

YOUTH EMPOWERED PREVENTING CHILD, EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE IN BANGLADESH

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About Project

“Youth Empowered – Preventing Child, Early and Forced Marriage in Bangladesh” is a three-year, multi-sectoral project, focused on enhancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of adolescents and youth 10-24 years of age. The initiative is particularly geared towards girls and young women by identifying child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) as a barrier to SRHR attainment. Together with project partner Uttaran, World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) will employ complementary approaches through which simultaneous engagement with girls, boys, parents, community members, and government institutions will strengthen the empowerment of girls and young women and reduce child marriage.



Key Information



Funding Agency or Source
Global Affairs Canada



Lead Organisation
World Vision Canada



Lead Implementor
World Vision Bangladesh



Implementing Partner
Uttaran



Project Duration
3 years (March 2021 to June 2024)

Direct Beneficiaries
203,357 Participants
(103,625 Girls & Women and
99,732 Boys & Men)



Project Participants

Indirect Beneficiaries
14,00,000 people
approximate

Working Area



- Satkhira Sadar Upazila
1 Pourashava and 8 Unions
- Tala Upazila
12 Unions
- Debhata Upazila
5 Unions



- Bagerhat Sadar Upazila
1 Pourashava and 8 Unions
- Rampal Upazila
10 Unions
- Morrelgonj Upazila
1 Pourashava and 11 Unions

Spotlight on Key Events

Project Inception Meeting

The project team organised the Inception Meeting at Bagerhat and Satkhira District level and Rampal, Morrelgonj, Satkhira Sadar and Tala Upazila level. Honorable Deputy Minister - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Members of Parliament (MP), Deputy Commissioner (DC), ADC-General, Deputy Directors of Family Planning Department, Social Welfare Department, Women Affairs Department, Youth Development Department, Islamic Foundation, District Education Officers, Deputy Civil Surgeon, District Child Affairs Officers, Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNO), Upazila level Government officials, Teachers, Faith leaders, Adolescent and Youth representatives, Marriage registrars, NGO representatives, and Journalists have attended the programmes. They have learned about the project and are optimistic about the interventions planned by the project to promote SRHR services and prevent Child Marriage & SGBV cases.



Meeting with the Global Affairs Canada (Donor Agency)



The Youth Empowered Project team and higher officials of World Vision Bangladesh had a meeting with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) representatives to discuss project updates, challenges & upcoming plans. Ms. Farzana Sultana, Development Advisor and Dr. Momena Khatun, Health Specialist attended from GAC and Senior Leadership Members, Technical Specialists/Lead & Youth Empowered Project Team of World Vision Bangladesh have attended the meeting. The members from World Vision Canada office who are continuously supporting the project have also connected virtually. Key discussions and decisions are taken during the meeting for smooth implementation of the project activities.

Meeting with Community Groups (CG) at Community Clinics



The project organised meetings with Community Groups (CG) of Community Clinics (CC) in the working area. These Community Groups consisted of Union Parishad members, Landowners, Female UP members, Teachers, Freedom fighters, Community Leaders, Adolescents and Youth among others. These CGs are responsible to overview the management and functionality of the CCs. The project discussed the importance of SRHR services, the harmful effects of child marriage, gender-based violence and other key issues. During the period of July 2022-September 2022, the meetings were organised twice with 36 CCs, involving more than 600 participants.

Orientation on Psychosocial Care Principles, Psychological First Aid and Referral Mechanism



Orientation on psychosocial care principles, psychological first aid (PFA), and referral mechanisms were organised and Family Welfare Visitors (FWV), Family Welfare Assistants (FWA), Health Assistants (HA), Youth and Project Community Facilitators attended the orientation sessions. The project oriented the participants on psychosocial issues, basic PFA and channels for referral of psychological cases. The orientation will create a channel among the community people to get support for any psychological cases.

Learning on Channels of Hope – Child Protection



Channels of Hope - An effective behaviour change and advocacy methodology for faith leaders and faith communities, where they are equipped to take practical actions in prevention, care and advocacy in order to bring positive changes in their communities. The project team received 3 days long training on Channels of Hope for Child Protection (CoH-CP) and learned about the CoH methodologies, Child protection in the aspect of religion and how to engage faith leaders to capacitate them as change agents.

Government Liaison and Advocacy



The project team regularly attended the monthly NGO Coordination meeting organized by District & Upazila Administration. The project team shared project updates on the platform and seeks support from Govt. officials & like-minded organizations for smooth implementation. In addition, the team participated in different advocacy meetings organized by Local Administration, World Vision Bangladesh and others.

Coordination with Partner Organisation



Coordination and team building play an important role for the smooth implementation of the project. The project regularly organized Coordination Meeting with Partner organisation 'Uttaran'. The project also organised DME Workshop to develop an M&E System and monitoring tools for the project.

Programme News Coverage (July – September 2022)



উপজেলা প্রতিনিধি, মোরেলগঞ্জ (বাগেরহাট):

বাগেরহাটের মোরেলগঞ্জে বেসরকারি উন্নয়ন সন্থা উত্তরণের উদ্যোগে ও ওয়ার্ড ভিশন বাংলাদেশের কারিগরি সহযোগিতায় ইয়ুথ এ্যাম্পাওয়ার্ড প্রকল্প অবহিতকরণ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে।

বৃহস্পতিবার সকাল ১০টায় উপজেলা অডিটরিয়ামে প্রকল্প অবহিতকরণ সভায় প্রধান অতিথি ছিলেন বাগেরহাট-৪ আসনের সংসদ সদস্য অ্যাড. আমিরুল আলম মিলন। গুডমোর্নিং বক্তব্য দেন ওয়ার্ড ভিশন বাংলাদেশের ইয়ুথ এ্যাম্পাওয়ার্ড প্রকল্প ম্যানেজার ফ্রান্সিস মন্ডল। উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসার মো. জাহাঙ্গীর আলমের সভাপতিত্বে বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে বক্তব্য করেন উপজেলা চেয়ারম্যান অ্যাড. মো. শাহ-ই আলম বাচ্চু, মহিলা ভাইস চেয়ারম্যান ফাহিমা খানম।

Youth Empowered Project at the Annual Learning and Reflection Event of World Vision Bangladesh



Partner Organization



Photos and Information

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Presently, World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) is serving around 5 million children and their communities with health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, education, livelihoods, child protection, sponsorship and community engagement in 93 sub-districts of 30 administrative districts in 434 locations with 60 long term development programs and 24 grant-funded projects. World Vision has 1,465 staff, as well as community volunteers who work closely with children and their communities in area programmes.