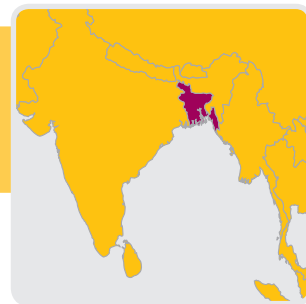


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Educating for inclusion



“The most significant change for me is understanding how well children with disabilities can be educated if their teachers receive the appropriate training.”

Teacher, project participant

Some key achievements:



51 braille readers

received refresher training.



22 participants

received sign language training – more than the original target of 20.



17 participants

attended a 10-day residential training course on producing and using assistive devices.



20 teachers

from 8 primary and secondary schools received 10 days' foundational training on inclusive education.



57 assistive devices

were distributed to children and adults with disabilities.

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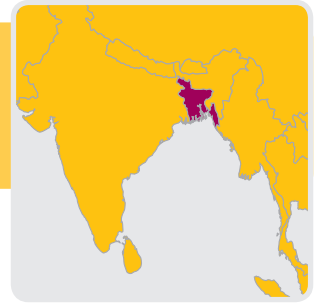


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Entrepreneurial skills



“I am no longer dependent on anyone. Women seek suggestions from me now and acknowledge my work. I hope to expand my business in the future.”

Tahera, project participant

Some key achievements:



206 participants

received training in business planning, marketing and accounting.



80 people

received training in catering and bakery, packaging or duck rearing.



170 people

were trained in craftwork using bamboo, jute and hand-embroidery, as well as packaging skills.



20 educated young people

with disabilities received English language training to boost their reading, writing and communication skills.



5 people with disabilities

started their own business after receiving business training, setting up solar panels where no other electricity supply is available.

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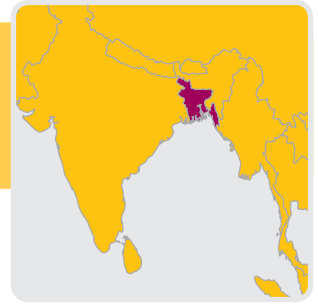


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Strengthening local groups



“The most significant change in my life is to find myself talking about disability rights to different audiences, including at the district level. I feel proud when I get invited to meetings and am asked for my opinion.”

Bedon, project participant

Some key achievements:



90 people

were trained for: **2 days** on human rights, **2 days** on advocacy, **1 day** on HIV/AIDS and **1 day** on gender.



206 participants

among them self-help group members, family members and staff, received training in business planning, marketing and accounting.



23 participants

received training on disability, leadership and advocacy, the Disability Rights and Protection Act 2013, and gender – higher than the target of 15.



1 national level

policy dialogue meeting was held on representing people with disabilities in parliament and on local government bodies in Dhaka.



23 self-help group leaders

took part in a workshop on implementing a sustainability strategy for their groups.

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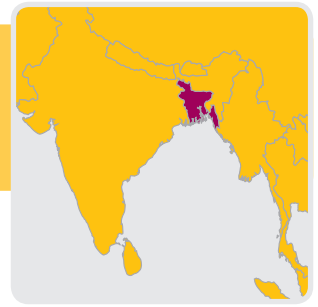


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Human rights awareness



“Now I know that, although I am a visually impaired woman, I am first a human being and I have the right to live a secure and peaceful life.”

Jahanara, project participant

Some key achievements:



23 people

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90 people

were trained for: **2 days** on human rights, **2 days** on advocacy, **1 day** on HIV/AIDS and **1 day** on gender.



51,577 signatures

were collected demanding mandatory representation of people with disabilities on various committees, local authorities and other structures.



98 people

including government officials, district judges, representatives of self-help groups and disabled people's organisations, and participants in the project took part in two seminars aimed at increasing the access to legal aid services for people with disabilities.

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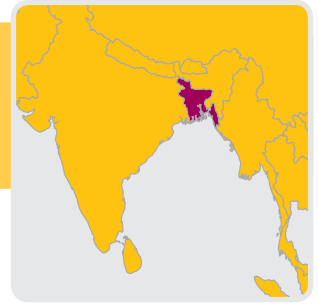


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Empowering women



“I am proof that a woman with a disability can play a vital role in ensuring a peaceful community. It was one good training programme that enabled me to do that!”

Woman with physical disability, project participant

Some key achievements:



34 women

were trained for: **2 days** on human rights, **2 days** on advocacy, **1 day** on HIV/AIDS and **1 day** on gender.



66 women,

including self-help group members, family members and staff, received training in business planning, marketing and accounting.



102 women

were trained in craftwork using bamboo, jute and hand-embroidery, as well as packaging skills.



3 women

with visual impairment started their own business after receiving training, and now employ 3 non-disabled people to produce packaging for local sweet shops.

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