

## “72 rural locations”

- Number of FDC: 72
- Number of Registered FDC: 26
- Total FDC member: 10,522 persons
- Total club fund: 15, 80,314.00 taka
- Total savings: 74, 55, 645.00 taka
- Seed Money loan : 44,31,238 taka
- Others Fund loan: 9,78,350.00 taka
- Loan Receiver: 2567 persons
- Total number of Phase-out FDCs: 4
- Partnership with FPAB: 15 FDCs
- FDC have own land - 22 FDCs
- FDC have own house -16 FDCs



Meetings organized for adolescent girls.

### Gender Based Violence Program

- Protection against child marriage and hilla marriage
- Encouraging girls education
- Increasing marriage registration
- Ensuring marriage without dowry
- Creating a gender-friendly society
- Improving access and referral systems for women
- Effective networking with professionals in law enforcement

### Building Networks to Promote Gender Justice



## Achievements

FPAB involved about 25,000 rural poor women in women empowerment activities including provision of small loan, skill training, reproductive health education and services over the years.

Among the women 15,000 have received loan and skill development training. They are now earning Taka 500 to 1000 per month which has strengthened their position in the family and the community.

75% of the beneficiaries are acceptors of family planning.

Capacity building training was conducted in 17 branches/SWUs with FDC community women and girls on different trade.

Women representing low-income group are attached with the FDCs. In each centre, women receive health, nutrition, sanitation, family planning education and RH services.

Utilizing the training and small loan, the women is engaged in various income generating activities, which enables them to earn and contribute to their family in cash.

All branches, SWUs and NHQ observed Women's day. Activities included rally, seminar, meeting, cultural program, debate competition along with Government and NGOs.

We believe **EQUALITY** brings **PROSPERITY** in a society, thus sustain **PEACE** in a country.



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## Project title

Gender and Reproductive Health Promotion for Women Empowerment

## Innovations >>>

- Leadership training of key FDC members
- Skill development training on Primary Health care and new technology for IGA.
- Gender Cell in all Branches.
- Treatment support for major surgery in Gynaecological problems through Health Insurance
- Menstrual hygiene and sanitation Education.
- Documentation of best practices.



Satellite clinics of FPAB provide health education and EPI-MCH services.

## Objectives >>>

- To empower women to exercise their choices and rights in regard to their sexual and reproductive lives.
- To increase male commitment to sexual and reproductive health
- Increase the coverage on SRHR information and services of rural women.
- Empower women by improving their capacity of knowledge and income.

## Activities

Towards achieving the Goal of- All rural women in the project area particularly poor, marginalized, socially deprived and underserved are able to exercise their rights to attain their basic entitlements.

### Gender development >>>

Creating gender awareness among the members of FDC, through exemplary empowered women of the area. Group meetings with Informative discussions on topics including Gender discrimination, Violence against women, Reproductive health rights, legal rights, Women empowerment etc.

### Primary Health education and MCH services >>>

Creating awareness and sensitizing the members about primary health care, food and nutrition, environment and sanitation and use of safe drinking water through group meeting.

### Family Planning >>>

Motivating, counselling and providing appropriate contraceptives among the fertile couples of community and ensuring the quality of services through frequent follow up and visits.

### Training for capacity building >>>

Trainings are provided on SRH, Leadership and Gender related issues to the FDC organizers and FDC executive committee members in order to sustain the program in future.

### Micro credit >>>

Micro Credit loans are provided among the members to alleviate poverty and to bring economic solvency. This is given at zero interest rate.

### Reproductive health education >>>

Ensuring safe motherhood and prevention of unsafe abortion including other components of reproductive health issues. Information is provided through group meetings. Meetings are organized for husbands of the members at the community. Necessary advice and quality services are also provided to the community.

### Financial development >>>

Awareness is built in the sessions on the importance of being financially stable. Capacity building trainings are organized, members are encouraged to do monthly savings and microcredit is provided when needed.

### Gender cell >>>

This is formed by the participation of both male and female group from different organizations working for human rights, women's health and empowerment. Responsibilities of Gender Cell include: Critical review and assessment of the women program of FPAB, Extend

legal support to the victims of divorce, dowry, rape and other repressions, Launch strong campaign in a concerted way against illiteracy, early

marriage, unsafe abortion, dowry and violence against women, Play an advocacy role amongst the branch level Gender Cell to mainstream gender in development assistance, Enhance co-operative efforts amongst the development partners for gender capacity building within the program area and Maintain a dialogue on pertinent issues with the relevant levels of government and other influential partners

### Men and boys engage >>>

Men are engaged in awareness session. Networking is done with organizations working with men engage for facilitation in the training programs, program support and joint program.

### Meetings >>>

Executive committee meeting, annual meeting, group meeting and special meetings are held in order to review activities to run the program

Male and community leaders are involved to ensure their support towards women empowerment

### Networking with GO and NGOs >>>

External opportunities are utilized by establishing effective networking with Government departments like Directorate of Women, Directorate of Youth, Forest Department and Non-Governmental organizations.

### Monthly savings >>>

Collecting monthly savings from the members to generate their own capital. This is done to create a positive attitude towards savings. Individual accounts are maintained for the members and their saving trend is followed up.



“Save to be self-reliant”