



## National level experience sharing workshop held

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) organized a national level experience sharing workshop of Drop-in-Centre

Research, University of Dhaka Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Deputy Director of Social Service Department Harun or

project. Speakers said, 88 percent street children are not aware about personal hygiene. It mentionable



(DIC) Project at Dhanmondi, Mission Bhaban Auditorium in the city on 25 May 2013. Director Training and Material Development (TMD) division of DAM Rabeya Sultana presided over the meeting while Director and Programme Director of Institute of Social Welfare and

Rashid and National Programme Officer of ILO Selina Ahmed were present as panel discussants. Deputy Director of DAM programme division Dewan Sohrab Uddin delivered the welcome address and presented a key-note paper on the experience of DIC

that DIC project has been operating its activities since 2006 funded by Comic Relief in cooperation of DAM UK. Representative of different government, non-government organizations and development partners and civil society actors participated in the workshop.

### Participatory meeting of ICT CAG members

ICT Action Group has been formed to reach information services of Community Resource Centre (CRC) at the doorsteps of people. An orientation was held on March 23 this year for CAG members of Protyasha, Shimul and Alor Pathey CRCs of Chowgachha upazila, the project area of ACCESS (Health & Empowerment) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Alor Pathey CRC president Alhaj Md Nazrul Islam presided over while it was attended by Area Coordinator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Technical Officer Md Azizul Hakim, Programme Supervisor Md Jafar Alam, union supervisors and CRC facilitators. Discussions on CRC activities, duties and responsibilities of CAG members, publicity of information available at CRC, ways to reach information services to the doorsteps of people at Ganokendro level, were held at the meeting. Alongside, CAG members were motivated so that CRC programmes can be activated and publicized.

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## Training courses for union disaster management committees



Natural disasters like flood, river erosion and onrush of hilly water are regular phenomenon in four unions of Dewanganj upazila in Jamalpur district. The disaster-prone areas are Chikajani, Bahadurabad, Hatibhanga and Parrampur. With a view to combating disaster efficiently, training courses have been organized for the union disaster management committee in Dewanganj. The trainings provided a vivid concept on committee activities during pre-disaster, during disaster and post-disaster periods. A

plan was also formulated in this regard. This was followed by a detailed discussion on things to be done for combating disaster efficiently.

On May 14, the training was held at Hatibhanga Surjo Udoy CRC while it was held at Parramrampur Modhuban CRC on May 13.

Main trainers were Asad Ullah, area coordinator and Syed Mizanul Islam, technical officer of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Dewanganj, Jamalpur.

Union supervisors Md Emdadul Haque, Sirajul Islam, Md Akram Hossain, CF Mahfuza, Babita Heera Tahmina of Dhaka Ahsania Mission extended their hands of cooperation.

## Leadership development training course

Dhaka Ahsania Mission organized leadership development training courses for GMC members in four unions of Dewanganj during the period of April-May, 2013. The trainings were held at Hatibhanga Surjoudoy CRC on 9-10 April, at Parramrampur Modhuban CRC on 27-28 April, at Chikazani Setubandhan CRC on 6-7 May and at Bahadurabad Rajanigandha CRC on 12-13 May.

A total of 120 GMC members took part in the training courses in four batches. Former chairman of Hatibandha union Md Abu Taher Sarker inaugurated the programme. Mohammad Asadullah, area coordinator of ACCESS (Health & Empowerment) Project and technical officer Syed Mizanul Islam jointly conducted the training.

The training helped understand the objectives of the 5th Conference of People's Organisations, evaluation of annual planning and formu-

lation, cooperation to implement the existing project programme, specially the

healthcare activities. The training also played an important role to yield a good result on conclusion of the project. Ultimately a linkage network was built among the union parishads (UPs) and government or-

ganizations (GOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The trainers opined that a spirit of competition and keen interest were created among the participants through the training.

## Half-yearly assemblage of Parents' at Dewanganj

The Half-yearly Assemblage of Parents and Mothers under the Children Education and Community Care (CECC) Project was held at Dewanganj of Jamalpur district.

Dewanganj Upazila Education Officer Md Lutfar Rahman was present as Chief Guest on the occasion.

This activity helps keep official promises in line with attainment of new education policy and EFA and MDG goals, he said. More child learning centres (CLCs) will be

established in the neglected area, he said. He hoped that the activities being pursued in Ganokendro and CRCs located in Parramrampur, Bahadurabad, Chikazani and Hatibhanga

unions will play a significant role to promote education. He lauded the school preparatory educational activities meant for the school dropouts aged 6-14 years in 46 NFPE and 46 CLCs.

Dewanganj Area Coordinator Md Asadullah delivered the Welcome Address. He said the half-yearly assemblage for parents and mothers are organized in each and every CLCs for uninterrupted services.

In each centre, on average, 100-250 mothers and parents took part. They promised to extend their hands of cooperation in implementation of the project.

Technical Officer Syed Mizanul Islam played the role of facilitator.



## Leadership development training for Ganokendro Management Committee members

Chowgachha Area Office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission organized two-day leadership development trainings for members of Ganokendro Management Committee in Patibila, Hakimpur unions of Chowgachha upazila during the month of April, 2013.

The trainings were imparted to them through ACCESS (Health & Empowerment) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

Twenty-four trainees underwent training in nine Ganokendro (people's centres) of Patibila Alor Pathay CRC under Patibila union from April 16-17, 2013.

Another group consisting of 24 Ganokendro Management Committee members underwent training in 11



Ganokendro under Hakimpur union from April 21-22, 2013.

Chowgachha Area Coordi-

nator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission's organizations, necessity to build capacity of Ganokendro, networking

and linkages were discussed at the training courses.



### Orientation course on disaster management

ACCESS (Health & Empowerment) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission organized an orientation course on disaster management at Narayanpur B U Secondary School under Chow-

gachha upazila on May 14, 2013. School teachers, students, UP chairmen, members, community people, Ganokendro and CRC representatives took part in the orientation

course.

Documentary film show on combating disasters like cyclone and flood etc., was displayed to the participants through multimedia. Consequently, participants got a vivid concept on the issue.

Programme supervisor Md Jafar Alam read out the concept paper. This was followed by a discussion that was presided by Narayanpur B U Secondary School Committee president Md Rezaul Islam. Narayanpur union chairman Md Rabiul Islam was present as chief guest while it was attended by Narayanpur B U Secondary School headmaster Md Shahidul Islam, Narayanpur Protysha CRC president Md Mizanur Rahman, Narayanpur union health assistant Md Asaduzzaman and Narayanpur Government Primary School headmaster Md Samaul Islam as special guests. Dhaka Ahsania Mission area coordinator Ashok Kumar Ghosh, technical officer Md Azizul Hakim and other workers were also present.

The orientation course created mass awareness on the perennial issue. Alongside, participants got a guideline on combating the natural calamities.

# Today's street children to be the tomorrow's potential citizen

The situation of street children in Bangladesh is hazardous and precarious and found sufficient evidence that street children live in severe poverty condition and day by day their numbers are increasing. Poverty and abuse by the family members were the main reason for street children who are working, playing and living on the street of big cities. The street chil-

drized as hazardous and worst form of child labour. In 2005, a government study found that around 380,000 street children in Bangladesh of whom 55% are in Dhaka city and estimated to be around 1.15 million in 2014 and 1.61 million in 2024. But they have potentials to grow and lead a descent, discipline and orderly life if opportunities are open to them. The street

children participate in education and livelihood skills training if opportunity is created for them. The Government, NGOs and Civil Society should come forward to provide them secured shelter, education and marketable livelihood skills training for rehabilitation and integration in the society for better life and stop in-flow of children on street for survival. Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Development Program for Most Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC)" to address the emerging issues that are related to children in severe distress and offer them the cushion to grow up, empower, dream and bring out their potentialities which they would never dreamt. AMCC is not only providing secured and standard residential facilities with child-



children are involved in a wide variety of activities viz. porter, brick and stone chipper, begging, transport workers, collecting garbage and wastes, helper, welding, hawker, shoe polishers, flowers seller, stealing, pick-pocket, carrying drugs and explosives, child sex workers, etc. and all are catego-

ried children are not at all aware about their personal hygiene and they are frequently felt sick. They are often physically and sexually abused. Most of them found 'out of school' or 'dropout' children. Severe poverty has driven them to the street for survival. They expressed their desire to

participate in education and livelihood skills training if opportunity is created for them. The Government, NGOs and Civil Society should come forward to provide them secured shelter, education and marketable livelihood skills training for rehabilitation and integration in the society for better life and stop in-flow of children on street for survival. Dhaka Ahsania Mission

friendly environment and basic education up to secondary school but also provide them trade-based skills training up to 18 years of age, job placement, self-employment support, rehabilitation and social integration. The MVDSC project has been implementing by AMCC from 1

**Options of Building Sponsorship**

Description	Number of Children	Each Floor (sq. feet)	Number of Floor	Total Space (sq. feet)	Construction Expenses in US\$	Total Amount in US\$
For 6-10 yrs children Residential Block-1	300	4,140	5	20,700	74,359	371,795
For 11-14 yrs children Residential Block-2	360	5,425	5	27,125	96,154	480,769
For 15-18 yrs children Residential Block-3	340	5,375	5	26,875	96,154	480,769
Academic Building		5,121	5	25,606	89,744	448,718
Single Room			10	750	12,821	12,821

**Options of Child Sponsorship**

Children's Age Group	Expenses per Month in US\$	Expenses per Year in US\$
For 6-8 yrs children	45	540
For 9-12 yrs children	51	612
For 13-15 yrs children	64	768
For 16-18 yrs children	77	924

July 2012 through DAM's own fund and from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2013 by the support of Kindernothilfe (KNH Germany) for piloting comprehensive rehabilitation of distressed children. AMCC has master plan to sequentially rehabilitate 10,000 street children through 10 independent children villages under the AMCC at Panchagarh the extreme northern district of Bangladesh. The yearly intake of AMCC will be about 1000 boys and girls which will become 10,000 within a span of 10 years.

Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, to think and conceive of an alternative, has taken the initiative to build a children city became his brain child for holistic development and social integration of street children through residential accommodation, education integrated with vocational skills training, rehabilitation and social integration by ensuring community participation. AMCC believe that each child is unique and each child should be given the opportunity to fulfill his or her highest potential. AMCC provides protection, participation, development and rehabilitation support services based on child rights, be-

cause every child deserves a childhood. DAM purchased 107 acres of land and constructed a 5-storied building at Panchagarh for AMCC from its core fund. The newly constructed building is being used for residential accommodation of street children.

Mr. Alam has different views that emphasizing on a particular area of development is not serving good to this particular children. So it is imperative to implement an integrated program that will cover all the development parameters, which are necessary for an overall development of children through food, separate dormitories for boys and girls, clothing, health care, treatment and education up to Secondary School Certificate (SSC) level, sports, games, cultural activities and recreation, self esteem, security and protection, vocational skills and income generation programs for mainstreaming in the society. AMCC advocates child-friendly environment and committed to address all-round development of selected parentless street children.

AMCC is helping them to develop their full potentials

up to 18 years of age in the AMCC residential campus through providing them with education and specialized hands-on training on different trades of employable skills so that they can get employed immediately after graduating from AMCC. Food requirements for the children, living in children villages, will be completely met by the outputs obtained from the agricultural initiatives. AMCC's concern is to provide standard care like family and encourage for maintaining child-friendly safe-environment. The ultimate objective of full-care residential support is to rehabilitate the children in difficult circumstances to a completely in an environment provided by the AMCC with ensuring community involvement.

AMCC need to give children a healthy and child-friendly environment that prepares them to fulfill their potentials, capacity development and empowerment for mainstreaming in the society. It stresses to address the child rights. AMCC introduced hot lines (88-01758-666888, 01758-555777) for collection of street children who are victimized in any corner of the country.

Sponsorship is open to all,

any person or organization can sponsorship a residential building construction or academic building construction 'either wholly or partly' and 'either a student (street children) or a group of student (street children)' for single year or multiple years. AMCC would be very grateful if you helped in sponsoring its building construction (residential/ academic) or a student (street children)/group of student (street children) or both, sponsors name will be visible in the building or floor. You could assist AMCC through one of the options (at least) listed below.

AMCC would greatly acknowledge your sponsorship through letters, reports, linkages, networks, development partners and also in visibility. AMCC would be provided you progress reports in regards to building construction and development progress of individual students or group of students and overall progress report of AMCC. AMCC always welcome you to visit progress in your own eyes as well as the result of your sponsorship. AMCC views that the sponsorship would be one of the decision makers of the AMCC and always viewed that sponsorship could be measured progress both quantitatively and qualitatively.

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