

Press Release

British MP Visits DEW Field

The SLIPP (Sustainable LIvelihoods for Poor Producers) project field in Rajendrapur, Netrakona was visited by Parliament Member and former Minister of the United Kingdom Stephen Timms along with Ram Gidoomal, the Chair of Tradecraft; Paul Chandler, the Chief Executive of Tradecraft ;Shahed Ferdous, the Country Director of Tradecraft Bangladesh and Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director of Development Wheel (DEW) on the 7 and 8 May, 2012. After visiting the field and meeting the producer groups and producer association members of the just completed five-year project SLIPP, they also took a look at the field of the new project of DEW APON (Alleviating Poverty in North-East Part of Bangladesh) funded and co-funded by GPAF-DFID and Tradecraft Exchange respectively in the village Fulpur, Mymensingh. DEW has started follow up of the SLIPP project APON from May 2012 in Mymensing and Sherpur district.

In order to meet the producers, they visited the villages and discussed the impacts and possibilities of the project to build their capacity through providing them information, knowledge and new technology.

The project APON plans on working with six thousand marginal farmers in order to give them sustainable livelihoods. In view of the progress of the SLIPP project, Tradecraft Exchange and DEW decided to keep on working together for more projects in the future.

Stephen Timms M.P suggested DEW and the farmer association to organize cooperative for them to get more benefit from collective buying, selling and capacity building. DEW is also aiming to form Farmers' cooperative in near future to ensure their sustainable livelihoods.



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