

Press release

First Secretary of Netherlands Embassy visited DEW women leadership program and farmer group at Mymensingh

Ms Ella de Voogd, Embassy of the kingdom of the Netherlands First Secretary, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Mrs. Mushfiqua Satiar, Advisor, Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights were visited Development Wheel (DEW)'s women group of LHDP project, farmer group of Agricultural Rights Program (ARP) and a constrictive meeting with the We Can district alliance member held at Mymensingh on 10th May 2013.

As a part of Mymensingh tour first secretary wanted to visit DEW's women leadership program. That's why on that day she visited a women group at Char Iswardia as per schedule. She wanted to know what the aim, objective is and why they formed group. After a lot of discussion she wanted to know the future plan of that female group. Women participant responded and gave her answer to the question. After launch they visited a farmer group of DEW under its Agricultural Rights Program (ARP) at Dohakhola village of Gouripur Upazilla. Groups of farmer under DEW previous successful SLIPP project were also present with the newly formed group. They expressed how they succeed and what they got for doing this type of group formation and collective action. Then back to the office and DEW organized a discussion meeting with the We can district alliance member as well as civil society of Mymensingh. We Can Chairperson Advocate AHM Khalekuzzaman stated that the women are most deprived person in our society and they are also most disadvantaged. We can district alliance working for aim to remove all discrimination against women from the society. Alliance member like advocate, teacher, journalist and other civil society representatives also shared their experience with the first secretary. At last Ms Ella de Voogd gave special thanks to alliance member as well as DEW for nice visit and informative meeting. The next day they also visited different handicraft shop, school, madrasa and hospital of Mymensingh district.



First secretary Ms Ella de Voogd talking with women group under LHDP project at Char Iswardia

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First secretary Ms Ella de Voogd with Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director, DEW are discussing with the farmer group at Dohakhola village under Gouripur Upazilla



First secretary Ms Ella de Voogd attended discussion meeting with We Can District Alliance member at DEW Regional Office, Mymensingh