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

1. **Emergency Executive Council meeting:** An emergency Executive Council meeting was held on 1st<sup>June</sup> 2017 at WDDF Office. There were almost Ten participants including office staffs. Two agenda have been discussed including miscellaneous in this meeting.
  2. **Discussion meeting on post National Budget reaction:** A discussion meeting on post National Budget (Fiscal year 2017-2018) reaction was being organized by DRF grant committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, at Roundtable Auditorium, Dhaka Reporters Unity in order to discuss the issue that, National budget of fiscal year 2017-2018 hasn't been declared considering the needs and demands of Persons with Disabilities. Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator, WDDF participated in this discussion meeting. He stated that, it is very frustrating that, Persons with Disabilities haven't yet been included in any major areas of budget except 'social safety net'; simultaneously, Women with Disabilities are always being excluded from gender responsive budget. So, this type of discriminatory budget is an enormous barrier for the development of Persons with Disabilities. Actually, every ministry should include budget for Persons with Disabilities in its own budget list otherwise disability inclusive budget won't be formulated and declared and ultimately proper development of the state including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achievement will extremely be interrupted.
  3. **Discussion meeting about observing World Child labour prevention day:** A discussion meeting on the occasion of observing World Child labour prevention day was being organized by National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh (NHRCB), at 11 AM, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in the Conference room of NHRCB. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator of WDDF were present in this discussion meeting. Shirin Akhter proposed to consider about child labour prevention of female children with disabilities through protecting their human rights and include their challenges in the keynote paper of the abovementioned day.
  4. **Discussion meeting on information dissemination about disability and climate change:** A Discussion meeting on information dissemination about disability and climate change as well as sharing a concept paper of conducting a research about the abovementioned issue was being organized by Centre for Services and Information Dissemination (CSID), at 3 PM, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in the Auditorium of Impact Foundation Bangladesh. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator of WDDF were present in this discussion meeting. Shirin Akhter proposed to include the dilemmas have to face by Women with Disabilities at the time of their periodic circle, the problems of female Children with Disabilities as well as the challenges of diverse group of Women with Disabilities at the time of different types of disaster.
  5. **Grassroot Women with Disabilities committee meeting:** Two Grassroot Women with Disabilities committee meetings were being organized in June. The aims of forming these grassroot Women with Disabilities committees in remote areas of different districts are as follows:
    - I) To introduce Women with Disabilities of the same union with each other as well as to establish a friendly relation among them through regular communication appearing in monthly meetings.
    - II) To encourage and motivate Women with Disabilities and their parents through reducing their negative attitude about disability.
    - III) To make Women with Disabilities self conscious about their basic rights, contrigution and self dignity in family and society through enhancing their self confidence.
    - IV) To build leadership capacity of Women with Disabilities through enhancing awareness among them.
    - V) To provide information about disability related Government initiatives, documents along with facilities including NGOs as well as make them experienced on how to obtain these facilities through advocacy in different level.
    - VI) To adopt required initiative in order to include Women with Disabilities in local level including women related development process through their regular and active participation.
    - VIII) To create space in order to share multifaceted challenges in their daily lives, sufferings as Women with Disabilities including success E.G family conflict or discrimination, family/social violence, any type of torture/harassment and adopting the strategy of reducing these challenges and sufferings.
    - IX) To encourage Women with Disabilities to be self dependent mentally and financially through identifying their hidden capability as well as providing need based technical and financial support E.G training, assistive devise, financial support for small Income Generating Program.
- A) The first discussion meeting with the Grassroot Women with Disabilities Committee of 'Gouripur' and 'Baropara' Doudkandi, Comilla was being organized by WDDF, at Mukul Niketan of Gouripur Union at 10.00 AM, on 12th June 2017.
- This meeting is presided over Nila Akter, president of grassroot Women with Disabilities Committee and facilitated by Bethi Akter, Secretary of this committee with the observation and cooperation of Masuma Akter, Vice Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator of WDDF.
- The discussed issues of this meeting were:
- I) Introductory session, significance of organizing and participation in this meeting.
  - II) Discussion of last meeting minutes and approved.
  - III) Review the name of WDDF and the name of committee.
  - IV) Sharing on going problems with each other and discussion about the solutions.

V) Importance of using assistive device.

VI) Consciousness and responsibilities of parents to make their Daughters with Disabilities active and self dependent through reducing discrimination against them.

VII) Clear speaking and introduce a Woman with Disability her self without any hesitation.

VIII) Fixing the date of next meeting and so on.

B) The second discussion meeting with the Grassroot Women with Disabilities Committee of 'Daudkandi Uttar' and 'Baropara' Doudkandi, Comilla was being organized by WDDF, at Mukul Niketan of Gouripur Union at 3.00 PM, on 12th June 2017.

This meeting is presided over Asma Akter, president of grassroot Women with Disabilities Committee and facilitated by Sima Akter, Secretary of this committee with the observation and cooperation of Masuma Akter, Vice Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator of WDDF.

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I) Introductory session, significance of organizing and participation in this meeting.

II) Discussion of last meeting minutes and approved.

III) Review the name of WDDF and the name of committee.

IV) Sharing on going problems with each other and discussion about the solutions.

V) Importance of using assistive device.

VI) Consciousness and responsibilities of parents to make their Daughters with Disabilities active and self dependent through reducing discrimination against them.

VII) Clear speaking and introduce a Woman with Disability her self without any hesitation.

VIII) Fixing the date of next meeting and so on.

6. **Consultation about National Action Plan on 'Persons with Disabilities Rights and protection Act 2013':** A consultation meeting about National Action Plan on 'Persons with Disabilities Rights and protection Act 2013' was being organized by National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh (NHRCB), at 11 AM, on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in 'Brack In Centre'. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator were present in this consultation meeting. Shirin Akhter, expressing immense frustration said that, Women with Disabilities are becoming victim of violence and torture frequently; Speech and Hearing Impaired Persons along with Visual Impaired Women are depriving from proper education. National Action Plan has been submitted on behalf of NGOs and DPOs in March 2017 and now it is June but this document hasn't yet been reviewed even there is no any initiative on behalf of government to approve this document. So, we are very frustrated to think that, after how many days this National Action Plan will be approved? How often will Persons with Disabilities be able to enjoy good effect of this document? Still now it is completely uncertain.

7. **World Child Labour Prevention day:** A discussion meeting, on the occasion of World Child Labour Prevention day, was being organized in join collaboration by National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh (NHRCB), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), International Labour Organization (ILO) and Labour Ministry, The peoples Republic of Bangladesh on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the auditorium of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. Honorable President, Adv Abdul Hamid Khan, The peoples Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest; the Minister along with other relevant officers of Labour Ministry, a number of Ministers and MPs were present in this program. Besides, Chairman along with other officers of NHRCB, representatives from UNDP, ILO as well as the representatives of DPOs, GOs, NGOs and CSOs were present. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Md. Hasanuzzaman, Program Coordinator were participated in the abovementioned program.

## 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).

