

Project title: Combat Gender based violence during pregnancy funded by BNF

Summary:

The project aims to protect the rights of women who are at risk of or are experiencing GBV with specific focus on pregnant women.

FPAB Khulna branch have been working from 2009 to till on combat gender based violence during pregnancy project funded by Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF). The project worked on GBV during pregnancy at the grassroots level. Branch has provided screening, medicine support, legal support though referral to 1200 pregnant women who are the victim of violence, 1300 (thirteen hundred) taka to 200 women in each two years. Also provided training to 57 RHPs and 20 Branch staff on GBV and SGBV. Project created awareness against GBV in project area is one of the most significant activities of the project. The new faces of the project will be from 2014-2016

Justification and background:

FPAB is the leading organization in the sexual and reproductive health field in Bangladesh. Organization have extensive service delivery networks that provide leverage for a high level of influence among both civil society and policy makers and parliamentarians, along with experience of successful integrated advocacy programs and a volunteer structure with high level contacts.

In addition, IPPF provides further leverage to raise the issue at a regional and international level and access to an unrivalled network of expertise and experience. FPAB have an established history of providing strong local level leadership and collaborative partnerships at the national level. Moreover, the FPAB's capacity and ability to actively engage with a range of grassroots civil society groups through its extensive network of health centres, clinics and community outreach programs provides further added value. to address GBV because of the frequency with which women use SRH services. However, the experience of the FPAB has shown that frontline health care professionals (RHP) are unable to respond appropriately to this highly sensitive area for a number of complex reasons. On a professional level, although frontline staff is often aware of the widespread problem of GBV and its traumatic effect on women who are pregnant, they are nonetheless unaware of the grave risks of violence on women's health because of a lack of appropriate professional training. Advocacy against GBV has been commonly addressed through a number of women's empowerment initiatives implemented by FPAB.

GOAL:

To reduce the incidence of GBV during pregnancy at the grass roots level (at Khulna district)

Objective :

1. To increase awareness on combat gender based violence during pregnancy.
2. To provide free medical support to 1200 pregnant women.
3. To provide 1300 (One thousand three hundred) taka donation to 100 pregnant women per year.

Implementing Areas: The project is being implemented in Khulna district under five upazillas.

Activities :

1. Awareness raising session
2. Screening on GBV
3. Skill development training to RHP and staff
4. Satellite camp and medical support
5. Provide 1300 (One thousand three hundred) taka donation to 200 pregnant women.
6. Monitoring and supervision visit