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Early detection key to breast cancer remedy

Dr Syed Modasser Ali

Early detection and acceleration of awareness programme are key to breast cancer remedy. Breast cancer detection and awareness programme will be extended through community clinics. Advisor to the Prime Minister on Health and Family Welfare and Social Welfare Ministry Professor Dr Syed Modasser Ali said this while addressing as chief guest a discussion meeting on awareness on breast cancer organised by Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital in observance of a month-long programme on International Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Dhaka Ahsania Mission Bhaban auditorium in Dhanmondi R/A, in the city, on 11 October, 2011. He further said, abandoning the practice of intake of tobacco products is essential.

This is why, mass awareness programme should be conducted through coordinated efforts of government and non-government organisations. In her address as special guest, State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury said, the message of dreadful killer disease breast cancer should reach the womenfolk at grassroots level. If detected at an early stage, this cancer can be cured. If similar meetings can be organised at grassroots level then the awareness programme will be strengthened. Speakers said, a total of 22,000 women are being attacked with breast cancer in the country every year. Of them, 17,000 patients die. About 33 percent women

aged 40-50 may be attacked with cancer. Our awareness campaign is now being strengthened. Early detection of cancer is also essential. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Advisor Begum Dina Haque presided over the discussion meeting. Cancer specialist Professor Dr Mahbub-ul-Alam of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital read out a special report on awareness on breast cancer. Director of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Brigadier General (ret'd) Dr Syed Fazle Rahim and management specialist of the hospital, Dr Lutfar Rahman also speak on the occasion.

It is worth mentioning that a month-long breast cancer awareness campaign is underway at Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital in Mirpur (Plot No-M-1/C, Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206) from 01 October, 2011. Excepting holidays, free service is being rendered to the patients from 9 AM to 5 PM everyday. Those women who are at risk of breast cancer are eligible to receive the services. Dr Nahid Sultana, Dr Sharmin Hossain and Dr Selina Pervin have been conducting the services. To mark the breast cancer awareness month, special facilities are being offered to do Ultra sonogram, mammography including FNAC and breast cleaning. Any body who is interested to avail of the facilities, may contact over cell numbers 01718594682, 01715336304, 01744666777.



DAM ED M Ehsanur Rahman obtains Ph.D.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman has obtained Ph.D. degree in education from the American World University-California in September this year. His subject of research was adult literacy and empowerment while main topic was "Literacy is an effective means of **See page>2**

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Sanitation for All by 2013 National Sanitation Month observed

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) observed the National Sanitation Month-October in various districts in a befitting manner recently.

This year's theme was 'Amra Latrine Swasthasammoto Korbo Niomito Babohar Korbo o Parishkar Rakhbo' (we shall make hygienic latrines for regular usage and cleaning). Programmes included different awareness creating activities including rally and discussion meeting.

In Barguna, the National Sanitation Month was observed under the aegis of ACCESS CAFOD Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission with a slogan of '2013 Sabar Jonno Sanitation' (2013 Sanitation for All).

District administration and the Department of Public Health Engineering extended their all-out cooperation in observance of the month.

To mark the occasion, a colourful rally, jointly led by

Barguna Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Majibur Rahman and the Executive Engineer of the Department of Public Health Engineering, Bishwambhar Halder, was brought out in the district town. Participants paraded various streets of the town. Expressing solidarity with the government programmes, DAM undertook an elaborate mass awareness programme in Bhola district. Virtually, the programmes were aimed at creating mass awareness on disaster-friendly water and sanitation.

COB-CST (GoB-Unicef) Project of WatSan Sector also organised various programmes in 12 project areas of various districts. The districts are Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban, Jamalpur, Comilla and Mymensingh.

Discussion meeting, rally, prize distribution ceremony and cultural function were held in about 1,300



schools. With a view to implementing water, sanitation and hygiene education, an

initiative has been taken to build separate classrooms in 35 schools of Dhaka and Comilla.

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empowerment." In his research work, he has shown how adult literacy programme plays an important role in gradual social and economic empowerment of the illiterate population.

It is worth mentioning that Ehsanur Rahman has been

conducting the field programmes on adult literacy for more than 18 years. At the same time, he has been relentlessly doing research work on its effectiveness for the last few years. In the meantime, his various write-ups have been published in national and international journals.

Training course for women's group in Barguna

Promotion of Human Rights for Preventing Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls (PPVD) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission conducted a training course for members of women's groups of Ganokendra (people's centres) and Community Learning Centres (CLC) in Burirchar, Gourichanna and Phuljhuri unions of Sadar upazila in Barguna district from 11 September to 14 September, 2011.

A total of 80 women members of four women's groups took part. Barguna Sadar Upazila Coordinator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Md Rafiqul Islam, Union Facilitator Md Farid Uddin, Saleha Khanom Lata, Koberi Howlader, paralegal

members, Union Parishad (UP) members, women UP members and journalists were present.

Aims and objectives of PPVD Project, its activities and various issues on human rights, law relating to protection of women's rights, divorce, birth registration, special court for prevention of torture on women and children, reasons for male and female discrimination, dowry, child marriage, violence against women, life skills and duties and responsibilities of women groups, stalking and trafficking were discussed.

Trainers Shajahan and Moriam Jahan Sonali of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Training Division conducted the training course.



Oxygen, succor machine donated

Former drug user Saem has donated his father's oxygen and succor machine to Jessore Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) for its inmates. Saem recovered from the bad practice of drug use after taking treatment at DAM's Gazipur Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre. He formally handed over the oxygen and succor machine to the manager of Jessore Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, Saiful Islam Kazzol, on 21 July, 2011. Saem is also an active member of Hope Club.



Per capita land will reduce by 15% in 50 yrs

-Land Minister

Per capita land will be reduced by 15% in 50 years across the country. Keeping in mind that lands are decreasing very fast, we shall have to think about food security. This is why,

along side government initiative, non-governmental initiative is essential.

Md Rezaul Karim Hira, MP, Minister, Ministry of Land, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, said this while addressing as Chief Guest at a National Sharing Event on 'Reduction of Food Insecurity for Poor and Extreme Poor Households' project jointly organised by Concern Universal-Bangladesh, Interooperation and Dhaka Ahsania Mission at

LGED-RDEC conference room (level-12) of LGED Bhaban, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Agargaon in the capital on 19 October, 2011.

He further said, forest land as well as wet land should be preserved properly. Not only in one district, but in each and every district of the country, this type of project should be materialised for poor and ultra-poor people.

A total of 10,000 families of 131 villages in 22 unions of five upazilas in Jamalpur district have been brought under the Reduction of Food Insecurity for Poor and Extreme Poor Households project. It is believed that it will be able to attain the objectives of World Food Security by combating the adverse effect of rise in food items.

A link has been established between the beneficiaries and

businessmen for purchasing seeds, fertilisers and agricultural inputs and selling produced agricultural items at fair prices. This has resulted in access of beneficiaries to market. Trainings on new technology were also organised.

Stephane Bonduelle, Country Director, Concern Universal-Bangladesh presided over while it was attended by Milko Van Gool, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation, Bangladesh, as Special Guest. Felix Bachmann, Country Director, Helvetas Swiss Interooperation, Bangladesh, and Shafiqul Islam, Director of Programmes, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, also addressed. Nick Boenisch, Project Manager, Concern Universal-Bangladesh presented a Technical Paper. Shafiqul Islam, Director of Programmes, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, facilitated the open discussion.



Orientation for preventing violence against women

Promotion of Human Rights for Preventing Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls (PPVD) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission organised an orientation course for schoolteachers of 10 secondary schools and SMC members in Burirchar, Gourichanna and Phuljhuri unions of Barguna Sadar upazila on 27 September, 2011.

The orientation course was aimed at implementation of school programme to prevent

violence and discrimination against women and girl children at Barguna Khamarbari conference room on 27 September, 2011.

Area Manager (MFP) Md Nasir Uddin presided over. Upazila Secondary Education Officer Md Shahidul Haque was present as Chief Guest while it was attended by Assistant Secondary Education Officer Md Mostafa Salam and Upazila Academic Supervisor Tikendra Nath Sarkar as special guests.

Nat'l Child Rights Week celebrated

A befitting programme on the National Child Rights Week was inaugurated at Mirpur Shaheen School in the capital on 13 October, 2011. Urban Community Learning Centre (UCLC) Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission organised the programmes. This year's theme was 'Tathyo Projektir Babohare Janbe Shishu Jagottake' (a child will be able to know all about the universe through information technology).

Shaheen School Headmaster Samad Alam presided over. The Councillor of Mirpur, Abdur Rouf Nannu, was present as Chief Guest at the inaugural function while the Director of Programmes of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Shafiqul Islam, was present as Special Guest. DAM's UNIQUE Project Programme Coordinator G F Hamim, PPVD Project Manager Rowshar Ara, DRR Unit Programme Coordinator Jahangir Alam and UCLC Project Coordinator Md Abdur Rouf were present. Various aspects of the Child Rights Week were discussed where community members spontaneously took part.

Upazila Coordinator Md Rafiqul Islam discussed the aims, objectives, expected result and programmes of the project. Issues relating to causes of violence and discrimination against women and girl children, consequences, harassment by stalkers, violence and discrimination prevention laws, means to prevent violence/discrimination at school level, work plan and role

of SMC members and schoolteachers in implementation of school programmes were discussed. Training & Advocacy Coordinator Ferdousi Akhter, Upazila Coordinator Md Rafiqul Islam of PPVD project played an assisting role. A total 30 participants including male and female teachers and SMC members took part.

Int'l Disaster Mitigation Day observed in Mongla

International Disaster Mitigation Day was observed in Mongla upazila of Bagerhat district under the aegis of a project titled, 'Food and Livelihood Security in Bagerhat District, Bangladesh, in context of Increased Disaster Risk and Climate Change (IFLS) on 13 October, 2011. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), ADD, CARITAS Bangladesh and ITN BUET have been implementing the project.

This year's theme was 'Shishu o Jubo Samajer Angsogrohon Korte Pare Durjog Jhuki Proshomon' (participation of children and youths helps mitigate disaster risk). To mark the day, a rally was brought out from East Shelbunia of Mongla upazila town which terminated near the Upazila Parishad via Mongla Pourashabha.

This was followed by a discussion meeting at the Upazila Parishad auditorium. Acting Executive Officer of Mongla Upazila Parishad Md Bakahid Hossain presided over. Acting Chairman of Mongla Upazila Parishad Md Nur Alam Sheikh was present as Chief Guest. Upazila Woman Vice Chairman Quamrun Nahar Hye was present as Special Guest.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission IFLS Project Field Coordinator Uzzal Kumar Kundu delivered the welcome address. The Director of Development of CARITAS Bangladesh, Francis Atul Sarker read out a key-note paper. Dipak Boiragi conducted the meeting. Upazila Parishad officials, UP chairman, Union Disaster Management Committee members and others were present.



4-day training course on cow rearing at Narsingdi

A four-day training course on cow rearing was held recently at the District Livestock Office in Narsingdi.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission's (DAM) Micro-finance Programme funded by Palli Karmo Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) Project organised the training course.

DAM Micro-finance Programme Coordinator Md Rezaul Karim chaired the occasion. Assistant Manager of PKSF Md Rashedur Rahman was present as Chief Guest while District Livestock Officer Dr Md Hasan Imam and Narsingdi Press Club President Nibarun Roy were present as special guests.

Agriculturist Md Niamul Kabir, S M Iqbal Hossain, Programme Officer, Head Office, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Area Manager Md Aktaruzzaman, Area Coordinator Tapan Sarker, Narsingdi Branch Manager Dulal Chandra Deb Nath and Maksudur Rahman were present on the occasion.



Rights-based drama held in Barguna

ACCESS-CAFOD Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Barguna, organised a Rights-based drama at Kewrabunia MCRC of Barguna Sadar upazila on 22 October, 2011.

Participated by the members of Kishori Forum and Community Action Group, the drama was organised to raise public awareness against social disorder. This was followed by folk songs on right to information. A similar programme was held at Chalabanga Secondary School field adjacent to Dhumketu CRC in Amtoli upazila on 23 October, 2011. Local people of MCRC and CRC areas enjoyed the programmes. MCRC and committee members, UP members, Kishori Forum and CAG members and a large number of audience were present.

DAM official represents Bangladesh in regional training course held in Sri Lanka

A six-day Regional Training of Trainers Course on the Use of the 'Learning to Live Together for Ethics Education for Children' was held recently in Vishva Niketan International Peace Centre Moratuwa in Sri Lanka.

Moriam Jahan Sonali of Training Unit of Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Material Development Division took part in the training course organised by the GNRC South Asia Secretariat as a representative of Bangladesh.

Participants of seven countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal and Philippines took part.

The aim of the training course was to create region-based trainer pool for implementation of Learning to Live Together for Ethics Education Programme for Children project.

Dr Kezanivo Aram (Vinu) and Vijayragavan Gopal (Vijay) of India, Maria Lucia Uribe (Malu) of France and Suchith Abeyewickreme (Suchith) of Sri Lanka acted as resource persons.



World Teachers' Day observed in Satkhira

World Teachers' Day-2011 was observed in Satkhira in a befitting manner under the aegis of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Campae, in collaboration with Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF), on 5 October, 2011.

This year's theme was 'Teacher in Gender Equity.' A colourful rally paraded the streets of the district town. Beginning from the Upazila Parishad premises, the rally terminated at the same spot.

This was followed by a discussion meeting. Presided over by former principal of Satkhira Government College Md Abdul Hamid, it was attended by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Satkhira, Mukesh Chandra Biswas as Chief Guest. Acting Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Alamgir Hossain, Campae Deputy Director Tasnim Atahar and President of Satkhira Sadar Upazila Secondary Teachers' Association Md Rezaul Karim were present as special guests.



Among others, Sadar Upazila Secondary Education Officer Nur Mohammad Tejarat, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Area Manager Md Shahidul Islam, Branch Manager Md Morshed Ali were present. Noted journalist and former teacher Subhash Chowdhury read out a key-note paper. Teachers and students of various schools and civil society representatives took part in all events.

Skill dev training for drug treatment centre staff

A training workshop was held at Gazipur Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre of Dhaka Ahsania Mission on 25 July, 2011. The workshop on Training Need Assessment (TNA) was aimed at enhancement of skills of staff and workers of the centre.

AMIC Coordinator Iqbal Masud, Senior Programme Officer Mahfida Dina Rubaiya and Zahid Iqbal were present on the occasion.

Programme Manager Shekhor Banerjee acted as facilitator at the working session.

Gazipur Centre & Modhumita Project Programmer, Assistant Programmer, Counsellor, Assistant Councillor, Paid Volunteer Medical Assistant and others took part.

The day's sessions were divided into two parts. Initially, AMIC Coordinator spoke on the objectives of the workshop. In the second session, Facilitator Shekhor Banerjee divided the participants into three groups. He asked each group members to write down their recommendations on the subject of training and management of the centre. After teamwork, the workshop ended with a note of conclu-



Nat'l Girl Child Day observed

National Girl Child Day was observed in eight working areas of Early Childhood Development Support Programme-Bangladesh (ECDSP-B) Project in Barguna district under the aegis of Multi Task, a partner organisation of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), on 30 September, 2011. The ECDSP-B Project is being funded by Canadian SIDA and Aga Khan Foundation.

Programmes of the Day included rally and discussion meeting. A total of 1,250 people including Community Management Centre and Community Action Group members took part. Through observance of the programme, local people including men and women learnt about the objectives of the Day. Local people including the guardians got a clear concept on our duties and responsibilities towards girl children so that they are not neglected in society any more.

Field Engineer Rafiqul Islam no more

Field Engineer Rafiqul Islam of Ensuring Water & Sanitation towards Disaster Risk Reduction (EWSDRR) Project met a tragic end of life (Inna lilla...rajeun) when he met a road accident in Bhola on 19 October, 2011. He was 36 years old only.

On the fateful day, Rafiqul Islam was riding a motorbike. He was on way to attend a meeting scheduled to be held with the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) in observance of the National Sanitation Month. Suddenly, a Nasiman hit his motorbike. As a result, he sustained fatal injuries. Immediately after the accident, he was rushed to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital where he



succumbed to his injuries at about 12 midnight.

In a statement, officials and staff of Water and Sanitation Programme Division of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) condoled the untimely death of the promising field engineer. They expressed their deep shock at the premature demise of their sincere colleague. They also expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family members of the dedicated engineer who already earned name and fame by dint of his innovative activities in the project areas.

Bradfordshire University official visits

AITB

The Deputy Director of International Office of Bradfordshire University in England, Steve Stepence, visited the Ahsania Institute of Technology and Business (AITB) on 11 October, 2011.

He discussed bilateral matters with AITB Director Engineer Syed Ziaul Haque at his office. During the meeting, AITB Faculty Engineer Md Ashek-al-Aziz, Engineer Mohammad Manzurul Alam and Student Counsellor Patric Sarder were present.

Steve Stepence expressed his satisfaction knowing the activities of AITB as well as its infrastructure.

He also agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AITB. A MoU was already signed between Sheffield Halum University and AITB for close cooperation between the two educational institutes.

Training to combat menace of tobacco

National Heart Foundation Hospital and Research Institute has organised a three-day orientation for Engaging Physicians in Tobacco Session and training of Counsellors. Beginning on 31 July, 2011, the training was funded by World Health Organisation (WHO). AMIC Programme Officer of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Mahfida Dina Rubaiya and Programme Officer Zahid Iqbal conducted two sessions on communication and basic counselling held on August 2 and 3.



ECDSP-B Project's opinion exchange meeting held

An opinion exchange meeting relating to linkage with government and non-governmental organisations for proper implementation of the Early Childhood Development Support Programme-Bangladesh (ECDSP-B) Project was held at Amtoli Upazila Auditorium in Barguna district on 25 September, 2011.

Trainer G M Kabibur Rahman of Avas, a partner organisation of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), presided over. Officials of government, non-governmental organisations, NGO workers, journalists and people's representatives were present.

Matters relating to ensuring participation of government representatives, informing the government officials at upazila level about the project activities, learning about the role and duties and responsibilities of the Union Parishad (UP), creating interest of community about ECD activities as well as involving community with the project activities were discussed at the meeting.



Drama staged to create mass awareness against dowry

DAM's PPVD Project organised a drama to create mass awareness against dowry at the Central Shaheed Minar in Barguna on 27 September, 2011. Trained members of the Youth Group took part at the drama titled, 'Nirjaton.' The story goes like this: A poor man's daughter was compelled to get married at a tender age in the hope of happiness. After a few days of marriage, the girl's in-laws began to press her for dowry. Her husband also tortured her frequently. At one stage, the cruel husband poured acid on the hapless girl. The drama dwelt on aspects like punishment of dowry and child marriage. About 2,000 people present at an Information Fair jointly organised by the Conscious Citizens' Committee and TIB, enjoyed the drama.

HFCL signs accord with Prime Finance Capital Management Ltd

An accord was signed recently between Hajj Finance Company Limited (HFCL) and Prime Finance Capital Management Limited aiming at releasing primary share in capital market.

HFCL Executive Director Mohammad Lokuatullah and Prime Finance Capital Management Ltd Managing Director M Mosharrif Hossain signed the accord on behalf of their respective organisations.

HFCL Vice Chairman Shazali Shouf, Secretary Manzur Md Kausar and management committee members Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Khondker Ibrahim Khaled, Shah Mohammad Nurul Alam were present. Besides, Md Asad Khan and Ahsan Kabir were present on behalf of Prime Finance Capital Management Ltd.

PPVD Project's opinion exchange meeting in Barguna

An opinion exchange meeting with the members of law enforcement authorities (police) of Barguna Sadar police station was held in Barguna under the aegis of Promotion of Human Rights for Preventing Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls (PPVD) Project being funded by European Union (EU) and technical cooperation of Concern Universal on 14 September, 2011.

Barguna Sadar police station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Abdul Khaleque Howlader presided over. Burirchar Union Facilitator Saleha Khanom Lata introduced the participants. Upazila Coordinator Md Rafiqul Islam elaborately discussed the aims and objectives of the project and expected result and activities. A total of 20 police personnel including sub-inspector and woman constable were present.

Bangladesh has so far faced a number of catastrophic and devastating natural disasters, including tropical cyclones, floods and severe droughts etc. Natural disasters are a common feature in Bangladesh and this threat will continue because weather pattern has become less predictable and more extreme following change in climate. Bangladesh continues to cope with natural disasters through coordinated efforts of government departments, non-government organisations and general masses. Bangladesh has, in the meantime, earned reputations for its people's resilience to hardship, including their ability to innovate and capacity to adapt themselves in adverse circumstances. The people of Bangladesh possess a strong community spirit by supporting those who are in need of it as well as their self-reliance to survive and recover from disasters.

In the context of increasing natural disasters and its severity, a disaster resilient community is a must to work together to understand and manage the risks that it confronts. DAM has a good track record of implementing disaster risk reduction projects across the country. Main features of these projects include community mobilisation, enhancing capacity of individuals and institutions, mass awareness raising and advocacy etc. DAM has been increasingly taking measures in the context of changed weather pattern due to climate change and global warming. It is always at the forefront of strengthening disaster resilience capability in Bangladesh. Strengthening Bangladesh's disaster resilience is not a stand-alone activity that can be achieved in a set timeframe, nor can it be achieved without a joint commitment and concerted effort by all sectors of society. But it is an effort that is worth making, because building a more disaster resilient nation is an investment in our future.

Currently, DAM is implementing a new kind of project to mobilise communities towards disaster resilient future. This project is working to support and complement strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for, mitigate and respond adequately to natural disasters by enhancing their capacities to cope and respond, thereby increasing their resilience and reducing vulnerability in Bangladesh. The desired results are expected to be achieved through the project including effective implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) policy and legal framework in Bangladesh, increased capacity of targeted communities and institutions to assess and mitigate disaster risks, increased preparedness for effective emergency response in targeted communities and institutions and increased knowledge sharing. This project is being implemented in certain areas of Dhaka and Jamalpur districts.



Disaster resilient society

DAM mobilising communities for effective risk reduction

The ultimate project beneficiaries consist of local government bodies, school teachers, students, school management committees, Ganokendra and Community Learning Centre members, volunteers, religious leaders and general mass.

The project assumes community mobilisation and awareness raising on disaster risk reduction which is the key agenda towards disaster resilient future. Another major intervention of this project is to enhance capacity of disaster management committees, school management committees and community based organisations. The project also assumes that these committees and organisations have direct influence on the lives of general people as long as DRR is concerned. Especially, capacity building of relevant stakeholders on risk assessment may help achieve project objectives. Also, one of the major agendas of the project is to support local educational institutions to remain safe from the cruel onslaught of disaster. Another important feature of the project is to make an effective platform for doing grassroots advocacy about Disaster Risk Reduction.

With a view to disseminating different information and knowledge on disaster risk

reduction to the school children, school-based activities including drawing, debate and essay competitions are arranged regularly. Initiatives are also taken for launching student-led micro projects concerning disaster risk reduction. Mock drills and simulations are organised to acquaint students with peculiar situations during disaster including evacuation, rescue, relief distribution and different other activities to be done before, during and after disaster. Presuming mass awareness as the key component of disaster risk reduction, different types of events are arranged which include folk song, drama, rally and observance of various national and international days etc. Steps are also taken to reach to the wider audience through mass campaigns. These are done by involving the mass media in the process of dissemination.

The project is being implemented with the assistance of the European Commission Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO) and Cordaid, the Netherlands. It has already left certain impacts in the working areas. Indeed, this project, with its most attractive features, will also open new avenues for replication in different disaster prone areas of the country.



DAM in frame

A literacy training session for garment workers has been progressing in Chittagong. DAM and Young & Hat have jointly organised the training course.

