



Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP)

Green Graduation Programme

Monthly Progress Report on July 2023

In this month mainly there were two activities under this project which were successfully completed. One was to sensitize the birth registration authority for resolved the barrier of birth registration of extreme urban poor and their children and another one was to sensitize the authority of Social safety net services under the department of social services (DSS), Ministry of Social Welfare. Except these in this month CUP competed to the recruitment of programme officer for Green Graduation programme.

Details description of Programme activities are below

- 1. 4.1.2 District/ Zonal level Policy Support Workshop/Meeting with down word level authorities of Department of Social Services (DSS) and Youth Development for Strengthening DSS and YDD services for Urban Extreme Poor families.**

Activity- Policy Support Meeting with Urban Community Development (UCD) Authority to Ensure Social Safety -net Services for Extreme Urban Poor:

On 23 July 2023 at 11.00 a.m CUP arranged a Central /authority level Meeting with Urban Community Development (UCD) Authority, Department of Social Services (DSS), under the Ministry of Social Welfare, UCD Conference Room (10th floor), Agargaon, Dhaka to Ensure Social Safety-net Services for Extreme Urban Poor.

Md. Sabbir Emam, Director (Programme), Department of Social services (DSS) under the Ministry of Social Welfare was present as chief guest and other 4 senior High level officials were present in the meeting those are Md. Nasir Uddin, Deputy Director (UCD), Md. Helal Uddin Bhuiya, Additional Director (City Social Services Activity, Registration & Control Branch), Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Director (UCD), Mrs. Gulshan Ara Baby, Social Service Officer under Department of Social services (DSS) under the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Mr. Aminur Rasul Babu (Expert & Researcher), Honorary Adviser, CUP and Hosne-Ara Begum Rafeza, president, Bosti Bashir Odhikar Surokkha Committee (BOSC) was present as discussant as representative at CUP and Urban poor. Tahmina akter, (PO) as representative of Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) and 8 CBO Leaders of SHG network member & BOSC member as participant in the meeting, Md. Mahbul Haque (Programme Director & adviser of Human Rights Unit) and Kumary Mollika Rani (PO) others 3 person were present in the meeting as CUP participant and programme support person. Total 25 person were present in the meeting. Md. Nasir Uddin DD and Focal person of UCD was the chair of the session and Md. Mahbul Haque (Programme Director CUP moderated the session.



Objectives of This Meeting:

1. To sensitize the Central authorities of Social safety net services of Department of Social Services (DSS) under the Ministry of Social welfare for situation of social safety net services of urban extreme poor and build up good relation with DSS specially authority UCD unit.
2. To know the budget allocation 2023-2024 of social safety net services for urban areas and motivate them for increase allocation the budget for extreme poor.
3. To know about the information of social safety net services and others services of Department of Social services(DSS) urban poor and discuss how to get the access the urban poor Follow up discussion about the MOU of Concern Worldwide and Department of Social Services (DSS)

Discussion points:

Before starting the meeting Kumary Mollika Rani, PO of CUP gave welcome speech and introducing about the CUP and CWW.

On behalf of CUP Md. Mahbul Haque discuss about the Green Graduation programme and objectives of the meeting.

Mr. Aminur Rasul Babul, Expert & Honorary Adviser, CUP discussed about the urban poverty and situation of the extreme urban poor. He also share last pre-budget discussion arranged by CUP at press Club and recommendation of CUP, CWW and other discussant and expert were present in the meeting. Behalf of CUP he raised the budget increase for extreme poor. He also request to DSS and CUP for jointly work for ensure the access of social safety net services of Extreme urban poor.

President of BOSC as a representative of urban poor Ms Hosneara begum Rafeja shared the situation of urban poor of social safety net programme. She raised that for poverty eradication government allocated we know that presently more than rural areas 115 items are allocated but in urban areas only 3 item of Social safety net services (Old allowance, disable allowance, freedom fighter allowance) are allocated for urban areas which is not acceptable for our urban poor because we are the citizen of Bangladesh. So we request government for more allocation and increase the fund for urban poor Social safety net services for urban poverty reduction.

After that of our CBO leaders (SHG & BOSC) shared their experience and shared that their maximum of urban extreme poor not get social safety net services. Because the local peoples representative not recognize them as a citizens of their word except this urban poor do not know how to get services and where to go for that.

After the discussion of above participants the session chair and focal person DD of UCD Md. Nasir Uddin, shared details about all list of social safety net services under UCD of the urban areas and he also shared how the process of getting the services including target population.

He mentioned that not only for 3 item of social safety net services but under the UCD social service department provide services for urban poor like **as implementation of interest free microcredit programs, Skill development training, Rehabilitation programs for burnt & disabled, Implementation of various allowance programs, Disability survey & provide golden citizen identity card, Probation & aftercare activities, Increase social awareness, Assistance in voluntary organization registration & regulation activities, Beggar rehabilitation programs and Medical support programs.**

He also said that any poor people of urban citizen and if he have national ID card he will not be excluded by the service but it has some procedure which need to be completed.

Dicussion Point of Chief Guest:

At last chief guest of the session and Director (Programme) of Department of Social Services (DSS) under the Ministry of Social Welfare Md. Sabbir Emam appreciated this type of programme and told to all CBO and NGO representative that all of you now know our social safety net services in the urban areas and request them to publicity this issue and create awareness in their own community and also advice to NGOs and CBOs formation area based group (10-15 person per group) of Urban extreme poor specially for getting low interest loan. He also gave commitment if CUP or any NGOs if organize a meeting with

counselor about the issues He or his representative will participate the meeting for effective the programme and ensure the access of Extreme urban poor of Social safety net services.

After discussion of the chief guest behalf of CUP Md. Mahbul Haque (Honorary Programme director) request to closing the meeting before that he raised the issue of MOU of CWW and DSS under the project. The session chair and UCD focal person Md. Nasir Uddin (DD) said that it is already under the process long time DG was in leave and the file already submitted to the DG and after that him thankful to all and closed the meeting. He also said that this meeting helpful for knowing about the details project activities and role of CUP and CWW and create a good relation with them.



Output/outcome

1. Total 25 participant including CBO actively participated in the meeting. Out of them 5 higher level authorities of DSS including UCD were present in the meeting.
2. The UCD authorities willingly share their services and strategies and agreed to cooperate and support to CUP to ensure the access the social safety net services for urban extreme poor.
3. CBO/BOSC/SHG leaders are known all about the social safety services including golden citizen identity card & medical allowance of urban poor and getting the access process of UCD also they are interested to get vocational training under UCD and group formation for low interest loan at social safety net services under UCD and build up good working relation with UCD, CUP and CBO leaders from the meeting.
4. The authority's advice to CUP and CBO leaders' immediate formation of 2 groups under DNCC and DSCC (Hazaribag & Mirpur) area.
5. The DSS authority including UCD agreed to know details about the project activities including the role of CUP and CWW and they recognized they are doing good job and committed that as possible they complete the MOU of CUP and CWW.

2. Activity. 4.3.1 Meeting with Birth Registration/NID authority for ensuring the NID and birth registration for Urban Extreme Poor.

CUP arranged a Meeting with Birth & Death Registrar Authority, Registration of Births and Deaths, at 11.00 a.m., Conference room (9th floor), Office of the Registrar General, Transport Pool Building, Dhaka.

Md. Rashedul Hasan, Registrar General (Additional Secretary), Registration of Births and Deaths was present as a chief guest in the meeting and other 5 senior High level officials were present in the meeting those are Md. Abu Naser Abdullah (Joint Secretary), Md. Farhad Hossain (ARG), Md. Samiul Islam Rahad (Assistant Registration General-ORG), Md. Mehedi Hassan (Assistant Registrar General), Md. Akhter Jamil (Assistant register General-ORG).

Mohammad Nabinur Rahman (Advocacy Advisor) as representative of CWW attend the meeting. Kazi Mainul Islam representative of SEEP, Afwaza Rahman Dristy representative of SAJIDA FOUNDATION and 9 CBO/federation Leaders of SHG network & BOSC member as participant in the meeting. Mr. Aminul Rasul (Experst and Researcher) Adviser,CUP, Kumary Mollika Rani (PO),Md. Shafiqul Islam(Accountant),Faria Ahmed(assistant officer admin & HR) were present in the meeting. Total 24 programme participant (Gob-7, NGO-8, and CBO-9) and 4 person support staff of CUP and Birth registration authority office were present in the meeting.

Hosne-Ara Begum Rafeza, president, Bosti Bashir Odhikar Surokkha Central Committee (BOSC) was present as a chair of the meeting. In the absence of ED, CUP Md. Mahbul Haque (Hounary Programme Director & adviser of Human Rights Unit) conducted the meeting.





Objectives of This Meeting:

1. To sensitize the birth registration authorities and motivate for resolve the barrier of birth registration of extreme urban poor and their children for ensuring birth registration for urban poor.
2. To ensure the participation of extreme urban poor representative and raised their voice to the birth registration authority as their citizens' rights.

Details discussion:

Before starting the meeting Kumary Mollika Rani, PO of CUP welcome to all participant and request to introduce of participant.

On behalf of CUP Md. Mahbul Haque discussed about the Green Graduation programme and objectives of the meeting and sharing the problems of birth registration for extreme urban poor like as pavement, scouters, and vulnerable slum dwellers. Also he shared the feedback and recommendation for local level birth registration authority (DCC zone Office).

The CBO leaders of extreme urban poor Specially SHG leaders and change makers Shahida from paltan area, Shahin Bhuiya from Hazaribag and Md. Washim (youth pavement dwellers) they raised that and said that we are Bangladeshi and urban citizen, we have no permanent address. We are living in pavement, Scouters and vulnerable slum. We have no holding number, plot number, utility bill and father's mothers national ID. In the result we cannot get birth registration certificate because of that we have no get National ID card. So we living generation to generation considered as illegal Citizen of Bangladesh. Our children are not getting the chance to admit in a school, without national ID many of our members are not getting formal and technical job. Lack of national ID we are harassed by police and others Administration and local leaders also.

After that the birth registration authority directly said that no others discussion about the issues. I agreed to immediate solve the problem. He also asked to CUP and CBO leaders how many deprived people are living in Dhaka and demand a list of them as soon as possible. If you submit the list as soon as possible after getting their list he order to Zone office for birth registration quickly. After the discussion of chief guest. Representative of CUP agreed to prepare a zone/word wise list with the help of implementation partner/member and CBO leaders of SHG, BOSC and submission to the Birth Registrar authority and Chair of the meeting Hosne-Ara Begum Rafeza closed the meeting and thanks to Registrar General for agreed for our demand and she also thanks to CUP and CWW for arrange this meeting and continuous support for extreme urban por.

Output/outcome:

1. The birth registration authority motivated and agreed for providing birth registration with easily formation and request word wise list of extreme urban poor those are not getting birth registration and after receive the list he direct order to local authorities for providing birth registration of listed urban extreme poor people.
2. The urban extreme poor representative SHG leaders raised their barrier issues for birth registration and claimed to the birth registration authority as they are citizens of Bangladesh and urban dwellers they were rights to get birth registration.
3. 24 relevant authority, NGO and CBO leaders are jointly actively participate with the interaction three-stakeholder sectoral participant at good understanding.

Way forward/next step for above two programme outcome achievement (As follow up activity):

1. With the support of CWW as soon as possible CUP need immediate meeting with authority and program person of implementation partner for share the meeting findings for immediate action as per demand and advice of UCD, DSS and birth registration authority (registrar General) for resolve the problem of birth registration of extreme urban poor including children and ensure the access of safety net and other services of extreme urban poor under UCD.
2. Emergency Meeting with local level CBOs and SHG network members for preparation list word wise areas of (slum/ scouters/ pavement dwellers) areas unregistered children others person those are not get birth registration .
3. Arrange Area wise group formation and awareness about the Social safety net services of UCD and ensure access the low free/low interest loan with the help of Implementation partner and BOSC.

Others activities in this month:

A. Recruitment of Programme officer for Green graduation Programme.

CUP regular programme officer and assigned person of Green graduation programme Md. Saiful Islam leave from 1st June 2023 of the organization for better job in another organization. As per decision of CUP EC board meeting CUP complete the recruitment of programe officer with the help of CUP procurement and recruitment committee through maintain all procedure. On 16th July 2023 CUP complete the recruitment system and on 18th July 2023 appointed a programme

officer and joined. CUP appointed Kumary Mollika Rani as programme officer and CUP management informed donors and all members of CUP about the recruitment of programme officer through mail.



Written interview of first group.





B. Participate in the Two days' workshop of Green Graduation Programme



On 23-24 July 2023 CUP programme officer Kumary Mollika Rani actively participated in the two days' workshop under the Green Graduation Programme. The objective of the programme was to enhance understanding of staff on programme concepts, different guidelines, consumption support and monitoring process.

C. **Monthly programme and Financial report**

Prepare monthly programme and financial report of Green graduation programme and submission of hard and soft copy to the CWW and CUP relevant Unit on 5th June with the help of contractual temporary staff (programme officer) in the absence of Regular programme officer.

D. **Attend the Monthly staff meeting of CUP and in service orientation session on 18th July 2023.**

On 18th July CUP management arranged a monthly staff meeting at CUP office at 11.00 a.m and in service orientation for new staff. 5 regular staff were present in the meeting CUP ED Khondker Rebaka Sun Yat conducted the meeting and orientation. Objectives of the monthly meeting are performance analysis of project and programme of CUP, sharing unit wise programme/project progress and sharing next monthly activities plan. Re-planning and follow up plan for project CUP of core programme. A working team set up for implementation the programme and CBO mobilization in absence of ED for her sick leave.

After monthly plan CUP ED conduct a session as in service and follow up orientation. Objectives of the session was to know about the information of CUP and Orientation about the green graduation programme activities and responsibilities of programme officer and CUP management also discussed the importance about plan wise programme/activities/implementation . CUP team working and details discussion about CUP, CUP team working system, violence management and CUP governance also.

Decision



Decision:

Follow-Up orientation and other issues will be discussion next monthly meeting.

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