

Six month narrative report

Project Title	Children development through Empowering Self Help Group (CEG) under DCBRP				
Project Location	Country:	Bangladesh			
	Region / District:	Dhaka			
	Village / Town / City:	Dhaka city Gazipur and Narayangonj dist.			
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Project duration	Jan	(month)	2013	(year)	
	Dec	(month)	2015	(year)	
Report period	Jan	(month)	2014	(year)	
	June	(month)	2014	(year)	

Narrative Summary – Report overview

Children development through empowering self-help Group (CEG) was a supplementary support as a project of DCBRP to strengthen educational provision for children of SHG member. In 2013 SHGs selected targeted students following selection criteria e.g. Students directly affected by leprosy, children from families affected by leprosy and disable and hard-core poor family. However, replacement and taking new students had been a continuous process.

Progress monitoring report (2013) says that 98% student got admission into the school and they are going to school in 2014 regularly. Majority of the student got admission into good quality school of their community and parents are satisfied with their children's performance. In this reporting period 188 children received the education support and rest 237 children will get the support in coming months. All students participated the midterm exam but they all had not got the result card. Rate of attendance in school of the students increased to 90%.

Rate of drop out from school is gradually decreasing. There was no drop out in this reporting period. About 6 % student are supporting SHGs in holding group meeting, record keeping and referring the patient to DLCP clinic and to general hospital for treatment. Near about 4% student are making financial contribution to their families from their part time job / tuition.

According to present work methodology one child from each target family (affected by leprosy and , disability or vulnerable family) can get the support but last year each of 6 SHG member families got the support for two children. The issue was discussed and solved by the SHG. A few schools declined to provide receipt for the money they received for students' admission fee, monthly tuition fee and exam fee. Discussing with school authority, project staff resolved the problem.

Project Activities

Please provide a clear and concise summary of the activities carried out in the reporting period:

For this year, project has a target of supporting 425 students of different grades among them 73 will get special support. Project, in this reporting period, supported 188 students who had continued their study without interruptions. They were given educational fees, exam fee, tuition fee, cost of uniforms books and other school stationeries. It reduced the financial burden of those families. The rest of 164 students will get their support in Agust'14. On the other hand, project has a plan to arrange a meeting with church leaders in October'14. With the support of these church leaders 73 students will get the emergency education support on special consideration.

In the reporting period project staff liaised with all students' schools and houses to monitor the progress of students and collect proper documents to pay the support. Project staff also shared with the SHGs/AMC the progress and problems regarding the student support and took proper step as per need.

Total 352 (G-195 and B-157) students were selected to provide financial support to bear the cost of admission and exam fee including uniform, books, pen and other necessary education materials. Majority (G-99 and B-86) of the students were from primary grade including 152 student (G-88 and B-64) from secondary grade and only 15 students (G-8 and B-7) from college grade.



Children

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Student status by Education Support at a Glance, 2014

Type of Student	Total	Primary Education (Grad I – V)	Secondary Education (Grade VI – X)	Tertiary Education (Grade XI – XII)/College)
Boy	157	86	64	7
Girl	195	99	88	8
Total	352	185	152	15

Last year total number of girls were 191, now the number of girls are 195, last year 3 boys could not pass the exam and dropped out from the support, in this period project included three girls to replace them and one more girl was also included. In 2013 number of 231 students got support from primary level among of them 46 persons passed final exam and prompted to secondary level, and 2 dropped out students at secondary level were replaced.

In 2014 Project is preparing documents to provide a special educational support to 72 poor and brilliant students in regard to emergency educational needs e.g. registration fees, examination fees etc. Most of those students were selected by Church leaders and pastor /priest with the support from project staff

Special student status for Emergency Education support at a Glance, 2014

Type of Student	Total	Primary Education (Grade I – V)	Secondary Education (Grade VI – X)	Tertiary Education (Grades XI – XII/College)
Boy	39	19	12	9
Girl	33	12	10	11
Total	73	31	22	20

In this year one new boy has been included who is in secondary level and two new girls have been included who are also in secondary level.

As a part of monitoring and counseling, meeting was organized with parents and student. In the meeting was kept an agenda to encourage parents for their children's improvement on education.

In three areas of Dhaka city, Gazipur and Narayangonj districts' SHGs members arranged a meeting with Students and parents by the assistance of project staff and discussed the following issues: Regular attendance of school, Progress of student of their exam as per base line survey, responsibility of parents for their children.



In the reporting period project staff visited the house as well as the school and built relationship with the school authority and the parents and students. Parents are so much grateful to receive the support from The Leprosy Mission Int. Bangladesh and they are wishing to get the support until their children complete the higher secondary level of education.

Israt Johan Jabin has a dream to be a good doctor

Israt Johan Jabin is the daughter of Md. ZiaurRohman and Romana Begum. She is now 11 years old and reads in class six. Currently she is living at TrimohoniTekpara area in Dhaka district. Jabin has two sisters and one brother. She is the 3rd child of her parents. All of the children of Md. ZiaurRohman are going to school.

Israt Johan Jabin is from the Leprosy affected family. Her uncle (Md. Abdus Salam her father's elder brother) was affected and disabled by leprosy. They were living together as a combined family. Unfortunately her uncle died on last year. Jabin's family said Abdus Salam (65) had died due to leprosy ulcer.

Jabin's father is a sand seller and mother is house wife. Jabin has said that her father's income is not enough for maintaining daily needs of the family. Moreover his earning from business is not regular. So it is very hard for her father to meet the family needs and let alone bearing the expenses for children's education. Jabin is a very brilliant student. In the Primary School Certificate examination she got Golden GPA and her Grade is A+. Her whole family is very happy for Jabin's result.

Jabin said " I want to be a doctor and serve those people who are not able to get better treatment because of financial problem."

Israt Jahan Jabin is very much thankful to Leprosy Mission and the donor/ supporting country Netherlands who are providing support for continuing her study.

