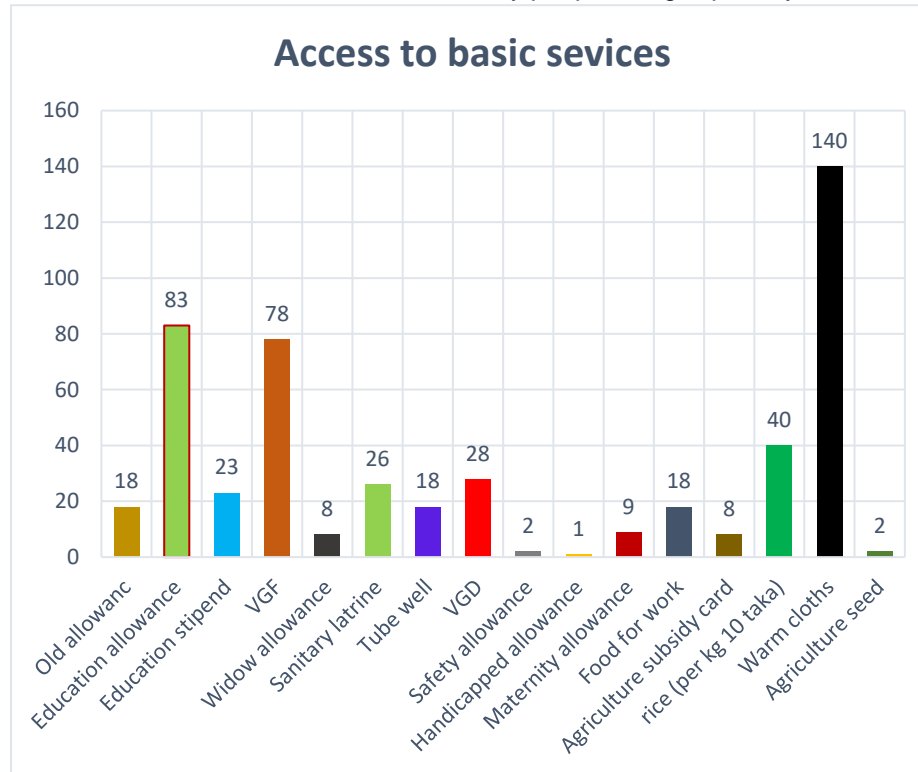
1.Context

Social and Economic Conditions

Bangladesh is a populated country. There are approximately 160 million people living in Bangladesh resulting in a population density of around 1120/sq. km. Although more than 80% of them are Bengali Muslims, there is still significant diversity within this population in terms of ethnicity, religion, language, etc. Bangladesh is going to forward as a low middle-income country. For achieving this goal Bangladesh has developed sustainable development plan, such as vision 2041, SDG plan etc. On the basis of development plan Bangladesh has taken some development activities for increasing per capita income of our people. though some people have benefited from this initiative but, still now our most of the Dalits and Adibashi community people did not get benefit from these initiatives. Recently Bangladesh govt. has developed some special measures for Dalit and Adibashi community people but Most of the Dalit and Adibashi community people did not know about these measures. As a result, their development is not growing up. In the northwest part of Bangladesh, Dalit and Adibashi peoples have faced various problems. They have very limited access to basic human rights. They are victims of discrimination in getting access to the services. Such as access to land, education, health, safety-net, access to finance etc. We know that, most of the Adibashi community people have involved as an agriculture day labor. Six months of the year have their work. Most of the time they are unemployed at their workplace. At this time, they have no alternative occupation. So, they are living under poverty line. On the other hand, they have no strong leadership. especially women are far behind from the empowerment. They have no participation in national and local level govt. and non govt. committee. So, they cannot contribute their opinion in various national and local issues.

We know that Dalit and Adibashi community people is an important part of Bangladesh. Without the develop of Dalit and Adibashi, Bangladesh cannot achieve the goal. So, we should be increase their participation in planning stage of Bangladesh. Considering the above situation and overcome process of Dalit and Adibashi communities in north west of Bangladesh, DREAM project has implemented some various activities in project area. Such as DREAM project has conducted various advocacy program with relevant department, conducted awareness session among VDC, Adolescent group, producer group and Disaster management group etc. In this quarter DREAM project has conducted gender training in community level, conducted motivational training with unemployed youth group, conducted day observation support of govt relevant department, conducted doormat training with producer group for improve their livelihood status. We have conducted learning session with PG groups for increase their income status. Through these activities DREAM project has gained some major achieved for the Dalit/Adibashi community. During this reporting period In total 18 people got old allowance, 83 students got education allowance, 23 students got education stipend, VGF 78 PooCs (20 kg rice), 8 PooCs got widow allowance, 26 Households got sanitary latrine, 11 tube well, 28 PooCs got VGD, 2 PooCs got Safety allowance, 01 PooCs got Handicapped allowance, 09 PooCs got maternity allowance, 18 PooCs involved food for work, 08 PooCs got agriculture subsidy card, 40 PooCs got rice, per kg 10 taka, 02 community got TR of BDT 100000, Around 3 kilometer road construction has been completed in Choighati, Amtoli, enayetpur and urow para community, 20 PooCs got agriculture seed through the support of agriculture department, 140 PooCs have got warm clothes from upazila and bank. 02 PooCs have included in up standing committee and 03 PooCs have included in various committee.

We know that Dalit and Adibashi community people living in poverty line. Their education rate is not measurable. So, they have no proper knowledge



about the improve health issue. For the lack of knowledge, they are often attacked by various common diseases. Due to untouchability, sometimes they did not get proper health facilities from the relevant department. They did not get sufficient medicine and treatment from the community clinic and hospitals. Government health workers do not visit the Dalit/Adibashi community in regular basis. So, they do not faith on the govt health service provider. But due to conduct awareness session with our PooCs, they are gradually aware about the health issues. On the other hand, due to regular linkage and advocacy with the health department, now our PooCs got proper treatment and their faith are growing up towards the health service provider. Now representative of health service provider are starting to visit of Dalit and Adibashi area. Now the people are aware about family planning methods, immunized their child and adolescent girl and as well as pregnant women. 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 Upazila health and family planning department have committed to provide the health facilities to the Dalit and Adibashi community of Mohadevpur and Patnitala Upazila. In a total of 322 PooCs have got medicine with free of cost from the health and family planning department and

around 85 Beneficiaries received free health care from the Sujer Hashi clinic and 108 children and adolescent got immunization.

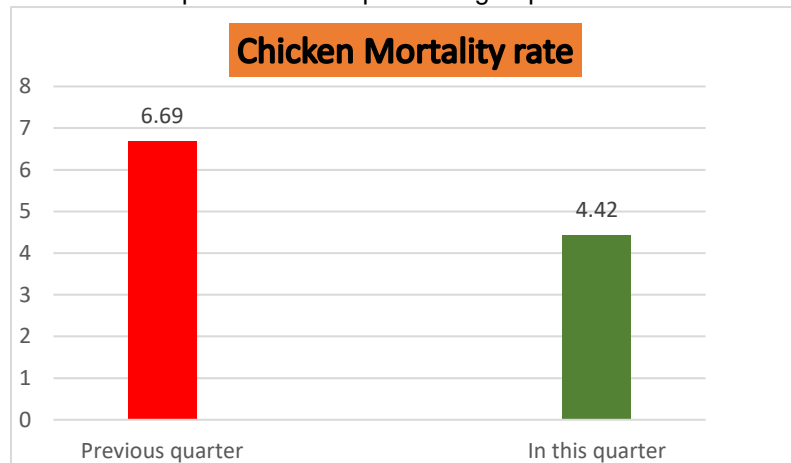
Before starting the project, their education rate was low and dropout rate was high. But through DREAM project activity, our PooCs awareness are gradually increasing about the education issue. Now most of the students have enrolled in formal school and received education without discrimination. Education dropout rate gradually decreasing. In primary level 96% and secondary level around 83% children are going to school and some students have got good marks in their examination.

Gender discrimination is another major problem in Dalit and Adibashi community. Especially women cannot take decision in their family as well as their community. They do not attend any Social arbitration. They cannot take decision independently for their economic activities. But through our project activity such as gender training, awareness session, VCA and TVET activity, Women leadership are increasing gradually. They are participating in various programs and they can take decision in the community. During this reporting period some Adibashi people have included in union standing committee. As a result, they can give and share their views and opinion in committee meeting.

Land problem is one of the major problems for Dalit and Adibashi community. Land grabbers often banished them from their land and they are often oppressed by the land grabbers. Community people are not able to successfully obtain Khash land and have the user rights. During the reporting period around 35% PooCs knowledge have increased about the land issues. They are interested to collect the land documents. Some community people have taken legal and formal initiatives to obtain land rights. Now they can claim of their land rights and communicate regularly to land office for their necessary papers. During the reporting period PooCs have access to 1090.4 decimal land (user rights) and 149.7 decimal land (transfer rights)

Due to our project activities such as VCA, TVET and awareness program, our PooCs relationship with mainstream community gradually improved. Now they are starting to visit each other community. Adolescent girls and women are freely move inside the community. But some time they feel insecure about the issues of land, security, drug business etc. we will assist to our PooCs to arrange various activities jointly with the mainstream people.

Through the VCA and TVET activities, our PooCs knowledge have increased in different sector. Such as the practical knowledge has been increased among 40 PooCs of bull fattening, native chicken rearing and doormat production who have completed their production cycle successfully. It has affected to increase their regular income. In total 48 producer group members have received DRR training. As a result, the producers were capacitated to mitigate the risks such as high temperature, maintain regular health checkup, vaccination. On the other hand, in total 102 PooCs have received training on bull fattening and chicken rearing through the support of Youth department. After receiving the training, they have prepared their business plan and some producer group members have started bull fattening and native chicken rearing and rest of them are trying to start the business.



During this reporting period, with the support of DREAM project in total of 20 PooCs have started doormat production. They have prepared in total 217 doormat and they have sold it with profit., They have profited of 35 BDT by selling every doormat. Besides, the production cycle management has reflected that BDT. 8085 profits of bull fattening and BDT. 110 profits of chicken rearing. The mortality rate of native chicken got reduced more than previous. The mortality rate is 4.52 in this quarter but previous mortality rate was 6.69. For developing their business Seventeen (17) producer have access micro finance of BDT 7,45000 from RAKUB and twenty-five (25) producer received of BDT 8,65,000 from other micro finance institutes. For the regular communication with agriculture department and relevant department, they have provided 27 vermicompost amongst 27 PooCs. Besides the UNO of Patnitala upazila has visited our Adibashi community and at the direction of

the Upazila Officer, the Women Affairs Officer trained of our nine beneficiaries. Now they are receiving training in regularly. In this quarter a total of 28 youth are linked with govt and non govt sector. such as they are linked with the youth development department, USEP, TTC etc. They are receiving the training on driving with mechanics, consumer electronics, electrical, motor cycle service mechanics, Mason, salon, Paravate, sewing. In a total of 4 youth have completed the training. As a result, their technical skill have developed and they have employed in different private sector. They have earned 2000-3000 BDT per month. The remaining 24 youth are under training and After the training, they will be involved in the job market.

Political and environmental condition:

Through the support of election commission, Upazila election is ongoing. During this period, some incidents was occurred, but it was not major. our PooCs and our project area are not faced any critical situation. Our PooCs have moved freely in their working area.

in upazila election, An Adibashi women leader have participated under Dhamoirhat upazila. Her name is Sabina Akkya and she has elected as a vice chairman. Though, some of our PooCs have participated in union Parishad election but they did not participate in upazila election. Most of time, they cannot win the election for the mentality of the mainstream people. They were used as a vote bank. But now our PooCs knowledge are increasing about the power body of local govt. They are showing their interest for membership of Union Parishad as well as in different committee. Now they are contacting with the union Parishad to include the Standing Committee. During this reporting period some of our PooCs have included the up-standing committee. As a result, their leadership are increasing day by day and they will can assist to union parishad to make decision and solve the community problems.

Bangladesh is disaster prone area. Many disasters have been occurred in Bangladesh. In northwest part of Bangladesh drought, thunderstorm, tornado, cold wave has been occurred in regular basis. But flood has been occurred irregular basis. Generally, there are floods after two to five years. But when flood occur, some area is faced huge losses. So, considering these issues, DREAM project has conducted awareness session with community disaster management committee and producer group. After receiving the awareness session, our PooCs have taken some initiatives. Such as they are starting homestead gardening and tree plantation which is reduce to impact of drought. They are using to Vermi Compost as fertilizer for better cultivation and which will help to reduce the effects of climate change. They are arranging vaccination camp for their domestic animal which will prevention the drought relevant diseases. On the other hand, our PooCs have repaired their roof of the house for reducing the damage of storm. Besides, through the support of DREAM project, they have prepared a DRR plan and they are conducting meeting in regular basis.

2.PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Project Log frame 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 st and 3 rd 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: 230,000 BDT</p> <p>Out put (1.1- 1.3.11)</p>	<p>Spent</p> <p>Amount: 2,25,251 BDT (98%)</p> <p>Out put (1.1- 1.3.11)</p>		

Output indicator 1.1.1: Official claims made / accepted reflecting the interests of PooCs	Target 2019 Made 10 accepted: 3	We have made 17 claims on the issue of Sanitary latrine, safety net, Education allowance, land ownership, credit linkage, road construction, safe water, Drug prevention etc. to relevant department and they have accepted 5 issues and implement the issue in favor of Dalits and Adibashi.				Through the awareness session and advocacy program, we will increase awareness of our PooCs about their constitutional rights. (political, civil, social, cultural and economic). We will assist to our PooCs, for effecting communication with duty bearers for getting to the basic services. We will assist our PooCs for increasing responsive relationship with duty bearers. We will grow leadership of our PooCs.so they can raise their voices and claim their rights.
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: 42,500 BDT output :(2.1,2.1-2.2.2)	Spent Amount: 9115 BDT (22%) output :(2.1,2.1-2.2.2)	Legal aid support program is in process	Legal aid support is ongoing. Such as, we are assisting to our PooCs for preparing their land related documents for legal aid support. After completion all process, we will legal aid of our PooCs in the next quarter.
Output indicator 2.1.1: ...					...	...
Output indicator 2.1.2: ...					...	...
Expected output 3.2 Social interaction with mainstream neighbors :			Total plan budget:1,35,500 BDT out put :(3.1,3.2-3.1.3.2.5)	Spent :1,44,932 Amount: BDT (107%) out put :(3.1,3.2-3.1.3.2.5)		
Output indicator 3..2.2:	Target 2019 :85%children don't experience discrimination	During this period, we noticed that more than 85% students did not face any				We will conduct awareness session with SMC and as well as school going

#% PooCs children don't experience discrimination at school (by teacher, other students)		discrimination at schools by teachers and mainstream students.			parents to include the SMC committee. We will visit to school regularly for sensitize the SMC To build good relationship, we will arrange awareness session, where mainstream and Dalit/Adibashi community will participate jointly.
Expected output 4.1: Increased regular income D/A through VCA			Total plan budget: 3,50,000 BDT out put (4.1.1-4.1.35)	Spent Amount: 3,33,065 BDT (95%) out put (4.1.1-4.1.35)	
Output indicator 4.1.3 : # of PooCs who increased their practical knowledge on VCD through specific trainings and on VCD supporting areas	Target 2019 : 100 producers have practical knowledge on VC	40 producers have increased practical knowledge on VCA			We will assist to our PooCs for effective communication with relevant department for getting basic services and as well as we will motivate to relevant department for arranging a special training to increase their capacity. we will increase exposure visit where the value chain

					<p>activities well established.</p> <p>For their better learning of our PooCs, we will establish the demo plot about the value chain activities.</p> <p>We will increase sharing meeting with our PooCs, where will discuss about project cycle management and business development strategy.</p>
Expected output 4.2					
Improved professional skills of D/A					
Output indicator 4.2.1: # of PooCs employed thanks to TVET and job mediation	Target 2019: 70 PooCs thanks to TVET and job mediation.	In this quarter in total 24 youth people are involved in training and 4 youth have got jobs.		<p>parents are not interested to let them go outside in their area.</p> <p>❖ Due to insecurity, parents do not want to let them, especially</p>	<p>We will arrange more motivational training to reduce dropout rate.</p> <p>We will increase conversation session with trainee as well as their parents to reduce dropout rate.</p> <p>We will assist to them to increase linkage</p>

				women go out for work.	with MFI for access to finance. Identified the choices of youths. Identified the scopes of jobs.
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3.PROCESSES

INSIGHTS FROM HEKS' YEARLY LEARNING SPACES

Insights from Learning Space(s) [<i>Name(s)</i>] brought into Learning Space(s) [<i>Name(s)</i>]	What do the insights tell you about your CP (as opportunities and challenges) in the following areas?	Opportunities	Challenges	Steering decisions/actions for improving CP implementation	Responsibility/ deadline
DREAM project activities visit and share views by HEKS Office	Relevance of the CP / projects' theories of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will help us to understand the real scenario of Project activities. It will help us to gap analysis about our project activity. As a result, we can create our future plans for better 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitation and implementation skills is not equal of all staff. so, development in all areas, may not be the same at all places at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per field visit report of HEKS office, we will develop our plan and we will train up our project staff, As per plan, we will assist to our staff for implementing the project activities. We will regular follow up those 	<p>Project manager, Market Development manager, Monitoring officer, project officer.</p> <p>Within December 2019</p>

		<p>implementation of the project activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will enhance our knowledge for successfully implementing of our project activity. 		<p>activities, gap analysis and review it. And Sharing with staff for the better implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will arrange, on job training for the capacity building of staff. The trainee staff will provide information to other employees. 	
	Changes in the context (incl. risks)	...	...	...	...
	Portfolio management (CO and partners)	...	...	...	...
	Degree of achieving CP and projects' objectives	...	...	...	...
	Relevance of projects' and CP's working approaches	...	...	...	...