



**Title of the project:**  
**Integrated Family Development Project with Income Generating Activities and Training in Jamalpur-Bangladesh**

**Supported By: Die Lichtbrücke-Germany & BMZ-Germany**

**Project duration:** 42 Months (1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 31 December, 2019)

**Project beneficiaries and Location:-**

Number of District	Number of Upazila	Number of Union	Number of Village	Number of Family
01	01	02	15	900
Jamalpur	Sarisabari	Poguldhiga	10	750
		Awna	05	150

**Rational:**

**Education:**

In the Jamalpur district almost all children are just registered in primary schools; however the quality of education is very low as it is located in the off-shore island areas. Reasons of limited scope to monitor the functionality of education system in those remote areas followed by the areas are affected by flood disaster for a bigger time (during monsoon) of the year. In regard women education male are not interested educating them investing family fund rather than to be married what bride or what age he belongs.

**Children-schooling:**

As stated above the char people are very much hand to mouth; so, no additional fund for children schooling. Since the schools are free, so, initially parents pursue the children for schooling. But after short while the drop out started due to following reasons:

- I. Most of the parents are illiterate, so, children do not get any support from them except meaningless advice at evening time, saying 'come and be seated for study'
- II. Teachers are very much irregular, so, the habitual trend of the lastly survived children also gradually bleak just by dropping with others
- III. Finally every year the school is closed at least for 3-4 months due to regular flood at Jamuna. So, finally there is every reason of dropping out of children from local/ Govt. Primary schools in those char areas of affected villages of Sarisabari.

Considering all above factors, Anando finds no other ways but to move ahead at least with 10 CLC, that would be continued for 4 years in 10 selected villages with 10 teachers of 2 Unions of Sarisabari Upazila of Jamalpur district.

**Livelihood:**

As stated agro-based entrepreneurs are highest in magnitude in entire Sarisabari areas. Those are rice, jute, groundnut, maize, sugarcane and chilli. The men are in farming with marginal land or as landless sharecroppers. However, women are also highly associated with male shouldering burden from male both in farm and non-farm enterprises, as they have no separate livelihood like women tailoring, women handicrafts etc. So far a big number of male are earning livelihood as hawker at railway, ferry and buses. Nowadays, a remarkable number of unemployed labour are serving as skilled and non-skilled labour at capital city Dhaka.

**The women's empowerment in off-shore areas:**

In Bangladesh women are on principle socially disadvantaged and discriminated against. The society is dominated by men, especially in the rural areas. The share of illiterates is very high. In remote particularly in off-shore areas women are very cheap to be married and most of the time the social system is abused by elites and their word is law. Early marriage, a high dowry, divorces and polygamy are common in off-shore areas of these two unions. Women are faced with higher personal and social risks by adding physical and mental (domestic) abuse getting 2-3 times married just to get livelihood as some man's partner. A study assigned by the Lichtbruecke.e.V. from 2011/12 by Mr. Muhammad MatiurRahman has shown that small credit programs greatly improve the living conditions of women, as listed in appendix no. 3. For example before the start of the evaluated project in 1999 a rate of 66.7% of the women was victims of physical violence, in 2011/12 the fraction went down to 3.3%.

Resisting the women from domestic violence as well as continue socio-economic development keeping them in a harmonious family environment, Anando feels to conduct total 8 grand meetings in i.e. 2 meeting in 2 Unions/year, inviting the local UZ officials, followed by making linkage in particular with women folk at UZ-office level at Sarisabari. Follow up of Family Law at community level, there would be displayed Family Law at community level

### **Women- living with poverty along with MCH situation**

A considerable number of women are victims of exclusion; they experience inequality in work, production, social and political life, in health care, education and economic activities. The women in the project area normally have very little access to health care. They also rarely have access to owning a piece of land of their own. The MCH related health institutions are there but functionally not alive. Still 45% of the local mothers/children/both are subject to susceptible situation at delivery stage.

The high majority of the women live in repressing poverty. They carry the main burden imposed on them by religion, culture and tradition on one hand and growing poverty through lack of farm land on the other hand. The women's mobility normally is limited to their villages; only to visit their parents and for treatments are they allowed to leave the villages. About 95% of the women work very hard, but they normally do not gain any income and are dependent on their husbands or other family members.

In above context, Anando feels to move with motivational dialogue selecting and attaching 6 trained TBA among fertile couple followed by making a bridge with local MCH institutions exploring services for adolescent, pregnant and deliverable women; so, it reduces the mortality rate of mother-child at least in 2 Unions of Sarisabari

### **Project goals :**

The primary goals are the reduction of poverty through socio-economic awareness, aid as well as humane and intellectual advancement of low-income families, empowering women in society by IGA and the increase of productivity through safer motherhood.

### **The objectives of the project:**

The income situation of 900 families would be enabled to carry out together having social awareness followed by small (kind/cash) credit against their 5 year plan. The full families would generate additional income by means of locally adapted credit activities on farming, stock breeding, cow rearing, fishing, poultry, shops and services.

#### **Output-1**

900 families increase productivity of their homestead and adjacent land through increased production in agriculture and animal husbandry

#### **Output-2**

Improved protection of pregnant women and young mothers through better basic health care

#### **Output-3**

Knowledge on Family Law and women's rights leads to reduction of gender based violence.

#### **Output-4**

Children of beneficiaries have a chance for education and increasingly visit primary schools

#### **Output-5**

Reduction of hygiene related illness.

#### **Activities of Project:**

1. Start up support distribution among 900 Families x Taka 16,000 in 2017
2. Conduct of workshops with the selected 900 families for family development planning according to the support distribution.
3. Organize new business creation training for the beneficiaries.
4. Training on Agriculture methods (house cleaves, house roof utilization, vegetable gardening serial croup etc.)
5. Distribute saplings/seedlings among the 900 beneficiary's families to plant them in their homestead areas and different Institutions.
6. Training on livestock.
7. Mother and Child health training for 90 GL.
8. 180 group leaders 2 days orientation on right based activities at UZ level.
9. 180 GLs are trained on Family Law
10. Follow up GLs are trained on Family Law
11. 2 grand gathering in 2 Unions/year.
12. Fours display boards setting on Family Law /women's right at community level
13. Construction of 10 preschool
14. Books and learning materials are provided from Anando
15. Training of Preschool Teachers or Animators
16. Half yearly and annual exams are held preparing questions from outside
17. Repairing preschool
18. Latrines distribution

#### **Immediate Project out-come (Up to 31 July, 2017):**

SL	Particulars	Target	Achievement		Remarks
			Yearly	Cumulative	
		Yearly (2017)			
1	Start up support distribution among 400 Families x Taka 16,000 in 2017	6400000/400	2995000	5395000	
2	Construction of training center cum administration office	01	01	01	
3	Planning workshop and annual Evaluation of the project progress internally	02	01	02	
4	Staff development (details in another excel sheet - staff dev. Training)	04	02	03	
5	Conduct of workshops with the selected 400 families for family development planning according to the support distribution.	400/40	188/17	341/32	

6	Organize new business creation training for the beneficiaries.	400/16	110/05	111/5	
7	Training on Agriculture methods (house cleaves, house roof utilization, vegetable gardening serial croup etc.)	400/16	139/06	288/11	
8	Distribute saplings/seedlings among the beneficiary families to plant them in their homestead areas and different Institutions.	400 Families	273	408	
9	Training on livestock.	400/16	150/06	147/6	
10	Mother and Child health training	90 GLs			
11	60 group leaders 2 days orientation on right based activities at UZ level.	60 GLs	20/1	20/01	
12	Latrines distribution	250 pcs	-	-	End of the monsoon
13	80 GLs are trained on Family Law	80 GLs	35/02	35/02	
14	Follow up GLs are trained on Family Law	80 GLs	-	-	
15	2 grand gathering in 2 Unions/year,	02			Sept'17
16	Fours display boards setting on Family Law /women's right at community level	04 Boards	-	-	End of the monsoon
17	Books and learning materials are provided from Anando	250 Children	250	250	
18	Training of Preschool Teachers or Animators	01/10	-	-	Sept'17
19	Half yearly and annual exams are held preparing questions from outside	02/10	01/10	01/10	
20	Maintenance of Pre School	04 Pre schools	-	-	Oct'17

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### Picture of Family development workshop:



### Picture of Agriculture methods training:





## Picture of livestock training:



## Picture of New business creation training:





**Picture of pre-schooling:**



**Picture of seedling sapling:**





**Picture of Donor visit:**

