

Upazila level workshop on good practice identification

Date: 24 November 2020

Place: Upazila Parishad Hall Room, Mohanpur Upazila

Participants: 55 of 6 unions (including guests and host)

Program overview presenter: Md. Akramul Haque, CEO, DASCOH

Moderator: Israt Jahan, MCB, DASCOH



The horizontal learning program is a peer-to-peer learning method initiated by National Institute of Local Government (NILG) partnering with Water Aid Bangladesh along with other development partners in Bangladesh which is financially supported by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). DASCOH Foundation is an implementing partner of Water Aid Bangladesh. The program has a potential motto to engage a union to district level public representatives. It also strategically promoting the respective pool of union Parishad members to identify good practices from their own course of development issues and extend cooperative motives through horizontal learning. The activities of HLP will broadly be thought out institutionalized through NILG that will actively support the local government institution to identify good practices, select, implementation through allocating own budget, evaluate and attainability to present in policy makers platform.

On 24 November 2020, a workshop was organized at Mohanpur upazila on the basis of 4 workshops held at the 6 union parishads level. Key selective participants of union parishad, representatives of NGO and upazila parishad, journalist of Mohanpur upazila and DASCOH representative were present. Sanowar Hossen, UNO and Advocate Abdus Salam, Upazila Chairman addressed as chair and chief guest respectively. In the entire tenure, individual speech, participatory dialogue and group works happened to take out gist point and lead the main discussion towards.

Participants enrolled from 6 unions (Mougachi, Royghati, Jahanabad, Gasigram, Bakshimoil, Dhurail) of Mohanpur upazila under Rajshahi district (Md. Sanowar Hossen, UNO and Advocate Abdus Salam, Upazila Chairman; 2, Union Chairmen; 6, Union members; Male - 24, Female – 8, Fisheries Officer; 1, NGO representative; 1, Journalist; 1, DASCOH; 5, Pourosova member; 1, Union Secretary; 6)

Objective: The workshop was objected to encourage Horizontal Learning among the Union Parishads (UPs) of Mohanpur upazila under Rajshahi district through identification of existing good practices

jointly by the UP and Upazila representatives and thereby strengthen cooperation among the Upazila, UPs as well as local administration.

Specific objectives:

1. Inform about horizontal learning
2. Identification of good practice
3. Activity planning
4. Allocating budget from individual institute for implementing the good learnings
5. Prepare factsheet and
6. Plan for arranging exchange visit of experience sharing

Scheduled discussion: The entire workshop has been propelled with the scheduled time and activities (schedule is attached herewith as annex). UNO, Mohanpur Upazila delivered a welcome and objective sharing speech to take the present participants on the same page. He expresses his gratitude and thank all for the present in time. He also expects the workshop will contribute a lot in jot down good practice identification in the whole tenure of this workshop. After that moderator of the workshop, invited all for individual self-introduction and walked into the scheduled discussions. She invited CEO of DASCOH for presenting PPT slides on the program overview highlighting Horizontal Learning Program (HLP) definition, objectives, and intervention priorities, covering areas and way forward in Bangladesh as well as in Rajshahi district with all other associated activities were explained ins and outs while participants raised voice to be clarified.

Group work and union wise

presentation: Every participants in the groups actively participated in the group activities. They contributed with key points on union based good practice identification in pair conversation then with whole group members. That expedited the workshop objectives a step ahead. Above all union wise final compiled poster paper have been presented by group leaders through individual presentation.



Presentation of compiled good practices: All the participants were seen active in presenting their points in favor of selecting good practices that will contribute union development issues. They identified and written down good practices in a sheet (attached herewith) of all unions among them 5 key good practices have been chosen through interactive technics of casting vote of all's participation. All participants took a red tip and approached one by one to cast their votes placing as per individual choice. After accomplishing the session, indicators of the selected good practices have been elicited from the participants and write down against each identified good practice for tracking in further course of action in program.

Compiled good practices after casting vote:

1. Each school has a water supply system through a submersible pump
2. Each household has a hygienic toilet
3. Each religious place of worship has solar system
4. Hundred percent (100%) holding tax is collected
5. Hundred percent (100%) children are enrolled into school

Open discussion: The selected good practice were discussed openly in participation of all union chairmen, secretary and members. It was conducted by Mahfuj-ur Rahman, Water Aid representative and CEO, DASCOH. They elicited if there points they are doing in regular practice but not willing to express in front. Participants exchanged their own learnings what is perceived in real. Representative of Water Aid, appreciated the good effort of the union people for supporting in covid 19 situation publicly and DASCOH for pushing good effort in horizontal learning program in Rajshahi region. Furthermore, he shared his experience of different region in Bangladesh and focused on the process of HLP in brief and also indicated root to national level approach in upcoming days. Some of Union chairman stood to be clarified on how the good practices have been adopted by other unions and how the process is being applied to exercise the practice. CEO, DASCOH added finally about the ongoing covid COVID 19 pandemic and requested to be aware and took personal protective measures to avoid infection.

Strength: The following strengths are depicted from the workshop;

1. Venue
2. Participants attendance and participation in workshop activities
3. Supportive motive of UNO and Upazila Chairman
4. Multimedia support and electric supply
5. Over all arrangement

Challenges: The workshop have the following challenges;

1. Upcoming UP election
2. Changing Up body may hamper the program activities
3. Budget allocation of respective UP for identified good practices

Learnings:

1. Participants identified their good practices
2. Participants have tendencies to adopt the good practices
3. They agreed to walk with the process of HLP

Recommendation: The workshop have the following recommendation to overcome the challenges;

1. Arrange orientation after election at union level
2. Arrange workshop at upazila level after election

Closing speeches: Sanowar Hossen, UNO Upazila delivered his speech in favor of Horizontal Learning Program (HLP) and the overall arrangement. The program is definitely a good approach for developing union through identification good practices. He also expects the union level representatives have great role to take the good practice in real. He assures to support from his end to revive the practices in need.

Advocate Abdus Salam, Upazila Chaiman praises for arranging this sorts of workshops in the upazila. He said about a good support of NGO in the local development and linked SDG targets and it development endeavors. He opined on the importance of union chairman, UNO and talked about himself in process of development. In the sustaining development, the identified good practices are very crucial he added it with strong voice. He invites all the union chairman and members to come one umbrella and work together in the development of individual union. In addition, he talked about the pierce of COVID 19 pandemic and requested all to maintain hygienic rules imposed by government and live a healthy life.

Appraising for good works always brings better results, he added it pointing to all present chairman, members and other participants and close the workshop hoping sound health of all.

Photos:



Identified good practices of Mohanpur Upazila through voting

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