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## Acronyms

AC	: Assistant Commissioner
ADB	: Asian Development Bank
BCBI	: Bangladesh Children's Book Initiative
CHT	: Chittagong Hill Tracts
CHTRDP-II	: Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project- second
IP	: Indigenous People
PDC	: Para Development Committee
DPMO	: District Program Management Office
READ	: Reading Enhancement for Advancing Development
GoB	: Government of Bangladesh
UNO	: Upazila Nirbahi Officer
UEO	: Upazila Education Officer
AUEO	: Upazila Assistant Education Officer
URC	: Upazila Resource Center
CBO	: Community Based Organization
VCF	: Village Common Forest
SID	: Sustainable Inclusive Development
UNDP	: United Nation Development Program
KHDC	: Khagrachhari Hill District Council
HAGAC	: Helping Children Growing Age Active Citizen
NCFT	: National Children Task Force
MoWCA	: Women and Children Affairs
SCI	: Save the Children
CHTRC	: Chittagong Hill Tract Regional Council
A2I	: Access to Information

## Message from the Chairperson



Zabarang have overcome the year of 2018 of its endless journey. During 2018, the organization have performed it activities in line with its vision, mission and objective. So, it is our responsibility to share the achievement of Zabarang in 2018. Therefore, this is our pleasure to present the annual report of 2018. This report provides the statement of progresses made by the organization in 2018. The programmatic information covers January to December 2018 and the financial information covers from July 2017 to June 2018. We hope this report will help relevant actors interested on the works of Zabarang.

We have successfully implemented all activities scheduled the reporting year with active participation and supports from all relevant stakeholders.

We are grateful to the public authorities, local administrations and other relevant public actors for continuing their supports to the work of Zabarang.

We are thankful to our donors-partners for continuing their cooperation in carrying out the mission of Zabarang in 2018.

The workforce of Zabarang have sacrificed their time and contributed their knowledge in the entire organizational activities who did not only remain limited to their job responsibilities, but extended their hand to the overall organizational functions in the growth of Zabarang. Zabarang Executive Committee appreciate the contributions of its all level of staff members.

We expect continued support from all our donor-partners, government bodies, civic actors, grassroots communities etc.

Chandra Kishore Tripura

## **Basic Information of Zabarang**

Zabarang Kalyan Samity (ZABARANG) is the organization standing at the forefront of community development at the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The organization was founded in 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1995 at Khagrapur village of Sadar Upazila under Khagrachhari Hill District by progressive-minded citizens. ZABARANG has come a long way from its modest beginnings, to an unprecedented track record of significant achievements in the last 23 years after its establishment.

## **Our Legal Status**

Zabarang was registered with the Department of the Social Services and NGO Affairs Bureau, Government of Bangladesh bearing registration Nos:

- a) Directorate of Social Service registration no- Khagra-122/97, date- 29/07/1997
- b) Foreign Donation registration no-1461 date- 27/12/1999, latest renewal date- 04/12/2014

## **What We Want To See**

An educated society that is poverty-free, equal in justice, capable in activities, secure and empowered in every stage of life.

## **What Is Our Mission**

The mission of the Zabarang is to work for poor people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in achieving education for all, empowering communities, influencing local, national and international policies by providing technical and financial support and advocacy to realize their basic rights.

## **What Our Sectoral Expertise are**

- Education
- Good Governance and
- Sustainable Livelihood

## **What We Want To Do**

To build a strong citizenry through delivery of basic social services in education and human development

## **What Values We Share**

- Commitment to 'People First, People Last'
- Respect for Human Life and Dignity
- Dedication to Work
- Inspiration to Others
- Openness to Change

## **What Our Sectoral Goals Are**

- Contribute in achieving quality education for all;
- Contribute in ensuring pro-people governance system from the grassroots level up to the policy level; and,
- Contribute in achieving well-being of the grassroots communities through providing all possible technical and monetary supports and advocacy assistance to the target beneficiaries.



## **What Our Sector-Specific Objectives for each Goal are:**

### **Goal 1: Contribute in achieving of quality education for all;**

#### **Objectives of education sector:**

- 1 Ensure primary education for all children living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts;
- 2 Conduct research and advocacy activities on the issues of education in the region and the country;
- 3 Increase awareness of communities on the importance of education in terms of democracy and fundamental rights;
- 4 Provide non-formal and formal primary education, mother tongue based multilingual education, adolescent education, adult education and livelihood-based education;
- 5 Conduct advocacy through intense lobbying for sustainable, cultural-sensitive, livelihood based and pro-people policy frameworks and effective program interventions in education sector;
- 6 Participate at the implementation process of policy and strategies of the government with regards to the education sector.

### **Goal 2: Contribute in ensuring pro-people governance system from the grassroots level up to the policy level;**

#### **Objectives of good governance sector:**

- 2 Conduct policy research and facilitate the communities in their advocacy works;
- 3 Provide technical support to the grassroots communities to raise their voice at the policy level;
- 4 Conduct advocacy and lobby works for pro-people and bottom-up policy frameworks and effective program interventions in favour of the grassroots communities of the region and the country;
- 5 Provide support to grassroots communities with institutional basis through capacity enhancement interventions, awareness raising, training and monetary assistance;
- 6 Create linkages between the service providers and service recipients through a gradual institutional capacity building initiatives starting from the grassroots level up to the servicing providing and policy making level;
- 7 Provide support system to the grassroots communities to develop active citizens in the region so that the community members can resolve emerging problems in their own communities through a collective decision making process.

### **Goal 3: Contribute in achieving well-being of the grassroots communities by providing all possible technical and monetary supports and advocacy assistance to the target beneficiaries.**

#### **Objectives of sustainable livelihood sector:**

- 3.1 Ensure primary health care, family welfare, water and sanitation and such other measures for the mass base of the population in order to attain a healthy living pattern.
- 3.2 Foster a basis for sustainable human development that shall include a comprehensive social upliftment for the entire peripheral communities.
- 3.3 Introduce modern agricultural technology in order to create income opportunities for the down-trodden jumia families including the landless rural poor.
- 3.4 Pave ways for local youth towards self-employment through micro-enterprise ventures.
- 3.5 Work intensely to retain and preserve the age-old indigenous knowledge, culture and wisdom.
- 3.6 Help contain the region's environmental degradation and invest efforts to sustain its balance.

## Project Activities in 2018

### CHTRDP-II

### Second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Program

To help increase rural household incomes in CHT subproject areas, in July 2011, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development. The Project aims to increase in average annual household income and increase income generating opportunities for men and women in subproject areas. ADB's South Asia Department, which focuses on sustainable infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, human development, regional cooperation and integration, public-private partnership, and good governance. Zabarang is a local NGO is involved in the mobilization of the grassroots communities, facilitating implementation of project activities and where relevant, in technical backstopping.

**Duration:** December 2013 to December 2018.

**Donor:** Government of Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank (Consortium)

Secretariat: Trinamul Unnyan Sangstha

**Project Areas:** Laxmichari, Manikchari and Ramghor Upazila of Khagrachari District (Worked in total 43 Villages).

**Project Goals:** To contribute to a reduction in the incidence of poverty in CHT and provide suitable implementation arrangements to underpin the CHT Accord and strengthen key institution to help meet their mandated role.

**Project Objective:** To increase employment and income generating opportunities for the population through community participatory subproject development outputs including:

1. Selective rural access
2. Small-scale water resources interventions,
3. Watershed management,
4. Community infrastructure, and
5. Promotion of small agri-business opportunities

**Expected outcomes:**

1. Measurable increased economic opportunities for rural poor, especially women and vulnerable groups in IP communities; and
2. Improved watershed conditions, especially soil erosion and water conservation that will underpin the investments made in water and land improvements, ultimately contributing in lower sedimentation rate of Kaptai reservoir with ensuring economic returns.

**Total budget: BDT 51, 72,384/- (December 2013- December 2018).**

**Budget of the running Year 2018: BDT 8, 82,184/-**

**Achievements in 2018**

- ❖ PDC meeting with beneficiaries 24( Male-215, Female-130 and Total=345, Manikchari Upazila-7, Laxmichari Upazila- 10, Ramghor Upazila-7)
- ❖ Field visit with DPMO Engineers conducted 1 (Cenguli Para in Ramghor Upazila)
- ❖ Project Maintenance Committee formed 8 (Laxmichari Upazila-2, Manikchari Upazila-2, Ramghor Upazila- 4)
- ❖ Follow up meeting on the decisions of PDC's conducted 14 (Laxmichari-8, Manikchari-3, Ramghor Upazila-3).



**Dewan Para, Laxmichari Upazila: ADB official visit to project activities**

## CHTRDP Intervention changing the socio-economic conditions of Lachari Para

Lachari Para is situated under the Ramgorh Sadar Union of Rangorh Upazila under the Khagrachhari Hill District. The distances' from the Ramgorh Upazila town to Lachari Para is about 26 kilometers and from Khagrachhari District Town Lachari Para is about 80 kilometers. The location of the para is near the international border in between Bangladesh and India (Tripura state). The area of the Para is about 200 acre. There is total 76 household in the Para including 10 woman lead household. All of the residence of the Para is Marma community. According to the survey report in 2018 under the project of the para, total population is 304 including male 154 and female 150. The number of the solvent family are 6, poor family is 25 and ultra-poor family is 46.

The major problem of the Para was poor communication infrastructure, lack safe drinking water access, lack of irrigation facilities and agricultural instrument for modern cultivation. Due to poor communication infrastructure the para people cannot take and bring different goods easily. Due to lack of safe water access the residence of the para always face different type of water borne diseases such as skin disease, diarrhea, hepatitis, cholera and others. Due to lack of irrigation and modern agricultural equipment they cannot cultivate their land properly. A woman of the Para Ms. Rumra Marma said, "Lack of safe water access is a major problem of our para. Due to that we are facing different type of disease

In the above situation, the Para was selected under the CHTRDP-II project. After that, there are arranged need assessment against the problem of para people. According to the decision of para people, there are installed 4 shallow tub wells, 500 miters road are constructed with brick soling, 434 miters irrigation drain, 1 Pump Machine and 1 Water Pump Machine.

After the above project activities, the Para people can now take and bring different types of goods easily. They are also now able to move from their Para to other places easily with vehicle. They are also getting safe water from the tub-wells. They are also able to cultivate their fellow land due irrigation access and pump machine.

As a result, earning opportunity is created, water borne diseases are also reduced and the coverage of cultivation is also increase





accordingly. A residence of Lachari Para Mr. Chuthuwai Marma said, “Due to development of road with brick soling we are now can take our agricultural products to the market easily. The rural businessmen are also now coming to collect different type agricultural product from us due rood access.” Other one villager Mr. Thuimong Marma said, “The irrigation drain is contributing to cultivate our land. Before the drain construction we cannot cultivate our land more than once in a year but now we can cultivate for 2 or 3 times in a year. As a result our production is now increased.” A woman of the Para Ms. Rumra Marma said, “Due to installation of tube-well we are now getting safe water from the tube well. As a result, different type water borne diseases are also decrease from the para people.”

In this above circumstances, we see that the intervention of CHTRDP II project is making positive change of Lachari Para people. Their now very happy about the project activities. In fact, if such type project is really help para people to bring a positive change in urgent for them.

#### **Different scenario before and after implementation of CHTRDP II project in Lachari Para, Ramgorh**



Before the project, safe water access



After the project, safe water access



Before the project



After the project

## Bangladesh Children's Book Initiative (BCBI)

Zabarang implemented READ (Reading Enhancement for Advancing Development) project during August 2014 to December 2017. The project focused to improve early grade reading competence. Bangladesh Children's Book Initiative was a new component of READ. We know learning to read affects all aspects to Children's education. By ensuring a strong foundation at the beginning of schools, the expectation is that a higher proportion of students will hopefully complete school with solid primary school skills such as literacy. BCBI helps the government education policy especially achieving quality education. In today's world, literacy is the acute life skill of human.

**Objectives:** Increased reading competencies among grade 1-3 students in BCBI supported schools in selected Upazills. Through this project Multilingual and Bi-lingual books, print rich materials develop and distribute among the selected schools.

**Donor:** Save the Children International, Bangladesh.

**Duration:** January 2018 to December 2018.

**Project Location:** Mohalchari, Laxmichari, Ramghor and Manikchari Upazila of Khagrachari Hill District.

**Numbers of coverage schools:** Ramghor Upazila-13, Manikchari Upazila-14, Laxmichari 10, Mohalchari Upazila-14,

**Budget in 2018:** 27, 31,214/-

**Project Staff:** Male-4, female-0, total-4, Language Volunteer: Male-10 Female-5, Total=15;

### Beneficiaries:

- Students 3502 (Boy-1605, Girls-1897)
- Parent: 2519 (Female 1773, Male 746)
- School Leaders: 455 (Male- 265, Femal-190)
- Teachers: 102 (Male-54, Female—48)

### Achievements in 2018:

- Conducted 39 meeting with schools leaders and teachers. During these meetings participants were present GoB Officials: Male-13 Female-5, Total-18;
- **Parent Orientation:** 54 Parent orientation session conducted at 51 govt. primary schools during the reporting period. A total 2519 parents (F 1773, M 7461) attended in the orientation. Parents were oriented on importance of reading, demand creation of bilingual books, roles of parent in creating of learning environment at home and gender equality in reading at home through the said event.
- **Reading Festival:** 51 Events of Reading Festival had been conducted during the reporting period. These were held on 14 events in Manikchari Upazila, 14events Mohalchari Upazila, 13 events in Ramgar Upazila and 10 events in Laxmichari Upazila where took part 3502 (Boy-1605, Girl-1897) Students of G1, G2 and G3 from 15 project schools. We had been given prizes among the student who took part in the Reading festival. The prizes

were big size khata for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Pencil box for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, small size khata for 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and pen for all who participated.

- **Books distribution ceremony:** BCBI team organized 4 book distribution ceremony in 4 upazila during the reporting period. It was organized on 14 and 16 August in Manikchari & Ramgarh and Mohalchari & Laxmichari upazila accordingly. Md. Jahid Iqbal, UNO was chief guest chaired by Mathura Bikash Tripura, Executive Director, ZKS at book distribution ceremony in Laxmichari upazila. Rubayet Afroze, AC-Land, Representative of UNO was chief guest at the said ceremony in Manikchari upazila. 51 Head Teachers from 51 project schools of 4 upazila received 9 title of Bilingual Books accordingly through this book distribution ceremony. Among the 9 title 6084 books were Chakma & Bangla, 4752 books were Marma & Bangla and 3744 books were Kokborok & Bangla;
- **Teachers Training on peer learning and Books use:** Total 4 batches of Teacher Training on Peer Learning and Book Use had been conducted by the BCBI team during the reporting period. This training was held on 16, 28, 29 August and 6 September in Ramgarh, Manikchari, Mohalchari and Laxmichari upazila accordingly. Upazila Education Officer (UEO) of 4 upazilas inaugurated the training. AUEO, Instructor-URC and Project Officer of Save the Children were facilitators of the said training. Peer Learning Circle, Peer Supporting Network, Level of Collaboration were topics of the training. 102 Teachers (m-54 & f-48) from 4 Upazilas received the training;
- **Refreshers Training to Teachers- Gender Focused:** 4 Batches of Refresher Training to Teachers-Gender Focused had been conducted by the BCBI team during the reporting period. These training were held on 12, 13, 20 and 26 September in Laxmichari upazila, Ramgarh upazila, Mohalchari upazila and Manikchari upazila. Upazila Education Officer (UEO) of 4 upazilas inaugurated the training. AUEO, Instructor-URC and Project Officer of Save the Children were facilitators of the said training. Gender, Gender friendly classroom, Gender friendly environment in reading at home were topics of the training. 98 Teachers (m-53 & f-45) from 51 project schools received the training;
- **Ethnic Script Teaching:** Total 228 classes on ethnic script had been conducted by the CBO's of Chakma, Marma and Tripura community during the reporting period. 144 Classes were on Chakma script, 60 classes were on Marma script and 24 class was on Tripura script out of 228 classes in Mohalchari upazila.
- **Local Level Advocacy workshop:** A local level advocacy meeting had been organized on the date of 13 December 2018 where attended as chief guest by Khagrachari Hill District Chairman namely Konjory Chowdhury and special guest by Member of KHDC namely Juwel Chakma and Special Guest Assistant District Primary Education Officer Md. Abdul Hai. The participants were Upazila Education Officer (UEO-Male-3) from Laxmichari, Manikchari, Ramgar, Upazila Instructors (Male-4) from Mohalchari, Manikchari, Laxmichari, Ramgar, Assistant Upazila Education Officer (Male-6, female-1) from Mohalchari, Manikchari, Laxmichari, Ramgar, Head teachers (Male-4, Female-1) and one female assistant teacher from Mohalchari, Manikchari, Laxmichari, Ramgar, and SMC chairperson (Male-3, female-1) from Mohalchari, Manikchari, Laxmichari, Ramgar and representative from publishers (male-2).

## Photograph of Bangladesh Children's Book Initiative (BCBI)





# Community Initiatives for Protecting VCF in Khagrachhari District

**Name of Project:** Community Initiatives for Protecting VCF in Khagrachhari District

**Donor:** SID-CHT, UNDP

**Project Duration:** December 2017 to June 2019

**Project Area:** Laxmichari, Guimara, Matiranga, Mohalchari, Khagrachari Sadar and Dighinala Upazila of Khagrachari District

**Budget in 2018:** 4249835

**Human Resources:** Male- 4, Female-1

**Number of Beneficiaries:** 15 VCFs and 29 Para (s) as catchment areas of 15 VCFs. 1345 H.H and total population 6,725

**Project Goal and Objectives:**

**Project Goal:** the goal of the project is to Protect 15 Village Common Forests of Khagrachhari District

**Purpose of the project:** The capacity of VCF dependent communities strengthened to conserve the Village Common Forest (VCF) and its resources for sustainable development

**Project Activities:**

- Situation Analysis and Resource Mapping on VCF Status
- VCF management committee formation/reformation
- Boundary demarcation meeting
- Bimonthly meeting for VCF management committee at VCF level
- Observe International Day on Bio-diversity
- Observe World Environment Day
- Training on GPS operating system for the field staff
- VCF Mapping through GPS Coordination
- Pillar Installation in the 15 VCF boundaries
- Display Board with Location and area information
- Awareness raising training on Climate Change and Preparedness to Disaster Management
- Training on Women Participation in decision making process
- Financial Management Training for VCF committee leaders
- VCF Management Plan Formulation workshop
- Training on Participatory Monitoring and evaluation process
- Quarterly Meeting with KHD VCF Network
- Financial management and organizational development training for VCF network leaders
- Training on Climate Change and Preparedness to Disaster Management (2 days)
- Exposure visit outside district for VCF network leaders
- Meeting with KHDC chairman
- Meeting with Mong Circle Chief
- Print IEC Materials (Poster, Sticker)
- Project End Publication

**Achievement in 2018:**

- Situation Analysis and Resource Mapping on VCF Status- 15 out of targeted 15 VCFs;
- VCF management committee formation/reformation- 14 out of targeted 15 VCFs;
- Boundary demarcation meeting- 13 out of targeted 15 VCFs;
- Bimonthly meeting for VCF management committee at VCF level- 37 number of meeting out of targeted 45 meeting;
- Observe International Day on Bio-diversity- 1 out of targeted 1 day observation;
- Observe World Environment Day- 1 out of targeted 1 day observation;
- Training on GPS operating system for the field staff- the training had been arranged and two field staff from ZKS attended the training;
- VCF Mapping through GPS Coordination- 12 out of targeted 15 VCFs;
- Pillar Installation in the 15 VCF boundaries- 15 out of targeted 15 VCFs;
- Display Board with Location and area information- 15 out of targeted 15 signboards;
- Awareness raising training on Climate Change and Preparedness to Disaster Management- 38 out of targeted 45 sessions ( Male-624, female-542);
- Financial Management Training for VCF committee leaders- 2 out of targeted 2 batches ( Male 31 and female 11);
- VCF Management Plan Formulation workshop- 15 out of targeted 15 VCF management plans;
- Training on Participatory Monitoring and evaluation process- 1 out of 2 batches ( Male-12, female-10);
- Quarterly Meeting with KHD VCF Network- 4 out of targeted 6 meetings;
- Training on Climate Change and Preparedness to Disaster Management (2 days)- 1 out of 1 batch (Male-20, female-6).



VCF situation analysis & baseline survey meeting,  
Ultachari Bihar Para



Training for women on adaptation strategy of climate  
change in Kamalchari, Khagrachhari Sadar

## Challenge overcome by VCF management committee through bi-monthly meeting

**Introduction:** Baghaichari Rabichandra Karbari Para is a small village in Babuchara Union under Dighinala Upazila of Khagrachari Hill District. It is an old village where Chakma communities have been living for decades. Most of the Para people are poor and live hand to mouth. There are around 62 households in this Para.

**Description:** The Para people have been managing this VCF since 1965. They had no written by-laws or any policy so far. But they had some oral rules for managing the VCFs. Thus they have been managing this VCF from the very beginning. They had no written approval of concerned headman as well, just the headman knew that, the Para people have been managing a VCF which are is around 50 acres.



In the meantime Zabarang Kalyan Samity has started to implement a project namely “Community Initiatives for Protecting VCF in Khagrachari District” which is funded by SID-CHT, UNDP. Fortunately, Baghaichari Rabichandra Karbari Para VCF has been included in the project. As part of this project some community mobilization activities have been undertaken such as, boundary demarcation meeting, bi-monthly meeting, and VCF management plan formulation workshop and so on.

They have also been shared about CHT VCF Network which objective is to work for the greater interest of VCF across the CHT in order to protect those VCF from degradation. Knowing the objectives of the CHT VCF Network, they became interested to be member of the network. One of the major criteria to take membership of network, the VCF should have written approval from concerned headman. But, they had no written approval.

To take written approval from headman they tried several times. But the headman didn’t approve as he was angry with them for some misunderstandings. In the meeting they discussed about this issue and decided to approach again to the headman. Accordingly, they approached again to take approval.

Finally, the anger of the headman has been reduced and headman was convinced to give approval.

**Conclusion:** In fine it can be told that, combined effort can be a way to resolve any kind of problem. It was proved in regards of Rabichandra Karbari Para VCF case.

# Helping Children Growing As Active Citizens

## *A child-led monitoring and reporting mechanism of child rights situation*

“Helping Children Growing As Active Citizen (HAGAC)” is a unique child-led monitoring and reporting mechanism on child rights situation of Bangladesh. It aims to involve children of various backgrounds at partners in the monitoring and reporting of situation of children in the country according to the UNCRC Concluding observations. The children involved as researchers throughout the information gathering and report drafting process. HAGAC project is running through existing National Children Task Force (NCTF), a child-led organization that was established by the ministry of Women and children’s Affairs (MoWCA) to monitor the progress in implementing the National Plan of Action (NPA) against sexual abuse and exploitation, including trafficking against children.

### **Goal of the project:**

- To improve the realization of child rights in Bangladesh by promoting greater participation of children in monitoring and reporting processes;
- To promote child rights through active children participation at local and national level.

### **Objectives:**

- To increase awareness about the rights for Socially excluded children’s groups isolated;
- To make awareness about the bad impacts on early marriage.

**Project area** : Paltanjoy Para, Perachhara Union, Khagrachhari Sadar Upazila, Khagrachhari ;  
**Beneficiaries** : 30 children (Age limit from 12 years to below 18)  
**Donor** : Plan Bangladesh  
**Budget** : BDT 7,885.00

### **Achievements in 2018:**

- Data collection on Child rights Violation;
- Four Focus Group Discussion with civil society;
- Conducted a serial number of group meeting;
- Awareness session about bad effect of corporal punishment and bad effect of early marriage.





## Onuprerona Book Challenge Project

Zabarang has been implementing the “Onuprerona Book Challenge Project” under the support of Save the Children. The objective of the project is for ensuring children’s access to high quality mother tongue based story books and enabling community writer to create story books with the support of Bloom Software. Through the Onuprerona Book Challenge Project, Save the Children will provide training and support local writers, teachers and schools will have the skill, knowledge and confidence to develop books in support of literacy acquisition and retention by their students, thereby ensuring that children learn to read in order to read to learn, securing the foundation for future learning outcomes. SCI will also produce high quality, age appropriate children’s books (in mother tongue), which we will then provide to schools and Finally Onuprerona project will support government to ensure mother tongue based multilingual education and Bangla for indigenous children in Bangladesh. ZKS is responsible assist SCI in all activities of book development process and to arrange parent awareness session about the developed books with the community of project schools as well as to arrange reading festival in the project schools and the working Upazila.

**Name of project:** Onuprerona Book Challenge Project;

**Donor:** Save the Children;

**Project duration (start-end):** May 1, 2018 to August 14, 2019 (According to existing agreement paper);

**Project area:** Khagrachhari Sadar Upazila and Dighinala Upazila of Khagrachhari District;

**Project budget:** Total BDT 5,491,037.00

**Budget in 2018:** BDT 2,534,144.00

**Human resource (male-female-girls-boys):** 4 (Male 3 and Female 1);

**Number of beneficiaries (with segregated data like male-female-girls-boys-SMC-MG-PTA etc.):** Students – 5,810 (About 50% Girls), SMC 1100 (Including about 30% women); Parents 6000 (About 80% women);

**Project goal and objectives:** Ensuring children’s access to high quality mother tongue based story books and enabling community writer to create story books with the support of Bloom Software.

### **Key activities of the project:**

- Assisting SCI in all activities of book development process such as collecting interested applicant for the training on book development process using bloom software;
- Assisting in organizing book development workshop, book review workshop and arranging award giving ceremony for writer;
- To arrange 100 parent awareness session about the developed books in 100 selected primary schools;
- To arrange reading festival in the 100 selected primary schools under the project;
- To arrange 2 Upazila based reading festival in working upazila.

### **Achievements in 2018:**

- Rapport building with DPEO office, Upazila Primary Education Office of Khagrachhari and Dighinala Upazila;
- Participation in project orientation workshop organized by Save the Children;

- 100 schools selection (Khagrachari Sadar 50 and Dighinala 50) for project activities;
- Organize 25 Parent awareness session in 25 schools (per school 1 awareness session) about mother tongue based SRM books;
- Organized 26 reading festival at 26 Government Primary Schools (1 school 1 festival);
- Assist in organizing of 2 book development workshops on Chakma and Kokborok (Tripura) language for local 50 writers (Chakma 25 and Tripura 25);
- Assist in organizing of 1 book review workshop on Chakma and Kokborok language in participation of the delegates of Chittagong Hill Tract Regional Council (CHTRC), Khagrachhari Hill District Council, Cultural Institute, A2I, Chakma Language Council and Kokborok Research Institute (KRI);



Parent Awareness Session on bloom books, Chappa Para, Dighinala



Reading Festival at Kumardan Para Government Primary School, Khagrachhari Sadar

## Asha Prio Tripura is an idol to use the bloom books and develop new books using bloom software



“According to demand and requirement of teaching I have developed my books. I have printed the books and also I have given my student to read it. The students like the books very much.”  
“I have got the inspiration and technical idea to do these from the Onuprerona project”

Mr. Asha Prio Tripura is a Head Teacher of a Government Primary School. He is now working as a head teacher in Khagrapur Government Primary School. The school is situated under the Khagrachari municipal of Khagrachari District. Most of the students of school are Tripura Community.

Mr. Asha Prio Tripura always interest to make access for the students about mother tongue based primary education. He observed that, most of the indigenous students could not understand the lesson of books in primary education. The reason is, most of the students do not understand the language of teaching activities. He said, “As a government rule, we need to teach all of the students in Bangla. But most of the Tripura students or a Marma students do not understand Bangla in the class especially in early stage of primary education. As a result, most of the indigenous students fall in difficulties to understand the lesson. So, they could not enjoy the lesson in childhood spontaneously” Due to the above condition, he always intend to teach them in mother tongue. But he did not able to implement his thinking due to lack of government decision and lack of textbook in kokborok before.

However, in 2018 he received kokborok textbook for grade 1 but he could not start the kokborok class due to lack of proper instruction from the office. He observed that, he needs supplement reading material in kokborok to gear-up the mother tongue based education but he had no mother tongue based supplement reading materials.

In this situation, he got the opportunity to participate in the book development workshop using bloom software under Onuprerona Project at the end of 2018. In the workshop he learnt how to develop different types of kokborok books for children within short time and with low cost. After the workshop, Onuprerona project team also inspired him to start mother tongue based primary education in full-swing from 2019. As a result, he started mother tongue based primary education in kokborok from grade 1. To ensure proper teaching, he was given 15 items of Onuprerona books of kokborok. Besides, Mr. Asha Priya Tripura has developed near about 10 items of books (Kokborok rhyme, story, work book, picture dictionary and chart). All items of books he has printed and he is using the books as supplementary reading material in the class. He said, “According to demand and requirement of teaching I have developed my books. I have printed the books and also I have given my student to read it. The students like the books very much.” “I have got the inspiration and technical idea to do these from the Onuprerona project” he added.

The above activities of Asha Prio Tripura is an impact of Onuprerona Project. The result will influence to other to do such type activities in future. Therefore, it is a strategic achievement of Onuprerona Project to make sustainability of its activities in future.

## Our Competent Staff: The Pride of ZABARANG

At present Zabarang has **26** staff members (Male-20, Female-6) involved in the entire organizational activities.

Sector/ Project	M	F	Total
General	1	2	3
CHTRDP-ii	3	0	3
CIP-VCF	4	0	4
BGD Onuprerona Book Challenge	3	1	4
Helping Children Growing as Active Citizen	1	0	1
SETU-MLE	7	3	10
Volunteer	01	00	01
Total	20	6	26

Apart from the staff members, some are highly qualified, trained with varied expertise in many development issues especially on the issues of education, child rights, women rights, climate change, WASH, development concepts, training, capacity building, financial and organizational management system, leadership skills and the like.

## Our Management Team

The present Management Team (SMT) of Zabarang consists of a group of skilled, experienced and dedicated peoples as follows-

**Mathura Bikash Tripura:** Executive Director

**Binodan Tripura:** Programme Coordinator

**Popi Tripura:** Resource Coordinator,

**Dayananda Tripura:** Project Coordinator- Onuprerona Project

**Riten Taluder:** Project Coordinator, VCF-Net Project,

**Dhaneswar Tripura:** Administrative Officer (Additional in-charge),



## Our Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the governing body of the organization. Its main responsibilities are to formulate necessary policies and provide policy directions to the operational sections in order to realize the organizational goals and objectives. As a part of their responsibilities they also oversee internal control system and accountability and transparency of the organization in order to make sure that resources are used appropriately to benefit all those it is intended to help. This includes:

- Meet once in three months;
- Deliberate and approve the annual program budgetary requirements;
- Approve the organization's human resources and financial policies, including delegated authority;
- Review quarterly and annual financial reports, including budget monitoring, cashflow and the balance sheet through designated officials;
- Monitor progress in generating funds to ensure that the organization has adequate resources to carry out its objectives;
- Review and approve the audited financial statements;
- Ensure accountability and transparency.



### Present Executive Committee of Zabarang

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Chandra Kishore Tripura (Mr.) | Chairperson                            |
| 2. Shefalika Tripura (Ms.)       | Vice-Chairperson                       |
| 3. Mathura Bikash Tripura (Mr.)  | General Secretary (Executive Director) |
| 4. Suiching Aung Marma (Mr.)     | Asst. General Secretary                |
| 5. Sucharita Tripura (Ms.)       | Finance Secretary                      |
| 6. Ad. Anupam Chakma (Mr.)       | Executive Member                       |
| 7. Padma Devi Tripura (Ms.)      | Executive Member                       |

# Zabarang Audit Report 2018

(Fiscal year: July 2017 to June 2018)

Anisur Rahman & Co  
Chartered Accountants

## ZABARANG KALYAN SAMITY (ZKS) Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2018

	Note	Amounts in Taka	
		30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	3	3,450,141	3,886,684
Fixed deposit		-	500,000
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>3,450,141</b>	<b>4,386,684</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivable from other project	4	4,335,034	5,148,559
Loan to staffs	5	198,715	148,715
Cash & cash equivalents	6	821,505	2,059,533
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>5,355,254</b>	<b>7,356,807</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,805,395</b>	<b>11,743,490</b>
<b>Fund and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Fund &amp; reserves</b>			
Capital fund	7	8,535,714	10,746,519
<b>Total fund &amp; reserve</b>		<b>8,535,714</b>	<b>10,746,519</b>
<b>Non current Liabilities</b>			
Bank loan		-	-
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Loan from ED	8	173,941	6,441
Payable to other project	9	82,980	950,530
Provision for audit fee		-	40,000
Advance Account		12,760	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>269,681</b>	<b>996,971</b>
<b>Total fund &amp; liability</b>		<b>8,805,395</b>	<b>11,743,490</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements and are to be read in conjunction therewith.

  
Coordinator, Admin & Finance

  
Executive Director

Signed in terms of our separate report of even date annexed.

Dated, Dhaka;  
Dated: 28 February 2019

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Chartered Accountants



**ZABARANG KALYAN SAMITY (ZKS)**  
**Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2018**

	Note	Amounts in Taka	
		30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Income</b>			
Grants income	10	31,672,848	32,242,687
Administrative cost received from projects	11	769,092	2,297,025
Onuiprerona Project Recruitment		6,000	
General Members Fee		5,420	
Book Fair		-	
Bank interest		1,432	
FDR interest		271,150	7,923
<b>Total income</b>		<b>32,725,942</b>	<b>34,547,635</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff salary-administrative	12	2,544,348	2,629,789
Staff salary-programme	13	6,854,850	10,694,067
Administrative and other cost	14	1,873,347	1,478,241
Training/Conference to staff/Communities/stakeholders	15	1,408,891	1,919,088
Workshop and exchange visit	16	1,698,330	2,105,652
Monitoring visits to communities	17	34,490	109,251
Support to communities/Schools/HHs	18	318,487	3,076,587
Meeting - Stakeholder/Staff	19	1,083,793	545,003
Day observation	20	91,890	26,817
Travelling allowance	21	1,039,129	1,538,192
Daily allowance	22	82,500	-
Fund transferred to projects	23	14,504,355	7,650,095
Fund refund to donors		-	-
Paid to other project		-	12,760
Depreciation		512,303	-
Audit fee		248,261	100,000
Expenditure of sub-partner TAUNGYA and Humanitarian Foundation	Annex-D	2,513,410	2,536,359
Remuneration for 3 experts of three languages		-	58,500
Bank charge		3,975	3,000
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>34,812,358</b>	<b>34,483,401</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) transferred to capital fund		(2,086,416)	64,234
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,725,942</b>	<b>34,547,635</b>

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**ZABARANG KALYAN SAMITY (ZKS)**  
**Consolidated Statement of Receipts & Payments**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2018**

	Notes	Amounts in Taka	
		30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>Opening balance</b>			
Cash in hand		11,093	14,083
Cash at bank		2,048,440	4,495,802
		<b>2,059,533</b>	<b>4,509,885</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Fund received from donors	10	31,672,848	32,242,687
Loan received from ED	8	396,712	-
Bank interest		1,432	7,923
FDR Interest		271,150	-
Administrative cost received from projects	11	769,092	2,297,025
Loan realized from projects	24	2,688,568	828,194
Loan realized from staffs	25	-	7,055
FDR Encashment		500,000	-
Onuiprerona Project Recruitment		6,000	-
General Members Fee		5,420	-
Advance Account		25,960	122,400
Loan received from General Fund		981,847	1,579,000
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>37,319,029</b>	<b>37,084,284</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,378,562</b>	<b>41,594,169</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Staff salary-administrative	12	2,544,348	2,629,789
Staff salary-programme	13	6,854,850	10,694,067
Administrative and other cost	14	1,873,347	1,478,241
Assets/Logistics:furniture/fixture/equipment	26	158,150	337,823
Training/Conference to staff/Communities/stakeholders	15	1,408,891	1,919,088
Workshop and Exchange visit	16	1,698,330	2,105,652
Monitoring Visits to communities	17	34,490	109,251
Support to Communities/Schools/HHS	18	318,487	3,076,587
Meeting -Stakeholder/Staff	19	1,083,793	545,003
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Expenditure of sub-partner TAUNGYA and Humanitarian Foundation	Annex-D	2,513,410	2,536,359
Fund transferred to Projects	23	14,504,355	7,650,095
Loan to Projects	27	1,853,593	2,859,417
Loan to staff	28	50,000	3,000
Loan refund to GF		1,912,847	940,300
Fund refund to ED	8	229,212	-
Audit fee		288,261	60,000
Unspend fund transfer to GF		-	950,695
Bank charge		3,975	3,000
Remuneration for 3 experts of three languages		-	58,500
Paid to other project		-	12,760
Advanced a/c		13,200	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>38,557,057</b>	<b>39,534,636</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>			
Cash in hand		2,884	11,093
Cash at bank		818,621	2,048,440
		<b>821,505</b>	<b>2,059,533</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,378,562</b>	<b>41,594,169</b>

  
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