

Annual Report 2012-2014



ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra



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**We are the Worshipper of Knowledge, Empowerment
& Development**

Message from Executive Director

This is my pleasure to submit our Annual Report 2012-14 and I hope that this report will give you an overview of our activities during the last years.

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is moving through its motto “We are the Worshipper of Knowledge, Empowerment & Development”.



ASHIKA (Amader Shikkha O Karjakram) Manabik Unnayan Kendra has crossed its 14th year, is now reached at a position which is full of enthusiasm, capable of balancing commitment and strong skilled manpower in the field of income generation activities. The organization is also creating a computer literate generation which would capacitate to face the global challenge. The year 2010-2011 was the year of full of great challenges to implement various projects which include technical educational services to the Education Cluster, UNDP-CHTDF, development initiative to promote transforming of youth and adolescents, enforcement of

local institutional laws through good governance, skill development training on indigenous handloom for destitute jumma women of Rangamati, community managed water supply and sanitary program etc.

Presently ASHIKA has been trying to be sincere in the field of climate change and trying to find out the way to lessen the risk or impact of environmental degradation. With this view our Organization is working on Community managed disaster risk reduction Program with the support of Concern Universal Bangladesh to provide services to the backward communities to aware. We understood that to provide smooth services to the communities, it is ostensibly needed of joint partnership with other NGOs, Government bodies and Donors and obviously active participation of beneficiaries.

Our priorities for achieving a sound socio-economic development at local level have been Livelihoods, were usefully introduced as alternative to the traditional slash and burn cultivation.

I hope this report provides you an impression of the commitment and hard labor of ASHIKA family members’, regular support from Executive Council and national, international sponsors. Their continuous encouragement is a source of inspiration that helps us to overcome our weaknesses in order to make ASHIKA stand on its own leg and committed service provider.

Biplob Chakma
Executive Director

About ASHIKA

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is a Non-Government Organization serving three hill districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)- Rangamati, Khragrachari & Bandarban, based in Rangamati Hill District-which is treated as the capital of CHT.ASHIKA stands for *Amader Shikkha O Karjokrom* which refers to all types of formal, non-formal, technical and vocational education. We aim at the reflection of all these learning into communities livelihoods. We assist ultra poor people by providing technical support with the objective of creating new opportunities. It is understood that globalization along with climate change have an impact worldwide, CHT is also not apart from this true, so we believe in economical and environmental friendly system within which the community would survive with improved living standards.



Today, ASHIKA is famously known for its Income Generating Activities (mushroom & spawn production, honey production, computer training and bamboo & cane furniture production) and the organization reaches everywhere in the Chittagong Hill Tracts through its socio-economical development activities.

Major Thematic Area



Education

Education program is mainly for the poor rural children who are not in touch with education or whose parents are not capable of affording their children to bring down in formal primary schools. In these schools we see the dominant nature of girl child group and rare drop out after admission. The organization has been also involved with technical educational services like development of Basic Teachers Guide, Refresher Training Guides.



Agriculture, Livestock & Income Generating Activities

ASHIKA has enhanced the capacity of poor communities by various training programs results of which we observe that they are now confident in fresh mushroom, bee-keeping and the organization is also helping them with the selling facilitation through its outlet center. The organization has initiated Bamboo & Cane furniture production which in future may open door of employment to many youth to get rid of from unemployment problem. IGA is the most important part of ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra which follows the rule of **Self-dependency** by providing computer training, conference hall room, outlet center (facilitates the products of beneficiaries to sell), mushroom and spawn production, making of bee colony box ASHIKA's another technical support to outside development partner.



Health

Target 7C of the Millennium Development Goal provides, to “**Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation**”. The organization is committed towards the welfare of the most disadvantages communities in the CHT, specially the women, poor, and particularly vulnerable groups with special focus on the ethnic communities. There are unity in diversity



prevails in the CHT, commonly people are known as “jumma”. They are suffering from various waterborne diseases for e.g. diarrhea, jaundice etc. These are lots of reason behind the sources of these diseases; one of the main reason is water pollution. The lake is confined within the hill district Rangamati and embraces the Upazilas of Rangamati Sadar, Kaptai, Nannerchar, Langadu, Baghaichari, Barkal, Jurachari and Belaichhari. So the organization under various projects raise awareness programs on communities health specially child group.

Language

At the time of its establishment the organization has initiated tribal language program which included language training and script development in various languages prevailing in Chittagong Hill Tracts. In this connection ASHIKA continued the same services with improved criteria for the sustainability of languages. The organization has been developing various TLMs which included Pre-Primary I & II in 4 languages of communities like Pangkhua, Lushai, Chak and Khumi and Class I Teaching Learning Materials in 11 languages of communities like Chakma, Marma, Tanchangya, Tripura, Mro, Bawm, Khyang, Pangkhua, Lushai, Chak and Khumi.



Culture & Rights

With a view to aware Chittagong Hill Tracts grassroots people, ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra started of providing training to local representatives regarding various laws prevailing in the CHT. The CHT Accord of 1997 and subsequent legislation provided for the enhancement of the powers of the Districts Councils (now named as Hill Districts Councils) and introduced two new institutions, namely, a regional council for the CHT and a separate ministry to deal with CHT Affairs. ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra have been playing crucial role to the development of the CHT by facilitating the smooth implementation of various projects. On this ASHIKA is aimed at reducing people ignorant of the rules, regulations, constitutional and traditional laws which is meant to aware about the laws of CHT. Every year the organization celebrates various cultural festivals with various development partner organizations which only meant for unity in diversity.



Gender

In the Chittagong Hill Tracts there is no such statistics on indigenous working women but it could be easily assumed that the rate would be higher than the other part of the country. Due to the insurgency (1975-1997) of 21 years, a significant portion of them has lost their main income-earning members which compelled them to work at outside. But due to illiteracy they couldn't find any fixed suitable job to earn from different alternative livelihood. Therefore they engaged themselves to earning, but they couldn't make it successful because they do not have enough money to invest and the marketing facilities are not in their favor, so they are selling those hand made cloths at a lowest rate at outsider. As a result they do not get maximum amount of benefit of the products. ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra felt to extend their services towards destitute indigenous women through which their socio-economic right would be ensured. ASHIKA followed a sound working methodology to make the project successful. First, it selected the target group through a baseline survey. This baseline will be used to assess the impact after the completion of the sub-project. After the completion of the training it will provide necessary advice to the Target Group to start own weaving units and other alternative activities. It would help the target group in developing a mechanism so that they can get maximum benefits. By doing so it would help to establish a cooperative society and a cooperative shop for the target group.



Environment

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra has been involved in raising awareness on forwarding strategy to reduce disaster challenges and to survive in harmony with nature. In line with various government departments it observes Environmental Days.



Special Feature of ASHIKA

ASHIKA does undertake special programs for example we could say about organizing program on Literacy & Continuous Education: Evaluate Students Demand in Rangamati Hill District, held on 28 June 2011, organized by-ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra with the assistance of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE).

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra has observed the Environmental Day on 5th June with the participation in Deputy Commissioner's office at Rangamati through a special presentation on the environmental degradation in the context of Chittagong Hill Tracts. Beside this the Organization also participated on Disaster management programs held in the Deputy Commissioner's office and had an important presentation in the context of world.



ASHIKA is presently has achieved its recognition in the field of livelihood towards bringing up an income generation by providing various trainings.

What are we Doing



ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra tries to support community beyond various projects to play an active role in empowerment and development. We are also playing role in the field of developing basic education materials and teaching aid in line with national curriculum in 3 Hill districts for CHTDF supported schools. The organization has been implementing various projects which are presented here:

Project 1: Non-Formal Primary Education (NFPE)

It is evident that the success of Non-Formal Primary Education program supported by Education support Program and attuned by its partner NGOs (ESP NFPE) is largely determined by the attitude, knowledge, skills and activities of partner NGO heads. In this connection ASHIKA tries to achieve the target group. The major achievements are: child literacy rate is increased, admission of girl child is increased, and strong co-operation is built up between ASHIKA and village community, awareness on socio-environmental issues is increased. Through guardian meeting, awareness on literacy and other social aspect has been successfully increased.

The teachers are there to operate schools, they are trained up by BRAC and program organizers are looking after NFPE Project schools.



Project 2: Community Managed Water Supply and Sanitation Program in rural poor Communities of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CMWSP-CHT), EC

ASHIKA believes not only in setting up hygienic sanitation but also to aware poor back warded communities to maintain nature-friendly sanitation so that our surrounding remains healthy. The health condition of the poor people is at risk because of their poor economic condition and living in unhealthy environment. There is no proper communication system in this hilly region; it is very difficult to bring sick/wounded people in Upazila Sadar Hospital, results into undeserved death. The organization is committed to provide assistance with the help of NGO Forum on CMWSP-CHT Project.



Snap: Training program at Union Level
Snap: "Stop violence against women"-Human Rights Day Observation

Project 3: Enforcement of Local Institutional Laws Focusing Public Awareness through Sustainable good governance approach (ELFOS)

The main purpose of the Project is to widen the accountability and transparency of the governance system of the CHT (Chittagong Hill Tracts) by reducing the rate of people is ignorant of the rights conferred under various Rules and Regulations, Constitution and Traditional laws. About 1500 (One thousand and five hundred) direct beneficiaries are under this project getting right base services through ASHIKA-NOWZUWAN consortium team. The major activities under ELFOS project are Union & Upazila level

trainings, Land workshop, Workshop at upazila & Union level and Focus Group Discussion. The project had undertaken Focus Group Discussion (FGD)-75 and various training- 105 at three (3) Upazilas-Rangamati Sadar, Naniarchar & Kawkhali.



Photo: Fresh mushroom producer purchasing Mushroom spawn from ASHIKA

Project 4: Income Generating Activity (IGA)

In the context of socio-economical aspect of Chittagong Hill Tracts, without development of community people it is not possible to promote a rich globalize society, with this aim ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra has undertaken Income Generation Activities in its branch office at the outer stadium which is divided into Mushroom Section, Computer Section, Outlet Section and Conference Hall Room Section. It is the self funded project of ASHIKA. The organization has also initiated a new addition to its IGA project that is Bamboo and cane made furniture production.



Snap: Core Teaching Learning Material Development group

Snap: A moment from Refresher Training Session

Project 5: Technical Services for the Activities of Education Cluster, UNDP-CHTDF

ASHIKA in partnership with Grontmij, Denmark have been involved with developing training and teaching learning materials, training relevant project staff, based in Hill District Councils and orienting officials and other stakeholders on different stakeholders on different aspect of the CHTDF education component. The consortium developed Pre-primary-1 & 2 grade-1 categorized books which included various rhymes and stories from the local level of eleven communities, they are: Chakma, Marma, Tanchangya, Khyang, Mro, Bawm, Tripura, Chak, Khumi, Pangkhua and Lushai.



Snap: Skill development training to Jumma Women on Mushroom cultivation

Project 6: Skill Development Training on Indigenous Handloom for Destitute Jumma Women of Rangamati

Jumma women of Khamarpara village of Naniarchar Upazila have now achieved a confident level success on mushroom cultivation and other income generation activities through the support of NGO Foundation. We tried to ensure women empowerment at interior level.



Snap: Street theatre on greening own respective area to reduce disaster risk

Project 7: Capacity Strengthening on Community Managed Disaster Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation”

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is one of the 67 local NGOs in Bangladesh, India and Nepal which has been working on community managed disaster risk reduction in the project area of Ghagra in Rangamati. With this view we have organized popular theater, meeting with the consultation with local Committee. Through the committee meeting we tried to find out strategy to reduce the environmental risk so that the vulnerability gets ultimately lessened.



Snap: Introduction to Mushroom Spawn, Stages of Mushroom cultivation, Fresh Mushroom production training to Jumma young ladies, Distribution of Pigeon to young Male group

Project 8: Development Initiative to Promote Transforming of Youth and Adolescents (DIPTYA)

With the view to develop skill for improving their socio-economic status through income generating activities of young and adolescents and to enhance the awareness on human rights and RTI of young and adolescents, ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is committed to skilled up 100 young and adolescent person on mushroom production and pigeon rearing. Along with this the organization wo enhance knowledge of income generation activities for them and aware them to be self dependant. Young generation is the future leader of the country, but due to various socio-economical condition they are unable to provide input to the society and ultimately to the country. They are facing problem of poverty, unemployment, not skilled in technical activities and the system of bureaucracy turning them into ill doer. This problem could be addressed by following the rule of self-dependency.

Project 9: Livelihood and Case Study program



Under the funding of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra has undertaken a case study work on Mushroom cultivation in Rangamati Hill District.

“Promoting Economic Activities in CHT: Mushroom Cultivation”

titled article involved various case studies which reflect and depicts post PLIEG Project(Promotion of Livelihoods through



Income and Employment Generation in CHT) activity. ICIMOD is as a backstopping partner supporting ASHIKA to bring up a Model village either through mushroom cultivation or honey-bee keeping. This publication presents the results of the project for three activities: mushroom cultivation, medicinal plants cultivation and beekeeping. In addition, ICIMOD conducted an assessment on community-based climate vulnerability and capacity to examine the impact of environmental and climate changes on livelihoods in the Hill Tracts. Though the project was completed in September 2009, local partner organizations continue to up-scale the different activities and further market linkages in an effort to promote alternative livelihood strategies of people in the CHT.

Strengthening Ethnic Communities' Access to Information in Bangladesh Project

540 PDCs and 540 PDC leaders selected as the target beneficiaries considering ethnicity and geographical location; Total number of 540 PDC leaders' Handbook on RTI, LG and public services developed and printed; Total 540 selected PDC leaders (male-70%, Female-30%) trained up by 18 ToT programs (6 batches from each district, total 18 batches.) The events have been facilitated by the Project Coordinator and the District Project Officers; Regular monthly education session conducted at 540 PDCs by the trained PDC leaders. The sessions have been monitored and followed up by the Community Facilitators of the project; 60 Union level theatre/cultural events on RTI and LG/public services conducted (20 events in each district). Different levels of the community peoples were attended to enjoy the events; 180 ward-level film shows on RTI and LG/public services conducted (3 shows for each Union); Produced and Distributed IEC materials (i.e. a hand book on RTI, a pocket book on RTI act 2009, Pictorial Poster, PVC poster, Leaflet, Folder, Brochure and Sticker etc.) on RTI and LG/public services in 540 Paras(village) and to the participants of different level workshops and other events; 75 workshops for LG units (60 Union Parishad, 12 Upazila Parishad and 3 District Councils) on RTI and the role of LG; 03 district level workshop conducted with government departments and NGOs on RTI and the roles of government/NGOs in 3districts (25 participants in each district). 75 participants participated in the workshops; 12 Upazila level dialogues conducted in 3 districts. There are 60 participants (including representatives from LG, Governments departments, NGOs, traditional leaders, media, active citizen and all concern PDC leaders) participated in the said dialogues to encourage active interaction and establish direct linkage between the LG and the community, and to build influence of the community with the LG and public service providers with regard to information delivery; 90 local journalists received training on RTI from 3 hill districts (30 journalists from each district); Organized 03(three) district level workshops on RTI issues and media's role with the press clubs and the local Journalists. In these workshops 90local journalists participated (30 journalists attended from each districts); CHT journalists' network established to advocate and function as watchdog for RTI; Brochure and leaflet of SECAIB project,

2. PDC leaders Training module,

3. Journalist Training module,

4. A Documentary film on RTI issues,

5. A Hand book on RTI,

6. A pocket book on RTI act 2009,

7. Pictorial Poster,

8. PVC poster,

9. Folder and

10. Sticker

11. Reports/snapshots on inception workshop, Upazila and District level workshops, dialogues as well as trainings,

12. Press clipping,

13. Photographs and videos.

“Enforcement of Local Institutional Laws Focusing Public Awareness through Sustainable Good Governance Approach”- (ELFOS Phase II) project

The overall objective of this project is to build awareness among right holders as well as improving transparency, accountability and responsiveness of the duty bearers in CHT for delivering basic services to them.

Specific Objectives:

- a) To create mass awareness in CHT about the laws, rules and procedures related to the rights and entitlement of the local people.
- b) To strengthen institutional capacity of the local government bodies especially the Union Parishads and Moujas.
- c) To improve access in basic needs and/or services of CHT community through playing a facilitation role both supply and demand sides.

Outputs:

- I. Population of 5 CHT Upazilas (**Kaptai, Rajsthali, Rangamati Sadar, Naniarchar and Kawkhali**) will have enhanced awareness on required laws, rules and procedures for improving livelihoods within 3 years periods.
- II. At least 150 decision makers and policy users will be trained on RBA issues for making decisions which protects and promotes rights of the target population in CHT within 3 years.
- III. Enhanced participation of community people will be seen at different level in CHT in the decision making process on the issues affecting their lives.
- IV. Functioning capacity of 2 (Two) CHT institutions (especially Union Parishad & Mauja) increased both Upazila and district level.
- V. CHT community will have increased access in services and duty bearer will be more responsive to the demand of the rights holders.

“Non- Formal Primary Education” –NFPE project in Details

Duration: January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2016

NFPE (Non-Formal Primary Education) program supported by Education Support Program and attuned by its partner NGOs is largely determined by the attitude, knowledge, skills and activities of partner NGO heads. Since 2000 ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra has been working in educational sector in partnership with other donor NGOs like PROSHIKA and BRAC. At present NFPE program supported by BRAC International is mainly for the poor rural children who are not in touch with education or whose parents are not capable of affording their children to bring down in formal primary schools. Especially we are working in rural Naniarchar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. NFPE provides non-formal education to children belong to the age group of 7-12 years. In this group girls are of dominant character in studies and in quality & quantity. The classes are up to 5th standard and after this stage there is humanitarian plan to precede the students toward Government Primary School. The essential materials are

provided by BRAC and ASHIKA read the budget for NFPE schools thoroughly for a clear understanding of student. Books, teaching aids, supplementary reading materials, classroom supplies and teacher supplies needed in an ESP NFPE School. School result was successfully very bright in the centre. Through the guardian meeting, it was asked to provide for scholarship at least for good students. To encourage children in NFPE School in studies, there is system of giving small gifts for good result or improvement. As a result, there is less rate of tendency of leaving /drop-out students in ESP NFPE Schools. Skilled and good education is being provided by local teachers which reduced drop out of the students; Till date more than 100 students successfully completed primary education and 220 students are newly admitted; Local community peoples are aware of the necessity of primary education through meetings of SMC, PTA etc.; Confidence of the local poor ethnic community peoples has increased to ensure primary education of their children.

Indigenous/ Minority Project

November 2013-November 2014

The first element to ensure a sound election is to frame a correct voter list. The organization involves a thematic area as Right base programme. In this connection it includes the activities of voter rights of communities. The Indigenous/Minority Project is the sub-grant of project entitled as “Strengthening Civic Engagement in Elections and Political Processes for Enhanced Transparency and Democratic accountability” which aims to ensure transparency and credibility in the electoral process of the 10th Parliamentary Election. ASHIKA was involves in this issue in the Rangamati Hill District. During the project period it includes a combination of long term domestic observation, short term election day observation, arrangement/or participation in trainings, electoral reform advocacy, voter/civic education to mitigate political and electoral violence and to enhance citizen awareness about representation, representative government and accountability and citizen monitoring. A focus on involvement of women and minority, indigenous especially, as election observers, was of highly importance. This project was contributed to promote confidence among stakeholders for the 10th Parliamentary election, and to promote responsive and accountable governance through strengthened election administration and greater public security of the electoral process. The observation of the development of voter list done by the Election Commission implies that. Through this activity our organization is the eye witness of ensuring civic rights of the poor, marginalized communities by The Election Commission of Bangladesh in Rangamati Hill District.

“HYSAWA Fund Project”

ASHIKA has been implementing HYSAWA(Hygiene, Sanitation and Water Supply) Fund project in 3 Unions (Sabekkhong, Naniarchar Sadar & Burighat) of Naniarchar

Upazila of Rangamati Hill District for the period of 27 November 2013 to 26 November 2015. The organization has conducted base line survey of 7157 households, formation of 261 Community Development Forum (CDF), approved sub-project is 280, hygienic latrine is 6243, 770 used latrine shows its cleanliness, enlisted households are total 32936, total clean surrounded household is 7157, enlisted School WASH team is 76 where video show and theatre will be exhibited, the distributed BCC materials is 1080 and there is 27 active WARD committee. There will be 30 case studies under this project life span.

“Training Courses to Union Parishads (UPs) and other Stakeholders”

The overall objective of this project is to develop technical, financial and management capabilities of participating 70 Union Parishads (UPs) and other stakeholders of 4 districts- Rangamati, Khagrachari, Bandarban & Noakhali for the period of 4 June 2014 to May 2015. ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is providing ‘Foundation and Refresher’s Course’ for UP Chairman, Members and Secretary, covering the following Courses: i) Sub-Project Planning, Implementation and Monitoring; ii) Public Procurement & Contract Management; iii) Accounting and Book Keeping; iv) Cross Cutting issues; v) Administration & Office Management; vi) Supervision, Monitoring & reporting; and for Support Organization (SO) and Partner NGO (PNGO) staff (i) Hygiene Promotion and Community Led Sanitation course. Till now the organization has provided 624 personnel of Union Parishads out of which total Chairman and Signatory Women Member is 96 and total UP Member of Bandarban, Khagrachari & Rangamati Hill District.

“Upgrading Sustainable Households’ Affordability” (USHA) Project

ASHIKA is implementing USHA Project with the goal of improved livelihood opportunities of marginalized communities through enhancing economic capacity to restore human dignity for the duration of October 2013 to December 2016. The Purpose of this project is to increase average household income through providing supports for IGA and to increase the capacity of community for protecting violence against women. The first output is that monthly average 600 household income would be increased at TK. 3000 – TK. 5000 by the end of the project and the 2nd output is that Groups are capacitated and motivated to perform action violence against women. The targeted population is totally 3000 out of which 1200 men and 1800 women. The trainings under this project are: 1) 2 Day-long Training on Mushroom Cultivation, 2) 1 Day long Training on Vegetable gardening, 3) 1 Day long Training on Non-Timber Product Gardening, 4) 3 Day long training on Honey Bee-keeping, 5) Group Management Training for Group Management Committee Members. These trainings are provided to 24 Groups of USHA Project.

“Capacity Strengthening on Community Managed Disaster Risks Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation” (CMDRR) Project in details

The partnership in between Concern Universal Bangladesh during period of June 2010 to December 2012 achieved objectives as (1) Strengthen capacity of local communities,

local authorities, local NGOs to build resilience of local communities to natural disasters and climate change through integrated planning and implementation processes as well as knowledge and

technology transfer, and (2) Facilitate networking and coordination between policy and decision makers at all levels of government, sectors and communities to promote an integrated approach to climate change adaptation, DRR and development. The project has been implemented in Rangamati Sadar upazila of Rangamati. During project implementation there were Existing research sharing (Cyclone, flood and drought), Identification and document best practices and sharing, Sharing existing IEC materials on DRR and climate change, Regular meeting at community level, Exposure visits, Training on participatory monitoring and evaluation, local resource mobilisation and management etc.

Through this project it is observed that capacity strengthened to initiate and promote CMDRR and climate change issues at the organisational and community level. Beside this we incorporate the lessons and experience of best practices of CMDRR and climate change in the design and implementation of our development programmes. We facilitated implementations of local and national policies/strategies and international directives through increasing the disaster and climate resilience of communities. Through popular theatre at community level (for Coaching and Mentoring on OD, crosscutting issues and sustainability) the community people became more aware on preservation of their natural surroundings. We must focus our energy on improving local communities' resilience to natural hazards. Communities are the essential cornerstone in our capacity building effort for saving their lives and livelihoods.

“Community Legal Aid Service” project

With the overall cooperation of Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST), ASHIKA has been implementing community legal aid service related awareness increasing programs since January 2013. It will be implemented till 31 December 2016 at the USHA & ELFOS project area. We have raised the importance of legal rights to the common people and the opportunity to come under the legal aid services that are provided freely by BLAST. With the presence of Paralegal, BLAST and nominated Advocates are disseminating the services and scopes to fight against illegal issues & evils in society. It is mentionable that each session is totally based on different legal issues come under early child marriage act-1929, Pornography Control Act 2012, CHT Regulation 1900, Right to information Act 2009 and other Acts related to acid throwing, kidnapping, dowry, domestic violence, autistic persons etc. Through this project various hidden cases are coming out in front which should be disseminated to increase awareness. It is noticeable that rural level community people totally depended on Karbari, Headman, Circle Chief (Traditional Institution) Court.

“Skill Development Training on Indigenous Handloom for Destitute Jumma Women of CHT” project in details

Bangladesh NGO Foundation with its overall cooperation supporting beneficiaries of Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati Hill District through partnership with ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra. The objective is to eradicate poverty of the indigenous destitute women and achieve their socio-economic rights and increase their self-reliance through providing alternative livelihood trainings. Trainings on Handloom, poultry rearing & fresh mushroom and Distribution of fund to women beneficiary groups at the project area.



Through this project the outcomes are (i) Women became self-reliant by investing donation,(ii) Groups strengthened and marketing linkages. We observed that the productivity of women increased to whom the trainings are provided. The organization is implementing its fifth installment from September 2013 to August 2014 by providing technical support to 50 beneficiaries exclusively for women. It is experienced that the empowerment of women is possible by providing technical and partly financial support.

“Dig a Well Project for the Rural Poor people” project

ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra is implementing this project through partnership with Mulsim Aid-UK Bangladesh Field Office from 19 November 2013 with the objective of providing technical support to rural poor people. The beneficiaries are chosen who do not have access to safe drinking water in various Naniarchar,Baghaichari,Naniarchar Sadar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.

Organization’s Strength Development

ASHIKA’s staff (including project staff) strength were only few which reaches up to 63 by 2014 .Even asset strength became tk.6338444/- (Sixty Three Lac Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Four Taka Only).

The Organization had always been trying soul to develop all necessary qualities of staff engaged in various Projects. There were many opportunities in 2014 for ASHIKA Manabik Unnayan Kendra’s staff to develop themselves personally and professionally. Such quality improvements are as follows:

- Project related Training
- Computer literacy
- Communicative English training

- Field visit trip to develop community communication skill and sharing in coordination meeting
- Interpersonal skill development training



Audit Report 2013-2014



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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2014.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES :	NOTE NO.	AMOUNT IN TAKA
FUND ACCOUNT :	1.00	1,073,680.00
MEMBER SAVINGS :	2.00	3,600.00
LOAN ACCOUNT (ASHIKA Outlet) :	3.00	340,707.00
LOAN ACCOUNT (ASHIKA General) :	4.00	3,294,377.00
LOAN ACCOUNT (ASHIKA Members) :	5.00	205,660.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES :	6.00	4,800.00
TOTAL TAKA :		4,922,824.00

PROPERTY AND ASSETS :	NOTE NO.	AMOUNT IN TAKA
FIXED ASSETS :	7.00	2,972,228.00
LOAN AGAINST MEMBER SAVINGS :	8.00	13,000.00
TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT :	9.00	206,338.00
LOAN ACCOUNT (ASHIKA Craft) :	10.00	340,707.00
CASH AND BANK BALANCES :	11.00	1,390,551.00
TOTAL TAKA :		4,922,824.00

Signed in terms of our report of even date annexed.



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