

GENESIS OF PAPRI:

Poverty Alleviation through Participatory Rural Initiatives (PAPRI) is a non-government voluntary organization was established in July 1999 and registered with NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh, Reg. no. 1424. Over a period of time it also registered with Joint Stock Companies & Firms, Bangladesh, reg. no. S-4156(258)/04, dated 06.10.2004 and Micro Credit Regulatory Authority, Dhaka, Certificate no. 00571-00090-00107, MRA: 0000110, dated 15.01.2008.

Initially, it was a development endeavor of SHAPLA NEER (Citizen's Committee in Japan for Overseas Support) which had implemented development programs in Bangladesh since 1986; and PAPRI commenced as an independent entity with some activities carried over from it.

VISION:

The vision of PAPRI is that target people will live in the society with peace & harmony through using of their latent potentialities.

MISSION:

PAPRI is forwarding to mobilize local resources to alleviate poverty and establish a just, equitable and respectful life of the socially-distressed people. To have a just society we are challenging poverty through mobilizing and utilizing of local resources.

CORE VALUES:

PAPRI is a value driven organization. PAPRI has identified the following organizational core values and it places equal importance on all these aspects: Transparency, Accountability, Participation, Credibility, Equality, Innovation, Dynamism, Professionalism, Secular and democratic environment, Gender responsive.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Target people will be equipped with proper knowledge, awareness and skill to form group and avail group-based services and family-based proper motivation so that they can struggle themselves for their existence and sustainability.
- Target people will have easy access to the basic public services for their human rights so that they could survive and lead their life with dignity in the society.
- Target people will obtain proper opportunities of micro-finance activities through their active participation so that they can be economically stable and socially dignified and can participate copiously as a member of the society.
- Community people's participation will be ensured to mobilize the local resources to implement integrated rural development.
- Distressed people will be organized and capacitated to attain sustainable socio-economic development.

TARGET GROUPS:

- Poorest of the poor/Ultra poor ■ Poor people ■ Handicapped persons ■ Adolescent girls ■ Children ■ Women ■ Marginal farmer's ■ Acid survivors and General people

PRESENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA:

- Narsingdi district- All of 6 Upazilas
- Mymensingh district- Ishwargonj Upazila

STAFF STRENGTH (up to December 2012)

Staff: 116 [76 male and 40 female].

DONOR/DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

- Shaplaneer– Citizen's committee in Japan for overseas support
- Embassy of Japan, Bangladesh
- Nippon Volunteer Support (NVS) Japan
- DFID; GoB- unicef
- Steps Towards Development (Steps)
- UNICEF
- Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)
- Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)
- Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF)
- Government of Bangladesh
- Health department of Government
- Livestock department of Government

ONGOING PROGRAM

1. Enhance Children Education of Poor Families (ECEPF) at char area of Narsingdi
2. Development of Handicapped persons through Building Capacity & Providing supports (DHBP)
3. Promoting Rights for Persons with Disabilities (PRPD)
4. Nippon Volunteer Support (NVS) High School Project
5. Empowerment of the Poor, Ultra Poor & Poor Handicapped in Narsingdi district through Micro-Credit Support
6. Micro Credit
7. Basic Computer Training
8. Acid Survivors Support Network for Prevention and Better inclusion
9. APARAJITA project (Gender & Development)
10. Training and Capacity Building
11. Adolescent girls Development program
12. Sanitation, Hygiene Education & Water Supply (GoB-unicef project)
13. Leprosy and Skin Disease Control
14. Cow breeding

PROGRAM IN BRIEF:

1. Project: Enhance Children Education of Poor Families (ECEPF) at char area of Narsingdi

- Objective: All school aged children will be enrolled in primary school and continuing education
- Target people: 6- 10 year aged children
- Working area: Raipura Upazila (char area) under Narsingdi district
- Project period: April 2012 – March 2015
- Major Activities Area:
 - Ensure enrollment of school aged all children in primary school
 - Stop drop out of students from primary school
 - Strengthening of government primary school activities through activating school management committees and providing supports
 - Awareness raising of guardians and community people on education through sharing, counseling, meetings and so on.

2. Project: Development of Handicapped persons through Building Capacity & Providing support (DHBP)

- Target people: Handicapped people
- Working area: Raipura and Narsingdi sadar Upazila under Narsingdi district
- Project period: April 2012 – March 2015
- Major Activities Area:
 - Capacity raising of Handicapped persons
 - Awareness building of handicapped people and community people on Handicapped issue
 - Assist Handicapped persons in having rights and entitlements
 - Rehabilitate to Handicapped persons

3. Promoting Rights for Persons with Disabilities (PRPD)

Goal: Awareness raising on Welfare Ordinance 2001 for promoting rights of persons with disability in education, information and communication as policy issue.

Working areas: Belabo and Raipura Upazila of Narsingdi district.

Beneficiaries: Persons with disabilities.

Main Activities:

Awareness raising meeting with community people; Advocacy and lobbying; Providing PRT and assistive devices; Referral services; Handicapped students' inclusion in schools; Formation and functioning of Disability Friends Club (DFC); Skill training; Credit support; Local Ambassador (LAM) forum of the persons with disabilities etc.

4. Nippon Volunteer Support (NVS) High School Project

PAPRI established NVS High School in 2003 with financial assistance from Nippon Volunteer Support, Japan. The school is situated on 1.56 acre of land. School house is built in north side where a very large play ground in south side. L size 192 feet length and 20.6 feet width tin sheet school house with cement concrete floor is used for academic activities.

Legality of school: Dhaka education Board has given reorganization for class eight in 2009 and given permission for class nine and ten in 2010 .

Present Student status: On December 2012 total 471 students are studying in the school where 285 girls and 186 boys.

5. Empowerment of the Poor, Ultra Poor & Poor Handicapped in Narsingdi district through Micro-Credit Support

This is an exclusive Micro-Credit program for poor, extreme poor and poor handicapped persons undertaken with support from the Embassy of Japan, Bangladesh. Loans and training on life improvement skills are being provided to the Project's beneficiaries. The service charge rate is 9.5%. Each year around 3000 borrowers receive loan on different IGAs like rickshaw/van, crop cultivation, cattle rearing, small business and handicrafts.

6. Micro Credit

Main objective of Micro-Credit program is generating income and employment opportunities of poor people and marginal farmers. Two types of loans are provided to beneficiaries:

I) Micro finance and ii) Micro enterprise.

Beneficiaries: Poor people and marginal farmers

Working Area: Belabo, Raipura, Manohardi, Shibpur, Narsingdi Sador Upazila.

Loan trades: Rickshaw/Van (RV); Crop Cultivation (CC); Cattle Rearing (CR), Small Business (SB) and Handicrafts.

(Up to November 2012)

No. of groups: 640

No. of members: 12003, No. of Borrowers: 8546

Loan outstanding: Tk. 80585332, Recovery rate: 99%

Savings position from 12003 beneficiaries: Tk. 29484854.

7. Basic computer training

PAPRI has taken this program since 2009. The computer skill training is being provided to young citizens especially adolescent girls where poor families are given priority. Each year, 128 trainees receive training from this centre.

- Purpose: Poverty eradication of the poor families through creating income generating opportunities
- Target people: Adolescent girls, Handicapped people & Young Boys.
- Working Area: Raipura & Belabo Upazila of Narsingdi district
- Financed by: PAPRI own fun

- Skill provide on;
 - Basics of computer ■ MS word ■ MS Excel ■ MS Power point
 - Internet browsing

8. Acid Survivors Support Network for prevention and better inclusion

Acid violence is a new heinous and tragic violence in the country; it is the state of throwing acid (Chemical substance- H2so4, HN03) on human body. Mainly acid is thrown on face, neck and also other parts of the body. Acid burns skin, flesh sometime bone also. As a result victims lose their original beauty and create ugly shape. The victims are psychologically scattered from society and exploited by society. Mainly women are mostly affected though few are male and children.

To mainstreaming victims through providing psychological therapy, medical support, legal support as well as inclusion in income generating activities by forming their Network is the objective of the project.

- Target people: Acid survivors/Acid victims
- Working area: Narsingdi district

Major Activities: House visit of victims, Case management of survivors by need assessment, Group meeting of victims, Community meeting, School campaigning, Psychosocial clinic, Training of survivors ambassador, Psychosocial service to acid victims, Inclusion for Income generation, Linkage with service providers, Counseling support to the survivors.

9. APARAJITA project

PAPRI has made a partnership with international NGO **Steps Towards Development (Steps)** at the aim to Strengthening movement to advance women rights and gender equality responding to violence against women and women's political participation. Key objectives are;

- A. Promoting human rights
 - Reducing incidence of violence against women including domestic violence
 - Reducing incidence of early marriage
 - Reducing sexual harassments
 - Encouraging prevent to Dowry
- B. Increasing women political participation in local and national government and also private
- C. Gender responsive Governance in government and non government

Major activities: Awareness raising, Campaign, Advocacy, Training and Action oriented activities. Through this partnership PAPRI has implementing project OPORAJETA from November 2012. This project is designed for gender balance, human rights and good governance.

Technical supported by: Steps towards Development (Steps)

Working area: Belabo upazila in Narsingdi district

Target beneficiaries are Women

10. Training and Capacity Building

PAPRI has a well-equipped training cell to provide training to its own staff and beneficiaries and to sell training to others. It has 3 residential training venues at Narayanpur and Amlabo with modern facilities and 1 non-residential in Narsingdi.

11. Adolescent girls Development program

PAPRI running this project with foreign fund or and/own fund. Through this program, adolescent girls aged 11-18 organized into group. Each group form with 20-25 girls in a locality. They are provided with awareness on social issues, national important days, life skill improvement training, and reproductive health so on.

Working area: Belabo and Raipura upazila in Narsingdi district

Target group: Adolescent girls

Objectives: To create income and employment opportunities as well as good health for the adolescent girls at the aim to women empowerment.

Major activities: Group formation, Conduct group meeting, Reproductive health training, skill training on IGAs and leadership, awareness raising on social problems and health issues.

12. Sanitation, Hygiene Education & Water Supply (GoB-UNICEF project)

This is a project of Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) under LGD & C ministry of Bangladesh government. Funded by DFID and technical supported by UNICEF and WaterAid. PAPRI is working with this project as Field agency.

Working Area: Belabo upazila in Narsingdi district.

Beneficiaries: 2, 75,153 (Whole population of Belabo upazila).

Main Activities : Develop Community Action Plan (CAP); Awareness raising on sanitation, hygiene and safe water; Awareness raising meeting; Home visit; Courtyard meeting; Tea-stall session; WatSan fair; Drama and video show; Sanitary latrine installment; Unhygienic latrines to be turned into hygienic ones; Providing primary health messages; Personal hygiene practices; Promotion activities for safe water and training etc.

13. Leprosy and Skin Disease Control

PAPRI made an agreement with government's health department of Raipura Upazila for leprosy and skin diseases control in the area. A health technician of Upazila Health Department sits at PAPRI Head Office in Narayanpur twice in a week (Saturday and Tuesday) and visits patients. It is open for section of the people.

14. Cow Breeding

PAPRI made collaboration with government livestock department of Belabo upazila under Narsingdi district. Through this an artificial insemination centre was established at Head office premises. One technician of livestock department is providing support every working day, on an average 50 cows is having insemination per day.

PAPRI gathered experience through implemented following program;

1. Sanitation, Hygiene Education and Water Supply (SHEWA-B) financed by DFID; GoB-UNICEF duration Feb 2007- Sept. 2012
2. Integrated Disadvantaged People Enhanced project(Poorest of the poor development, child education, adolescent girls development, working children development) financed by SHAPLNEER=Citizen's committee in Japan for overseas support duration April 2006-March 2009
3. Empowerment of the Vulnerable People (EVP) of Belabo and Raipura through capacity building and Community initiatives (Poorest of the poor development, child education, adolescent girls development, Handicapped development) financed by SHAPLNEER=Citizen's committee in Japan for overseas support duration April 2009-March 2012
4. Rural Employment Opportunities for Public Assets (REOPA) [Destitute women's food security and income generation] financed by EU;GoB UNDP duration Oct. 2008- Nov. 2012
5. Addressing the Causes and Effects of Acid Attack [Stopping acid attack and rehabilitation of acid victims], financed by Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF)/ Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), duration 2009- June 2011
6. Mainstreaming of Education for the Children with Disabilities in school level, financed by Centre for Disability in Development(CDD), duration 2004- 2009
7. Strengthening psychosocial support to Survivors of Acid Attack, financed by ASF-Unicef, duration Oct.2010 - Nov 2011
8. Disaster management
 - Relief and rehabilitation activities for flood affected people with JICA fund and technical assistance
 - Addressed cold wave with Shaplaneer and CDD fund
9. Prevention of Climate change through tree plantation and organic agriculture practices
10. Group development and motivation, Cultural and campaigning, health education, traditional birth attendants, IGA, working with lower cast , working children activities were done by PAPRI (1999-2005)



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