

Annex 2.0: Quarterly Project Update (January-March, 2018)

1. CONTEXT

Social and Economic Conditions:

Bangladesh is working for achieving vision 2021. The development process is touched all over the country. But this development process is scarcely touched the Dalit and Adibashi people in the northwest part of Bangladesh. Dalit and Adibashi people of Bangladesh have very limited access to basic human rights which include right to basic public services. They become victim of land and resource grabbing, as well as endangerment of their mother tongues and culture. Dalit and Adibashi people are also become persistent victims of social, racial, religious, cultural and linguistic discrimination. The government is concerned about the rights of the Dalit and Adibashi people. Under Article 28 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, and place of birth prohibited. But, the dalit and adivasi people of the country are frequently to be the victim of social, racial, religious, cultural and linguistic discrimination. Above all they are also discriminated in politically. 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. DREAM projects have been working for ensuring the equal rights of Dalit and Adibashi and mainstreaming them.

During this reporting period ARCO has gained some issues in its implemented activities. Continue communication with various duty bearers and stakeholders 10 people have gotten old allowance, 19 students have gotten education stipend, 10 PooCs have gotten subsidy card (agriculture), 3 PooCs have gotten widow allowance, 2 Households installed sanitary latrine, and a tube well is installed in the community from the local govt. and other respective department. During the reporting period Upazila youth development department provide 4 bio-gas plant in our working area. They provide 25000 Tk for the plant which include loan money-20000 Tk and grant money- 5000 tk. They provide money with a cheap interest rate and loan repayment time is two years. Due to installation of bio-gas plant it has contributed to reduce load of women care work in fuel management, and produce the bi-products (organic fertilizers, fish feeds, vermi-compost) as well as CCA of PooCs. It has also created a chance to adopt new technology in the community.

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 are getting 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 quacks 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 Upazila health and family planning department have committed to provide improved health facilities to the Dalit and Adibashi community of Mohadevpur Upazila. They have committed if any extreme poor Dalit and Adibashi PooCs need to pathological test then they will provide the pathology test free of cost. Even if any poor Dalit and Adibashi PooCs have no money for purchasing medicine then they will provide the money from their department or own initiative.

Land problem is one of the common problem for Dalit and Adibashi community. Especially Adibashi people are the extreme sufferer of land eviction. Land grabbers often evicted them from their land and they are often oppressed by the land grabbers. During the reporting period Dalit and Adibashi people get awareness of their land rights and entitlements. Now they claim of their land rights and communicate regularly to land office for their necessary papers. They can also communicate to the union Parishad and local leaders if the land grabbers try to evict them or being involved or create conflicting situation. During the

reporting period PooCs have access to 305.25 decimal land (user rights). During the reporting period Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) have committed to provide Khash land for our landless Dalit and Adibashi people.

On the other hands educational situation in the Dalit and Adibashi community is much better than previous time. Now the parents are aware about their children education. Overall dropout rate is decreasing from the schools and discrimination in schools is gradually decreased. Education friendly environment is existing in the Dalit and Adibashi community. During the reporting period the education department have committed to give education stipend to the Dalit and Adibashi students and some students are applied for the stipends which is under process.

During the reporting period, it has increased the practical knowledge of 24 PooCs (14 PooCs on bull fattening business and 15 PooCs) on native chicken rearing, who have production with earning benefits BDT. 3,836 and BDT. 74 on average respectively. In spite of facing huge market fluctuation, and record cold wave in this year, the producers was able to keep their production cost lower as a result of access to finance from Government Banking & Sectorial Department, training, learning sessions on DRR, and introducing Urea Straw Treatment (UST) in dry season with collective intervention of RSSC. UST has contributed to reduce about BDT. 1000 production cost in bull fattening. A total of 7 PooCs accessed finance from DYD, and MFIs in this quarter, and 45 PooCs are in under process of accessing finance from RAKUB, DYD, and BMDA. A total of 13 youths (11 male and 1 female) have been linked with TVET's agent and institutions, where 8 young boys were placed with on job trainings on motor cycle mechanics (2), mason (3), plumbing (1), welding (1), and aluminum fabricator (1), and 5 youths are receiving training on computer. With the assessment and meeting with TVET institutions, employers, and owners of different workshop, autos, motors, etc. have created the scopes of engaging youths in technical training on mobile servicing, automobile cum driving, masonry/construction, tiles fitting, electricians, welding, plumbing, computer, tailoring, beautification, etc. As a result, the PooCs' incomes have been increased, which has contributed to extension of their business of building brick shed, setting up biogas plants, deposit in bank, etc. as well as increase their livelihood and economic status.

The Table shown some achievements below :

Sl no.	Particulars	Achieve	Remarks
1	Old Allowance	10 PooCs	
2	Subsidy card(agriculture)	10 PooCs	
3	Access to finance	7 PooCs (Amount: 2,60,000BDT)	From RAKUB, DYD, and BMDA
4	Biogas plant	4 PooCs	From DYD
5	Widow allowance	3 PooCs	
6	Education Stipend	19 Students	

7	Health service from Family planning department and Surjer Hashi Clinic	250 PooCs	
8	Road construction	1 km	Carpeting
9	Tube-well installation	1	Support from Union Parishad
10	Immunization	20 PooCs	
11	Latrine	12 HHs	NGO-2, Own initiative-10

Political and environmental condition:

In the reporting period political condition remained friendly for our PooCs and as well as our project staff. But due to upcoming national election it may create an unrest situation in the whole country. We will be aware so that our PooCs can avoid political unrest situation.

We know Bangladesh is a disaster prone country. Every year during March from May tornado, storm, precipitation and thunderstorm happen in the whole country. During reporting period tornado, precipitation and thunderstorm is happened in our working area. But it has not impacted more on our PooCs life. During this time we aware PooCs to repair their roof of the house and stay safe zone during disaster period and also aware them for savings. We also provide capacity building training for the producer group for protecting their animals from the effect of the disaster.

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 (%) expenses on expected output	Explanation on deviations	Steering Decision
Expected output 1.1: Policy makers acknowledged rights of Dalit and Adibashi and initiated supportive policy recommendations			Total plan budget: 2,33,198 BDT	Spent Amount: 2,70,510 BDT (116%)	Upazila level advocacy and media person workshop is not targetted for the 1st quarter. But due to need of our PooCs we have arranged this activities in this quarter.	
Output indicator 1.1.1: Official claims made / accepted reflecting the interests of PooCs	Target 2018 : Made 10 accepted : 3	During this reporting period PooCs have made 14 claims on the issue of land ownership, repairing road, fringe binding of pond and access to safe water, TVET, access to finance, repair temple, grave yard, warm cloths, book of preprimary students to union authority, municipality and Upazila authority and they accepted 9 issues and implement the issue in favor of Dalit and Adibashi. Now Dalit and Adibashi people are aware about their rights and can claim their constitutional			Due to need based our PooCs have claimed more issues than actual target Some claimed are under process for being accepted.	We will motivate our PooCs to communicate regularly with relevant department for access to different service and entitlements. We will also arrange more awareness session with our PooCs for increase their knowledge and we will conduct advocacy workshop for access to HR Networks and voice raising of PooCs.

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Expected output 2.1: Adibashi people are aware about the laws related to land monitoring mechanism.			Total plan budget: 20,520 BDT	Spent Amount : 20,520 BDT (100%)		
Expected output 3.2 Social interaction with mainstream neighbors :			Total plan budget: 1,24,520 BDT	Spent Amount: 1, 24,511 BDT (100%)		
Output indicator 3..2.2: PooCs children don't experience discrimination at school (by teacher, other students)	Target 2017 :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.				We will visit school regularly to sensitize teachers and mainstream students and try to build good relationship among mainstream parents and Dalit / Adibashi students. We will build relationship among SMC, Upazila Education Department and our PooCs.
Expected output 4.1: Increased regular income of D/A through VCA			Total plan budget: 87,500 BDT	Spent Amount: 76,968 BDT (88%)	We have not spent the amount under skill development training for paravet and MFI linkage	Skill development training is ongoing. After completion of paravet training we will pay the amount. We will arrange a linkage meeting with MFI for seasonal loan in next quarter.
Output indicator 4.1.3 :	Target 2018: 100 PooCs	During the reporting period, 24 PooCs have increased their practical knowledge on				We will aware our PooCs to involve more on VCA activities and motivate MFI/Banks

# of PooCs who increased their practical knowledge on VCD through specific trainings and on VCD supporting areas		VCA (14 PooCs on bull fattening business and 15 PooCs) on native chicken rearing, who have production with earning benefits BDT. 3,836 and BDT. 74 on average respectively.				representatives for ensuring finance to VC activities.
Expected output 4.2 Improved professional skills of D/A			Total plan budget: 2,26,000 BDT	Spent Amount: 36,169 BDT (16%)	We have not completed TVET training, Door mat training, Exposure visit for staff and producer	Preparatory work is ongoing. We will accomplish this activities in next quarter.
Output indicator 4.2.1 : # of PooCs employed thanks to TVET and job mediation	Target 2018: 30 PooCs	A total of 13 youths (11 male and 1 female) have been linked with TVET's agent and institutions, where 8 young boys were placed by on-job trainings on motor cycle mechanics (2), mason (3), plumbing (1), welding (1), and aluminum fabricator (1), and 5 youths are now receiving training on computer. As a result, the poocs' income have been increased.				Follow-up the training courses startup and youths engagement in Department of Women Affairs, DYD, TTC, Textile vocational training, and workshops/autos Follow-up and mentoring the youths who engaged and completed the training courses for the job settlement

2. PROCESSES

INSIGHTS FROM HEKS' YEARLY LEARNING SPACES

Insights from Learning Space(s) [Name(s)] brought into Learning Space(s) [Name(s)]	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
Operational guideline Development workshop	Relevance of the CP / projects' theories of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It creates an opportunity to arrange all the activities systematically It creates an opportunity to monitor the result of the activities It saves time and reduces our workload 		We will orient our staff about operational guidelines and motivate them to organize the activities according to the guidelines	PM,MDM,F&AO,P O Within June,2018
	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	...	...	...	...
	Additional issues	...	...	...	...