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JANUARY ACTIVITIES REPORT 2016

WDDF participated & organized several meeting in January'16. These are as follows:

Executive Council meeting:

National Executive Council meeting held on 7th January,16 at PITSHOP, Lalkhan, Chittagong with 5 Agendas. 5 Executive Members were present at the meeting. The meeting agenda was as follows:

1. Approved previous Meeting resolution
2. Discussion on GFW & Mama Cash Project
3. Continuation of reproductive training
4. Staff requirement
5. Others

Executive Member Ashrafun Nahar Misti discussed about the progress of two project (GFW & Mama Cash). Other members proposed that reproductive health training might be continue as it is so effective for WWDs. Staff requirement issue also discussed in this meeting.

NGO Collaboration Meeting:

WDDF organized a collaboration meeting with Mr.Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury, Member, Executive Board, Disability Council International, Former Member, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & Board Member of Action Aid held on 9th Jan'16 at Impact Bangladesh Foundation, Shamoly , Dhaka. WDDF Executive Director, Ashrafun Nahar Misti discussed about the organization and the future plan of WDDF. Mr.Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury suggested WDDF to develop a proposal about the leadership of Women with Disabilities in different level which help WDDF to collect fund & also interested to extend his cooperation for WDDF sustainability. Chairperson and other staffs of WDDF were present in this meeting.

Participated in Workshop:

WDDF Executive Director Ashrafun Nahar Misti participated in Training Workshop on World Bank's Safeguards & Redress Mechanisms held on 11th Jan'16 at Center Point, Gulshan,Dhaka. The workshop organized by Access Bangladesh Foundation. The safeguard policies of world Bank & the rights of PWDs were being discussed in this workshop. Rights of PWDs have not been addressed in the current policies of World Bank .As a result PWDs do not necessarily benefit from bank projects & also no systematic consideration of PWDs in projects.

Scholarships & Income Generation Activities (IGA) Support Distribution Program among Manikganj Grassroots WWDs Committee:

WDDF arranged a program on Scholarship & IGA Support Distribution held on 12th Jan'16 at Manikganj Disable People's Organization to Development (MDPOD). WDDF distributed Education Support to 4 Girl's Student with Disabilities & also formed a group consist of 7 members of Grassroots WWDs committee under the supervision of MDPOD. This group is going to be established a small entrepreneurship at Manikganj. MDPOD Director Md.Entaj Ali was present there. WDDF & MDPOD signed a MOU. MDPOD will provide all cooperation for this group to run their entrepreneurship.

CEDAW Platform Meeting and WDDF:

1. Citizen's Initiatives on CEDAW, Bangladesh (CIC-BD) organized National Sharing on 8th CEDAW Shadow Report held on 13th Jan'16 at CIRDAP International Conference Center. CIC-BD is a platform of 53 non-governmental women & human rights organizations working for the full ratification & implementation of CEDAW convention in Bangladesh since 2007.WDDF is one of the member organization of CIC-BD.WDDF Chairman Shirin Akhter,ED Ashrafun Nahar Misti & Project officer Tahseen Showkat participated in this sharing meeting. The Government of Bangladesh prepared detailed & informative report (8th periodic report2015) on CEDAW. The report addresses all the concluding observation provided by the UNCEDAW in 2011.The CIC-BD provides some observation in some paragraphs of this report. These are Reservation, Discriminatory Laws, Stereotype & harmful practices, Violence against Women, Trafficking & sexual exploitation, Participation in political & public life, Nationality, Education, Employment, Health, Economic empowerment of Women, Disadvantage groups of Women especially Women with Disabilities, Marriage & Family relation, migrant Women, MDG, Dissemination.
2. Citizen's Initiatives on CEDAW, Bangladesh (CIC-BD) organized a Sharing meeting on 8th CEDAW Shadow Report with Ismat Jahan UN representative of CEDAW committee & Ambassador of Belgium held on 24th Jan'16 at BRAC INN Center, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Ismat Jahan told about the report presenting process in CEDAW meeting. She also suggested that CIC-BD can also submit special report on specific issue. WDDF ED Ashrafun Nahar Misti said that women especially WWDs deprived from family & social rights. She also discussed about the special report for WWDs.
3. Ministry of Women & Children Affairs of Bangladesh organized a Sharing meeting on 8th CEDAW Shadow Report with Ismat Jahan UN representative of CEDAW committee & Ambassador of Belgium & Citizen's Initiatives on CEDAW, Bangladesh (CIC-BD) held on 27th Jan'16 at Shishu Academy,Dhaka. Ismat Jahan said that both Government & civil society group are important for CEDAW report because Government representative can't allow staying when the report presented. Civil society has an opportunity to stay there so both groups should be concerned. She also emphasized about the important article of CEDAW because CEDAW committee members could be asked question about the implementation of those article.

National Discussion Meeting:

1. WDDF participated the 15th Meeting of the National Monitoring Committee formed according to the article no 33 the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities(UNCRPD) to Promote, Protect & Monitor its Implementation held on 13th Jan'16 at CIRDAP Auditorium. Subject of Discussion of this meeting are accessibility of PWDs, Voting rights, Training for PWDs, Awareness about Disability, Accessible Broadcasting, Accessible Banking, Work on Web Accessibility.
2. A Discussion Meeting on Access & Protection of Children with Disabilities (CWDs) in Inclusive Education was being held on 31st Jan'16 at CIRDAP auditorium. NFWOD organized this meeting. WDDF Project Officer Tahseen Showkat was present there. She said without the involvement of both boy & girl's children with disabilities inclusive education could not be properly implemented. The parents of girl's children with disabilities always worried about their safety. They don't send them in school. So we should ensure their protection. Otherwise a large number of girl's children with disabilities couldn't be literate.

Meeting With the UNO of Comilla & Narayanganj for Testimonial:

WDDF Chairperson Shirin Akhter & Project Officer Tahseen Showkat met with The UNO of Comilla at 18th Jan'16 & the UNO of Narayanganj at 20th Jan'16 for collecting testimonial as WDDF worked at Comilla & Narayanganj. WDDF developed both areas a committee consist of 15 members. WDDF worked with this committee for developing their leadership & self-confidence. Both the UNO of Comilla Muhammad Asaduzzaman & Narayanganj Chumki Akhter Chowdhury agreed to give WDDF testimonial as WDDF worked here positively.

Human Chain for the Justice of the victim WWDs:

A human chain for the justice of a Women with Disabilities who had been raped in Dhamrai & become hospitalized held on 28th Jan'16 at Upazila Parishod, Dhamrai, Dhaka. Access Bangladesh Foundation (ABF) organized this human chain as ABF support this WWDs .WDDF chairman Shirin Akhter & Project officer Tahseen Showkat were present there. WDDF chairman Shirin Akhter take stand for the justice of the victim WWDs. She also gave counseling to the victim & her family members. WDDF will continue support to the victim.

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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