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Of  
Nationwide Campaign for Prevention  
of Trafficking in Children and Women  
(NCPTCW) Project**

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## Summary:

The trafficking in children for sexual purposes is an immense problem in South Asian Countries. Bangladesh is one of dominant source countries for trafficking within the region. Estimates vary, but a safe estimation is that several thousand Bangladesh girls are trafficked out of the country each year. Destination countries include India, Pakistan and Gulf States. The end use of these trafficked victims have been observed inhuman and violation of The Universal Human Rights and Child Rights.

Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) Bangladesh Chapter has been implementing a project titled "Nationwide Campaign for Prevention of Trafficking in Children and women" under the financial assistance of USAID/Bangladesh. It should be mentioned here that the project was signed between Red Barnet – Save the Children Denmark and USAID on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2000. Since we had to initiate process for the project and had to do some work like hiring an office and setting up, communicate with core members and USAID, maintain liaison with NGO Affaires Bureau, National Security Intelligence (NSI), Special Branch (SB), for the govt. approval, preparing work plan and budget, and also to start the recruitment process along with interview of candidates for different posts, we had appoint the Project Director from May and Program Officer from June 2000. By doing so the impact is that we received an approval from NGO Affaires Bureau on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2000, hired & set up an office and recruited Accounts Officer, Training Officer, 5 Social Mobilization Officer, 2 Messengers and one Cleaner from the month of September 2000. Due to delay of getting NGO Affairs Bureau's approval the project could not receive any fund from USAID till 4<sup>th</sup> July 2000, some scheduled activities were not completed in due time. But all these activities will be completed as soon as possible.

During the reporting period a house was hired from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2000. Project Advisory Committee (5 members), Staff recruitment committee (3 members) and purchase committee (4 members) has been formed.

Vacancy announcement had been circulated for the project staff recruitment and almost staff has been appointed except 3 positions. Staff orientation was held after the recruitment of the project staff.

Furniture and fixture procurement procedure has been started during the reporting period.

Received NGO Affaires Bureau approval on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

Communicate with ETV and Data trek to produce documentary film and software develop on returnees.

TOR preparation for the different consultants.

Work plan preparation workshop was held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2000; draft 4 years work plan and One year implementation plan was prepared and submit to USAID for approval.

Member organizations visited by the Social mobilization officers and Training Officer to know the members' activities and how they implement the activities on trafficking.

The Social mobilizations Officers visited 7 districts ( Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Comilla, Naogoan, Rangpur, Joypurhat, and Satkhira) to meet the GO( DC, SP, UNO, DEO), NGOs and local school Headmasters.

## Introduction:

Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) Bangladesh Chapter is the historical emergence as a coalition of 13 NGOs, one (1) International NGO (Red Barnet – Save the Children Denmark) and one is the agency of UK Government (The British Council) involved in combating trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and women. The Coalition working on the issue of child and women trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, came into being after a Consultation Meeting held between the members of Save the Children Denmark - Red Barnet Partners Coordination Body (RBPCB) and experts on the issues of child trafficking and prostitution both from Bangladesh and West Bengal, India, which was funded by Red Barnet Regional Office and UNICEF, Calcutta and Dhaka office. During the Consultation Meeting, both West Bengal and Bangladesh delegates agreed to form a Network to work for combating child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.

Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) Bangladesh Chapter has been implementing a project titled “Nationwide Campaign for Prevention of Trafficking in Children and women” under the financial assistance of USAID. The project was officially started from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2000 but ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter did not start project activities upto July 2000 due to late approval of NGO Affairs Bureau. ATSEC has received the approval from NGO Affairs Bureau on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

## Objectives:

The objectives of the project are as follows:

- Long –Term Development Objective
  - To reduce the rate of children and women trafficked within Bangladesh and across its borders.
- Immediate Objectives
  - To develop and test a full – range of information, education and communication (IEC) prevention messages and approaches to help reduce trafficking at community level because people were trafficked/deceived;
  - To implement a comprehensive anti – trafficking prevention campaign through ATSEC member – organizations and other interested organizations;

- To develop a series of viable social “Action Plans” at different levels (national, district, thana, union, etc.) to combat trafficking through the use of prevention tools/approaches and through a series of workshops and orientations for different audiences; and
- To strengthen the capacity of grassroots NGOs and community – based organizations (CBOs) to prevent trafficking of children and women within the areas they work.

## Activities:

### ***Establishment of project Office.***

#### **Locate/Hire an Office:**

A house was hired from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2000 for the project office. The location of the house is at Dhanmondi R/A and the address of the Secretariat is House # 30, Road # 9A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka – 1209.

### ***Committee Formation.***

#### □ **Project Advisory Committee (PAC):**

Through a Core members meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000 the Project advisory Committee has been formed with 5 members:

- 1) Ms. Rina Sen Gupta, Regional Representative, Red Barnet & Fund Manager, ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter.
- 2) Ms. Nishat Chowdhry, Child labor & Trafficking Advisor , USAID
- 3) Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Project Director, NCPTCW Project
- 4) Ms. Salma Ali, Executive Director, BNWLA
- 5) Mr. Masud Ali, Executive Director, INCIDIN Bangladesh

One meeting was arranged on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2000 but due to some unavoidable circumstances the meeting was not held.

#### □ **Staff Recruitment Committee**

The staff recruitment Committee with 3 members has been formed through a Core Members meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000. The committee consist 4 members;

- 1) Ms. Rina Sen Gupta, Regional Representative, Red Barnet & Fund Manager, ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter.
- 2) Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Project Director, NCPTCW Project
- 3) Ms. Shaheen Akter Dolly, Executive Director, Nari Maitree

During the reporting period one meeting was held to recruit the project staff. The committee follows all the procedure of recruitment and appointed all staff members except Senior Training Officer, Communication Officer and AudioVisual Officer because the did not find any suitable candidate on that day. The Project Director conducted staff orientation session.

#### □ **Purchase Committee**

A Purchase Committee with 4 members (One from Red Barnet, One from SEEP, one from Nari Maitree and one from the project staff) has been formed for the project on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000 in the Core Members meeting.

- 1) Mr. Dewan Sohrab Uddin, Program Manager, Red Barnet
- 2) Ms. Shaheen Akter Dolly, Executive Director, Nari Maitree
- 3) Mr. Fazlul Haque Chowdhury , General Secretary, SEEP
- 4) Mr. A. B. M. Mobasher Hossain (Didar) , Program Officer, NCPTCW Project

Two meetings were held among the committee members to purchase the office furniture and fixtures. As per the approval of the purchase committee the project has started to purchase the necessary items.

#### **Other program activities:**

Due to delay of work plan finalization the project could not run its planned activities. But during the reporting period the project staff has done the following activities:

#### **Workshop on Work plan Preparation:**

On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2000 a workshop was held to prepare the work plan of the project activities. In this workshop 11 representatives from different organizations and ATSEC staff members including USAID representative, Fund Manager and Project Director staff participated. Through this workshop the participants identified the main activities of the project and each organization has selected and took responsibility to implement the project activities. The Main activities and responsible organizations are as follows:

- 1) Development of Prevention Campaign will be implemented by INCIDIN Bangladesh
- 2) Drama performance and Performance Development Training will be done by Bangladesh Institute of Theater Arts (BITA)
- 3) National Workshop will be arranged by CPD
- 4) District level ,Thana level Workshop, Discussion in Focal 20 district and awareness raising meetings at grass roots level for NGOs will be organized by UDDIPAN
- 5) Capacity building activities will be organized by Resource Bangladesh
- 6) Launching school campaigns will be arranged by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)

- 7) Border campaign/Rally and Dialogue with LEA will be organized by Association for Community Development (ACD)
- 8) ATSEC Secretariat and the project staff will do the administrative activities, Networking, Mobile Campaign and make liaison with the different member organizations and other interested organization.

### **Prepare Draft Work plan:**

Through two-day workshop the project prepare Four years work plan and One year implementation plan and submit it to USAID for approval.

### **Activity Visited by Staff:**

The Social Mobilization Officers visited different grassroots level organizations in the month of October 2000 to see their activities on trafficking issues.

#### *Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha:*

The organization arrange a meeting at their office premises (Kushtia) of (South West Anti Trafficking (SWAT) Forum which was formally formed in the month of August 2000 in presence of Program Officer of Nationwide Campaign for Prevention of Trafficking in Children and women Project. The Social Mobilization Officer attend its second meeting, in this meeting they prepare an action plan. Its a forum of 12 grassroots level organizations in the south western part of Bangladesh those are involve and implementing anti Trafficking activities at their working areas.

#### *Work and Rural Development (WARD):*

The Social Mobilization Officer attended the workshop arranged by WARD at Keshabpur, Jessore. The main objective of the workshop were: a) What is trafficking and its consequences, b) How to develop awareness raising activities. A total of 35 participants were participated in the workshop from different grassroots level organizations. The workshop was supported by ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter under its "Combat Child and Women Trafficking" project.

#### *Palli Mangal Karmashuci( PMK), Savar:*

The organization organized a seminar on the issue of trafficking. In this meeting Project Director and one Social Mobilization Officer attended. In this seminar some recommendations were given by the audience on the issue of anti trafficking activities; a) Aware all staff members of each organization on the issue of trafficking, b) Discussion in the group meeting to aware the group

members, c) Aware and activate the UNO and Local UP members, d) School campaign, e) Use all mass media to aware over all community.

*ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter Member Organizations Visit:*

In the month of November 2000 project staff members visited 12 different member organizations to learn ATSEC members activities on the issue of Trafficking in Children and Women. During this visiting period they visited some grassroots level organizations and attended some activities initiated by the organizations on the issue of trafficking. The activities were like; Workshop, Rally, Discussion session and cultural program. They also collected some case history of the children and women from different organizations. Through this visit the Social Mobilization Officer can assess the different organizations, how they could help to implement the project activities of “Nationwide Campaign for Prevention of Trafficking in Children and women”. The Social Mobilization Officer s visited the following organizations:

Association for Community Development – Rajshahi (Member organization)

Bangladesh Ideal Youth Development Center ( BIYDC) – Chapai Nawabganj

INCIDIN Bangladesh – Dhaka

Resource Bangladesh – Dhaka

UDDIPAN – Dhaka

CWCS – Dhaka

Bangladesh Institute of Theater Arts (BITA) – Chittagong

Nari Unnayan Shakti – Dhaka

Nari Maitree – Dhaka

**Field Visit by the project staff:**

To develop relation with the identified 20 district Social Mobilization Officer (SMO) visited 7 different districts. Through this visit they meet Deputy Commissioner (D.C.), Police Super, Up-zilla Nirbahi Officer, District Education Officer, Women Affaires Officer, Local UP Chairmen, Members, Journalist, Local school Headmaster, Elite person and local NGOs. The SMO visited Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Satkhira, Naogaon, Joypurhat, Comilla and Rangpur district. The visit was very much important for the project implementation because without active involvement of the GOB officials and other community the project activity and its objective will be hampered. During the SMOs visit they get positive response from the community and assure that they will cooperate to implement the project activities. So, the project has to keep in touch with the community time to time.

**Meeting with ATSEC Nepal Chapter members:**

ATSEC Nepal Chapter members visited ATSEC Bangladesh Chapter in the month of August 2000.

**Communicate with ETV & Data Trek:**

To produce Human Documentary film the project staff meet ETV personnel and arranged two meeting to decide how to implement the activities.

The project staff also meet the Data Trek personnel to develop a software on trafficking victims returnees.

**TOR Preparation for Consultants:**

5 different terms of reference has been developed for different consultants.

**ATSEC Members Coordination Meeting:**

ATSEC Members Coordination Meeting was held in the month of 27<sup>th</sup> December 2000.

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