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We are concluded the following activities, during the period of February 2017 are as follows:

1. **Discussion meeting of working committee on "Action plan of Persons with Disabilities Rights and Protection Act 2013":** A discussion meeting of working committee on "Action plan of Persons with Disabilities Rights and Protection Act 2013" was being organized by National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD), in its office, at 3.00 PM, on 5th February 2017. This is the 1st meeting of this working committee. An action plan of the working committee in order to prepare the "Action plan of Persons with Disabilities Rights and Protection Act 2013" is being outlined in this meeting. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF was present in the abovementioned discussion meeting.
2. **Executive Council Meeting:** An Executive Council meeting was held on 6th February 2017 at WDDF Office. There were almost ten participants including office staffs. Six agenda have been discussed including miscellaneous in this meeting. The agenda were as follows:
 3. Discussion of last meeting minutes and approved,
 4. Discussion about annual Activity report and approved,
 5. Discussion about annual financial statement and approved,
 6. Submission of proposed Action plan and Budget 2017 and approved,
 7. Submission of Audit report 2016 as well as discussion of Auditor appointment and approved,
 8. Discussion about Human Resource manual along with Accounts manual and approved,
 9. Miscellaneous.
10. **Annual General meeting (AGM):** Annual General Meeting (AGM) of WDDF was being organized on 7th February 2017 at WDDF office. Fourteen General Members were participated in the abovementioned meeting but the total number of participants of this meeting including volunteers, guides and support staffs were almost twenty. The meeting has started at 10 am. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF presided over the meeting. Masuma Akter, Vice Chairperson, WDDF presented the agenda of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by expressing heartiest sorrowfulness due to the sickness of Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF and heartiest gratitude and thanks on behalf of WDDF to all the members for their presence. There were Eight agenda including miscellaneous and in accordance with the opinion of all the NEC members, a few agenda have also been incorporated in miscellaneous of this meeting. The presented agenda of this meeting were as follows:
 11. Discussion of last meeting minutes and approved.
 12. Discussion about Annual Activity Report and approved.
 13. Discussion about annual financial statement and approved.
 14. Submission of Action Plan along with budget of 2017 and approved.
 15. Submission of Audit report of 2016, and approved as well as discussion of Auditor appointment and approved,
 16. Discussion about Human Resource manual along with Accounts manual and approved,
 17. Discussion about development of organization,
 18. Miscellaneous.
1. A) In the absence of Member Secretary, Tahseen Showkat, General Council Member of WDDF submitted the last meeting minutes and in accordance with the opinions of all the GC members the last meeting minutes is being approved.
2. B) The Vice-Chairperson of WDDF Submitted the Annual Activity Report of 2016, in accordance with the opinions of all the GC members the submitted Annual Activity Report is being approved.
3. C) The Treasurer of WDDF submitted the annual financial report of 2016, in accordance with the opinions of all the GC members the submitted annual financial report is being approved.
4. D) The Treasurer of WDDF submitted the Action plans along with the budget of 2017, in accordance with the opinion of all the NC members the submitted Action plan along with the budget of 2017 is being approved.
5. E) The Treasurer of WDDF submitted the Audit report of 2017 to all the GC members and in accordance with the opinion of all the GC members, the submitted audit report has been approved.
6. F) In accordance with the opinion of all the GC members it is decided that the responsibility of appointing auditor has been handed over the Chairperson and treasurer of WDDF.
7. G) The Chairperson of WDDF with the cooperation of Accounts Coordinator discussed about the draft Human Resource manual along with the financial manual with the General Council members and in accordance with the opinion of all the GC members the proposed Human Resource manual along with the financial manual of WDDF has been approved.

Finally, Chairperson expressed the optimism that, Women with Disabilities will lead their lives as self dignity, self independence along with contributive citizens for the state through the activities of WDDF. Simultaneously, she expressed heartiest gratitude on behalf of her own self to the General Council Members for their continuous suggestion, support and cooperation for the advancement of WDDF and declared the closing of the Annual General Meeting for that day.

4. Pabna and Bogra visit (22nd-25th February 2017):

5. A) Discussion meeting with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Bogra Sadar:

A Discussion meeting with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Bogra Sadar on the occasion of launching a Mid Level Coalition project entitled "To access justice and sustainable development for Women with Disabilities at all levels through inclusive building institutions" was being organized by Women with Disabilities Development foundation (WDDF), at 4.00 PM, on 22nd February 2017, in the office of UNO. Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF submitted the activities of the coalition project which will be implemented in Three unions of Bogra Sadar Upazila with the cooperation of Bogra Zila Spondon Protibandhi Nari Unnayan Parisad and expects all types of cooperation on behalf of UNO for actualizing these activities properly.

Akterun Nahar, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Bogra Sadar was very cordial and cooperative to us. She expressed her full support and solidarity to our activities and agreed with us to provide all types of necessary cooperation to actualize these activities in Bogra Sadar Upazila.

Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, Khadija Akter, General Council Member, Md. Hasanuz zaman, Accounts Officer of WDDF and Rebeka Akter, General Secretary, Bogra Zila Spondon Protibandhi Nari Unnayan Parisad were present in this discussion meeting.

1. B) Discussion meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Pabna:

A Discussion meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Pabna on the occasion of launching a Mid Level Coalition project entitled "To access justice and sustainable development for Women with Disabilities at all levels through inclusive building institutions" was being organized by Protik Mohila O Sheshu Sangstha (PMSS), at 11.00 AM, on 23rd February 2017, in the office of Deputy Commissioner (DC). Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF and S. M. Saifur Rahman, Executive Director, PMSS jointly facilitated the program as well as Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF, submitted the activities of the coalition project which will be implemented in Three unions of Pabna Sadar Upazila with the cooperation of PMSS and expects all types of cooperation on behalf of Government for actualizing these activities properly.

Rekha Rani Balo, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Pabna was very cordial and cooperative to us. She expressed her full support and solidarity to our activities and agreed with us to provide all types of necessary cooperation to actualize these activities in Pabna Sadar Upazila.

Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, Khadija Akter, General Council Member, Md. Hasanuzzaman, Accounts Officer of WDDF were present in this discussion meeting.

1. C) Discussion meeting with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Pabna Sadar:

A Discussion meeting with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Pabna Sadar on the occasion of launching a Mid Level Coalition project entitled "To access justice and sustainable development for Women with Disabilities at all levels through inclusive building institutions" was being organized by Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF), at 4.00 PM, on 23rd February 2017, in the office of UNO. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF, submitted the activities of the coalition project which will be implemented in Three unions of Pabna Sadar Upazila with the cooperation of PMSS and expects all types of cooperation on behalf of UNO for actualizing these activities properly.

Cawserul Islam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Pabna Sadar was very cordial and cooperative to us. He expressed His full support and solidarity to our activities and agreed with us to provide all types of necessary cooperation to actualize these activities in Pabna Sadar Upazila.

Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, Khadija Akter, General Council Member, Md. Hasanuzzaman, Accounts Officer of WDDF were present in this discussion meeting.

1. D) Coordination meeting:

A coordination meeting in order to signing an agreement among three organizations: I) Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF),

1. II) Protik Mohila O Sheshu Sangstha (PMSS) and

III) Bogra Zila Spondon Protibandhi Nari Unnayan Parisad

For implementing a mid level coalition project of Disability Rights Fund (DRF) in join collaboration entitled "To access justice and sustainable development for Women with Disabilities at all levels through inclusive building institutions" in Dhaka, Pabna Sadar and Bogra Sadar was being organized by Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) on 24th February 2017, in the office of Bogra Zila Spondon Protibandhi Nari Unnayan Parisad, Bogra. At first an introductory session was held and all the representatives of three organizations were introduced with each other in this session. After having been completed the introductory session, the purpose of coordination meeting and the agreement paper of mid level coalition project are being discussed elaborately. Terms and conditions of agreement and the process of working in join collaboration are being discussed by Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF. Accounts operation and record keeping process for implementation of this mid level project is being discussed by Md. Hasanuzzaman, Project Officer, WDDF as well as Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF. Project activities and how these activities will be done in join collaboration are being discussed by Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, WDDF.

Finally, with the opinion of all the representatives of three organizations the agreement has been signed and the coordination meeting is being closed.

5. Sharing meeting about the participation in the Sixty-First Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW2017):

A sharing meeting about the participation in the Sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women was being organized by Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MOWCA), in Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, on 26th February 2017. Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF was participated in this meeting and she urged to the State Minister and the Secretary of MOWCA that, information about Women with Disabilities should be included in the submitted report of the Commission on the Status of Women properly.

6. Discussion meeting of Women led organizations:

A discussion meeting of women led organizations was being organized Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) in its office, at 3 PM, on 27th February 2017. The representatives of Five Women led organizations were present in this meeting and this meeting was presided over Mohua Paul, Vice Chairperson, Access Bangladesh Foundation, facilitated by Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, WDDF. The main agenda of this discussion meeting was to organize a Roundtable Conference on "Political Rights and Participation" of Women with Disabilities by Seven Women led organizations in join collaboration. The responsibilities and activities of the abovementioned program are being discussed and distributed among the seven organizations.

ABOUT WDDF

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).

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