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PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PROGRAM

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Registration:

PDAP was registered with the Department of Social Services under the Voluntary Act 1961 in March 1994 and with the NGO Affairs Bureau in January 1997.

Vision: To address the needs of the vulnerable groups specially the women, adolescents and children and try to solve their problems

Mission: PDAP works with people whose lives are dominated by extreme poverty, illiteracy, disease and other environmental problems. With multifaceted development interventions, PDAP strives to bring about positive change in the quality of life of these people.

Operational Area: Urban Area: Mirpur of Dhaka district.

Rural Area: Berulia union of Savar Upazila of Dhaka district. Besides, PDAP is working in Chattogram, Satkhira and Gaibandha district through partnership.

Aims and Objectives:

PDAP aims to tackle the work of underprivileged areas especially women, adolescent girls and children. The specific objectives of the organization are as follows:

- *Reaching the target population through grouping and leadership development.
- *To provide effective education and training to illiterate women, girls and children.
- * Providing Training facilities for Income generating activity
- *Providing primary healthcare, sanitation and waste management services to the poor.
- * Advocacy on human rights, housing rights and legal rights

PDAP Programs:--

Group formation:

PDAP believes that, when people are informed and empowered, they can improve their own socio-economic conditions. To empower them they need to be brought into a group setting through which their consciousness can be awakened and create solidarity among them. Weekly meetings and savings are strictly followed.



Education:

PDAP has provided basic education for the poor children, girls and adult women.

Skill development training:

To empower girls and boys in income-generating activities, PDAP emphasizes skill development training courses for girls and boys. The courses are: Tailoring, embroidery, food processing, shopping bag making and block printing.

Primary Health Care:

To provide medical assistance to the poor population, paramedics and health workers are regularly present at PDAP health centers. PDAP provides preventive and curative services through experienced health workers. It provides health and nutrition education to people in the community.

• Providing antenatal and postnatal care to vaccinate all expectant mothers against tetanus.

• Providing essential medicines and vaccines

Climate change and Environment development:

In recent years the rapid degradation of nature and environment has been considered a serious problem worldwide. Bangladesh also has a lot to do to protect nature and environment. Many irrational activities are causing environmental imbalance in Bangladesh. People's awareness about the environment should be increased. PDAP is giving environmental awareness in urban and rural area. PDAP provides slab latrines, deep tube wells and dustbins for improved environment.

PDAP has come forward to help the disaster affected people of Beribandh area in

collaboration with Sognil Bright Foundation, Chittagong. The list was prepared with priority given to the most affected families especially widows, husband deserters, disabled children and women in the post-cyclone period.



We have experience with fire. When a terrible fire broke out in the Arambagh slum. 200 houses were burnt. The slum dwellers lost all their possessions. The fire department arrived and extinguished the fire. But before the fire service arrived, all the assets were burnt.

A study on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) issues has been undertaken by PDAP in 2023, supported by IIED, UK. Survey questionnaires were collected from Beguntilla slum of Mirpur and Kakabor village of Berulia union of Savar upazila.

Advocacy:

PDAP conducted awareness raising sessions for adolescent girls on some issues like dowry, divorce, violence against women, family law, domestic violence, evictions, land and housing rights, women empowerment, disaster management etc. Girls will be able to protect themselves in difficult situations. PDAP has good network with Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP), Disadvantaged Adolescent Working NGO (DAWN) forum, Breaking the Silence (BTS), Huairou Commission (HC), Home Net South Asia (HNSA). PDAP is providing working capital to potential borrowers under the Entrepreneurship Programme. PDAP provides financial support for small projects and commercial enterprises to increase the income of adolescent girls and women.

Implementation, monitoring and reporting

All project activities will be regularly monitored by field staff and supervised by the Project Director. Weekly progress review meetings will be held to assess the actual status and a monthly progress report will be prepared.