

The Leprosy Mission Canada Progress Report Template

PROJECT INFORMATION

Organization's Name	The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh
Project Title	Gaibandha-Jaypurhat Leprosy Care Project(GJLCP)
Project Location	Gaibandha & Jaypurhat District (Rajshahi & Rangpur Division)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GJLCP started a new partnership with TLM Canada from this year of a multi-year agreement. This particular project highlighted a few initiatives which are challenging and different than its former phases. Being a vertical project, over the years the main focus was on clinical treatment, awareness, complication management. In this phase the project targeted to achieve specifically to integrate leprosy clinical services of all the upazilla into govt. health system, advance toward more on partnership approach both with NGOs, beneficiaries, groups. Emphasis was also given to strengthen the Socio Economic activities by issuing SEED capital, form federation for the groups, engage volunteers to provide support to these Self Help Groups. Some of these have certainly challenged the project staff.

Gaibandha being a leprosy endemic district in Bangladesh, Govt. gave much emphasis and arranged campaign to eradicate leprosy. GJLCP have actively participated in those initiatives and 87 new patients have been detected. GJLCP also consciously involved the govt. staff, community people, community leaders, women groups in various activities to ensure community participation.

The project could only start its activity in full swing from April onwards due to not having fund approval and cash flow problem. Also it was a year with much political interference, blockade, stick which have hampered smooth flow of our activates. But a group to dedicated staff with their sincere effort have made significant progress to achieve the targets even though at times their live was at risk. We believe this will similarly be continued to achieve project goal in the following years.

OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- This year had some challenging approaches. Integration of clinical services at the upazilla health centers were one of them. We have targeted to integrated 6 clinical activities with the Govt. health system. To achieve that we had training for govt. health staff, arrange discussion with community people and leaders, meeting with upazilla level health officers. One of the upazilla in Gaibandha as still considered endemic specially after mass survey initiated by the Govt. At the end of 2013, 5 clinics out of 24 would be handed over to Govt. health dept. Which would mean clinical support services e.g. reporting, case holding, MDT supply and referral would be done by the Govt. health staffs.



- Furthermore emphasis was given to work more on a partnership basis with other NGOs, patient groups. Discussion and visit made to other NGOs and waiting to be implemented from 2014 onwards.
- A group of patient in both the districts have been trained to be a pool of support in the community and for project monitoring and implementation.
- To form federation for groups, exchange visit was planned but could not be achieved due to constant political unrest. As a preparation, groups were being oriented and preliminary plan being shared with the groups that will form a federation
- Another challenging target was to facilitate the groups so that they can obtain registration from Social Welfare Department or Cooperative Department. The achievement was not significant in terms of number due to some bureaucratic problem. One group with their own initiative have managed to obtain registration from Cooperative Department. Project have continue their facilitation for the groups so at some stage they can have these registration.
- 37 groups were finally selected and received SEED capital. Since this target selected, steps like prepare policy, assess groups eligibility, orient groups, visit other projects, calculate the maturity scoring and provide the fund.
- To assess the patient load in the upazilla which will be integrated, 6 skin cams have been arranged and after screening >600 patient 4 new patient have been identifies.
- As a new initiative 60 leprosy effected person were supported with house repair support which we believe helped to restore their dignity in the society
- 412 new patient were diagnosed by GJLCP activities and 86 found through contact survey by Govt. initiative and other related to treatment, assistive device, complication management, physiotherapy, health education, self care training, self care support continued

CONCLUSIONS & OUTLOOK

Lessons Learned (maximum 300 words)

- With some new initiative, staff found new challenges and creativity in their job responsibilities
- The integration process are challenging but some areas the mind set are changing
- Seed capital, federation formation, additional support have ignited their effort to continue as self help groups
- The prior assessment was necessary to select target e.g. group registration as the ground reality are different.
- Repairing the houses have given hope and happiness among the beneficiaries
- Active case finding though contact survey added 87 new cases which increased our input related to treatment, assistive device etc.
- Case confirmation, lab support are still continued by the Govt. health staff which still encourage us to positive attitude towards integration

Work plan for next half year (maximum 300 words)

- activity like federation forming, partnership approach, training for govt. health staff at DBLM which could not possible to complete would be given much emphasis to complete
- Work towards integration process and formal handover of clinical responsible to be completed by 1st quarter of the year
- Gather information related to success of IGA and prepare report
- Facilitate the groups for the better utilization of seed capital
- Continue the SAMMAN tailor and include new women
- Conduct training for Health staff, community leaders so that their input are available the rest of the year
- Conduction of activities which ensure early detection of leprosy
- Conduction of awareness activities to ensure volunteer reporting and self referrals
- Ensure staff training planned for the year(or due)

Important events / challenges to come (maximum 200 words)

- Completion of Integration in the new areas, to motivate the local health department for taking the clinical services
- Group registration from the welfare social department/cooperative authority
- Functionality of through partnership approach
- Federation formation
- Enroll other groups for seed capital

RESOURCES

Group obtained registration from Govt. Cooperative department

Name of Group : Katahar Mohona Savings group
 Group formation date: 13.07.09
 Total member : 25 (7 female, 18 male)
 Leprosy affected : 5
 Total Group savings : 47000/-



The group in the picture in spite of all the odds have obtained registration from District Cooperative Department, Jaypurhat no. 581/2014. Their determination, bondage have made it possible. They shown a true team spirit.

Activities		Achievement		
			%	Remarks
	Objective 1:Build effective partnership for a sustainable change in community towards leprosy affected person			
1.1	Installation of informative Sing Boards, billboard, Wallwriting,	35	100%	
	Wall writing	58	100%	
1.2	Development and distribution of printed and digital IEC materials	20000	100%	
1.3	Disseminate HE & awareness message through Miking performed by benificierise /volunteers	155	100%	
1.4	Folk Song by the expart local team	2,000	100%	



1.5	Information through car program in the remote area	130	69%	Totally 2 months Information program is not possible with car due to POLITICAL CRISIS
1.6	Orientation on leprosy to school and college students and youth club members		0%	
1.7	School	102	102%	
	college	17	100%	
	club	33	100%	
	Orientation on leprosy to other NGO women groups 30% of remaining groups covered	400	100%	
1.8	Conduct KAP Survey	2	100%	
1.9	World Leprosy Day Observed	2	100%	
1.10	Facilitation for World Women Day Observed by women affected by leprosy	2	100%	
1.11	Conduct Advocacy Seminar with different stakeholders on leprosy covering 70% union within this phase.	24	100%	
1.12	Provide Training on leprosy among remaining Village Doctors in Gaibandha and Joypurhat.	2	100%	
1.13	Provide Training on Leprosy to Religious Leader covering 55% of listed number.	2	100%	
1.14	Provide Training on leprosy for Family Planning Staff training covering all listed FPS.	8	100%	
1.15	Engage Community Volunteers as a partner .	115	100%	
1.16	Trained beneficiaries group for better input in the program.	120	100%	
1.17	Arrange meeting with partners to identify their SW, objectives, activities	0	0%	Planned in November & December but not possible due to unexpected political crisis
1.18	visit individual partner's activity to know their practical situation.	10	100%	
1.19				
1.20	Arrange workshop with partner to follow up of MoU	0	0%	Planned in November & December but not possible due to unexpected political crisis
1.21	Basic leprosy training for all partners	0	0%	Planned in November & December but not possible due to unexpected political crisis

1.22	Form a team with partner , beneficiaries to work under a TOR and monitor the mainstreaming process and document	0	0%	Planned in November & December but not possible due to unexpected political crisis
	Objective 2: Reduction of leprosy case loads among the targeted population and strengthen functional integration within project area.			
2.1	New case detection & treatment	412	103%	
2.1	To conduct contact survey for all newly diagnosed patients	435	109%	
2.2	To conduct survey with extended contact of new cases and existing on treatment patients	200	100%	
2.3	Continuation and support of clinical activities	24	100%	
2.4	Provide counseling support for patient	50	100%	
2.5	Provide training on basic leprosy and complication management of nursing student .	60	100%	
2.6	Arrange Govt. And Non Govt. medical officer training	0	0%	
2.7	Arrange skin camp for targeted upazillas for integration.	3	100%	
2.8	Training to GOB health staffs on leprosy complication(Sadullpur 40 Joypurhat 30,Panchbibi 30)	3	100%	
2.9	Maintain relation with Govt. partner NGOs by attending regular meeting programs	48	100%	
2.10	Conduct CTST meeting with Govt. staffs to strengthen integration (3 integrated upazillas)	12	100%	
2.11	POD training for TLCA at DBLM hospital	0	0%	Planned in November & December but not possible due to unexpected political crisis
2.12	Ensure for a separate area for women patients for diagnosis at Govt. clinics	24	100%	
2.13	Workshop on integration involving Govt. and other stakeholder	3	100%	
2.14	Development a plan of action and function case detection , confirmation and MDT supply by GOB. in 3 upazilla of Joypurhat	3	100%	

2.15	Orientation to leprosy affected people and community leaders on as preparation of new integrated upozillas	4	100%	
	Objective 3: The incidence of physical disability of both leprosy and for other reasons will be reduced through preventive measures and services			
3.1	Provide Training on Ulcer and reaction management of leprosy for Govt. Health staff			
3.2	Refer complicated patients to specialized centers for further management	34	85%	eligible cases are referred to hospital for better management.
3.3	Provide medicine for complication patient management	30	75%	eligible cases are referred to hospital for better management.
3.4	Nutritional support for complication patient (40/1500 per)	39	98%	eligible cases are referred to hospital for better management.
3.5	Conduct base line Nerve Function test for 400 new leprosy patient.	498	125%	87 new patient added from govt. activity
3.6	Provide Physiotherapy services all new & old cases 1600	1884	118%	
3.7	New Footwear supply	1126	113%	
3.8	New Model Footwear (leather shoe)	198	165%	
3.9	Repair Old Footwear Repair	439	146%	
3.10	Supply Crutch	48	120%	
3.11	Modified Spoon supply (GJLCP-50, FSUP-20)	57	143%	
3.12	Modified hand gloves supply (GJLCP-50, FSUP-20)	56	140%	
3.13	Modified farming equipment supply (GJLCP-50, FSUP-20)	52	130%	
3.14	Universal holder/ Belt supply (GJLCP-10, FSUP-5)	17	170%	
3.15	Formation of self care groups	12	100%	
3.16	Provide Ulcer Kit Box	120	100%	
3.17	Conduct training on Ulcer Management for Patient & family member (120 participant)	2	100%	
3.18	Provide Training on Footwear for Community Footwear Technician (36 participants)	0	0%	
3.19	Increase awareness on POD among Self Help Groups	0	0%	

3.20	Conduct Eye screening camp for eye complication patient	134	112%	
3.21	Provide optical devices			
	Power Glass	32	107%	
	Sun Glass	61	122%	
3.22	Provide eye surgery & referral support	20	100%	
	20 referral services			
3.23	General Disabled clients selection	22	55%	Eligible client not reported
3.24	POP for Club foot clients	12	40%	Eligible client not reported
3.25	Referral for surgery , therapy, & devices	2	25%	Eligible client not reported
3.26	Supply assistive devices	25	47%	Eligible client not reported
3.27	Networking and lobbying for assistive device from other NGOs	100%	100%	
3.28	National & Intl disability day observance	4	100%	
3.29	Parents Gathering of disabled clients	0	0	
	Objective 4:Strengthen sustainable community based approach to ensure dignity & rights of leprosy affected people and marginalized community			
4.1	Provide Income generating training for badly deformed patient & or family members	0	0%	
4.2	Productive Asset transfer among the trained clients(4.1)	0	0%	
4.3	Lobbying for Govt. Welfare grant from Social welfare and others sources(VGD/VGF card, Disable allowance, Widow allowance etc.)	13	108%	
4.4	Provide skill training for sustainable livelihood/ employment(IGA)	60	100%	
	Tailoring	40	100%	
	Computer	8	100%	
	Mobile	8	100%	
	Electric	4	100%	
4.5	Productive Asset distribution for trained clients	0	0%	
4.6	Provide Business Management training for Groups	24	100%	
4.7	Provide skill training for staff on group management training business management training lives stock, human rights.	0	0	

4.8	Strengthen group nurturing by volunteer engagement	115	100%	
4.9		0	0	
4.10	Arrange regular Group Visit to improve there performance (Group Leader)	24	100%	
4.11	Conduct other project group visit (Group leader) for federation formation	0	0	Not possible due to political unrest
4.12	Registered 150 groups under social welfare woman affairs or cooperative	1	2%	Almost of the Self-help group size is 5 to 15 in our project catchment area but Gov. Policy dose not allow less than 20 for registration.
4.13	Provide tailoring training through SANMAN centre	3	100%	
4.14	Provide seed capital among self help groups	33	83%	
4.15	Asset transfer to groups and individual	0	0%	
4.16	House repair for destitute clients	32	107%	
4.17	Provide educational grant for secondary/higher secondary student	60	100%	
4.18	Provide training for adolescent age group within target population	2	100%	
4.19	Tree plants distribution among the group member(Fruit & Timber)	2000	100%	
4.20	Disaster awareness session for group member	195	100%	