

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Advocacy for Empowerment (AEP)</b>
<b>Project Location</b>	Country: Bangladesh State / District: 18 districts from current working area of TLMI-B in 4 divisions and 6 new districts (from under coverage area) of Barisal and Khulna division
<b>Project Beneficiaries</b>	people with leprosy and their families; GoB line authorities specially NLEP, DG health, social welfare & cooperative department, LGIs and other non- government stakeholder e.g. LTCC, partner NGOs, relevant forum/alliance/networking bodies working on rights based issues, health and disabilities issues as well as civil society and policy makers/politician.
<b>Project Duration</b>	Start time: January, 2014 Finish time: Dec, 2016
<b>Funding Agency</b>	TLM Netherlands
<b>Name of Sub Partners</b>	Government of Bangladesh Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme (CBSDP) Christian Service Society (CSS) HEED Bangladesh
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Creating a right conscious enabling environment particularly for those affected by leprosy, disability and disadvantaged people as well</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased functional role of government service providing agency (e.g. NLEP, District hospital, Upazila Health Complex (UHC) and Department of Social Service-DSS )</li> <li>2. Improved awareness in every level for securing the rights &amp; entitlement of people affected by leprosy, disability and disadvantaged people as well.</li> <li>3. Enhanced active involvement of NGOs, civil society and community people at large for proving services pertaining to leprosy, disability and disadvantaged people</li> </ol> <p><b>Key activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize advocacy seminar with NLEP, WHO, DG health, policy maker &amp; other relevant stakeholders</li> <li>• Training of GoB health personnel specially in the 6 new districts -5, 2, 2</li> <li>• Training the GoB nurses working at Mohakhali and Nilphamari Leprosy Hospitals in management of leprosy complications</li> <li>• Orientation/workshop/meeting with Upazilla health committee and Union parishad health related standing committee</li> <li>• Technical support to Mohakhali and Nilphamari Leprosy Hospitals for management of leprosy control</li> <li>• Workshop/meeting with social department to share the need of people with leprosy (district based)</li> <li>• Conduct extended contact survey/survey in under cover area with the support GoB health and NGOs for regular updating leprosy situation in 6 new districts</li> <li>• Skin camp for patients screening jointly with GoB and Medical college/NGO in 6 new districts</li> <li>• Mass media (TV, newspaper)</li> <li>• Research sharing/awareness raising workshop</li> <li>• Medical student leprosy session</li> </ul>

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