

## Improved agriculture technique is an expression of supplication in need of development in agriculture in a country.



Our country is a combination of culture and custom from different ethnicity from different countries over thousands of years. Development Wheel (DEW) and its partner organizations TRADCRAFT, GRAMAUS, RDS, Swallows India Bangladesh, Oxfam is assisting in the development of farmers by training program and welfare services ensuring sustainable livelihood for farmers group of this country. All Field Facilitators, Coordinators, Mobilizers and staff of DEW attend training session in May 2014 organized by Development Wheel (DEW) and its partner organization TRADCRAFT for deciding the best Alternative livelihood options (ALO) for Alleviating Poverty in North-East Bangladesh (APONE) for sustainable livelihood of marginalized farmers. In this country, people were settled in small villages and life style of these people was based on agriculture. Subsequently, the agriculture sector, the most important of the economy had been transformed from a stagnant to a developing sector with improved cultivation techniques.

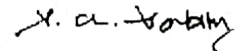
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- Executive Director Visit Sweden as a national representative for Swallows-India Bangladesh

## Message from Executive Director

The founder of Development Wheel (DEW) Mr. Shah Abdus Salam mentions all our projects are people oriented and every project of this organization is for developing the skills of farmers, artisans for a stable and a sustainable livelihood and conserve art and custom of our society. These people have direct impact on our society economically and socially. He says every staff of this organization is accomplishing a reputable assignment with team work as a result of their efforts and skills to improve the level of agriculture development of our country.

His advice is always on rational analysis of appropriate information. This is to say our attribute is to improve the skills of marginalized communities of our country. Our agriculture has a direct impact on national economy. So, Development Wheel (DEW) is helping alleviating poverty level of farmers and artisans by implementing projects with direct impact on people and society. His message is to have everyone's attributes on attaining organizational objective with team work, skill and effort.



Shah Abdus Salam  
Executive Director

### ■ Training Session on GIS model been organized for APONE and ALO staff In Tangail, Jomuna Resort.

#### 1.1.1: Training session for deciding the best Alternative livelihood



Training Session on GIS model was inaugurated by Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, founder and Executive Director of Development Wheel (DEW) and Mr. Shahed Ferdous, Country Director of TRAIDCRAFT. The aim of this project is to reduce poverty and ensure sustainable livelihood for poor and marginalized communities in Mymensingh, Sherpur and Netrokona districts with the practice of sustainable agriculture techniques. This project is funded by UK aid and cofunded by TRAIDCRAFT Exchange and implemented by Development Wheel (DEW) and local partner organization GRAMAUS and RDS.

The aim of the training session was to train and improve the skill of APONE project staff for planning, organizing, monitoring and learning how to implement, manage and submit the successful result of projects. They have learned an appropriate aim is fundamental for achieving the success of any organization. They have learned they should approach the development and modification of organizational aim according to facilitate the process of accomplishing aim with utmost importance for ensuring organizational efficiency. They have been told to enhance and coordinate the project decisions. They have been told to complete their assignment with communicating and improving cultivation skill of farmers in person. During the project execution process, for increasing the quality of project implementation they have been learned 'let the farmer be responsible for attaining the objective and practice good governance, advocacy, and negotiation.'

Improved Crop cultivation technique, government, advocacy, lobbying, negotiation, networking, market access, improved post-harvest, compost fertilizer, association formation, health consciousness, hatchery management (fish, duck, vegetable) soil test training have been organized for farmers group by Development Wheel (DEW) and its partner organization TRAIDCRAFT. In addition, improved cattle, goat, hen, duck raising trainings also have been organized and given for farmers group in Mymensingh, Sherpur and Netrokona districts.

There are 360 farmers groups have been formed in these three districts. There are 30-35 members in each group.

## ■ A Success story of a farmer Mr. Jamal Uddin

### 1.1.2: A Success Story of a Farmer



In Dhobaura, Mymensing a farmer has earned 4,300 Taka by investing 2,700 Taka for growing Cucumber. This Project fund is from UK AID, DEW and TRAIIDCRAFT. This project of improving livelihood of farmer with new agriculture techniques, policies Cooperation with foreign fund has been successful because of the policy makers, Government and Non-Government Agricultural staff, staff of Development Wheel (DEW) TRAIIDCRAFT, GRAMAUS, and RDS. The policy makers are giving them instruction how to implement the investment and advance the cultivation techniques of this country.

The neighbors of these farmers groups are learning the successful cooperative committee formation, and cooperation among the group members and learning from these group of farmers how to develop the agriculture sector.

A farmer in Jaankipur Kreeshee ponno uthpadok Shomitee, Nakla has earned 1,600 Tk profit in 4 months. This farmer has bought ‘ponamach’ with 5000Tk from their group savings and gave only 250 Tk (0.05%) interest after 4 months. This farmer earned 1600 Tk profit. There is a loan committee in each farmers association. They will also register their association. Group savings of Jaankipur Kreeshee ponno uthpadok Shomitee is 7,900Tk. They were given same amount of money for investment on agriculture for achieving the aim of savings amount of 7,9000 Tk. These groups of farmer’s have a group savings account for any immediate need is one of the activity plan of the project.

## ■ Women Farmers Success on Poultry



1.1.3: Successful women Poultry farmers are being recognized by zilla Agriculture Porishod and Development Wheel

- **Evaluation Field Tour from 15-18 July in Mymensing, Sherpur, and Netrokona** Women farmers are being assessed and evaluated for learning improved method logy for crop cultivation and different agricultural and managerial technique. Men and women farmers are on discussion regarding the activity of their association.



#### 1.1.5: Successful men women farmers are being recognized by Zilla Agriculture Parishod and Development Wheel (DEW)

During group visit for progress of GSIS scheme from 15<sup>th</sup> of July until 18<sup>th</sup> of July visited by DEW Executive Director, Project coordinator, and Program Officer acknowledged there is a date in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month for monthly meeting of each farmer group. So, during Friday or Saturday in this fixed date the field facilitators, coordinators cannot be present in a meeting. All group members should be present in a group meeting. This meeting day should be on Sunday/Monday for avoiding the holiday of a week that is the 1st or 4<sup>th</sup> week of every month as per instruction of the APONE project coordinator. The Committee also acknowledged the farmer group does not have any form for loan disbursement so loan form should be distributed as per instruction and inspection of Executive Director of Development Wheel (DEW) and Project Coordinator of Development Wheel. Dhobuara (Most ethnic minority farmers are residing) and Haluaghat (Most ethnic minority farmers are residing) need to learn about development techniques of agriculture. So, grading form has been recommended by Executive Director and Project Coordinator of Development Wheel (DEW). Grading form been distributed for inspiring each farmer group for achieving greater success. All APONE and ALO staff of Development Wheel (DEW) is telling the farmer to follow all the instruction and training given to them properly for cultivation during evaluation. There are different training been organized for these farmer group. For an example how to be profitable in 4 months by buying small fishes, ducklings, small chicken, small geese, small cattle and selling after 4 months by raising them with good food and be profitable by selling these in the market. Growing verities of crops is another. The farmers been trained on crops, livestock, poultry, fish culture, BSP, good governance, compose, seed selection, soil test. In addition advocacy, negotiation training, establishment of networking with PSP and BSP for association leaders. Training on group registration, association meeting, Group meeting, group election, producer record and data collection been implemented.

During Evaluation visit, Executive Director of Development Wheel (DEW) told the farmers association; these association and cooperatives need to learn and implement more about advanced agriculture techniques. The field facilitators, modulators, coordinators is cooperating and teaching them how to implement each new agricultural policies and techniques. So, all the farmers of this association become an example in advancing the main livelihood option of agriculture aspects of this country.

There are Union Agro Producer Association, District Agro Producer Association and National Agro Producer Association been organized in Mymensing, Netrokona, and Sherpur regions for the success of the peasants with improved techniques for agriculture. Project coordinator, Field facilitators, field mobilizers, regional field coordinators are meeting and training the farmer according to the aim of accomplishment of the project.

### **■ Meeting for National Agro Producer**

National Agro producer Association Meeting was held in August 2014 Dhaka Head Office of Development Wheel (DEW)

### **ART & CRAFT**

#### **■ Development Wheel Attend Craft Bazar**

#### **■ Designer from Germany visit Development Wheel Office**

#### **■ Executive Director of Development Wheel visit China.**

Development Wheel (DEW) wants to conserve the Art and Crafts sector of Bangladesh through facilitating the development of small enterprises with an aim to generate sustainable self-employment opportunities for under-privileged rural and urban people. There live many artisan among these rural and urban people. Development Wheel (DEW) has recognized many artisan ever since the establishment of this organization.

In Bangladesh the handloom textiles depicts the natural scenarios, Alpona design, religious designs, religious rituals and scenery from social life. In Jamalpur districts Development Wheel has a cooperative where women are sewing these designs on textiles. These designs are lyrics in handloom textiles of designer selection of themes, choice of subject matter, and fine arts. On these textiles there is picture of musicians, rosettes, and deities. Here, the muslims are decorated mosques and mausolae with designs of rosseltes, calligraphs, geometric and floral designs. In various depictions exquisitly found for arts on textile are legendary birds, animals, trees, vehicles, musical instruments, dressess and articles of daily use. Daily life scenarios, animals, ducks, hens, paddy field, wheels, utencils and the like be also portrayed on hand embroidery textile.

Hand embroidery Alpona Design has been portrayed on textile specialty of women artisan group, Jamalpur. These dresses are available for sell in Joyeeta at Rapa Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Stall number is B03.

### **DHAKA CRAFT BAZAR**

Development Wheel (DEW) participate Dhaka Craft Bazar on 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT WHEEL (DEW) VISITS CHINA.**

Recently, Executive Director of Development Wheel (DEW) participated International Network for Bamboo and Rattan-INBER organized International Workshop on “Sustainable Industrialization and Commercialization of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP’s) in China. The workshop was hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. Bangladesh is one of the members of the INBER. The 9th Session of the INBER Council which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 4th November 2014.

#### **■ Basketry and Crafts Products**

Development Wheel (DEW) promotes basketry, art and crafts products made from locally grown plants for home decoration purposes. This organization is promoting embroidery products on silk and hand spinning textiles. So, the customs, rituals, tradition of this country can be represented by the medium of crafts to the local and people in different countries of the world. Our producer group are from rural and suburb areas. Most of the artisans are women. Our organization is in progress of developing skills and livelihood of women craft producers. Development Wheel (DEW) works with marginalized producer especially women producer and give them access to modern urban markets. Development Wheel (DEW) is creating an opportunity for sustainable rural women employment and preserves country’s traditional & indigenous crafts products is also aim of the organization.

Development Wheel (DEW) is helping artisans. DEW exports craft products and help the people around the world to know the aesthetics of artistry of crafts items of this region of this country. These artisans make custom-made products.

## AGRICULTURE RIGHTS PROGRAM



1.1.10: Development Wheel (DEW) Organized and the farmer group participate in Agriculture Fair in December 2014

1.1.10: Development Wheel (DEW) Organized Agriculture Fair in December 2014

Men and women farmer group has grown carrot, cauliflower, cabbage, varieties of beans, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumber, leafy vegetables, varieties of green melon and brought these varieties kinds of vegetables in the Agriculture Fair. Farmers group are encouraged to produce varieties of crops for sustainable livelihood and reduce the risk for dependency on single crop production. Most of the farmers are by tradition are inclined to produce rice and wheat. The government and non government organization are teaching farmers different techniques for growing varieties of crops including rice and wheat, vegetables, fruits, tea, gardening for their sustainable livelihood. This is one of the most important methodologies for creating an impact on the economy of our country.

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