

Gender and Development Programme

Let Her Decide and Participate (LHDP) Project

Main Goal

To gain a high level of social and political acceptance of the women's contributions to the domestic, social, political and economic sphere and to increase their recognition as agents of transformational change

Objective

- Influencing community members to bring about fundamental change as well as building people's capacities and empowering them ♦ at home, in informal and in formal milieus
- Giving women a voice through building up their self-esteem and self-confidence and enabling them to have greater influence over their own lives
- Increasing female participation in service providing organizations and standing up for their rights as a collective
- Women and organizational staffs raise awareness about women's potential for social, political and economic transformation and build the women's capacity in leadership and DEW influence other projects and policies within the organization



DEW organized a Human Chain in Mymensingh

Outcome

- The women's confidence increased enabling them to challenge the injustices and inequalities they experience and it aided them to claim their rights and entitlements and increased their participation in decision-making processes in the formal and informal structure
- The development of a social collective enabling women and men to challenge the incidence of VAW
- An increased sensitivity of the service providers engaged in VAW who provide access to survivors of VAW to the justice system
- Women and organizational staffs are aware of the potential role of women in change-making and women were trained in leadership and agreed to promote gender equality

Community Mobilization Programme to End Violence Against Women

One in every two women in South Asia faces violence in her home. Violence is an inescapable reality in a woman's life as the social customs and attitudes that

12pt;">Gender Equality, Human Rights and Sensitized Urban Responsive Governance</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">
To establish responsive governance, DEW uses various strategies, including policy advocacy, promoting women/child rights, gender equity, development and peace to the society through ensuring the active participation of the local community. DEW is working in Dhanmondi, Newmarket and Tegjaon Thana in Dhaka under the Dhaka City Corporation with the Dhaka Development Forum (DDF). The project is being implemented under the funding support of Manusher Jonno (DFID) and the technical support provided by Steps towards Development. DEW is implementing the programme through social entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs, school volunteers, local government representatives and many others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">
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