

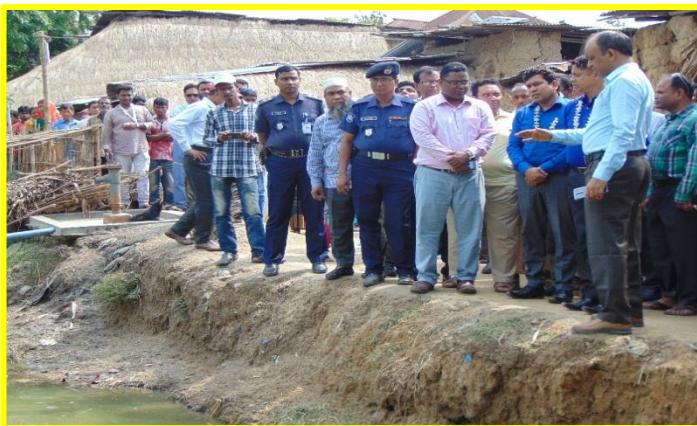
On the way to the development of Dalits and Adibashi community: Example of Cheragpur Union

There live 2263 Dalit and Adibashi population of 609 household in Cheragpur union under Mohadevpur Upazila Cheragpur. When ARCO started the DREAM project in the unions, the Dalit and Adibashi people faced a number of problems, which marginalized them in terms of exclusion and disgrace and living extreme poverty. The alcoholism were very high. Education, drop rate, early marriage, intra conflict, dowry etc. were a big barrier for their development. Sanitation rate is only 5%. Safe water was not available for everyone. On the other hand health problem is one of the major problems.

Due to lack of awareness they were go to the quack. They did not get proper treatment. Due to untouchability, government. health worker did not visit their community. When they were going to the community clinic, they did not get proper treatment and medicine. So they were always attacked by various diseases.

They have not sufficient knowledge about their land. They have no strong leadership and unity. They have no alternative occupation. Adibashi people have only involved agriculture occupation and Dalit people involved in making bamboo product. They get few opportunities of engaging in any other alternative occupation. They have no good relationship with neighbors and local administration. Up members and chairman did not visit the Dalit and Adibashi community in regular basis. They have no proper information about govt. facilities. They did not know how to prepare claim and how to submit it in the govt. official. So they did not get facility from govt. department.

In this situation ARCO firstly seated the community people and have formed various committees with the concern of community people. Community people have identified their problems and prepared an action plan. After finishing the action plan ARCO have conducted leadership training for their capacity building. Besides these ARCO have arranged various activities with local and district level administration. Such as various advocacy program, workshop, training, rally, human chain, day observation. PooCs knowledge have increased gradually. Now they are communicating with local administration and claiming their rights. Duty bearer have sanitized about Dalit and Adibashi issues. Authority of local administration have visited to Dalit and Adibashi community. As a result relationship with local administration has been improved.



Dalit/Adibashi community visit of DC and others
Govt. officials



Social audit at Charagpur union

In according to its activities last year we conducted the social audit (Budget) with Charagpur union parishad with the active participation of Dalit, Adibashi, mainstream common people and civil society people. In that meeting a budgetary report have presented with various challenges and opportunities. Here chairman and up member committed to provide services to the Dalit and Adibashi people. Consequently in this reporting period Dalit and Adibashi PooCs got 35% of basic services from the union parishad. On the other hand communication system (road) is developed in this union and drug business and consumption is now in control. Around 70% households are covered in sanitation system. Installation of water supply project and tube well ensured safe drinking water for the community people and water bone diseases is reduced day by day. Community people have been aware about primary health treatment and services. Now they go to community clinic and get services. Govt. and non govt. health providers arranged satellite clinic in the community and regularly visit the community. As a result communicable disease is decreased gradually from community. They have also aware about DRR and CCA. They involved value chain and TVET program. As a result their income have increased gradually. They involved in vermi- compost, trycho-compost, biogas, homestead gardening and tree plantation. They have aware about land rights and they are communicating with land office and legal institutions for their legal papers. They are moving forward in this way.

Now, Dalit and Adibashi community people feel that their rights and entitlements are fulfilled being above way and they hope that one day they will get equal rights and dignity with mainstreaming community.