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DECEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016

We are concluded the following activities, during the period of December 2016 are as follows:

1. Disability Fair:

On the occasion of 25th International Day of Persons with Disabilities and 18th National Day of Persons with Disabilities a disability fair with the participation of Non Government Organizations (NGOs) working for the Persons with Disabilities and Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) was held from 3 to 10 December 2016, At Mirpur (Open Ground of JPUF), Section-14, Dhaka-1216. The aim of Disability Fair is to sensitize country people about disability, the rights and needs of Persons with Disabilities as well as their capacity and potentiality.

This disability fair is being organized by Jatiyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF) of Government under Social Welfare Ministry, inaugurated by Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina from Osmani Memorial Trust through VDO conference at 11 AM, on 3rd December and Mr. Anisul Hoque, Honourable Mayor, North City Corporation (NCC) visited the stalls of this fair after inauguration. The representatives of GC, EC members including the officials and volunteers of WDDF attended in the above mentioned disability fair along with the cultural programs held in daily evening performed by the Artists with and without Disabilities by rotation. The stalls are decorated with different types of dress, cloths, daily necessary goods, cosmetics, show pieces, ornaments, assistive devices for Persons with Disabilities and food items produced by the Persons with Disabilities and sold.

WDDF is the only DPO of women with Disabilities participated in Disability Fair with its well furnished stall of impressive products prepared and decorated by Women with Disabilities spontaneously as well as Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF with the presence of the representatives of WDDF has received Crest from Qamrun Nahar Begum, Additional Secretary and Managing Director of Jatiyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF) at the end of Disability Fair.

2. Seminar:

A seminar in order to create accessible campus along with educational environment for Persons with Disabilities in Dhaka University was being held on 5th November 2016, at the TSC Auditorium, Dhaka University. This Seminar was being organized by Physically Challenged Development Foundation (PDF).

Mr. Firoj Uddin, Volunteer of WDDF participated and discussed about the complexity and special needs of Students with Disabilities in this seminar.

3. Discussion meeting:

A Discussion meeting on "Contributing to inclusive economic growth in the Textile sector for a Sustainable Development" was held in order to create job opportunity in Garments sector as well as to sensitize the factory owners about the capacity and potentiality of Persons with Disabilities to work in this sector, in join collaboration with Centre on Disability and Development (CDD), DailyStar and GIZ, on 6th December 2016, at 10.00 AM, in Radison Blue Hotel, Water Garden Hall. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Accounts Officer of WDDF were participated in this discussion meeting. In the question answer session, Shirin Akhter raised a number of questions to the high officials of different Garments factories about the employment opportunity of Women with disabilities, their reasonable accommodation and safe work place. The representative of GIZ responded that, at present they are working for creating positive attitude and changing mind set.

4. Sharing meeting:

A Sharing Meeting was being organized by United Nations (UN) Women-Bangladesh, in Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel, on 9th December 2016. Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director and Project Officer Reshma Akter, were present in this discussion meeting. Ashrafun Nahar enlightened the overall situation of Women with Disabilities specially, the incidents of violence against Women with Disabilities, lack of family acceptance and family support including difficulties in access to justice, infrastructural and informational inaccessibility in Road, public transport and public buildings to the UN special rapporteurs of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

5. Rally and Seminar:

on the occasion of observing the International Human Rights Day, a rally (From TSC to CIRDAP) and a seminar entitled "Stand up for Someone Rights" was being organized with the initiative of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), on 10th December 2016 at the International Convention Centre-CIRDAP.

Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Accounts Officer of WDDF were participated in this seminar. In the open discussion, Shirin Akhter stated that, Women with Disabilities are always deprived from their basic human rights and in most cases, due to disability and gender from birth to death they've to lead inhumanitarian lives. Violence against Women with Disabilities is a regular incident but they've no access to justice along with Judge Court, Supreme Court. Infact, due to infrastructural and informational inaccessibility in all aspects of the society, Women with Disabilities specially, Women with severe disabilities are deprived from the enjoyment of all types of basic rights including shelter, health, education, social security even though justice and in this consequences they are become victim of discrimination against them forever.

6. National Consultation Meeting:

A National Consultation Meeting on the shadow report of CRPD was held at 11 AM, on 13th December 2016, in BIAM Bhaban.

This consultation meeting is being organized in join collaboration with National Council of Disabled Women (NCDW), National Grassroot Disabled Organization (NGDO) and Bangladesh Legal Aid Services and Trust (BLAST) in order to collect information from the representatives of civil society, DPOs and NGOs for preparing a shadow report of CRPD.

Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director and Project Officer Reshma Akter, were present in this national consultation meeting and Ashrafun Nahar pointed out the issue of Violence Against Women with Disabilities as well as the existing complexity of accessibility to justice.

ABOUT WDDE

The estimated number of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) in Bangladesh, is around 24 million people, which constitutes 15 % of total population. 15% of Population have a disability.

Half of these are female. This is 12 Million girls and women with disabilities (WWDs).