



# Community Action for Child Protection from Violence (CACPV)

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Website : <http://cacpv.info>

## **Preamble**

The project actions endeavour to contribute to eliminate violence against children (VAC) in the key areas like family, educational institutions, community level, public place, workplace and in adolescent development centre and orphanage by allowing significant duty bearers to understand, distinguish and act to prevent various forms and aspects of violence against children. The project implementation actions are designed around a three-pronged approach for detecting, preventive and or responding to any forms of VAC and rehabilitating victims of violence. Moreover, by changing or strengthening societal and behaviour changes in order to reduce VAC and the project actions will include awareness raising, sensitization, networking and developing capacities of gatekeepers and stakeholders.

The project will be implemented over a period of 36 months. The project will be coordinated through a project secretariat involving persons strategically positioned within the project partners. Besides, different government organizations like Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) Department of Social Welfare, will be involved in project implementation phase.

## **Project Partners:**

- i. Aparajeyo Bangladesh
- ii. BCCP
- iii. BLAST
- iv. JOICFP

## **Project's Aims and Objectives:**

To enhance state and non-state actors capacity and capability to eliminate all forms of violence against children:

1. To strengthen community actions by community people for child protection by developing and make use of multi-formatted communication media tools developed from one common story.

2. To provide legal support and comprehensive rehabilitation package for reintegrating child victims of violence.

### **Project Implementation Areas**

- Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong city corporation areas.

### **Target groups:**

- Adults who behave violently to children (teachers, parents, community people, religious leaders), child victims of violence in the project area.

### **Final Beneficiaries**

17675 children survivors of violence shall get direct benefit through the child friendly spaces. Awareness raising campaign will cover 360,000 people. Teachers, law enforcement agencies, school management committee members of 40 school and madrasah in the project areas will receive training regarding various aspects of Violence against Children (VAC).

### **Main activities**

1. Communication situation analysis and identifying communication elements; multi-formatted communication tools production; capacity building on information senders; training of duty bearers,
2. awareness raising campaign: develop and distribute posters and leaflets; local TV channels and radio announcements; develop and stage theme song, interactive popular theatre; arrange school debate competitions on VAC, music competition for working children formation and promotion of community watch group;
3. identify and provide support to victims of violence through comprehensive rehabilitation centre; providing health service, shelter, education, vocational training, reintegrate into the family and society;
4. Provide legal support to victims of violence, support children in contact with law.

### **Estimated results**

- I. A community based system for child protection is established through social attitudes and behavioral changes.
- II. Improved capacity of implementing partners and other stakeholders to implement VAC activities.

- III. Increased availability of and access for victims of VAC to shelter, medical, psychological, legal support and vocational training and information system for VAC improved and information system for VAC improved.
- IV. Communication tools for child protection is developed and used.

### **Project activities overview:**

Violence against children happens in almost every sphere and sector of the society in Bangladesh at family level, educational institution level and at community level. The main factor that causes violence against children is the inability of duty bearers to understand and recognize children's rights. Family related reasons are: parents are unaware about child rights, poverty, superstition, early marriage of girls, children's opinion are never heeded, discrimination between boys and girls, forced work. School level reasons are: a teacher forces lessons on students and beats them if they fail, discrimination between rich and poor child, school management committee does not function properly, private coaching and politics among teachers etc. At community level often the perpetrators of violence against children are other young (sexual violence).

In order to enable the duty bearers understand various aspects of violence against children, the project has developed comprehensive evidence based communication for development (C4D) tools in a participatory and right based way. C4D involve understanding people, their beliefs and values, the social and cultural norms that shape their lives.

### **Project Inception Ceremony**

On November 16, 2014 FPAB organized CACPV project launching ceremony at FPAB head quarter. Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Advisor to the Honorable Prime Minister was present as chief guest in this occasion. Mr.S.M Mostafa Rashidi Suja, MP and life member of FPAB and Dr Anna Lixi, Head of the Sector Economic Cooperation, Governance and civil Society of the European Commission were present as special guests and delivered speeches.



Prior, Dr. AFM Matiur Rahman the Executive Director of FPAB delivered his address of welcome and described the background of the project. The Executive Director and senior officials of partner organizations, volunteers and media professionals were present in the launching meeting. Professor Khaleda Khanam, President, National Executive Committee Chaired the meeting.

## Raising Awareness at Individual Level

Family members can play an effective role to eliminate violence against children. There are some types of silent violence against children which remains undetected. Moreover a significant portion of children is engaged as domestic child labor. In order to enable family members to detect and prevent various forms of violence against children the project will utilize FPAB's existing RHPs (Reproductive Health Workers) who are very close to family members especially to the female members.



A training manual has been developed for the RHP to conduct family violence risk assessment and management. FPAB organized 3 day Training on family violence risk assessment and management in the project areas (Dhaka, Khulna & Chittagong).



Dhaka



Khulna



Chittagong

## Community Watch Group:

To strengthen community action by community people the project will establish 45 community watch group, 15 in each city corporation during the project period. This group will consist of the members from local government representatives, teachers, local elites, parents and other relevant community gatekeeper. The project has formed 45 community watch groups at Dhaka, Chittagong & Khulna consisting of 15 members in each group. Member of watch group will send their qualitative and quantitative report to centralized database established for the project area. Using their report along with report gathered by media scanning the project will produce shadow report on violence against children for the project area and publish in the website.

## Partnership with 40 schools & madrashas:

The project will carry out some specific activities like debate, music competition in 40 schools & madrashas in the project area and in this regard branch offices already accomplished to sign the MOU with the 40 educational institutions to establish partnership with them. Four hundred teachers from 40 schools in the project area will receive training on child protection issues at educational institutions.

The project will also going to organize local level campaign, colorful rally to observe Children Week where the GO/ NGO officials, elected representative, selected public and private agencies will be invited. Media professionals will be sensitized to make sufficient coverage.

### **Meeting with Parents:**

A half day meeting will be organized with the parents, guardians and caregivers on a regular basis to increase their awareness, draw their support and raise their voice to promote Child Rights and combat VAC. This meeting will assist them to talk and to take proactive role against the underlying factors that contributes to VAC. The meeting with the parents, guardians and care givers will also give emphasis on importance of VAC prevention, and to act as a role model in promoting positive behavior in favor of the child rights and VAC.

### **Code of Conduct and Conduct Assessment:**

To address poorly implemented laws and policies and adjust the procedures and regulations of all institutions involved in victim support and protection activities, an assessment will be conducted under this project. Based on the assessment findings and the common interests and understandings, the Code of Conduct will be developed.

### **Provide health and psychological counseling to children of CFS and safe centers**

The project will provide general health, sexual and reproductive health and psychological services to children of CFS and safe centers at Dhaka and Chittagong. FPAB's medical paramedic and counselor visit each safe centre and shelter home.

- To recapitulate, CACPV project will create community/public/family awareness about all forms of violence against children as well as the spheres of violence against children.
- Will contribute to knowledge about violence against children through awareness raising, sensitization, networking and developing to prevent and detect to any forms of violence against children.
- Will motivate the community people to prevent and rehabilitate the vulnerable children from any forms of violence.
- Will strengthen the capacity of community people for child protection from any forms of violence.
- Parents , teachers, caregiver & guardian, gate keeper of the community will be cognizant about the child rights and protection issues to provide necessary support e.g. legal, medical, psychological and education to children