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## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES REPORT 2016

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

### 1. Discussion Meeting with the representatives of Christoffel-Blinden Mission (CBM):

A discussion meeting was held between the representatives of WDDF and the representatives of Christoffel-Blinden Mission (CBM) on 1st November 2016, at 11 AM, in CBM office. Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director and Reshma Akter, Project Officer of WDDF attended in the above mentioned meeting. Mr. Andrias, Coordinator, Disability Inclusive Development, Christoffel-Blinden Mission (CBM) has completed his working period in Bangladesh and on the occasion of his fare well the representatives of WDDF organized a sharing meeting about the present situation along with the future plan of WDDF in order to share about the prospective opportunities for the advancement of WDDF. He expressed his heartiest thanks to the representatives of WDDF.

Afterwards, CBM representative expressed the interest of CBM to develop a network but Ashrafun Nahar enlightened that, there are already Three/four networks are working on disability issue and at present we think that there is no requirement of developing any network rather a consortium might be developed. So, Andrias agreed with the representative of WDDF. Besides, she discussed about the consortium of women led organizations. Mr. Andrias welcomed this initiative and highly encouraged her to advance with this initiative.

### 2. National Level Consultation Meeting:

A National level consultation meeting on Accessibility right of Children with Disabilities in the services of One Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) was being held on 1st November 2016, at the Auditorium of Women Affairs Department. This national level consultation meeting was being organized by National Forum of Organizations working with the Disabled (NFOWD) in order to take initiative of creating accessibility right of Children with Disabilities in the services of One stop Crisis Centre after having been victim of torture or violence.

Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Firoj Uddin, Volunteer of WDDF were participated in this national level consultation meeting.

Mentioning the barriers in accessibility of Women with Disabilities in the services of OCCS, Shirin Akhter pointed out that, WDDF is making advocacy with MOWCA and Women Affairs Department in order to create accessibility of Women with Disabilities in OCCs and the representatives of WDDF already have visited Three divisional OCCs in order to observe the situation of OCCs services to the Women with Disabilities directly. Through these visits it is seen that, the OCC officers are very sensitive and sincere for providing services to the Women with Disabilities and they are also providing services but they've no any training on how to handle them specially the women with severe Disabilities. Besides, The hospitals including the OCCs are informationally along with infrastructurally inaccessible for Persons with Disabilities and even the doctors aren't informed whether Persons with Disabilities are getting proper services or not from the hospitals. Simultaneously, through the discussion with the OCC officers it has come to know that, due to not having any column/option on disability in the list of the patients of OCCs, any data hasn't been collected about how many Women with Disabilities are getting services from the OCCs. So, without reducing these barriers, it won't be possible for Women or Children with Disabilities to obtain the accessibility right in the services of OCCS properly.

### 3. Discussion meeting:

A discussion meeting was held with the representatives of Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) in order to organize a mobile camp in join collaboration with Disability Inclusive Justice and Legal Aid (DIJLA), National Grassroot Disabled Organization (NGDO), Disabled Child Foundation (DCF) and Turning Point Foundation for providing legal service for the Persons with Disabilities, on 6th November 2016, at 3.00 PM, in Turning Point Foundation office. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Firoj Uddin, Volunteer of WDDF were participated in this discussion meeting. Expressing the support to this innovative program Shirin Akhter told that, certainly, it is an important initiative and we are interested to organize this type of program in join collaboration but as our Executive Director is at present in 65<sup>th</sup> CEDAW session, Switzerland, Geneva so after her coming back we'll discuss and inform our decision within 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### 4. Monthly NGO Coordination Meeting with DC:

A monthly NGO Coordination Meeting was being organized by District Commissioner in DC office, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson and Project Officer Reshma Akter, were present in this meeting.

### 5. Discussion meeting with the Director of Nilfamari DPOD:

We visited Nilfamari from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 and organized A Discussion meeting with the Director of Nilfamari Disabled Peoples Organization to Development (DPOD) between the representatives of WDDF and the representatives of Nilfamari DPOD on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, at 11 AM, in its office. This discussion meeting was being organized in order to collect and check the records of a plot of land of a very poor, orphan and victim Woman with Multiple Disability called Mohsina and how to rehabilitate her in this permanently. Shirin Akhter, Chairperson, Ashrafun Nahar, Executive Director, Md. Hasanuzzaman, Accounts Officer and Reshma Akter, Project Officer of WDDF attended in the above mentioned meeting. We've collected few papers of the land, checked in land office and came to know that, We've to collect more papers as well as mutation in her name is essential to establish her ownership in this land property which is very difficult in this short time plan. So, we decided that, we've to take long time program subsequently to complete the rest of tasks in this issue.

### 6. CEDAW platform meeting:

A meeting of Citizen's Initiatives on CEDAW, Bangladesh (CIC-BD) was being organized by Steps Towards Development (STD) in its own office, on 28th November 2016. Mr. Ranjan Kormoker, Executive Director Steps Towards Development (STD) presided over the meeting. The aim of this meeting was to share about the experience of members who are participating in 65<sup>th</sup> CEDAW session, Switzerland, Geneva.

## 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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