



Student of Parul Govt. Primary School Welcoming with flowers to carolyn Sunners, Team Leader, Human Development Team, DFID

The DFID representatives Visit Community Education Watch Initiatives Learners of Parul School Bathe in Joy

A team of representatives from DFID visited the program run by Community Education Watch Group under the Protyasha project at Gaibandha, a district in the north of Bangladesh. The team included Carolyn Sunners, Team Leader of Human Development Team; Tayo Nwabani, Program Manager and Fazle Rabbani, Education Adviser.

During this 2-day visit (Aug. 31-Sept. 1) the Team attended the meetings of Community Education Watch Group including the one organised to disseminate information about household survey. It also exchanged opinion with the local people. They also enjoyed a first-hand experience of the delivery of the instructive process within the class-rooms of Parul Government Primary School and Dhanaraha Government Primary School. They were pleased to be present in the cultural feat performed by the students. They also visited some supplementary project activities. Besides, they visited Shibram Ideal Government Primary School.

The Team exchanged views with the teachers and members of the School Management Committees and the members of Community Education Watch Group. It gained an idea about the diverse capacity building activities of Campaign for Popular Education such as, orientation on joyful and activity-oriented teaching-learning; the exposure visit program to the selected model schools. They offered words of commendations about these initiatives and expressed their joy to see the sports and cultural activities.

Carolyn Sunners, the Team Leader of the Human Development Team of DfID said that the British Government offers financial assistance to

Bangladesh in the Enhancement of the Quality of Primary Education Project-3. She noted that such initiatives that she had seen being implemented in the distant and remote areas, with the active participation of local Education Watch Group members, to improve the quality of learning, is simply laudable.

Tayo Nwabani, Program Manager, DfID said that the contribution of Community Education Group of Muktinagar had been quite visible in the enhancement of quality of schooling in the locality. The discussion meetings held with the participation of various stakeholders reflect that there has been established a close and working relationship between local education administration and the community.

While talking to the members of Community Education Watch Group, School Management Committees and teachers, Fazle Rabbani, Education Adviser of DfID made an analytical review of the details of the implementation process of SLIP.

The Team also visited the project office of the Community Education Watch Group. The members of the Team had a close and attentive view of the info as recorded on different exhibitory boards and the photographs attached and they exchanged views with the persons present there. They scrutinized various documents of the activities of Community Education Watch Group. The team was accompanied by K M Enamul Huq, Deputy Director and Jamil Mushtaq, Deputy Program Manager of Campaign for Popular Education, and Shadat Hossain Mandal, Executive Director of Udayan Swabalambi Sangstha.

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Group Learning in the Schools

There are various rules and ways to cultivate 'group learning' inside or outside the classroom. The appropriate method has to be adapted on the basis of the contents, number of learners, duration of time and the space available. The teacher takes into account all these factors to choose his/her method. But whatever the method, in Bangladesh, there is the need to reorganize or develop the classroom. And group learning is the answer to it.

Various Ways to Conduct Group Learning

Buzz-group: This is the more widely-used method. The learners are formed into groups of from 4 to 8. The major activity of the Buzz-group is to come to an acceptable conclusion to reach at a solution of some problem or area of study through discussion within the group. For example, questions can be set on the contents of introduction to environment or of science for the learners from Classes III to V. The learners can be engaged in a series of discussion on the elements of social and physical environment in different groups and they can then draw the pictures or illustrations of these elements and put them up in some allotted space of the wall inside the classroom. They can also prepare a list of the elements and one representative from each group can make a presentation. Each group can be provided with a poster paper to undertake some project or supplementary work.

A couple of steps have to be followed in this method of group learning: to divide the learners in groups; to attach a name to each of the group; to sensitize the learners on the issues of group discussion. And these should have connection with their course contents; to provide assistance during the group work; to counsel them on the presentation of group work and preservation of the materials of group learning etc.

Buzz-group is an easy method. This can be conducted at any

time and any place even at any open space, at the veranda or the play-ground. The learners find joy in this activity-oriented exercises. However, the teacher should have all prior preparations to ensure the availability of all necessary materials.

Dialogue in a Circle

Experience says that in many of the educational institutions, the learners have very limited opportunities for communication. Some learners always sit on the back benches. The teachers cannot successfully attend to their needs. Such students gradually turn into slow learners. Dialogue of learners formed in groups and arranged in a circle is a key to ensure good learning of all. This is an effective group work. The learners are formed in groups of 4 or 8 and they stand in a circular pattern. Then each one of them talks on something for 1 or 2 minutes. As everyone in the team is finished, they sit down to note the important points of the dialogue or they can also engage themselves into other activities. Some persons call this exercise the 'talk and work' method.

For instance, the students of Class V can be divided in groups and asked to interact among them on the pollution of soil, water or air, which are the contents of a particular lesson on environment pollution. Some questions can be set to work this out. One of these can be: what foreign elements do pollute the water? To answer this question, each of the learners would speak out one word. They can come up with answers as dirt, spitting, human excrement or cow dung. The answers can be repeated as well. But all the learners have to take part in it.

Steps similar to Buzz-group are to be taken to conduct this method. However, the central idea behind this method is to create space for every learner to articulate a point. They will learn through participation. (This discussion can be continued in the next issue.)

Tapon Kumar Das

Follow-up Orientation on Good Governance in Primary Education

A Follow-up Orientation on Good Governance in Primary Education was organized at the training centre of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) on August 21, 2014. In the inaugural session of the Orientation, Tapan Kumar Dash, Deputy Director, CAMPE said that for quality primary education, creation of an enjoyable environment is a must. To ensure that kind of environment, teachers, members of SMCs and the guardians have to play their respective roles. 24 persons representing the members of CAMPE, teachers of primary schools, partner organizations, UP Standing Committee on education and SMCs took part in the Orientation. The points under discussion had been: the concept and characteristics of good governance; the activities of Watch Groups; the responsibilities of teachers, SMCs and PTAs and tasks to ensure good governance. The participants drew



Participants and Resource Person of Follow-up Orientation on Good Governance

work-plan to ensure good governance in their respective institutions and vowed to implement them accordingly. Ms Meher Akter, a free-lance consultant worked as the moderator of the Orientation.

Tajmun Naher



Female students participating Sports and Cultural Campaign Program at Veduria Union

Campaign on School-based Sports & Cultural Activities at Chanchra and Veduria Unions of Bhola District

On August 21, 2014, took place the Campaign on School-based Sports & Cultural Activities at Chanchra Union of Tajmuddin Upazila of Bhola District. This was jointly organized by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and Grameen Jano Unnyan Sangstha. Presided over by Shamsul Haq Master, Chairman of the local Community Education Watch Group, the event was inaugurated by Mohiuddin Poddar, Vice-Chairman of Upazila Council. Those who spoke on the occasion included: Arun Kanti Sheel, Head Master, Charlakshmi Government Primary School; Nirab Master, Head Teacher, Lower Secondary School; Abdul Mannan, Head Master, Madhya Chanchra Government Primary School; Head Master, Charlakshmi Government Primary School teacher, Paschimpara Government Primary School; Marzia Begum, Assistant teacher, Charlakshmi Government Primary School, Feroza Begum, Assistant teacher, South Chanchra Government Primary School; Taslima Begum, member, local Community Education Watch Group. The function was conducted by Md Harunur Rashid, member, local Community Education Watch Group. About 200 students of 13 primary schools took part in 16 events. Shamsul Haq Master, Chairman of the local Community Education Watch Group distributed prizes among the winners.

On August 30, 2014, took place the Campaign on School-based Sports & Cultural Activities at Veduria Union of Sadar Upazila of Bhola District. This was jointly organized by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and Grameen Jano Unnyan Sangstha. The event was presided over by Waliullah Master, Chairman of the local Community Education Watch Group. Abdur Rashid Master was present as a special guest. Others who spoke on the occasion were: Moulana Md Ismail, Head Master, Bankerhat Cooperative High School; Shah Alam, Head Master, Bankerhat Government Primary School; Jahangir Alam, Head Master, Sher-e-Bangla Government Primary School; Faisal Alam, Head Master, M Haq Government Primary School; Jamal Uddin, Head Master, Central Charmesh Government Primary School and Zahera Khatun, Head Mistress, South Veduria Government Primary School. About 150 students of 14 primary schools took part in 12 events. Some of the events are: frog leap, cock fighting, memory games, biscuit run. The event was concluded with a cultural feat. Prizes were distributed to the winners. Channel-I, a popular TV channel covered the event in its news bulletin.

Harun Ur Rashid

Sharing Meeting & Review of the Quality of Education at Laskarpur and Nizampur Unions

Sharing Meetings were jointly organized by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and ASED, Habiganj to review of the quality of education were held at Laskarpur Union on July 18, 2014 and at Nizampur Union on July 23, 2014. Md Ali Amjad, Chairman, Laskarpur Union and Md Abdul Awal Talukdar, Chairman, Nizampur Union were present as the chief guests in the workshops organized in the respective Unions. Both the workshops were attended by members of local Community Education Watch Groups; members of UPs and SMCs and persons interested in education. Review was done of the programs now being implemented on education and then the next moves to solve some of the existing problems came under discussion.

Members of the of the local Community Education Watch Group, UP members, persons interested in education and people from different strata took part in both of the meetings of the two Unions. The two meetings were chaired by Md Khorshed Ali and Prof. Md Abidur Rahman, the respective Chairmen of the local Community Education Watch Groups, namely Laskarpur and Nizampur. Mr Abdur Rouf, Additional District Commissioner (General) was present as the guest-in-chief in both the meetings.



Md. Abdur Rouf, Additional District Commissioner of Habiganj addressing in the Sharing meeting on Community Participation in Primary Education

Sharing Meeting on the Enhancement of Quality at Nizampur Union with Popular Participation

A Sharing Meeting was jointly organized by Nizampur Union local Community Education Watch Group with assistance from Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and ASED, Habiganj to review the quality of primary education with popular participation on July 21, 2014. Mr Abdur Rouf, Additional District Commissioner (General) was present as the guest-in-chief in the meeting, while Md Abdul Awal Talukdar, Chairman, Nizampur Union was present as the special guest. Presided over by Prof. Md Abidur Rahman, the Chairman of the local Community Education Watch Group, the meeting was attended by Md Abdul Kader, Md Abdur Rouf and Md. Abdur Rouf Talukdar, the members of UP. The chief guest of the occasion said that education is a pre-condition of development and the enhancement of quality of primary education is essential for development.

Jafar Iqbal Choudhury

Discussion Meetings of Community Education Watch Groups of Bhadrachhat and Dhangara on Annual Work-plan and Targets Achieved

Discussion Meetings of Community Education Watch Groups of Bhadrachhat and Dhangara on Annual Work-plan and targets achieved so far were jointly organised by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE). On July 19, 2014 took place the meeting of Bhadrachhat Union of Kamarkhand Upazila of Siraganj district, while the meeting of the Dhangara Union of Raiganj Upazila was held on July 20, 2014. About 200 persons were present in each of the meetings. They included teachers, Chairmen and members of UPs, members of SMCs, PTAs and Education Watch Groups, guardians, journalists and persons interested in education. The targets achieved as per the annual work-plan. were placed before the people for review. The participants took part in the open floor discussion. The meeting emphasized on the role of the activities of community education watch groups in the enhancement of the quality of primary education. All present in the meeting reiterated their commitment to contribute from their respective positions to improve the environment and quality of primary education in the localities.



Annual Review and Planning Meeting of Community Education Watch Group

Sharing Meeting of Watch Group with the Education Administration: Pledge for Monitoring & Cooperation

Two sharing meetings took place between the Community Education Watch Groups and local education administration at Kamarkhand and Roiganj upazilas under Siraganj district on July 22 and 24, 2014 respectively. Upazila Education Officers & Assistant Education Officers, UP Chairmen and members of Community Education Watch Groups attended the meetings. The agenda included different aspects of primary education and steps required for their improvement. A voice of optimism was articulated about the prospects of greater cooperation in future between the CWGs and local education administration in view of the relationship established through these meetings. This will have some positive impact on the quality of primary education. The local education administration made a pledge of cooperation to help better monitoring of the system in place. The CWC members made a commitment to work for 100% attendance of the learners.

Ariful Islam

Commitment voiced to resist dropout in the Mothers' Assembly of Gandharajpur Government Primary School at Amjhupi

A mothers' assembly was organised at Gandharajpur Government Primary School, Amjhupi, Meherpur to share views on dropout, irregular attendance of students and overall quality of primary education. Manab Unnyan Kendra (MUK) and local CWG organised the event with assistance from CAMPE. Md, Shakhawat Hossain, Chairman of the SMC of the school, presided over the meeting. The MUK representative talked on the objectives of such a meeting. Persons who spoke on the occasion included Md Kitab Ali, Head Master of the school and Md Sirajul Islam and Md Aktarul Islam. Different activities were planned during the proceedings to prevent dropout, irregular attendance and child marriage. The guardians asked for a more proactive role from the teachers to improve the environment of the school. The mothers also vowed to work to resist dropout.



Annual Planning Meeting of Community Education Watch Group

Training on Good Governance of Primary Education Program Planning & Management at Dariapur & Monakhali

Day-long training sessions were organised at Dariapur & Monakhali (Upazila:Mujibnagar) in Meherpur district on July 15 and 16, 2014 respectively on Governance of Primary Education Program Planning & Management. The participants were the members of the local CWGs. Md, Wazed Ali, Chairman of Darapur CWG and Md Rekabuddin, Chairman, CWG, presided over the inaugural sessions of the training program in their respective areas. Md Shafiqul Islam, UP Chairman was present as the guest speaker. Mizanur Rahman Akand, Deputy Program Manager, CAMPE, conducted the sessions at Dariapur, while Md Apiluddin, Upazila Education Officer moderated the sessions at Monakhali. In each of the training programme, 30 persons took part. They included members of CWGs, teachers, Chairmen of SMCs, people's representatives and guardians.

Saad Ahammad

Sidhuli & Jorkhali CWGs Review Activities and Approve Annual Planning for the Next Year

Review and Planning meetings of Sidhuli and Jorkhali Unions (Upazila: Madarganj; District: Jamalpur) CWGs were held on May 18 and 21, 2014 respectively. At both places, the meetings were organised in collaboration with CAMPE. Adarsha Palli Unnayan Sangstha arranged the Sidhuli meeting, while at Jorkhali, the local CWG convened the meeting. At Sidhuli, the meeting was presided over by Samsuddin Ahmed, Chairman of the local CWG while at Jorkhali, the meeting was chaired by Minhajuddin, a member of the local CWG. The speakers of the meetings reflected on the strengths and weaknesses of CWG activities. In the planning of the activities for the next year, the weaknesses were taken into account. In each of the meetings, 25 persons took part. They included teachers of primary schools, members of SMCs and CWGs.



Participants are in Briefing Session on Shibram Govt. Model Primary School

Visit to a Model School & Sharing Meeting: Commitment to Enhance the Quality of Education

Sixteen members of Community Education Watch Groups of Jorkhali and Sidhuli Unions visited Shibram Ideal Government Primary School at Gaibandha district. The visit was facilitated under Protyasha project, being jointly implemented by CAMPE and Adarsha Palli Unnayan Sangstha. This is one of the widely known and illustrious schools of the country. The visitors to the school shared their experiences with the teachers, members of SMC and CWG, and guardians of Charbhatiani Government Primary School and local elites of Sidhuli Union. They made elaborate presentations on the quality of teaching-learning, methods of delivery, administrative structure and the role of teachers and of the SMC members and guardians of the school. The meeting was concluded with a commitment on the part of the participants that they all would work hard to follow the example set by Shibram Ideal Government Primary School to enhance the quality of education of their respective institutions.

Abdul Hye

Review of Annual Work-Plan and Approval of Budget for the Next Year of Phulchhari CWG

The annual meeting for work-plan and review of activities of Phulchhari CWG took place in the playground of Tengrakandi M A Sabur Dakhil Madrasa on August 12, 2014. It was presided over by Md Abdur Rahim Pramanik, the Chairman of local CWG. Md Abdus Salam, the superintendent of the Madrasa was present as the chief guest. Present among others were Head Masters of different schools of the Union, assistant teachers, members of SMCs and local CWG and local elites. The meeting reflected on the on-going activities and accordingly prepared a work plan and budget for the next year. Participants in the meeting made a commitment to play their respective roles to improve the environment and quality of education, to ensure regular attendance of the learners and to prevent dropout.



Annual Planning Meeting of Community Education Watch Group

Refreshers' Training on Primary Education Programme and Good Governance in Management

A Refreshers' Training on Primary Education Programme and Good Governance in Management was organised in the Conference Room of Gajaria UP under Gaibandha district. Mr Manotosh Ray, Chairman of Gajaria UP was present as the chief guest in the first session. Md Nazrul Islam, Phulchhari Upazila Education Officer, Md Momidul Huq, the instructor of Phulchhari Upazila Resource Centre, Mr Abdul Baqi Sarkar, an instructor of Saghata Upazila Resource Centre and Md Abdul Wahed, Assistant Upazila Education Officer, Phulchhari were present as resource persons of the training sessions. A review of the work plan of the orientation, held on February 12 and 13, 2014 on primary education program and good governance was made during the sessions and a new work plan was drawn. Elaborate discussion was held on the concept and elements of good governance, the duties, responsibilities and activities of CWGs. Everyone present made commitment to work hard to establish good governance in the primary schools.

Md. Ansaruzzaman Molla

Discussion Meeting on National Education Policy 2010 at the Union Level: Demand for Implementation

A series of discussion meeting on National Education Policy 2010 were jointly organised by CAMPE and SERA at the Union level of Netrokona district with the objective to create awareness among the stakeholders about different aspects of National Education Policy. On July 14 and 23, 2014, two meetings took place at Agia and Hogla Unions of Purbadhala Upazila. And two further meetings were held at Durgapur and Birishiri Unions of Durgapur Upazila. Members of UPs and CWGs, SMCs and PTAs and teachers attended the meetings. Elaborate discussions were held on the background, aims and objectives and strategies of implementation of this Policy. Reflecting on the aspects of pre-primary education, duties and responsibilities of teachers and on the role of UPs in the enhancement of quality of education, it was found out that there is no substitute to the sincere initiatives on the part of teachers to implement the Policy. In each of the meetings, voice was raised for early implementation of the National Education Policy.



Inauguration Session of Workshop on Challenges of Teaching-Learning Process : Our Role

Sharing Meetings: Commitment to actively take part in the initiatives to enhance the quality of education

Three sharing meetings with focus on the enhancement of the quality of primary education were jointly organised on July 15, 16 & 17, 2014 by CAMPE and SERA at Durgapur, Hogla and Agia Unions of Netrokona district where Community Education Watch Groups are visibly in operation. The meetings stressed on popular participation to ensure the success of this endeavour. Persons present in the meetings included members of UP standing committee on education, members of CWGs, SMCs & PTAs, teachers and people from different strata of the society. Elaborate discussions were held on the respective responsibilities of all stakeholders involved as well as of the common people in the context of the present situation of primary education. All the attendees made promises to play their necessary roles to ensure the quality of education.

S. M. Mujibur Rahman

Orientation on Primary Education Programme & Good Governance in Management at Amirpur & Baliadanga

Two 2-day long Orientation meetings were jointly organised by CAMPE and Ashroy Foundation on 'Primary Education Programme Planning and Good Governance in Management' at Amirpur and Baliadanga Unions. The first one took place on August 18-19, 2014 at the Amirpur UP auditorium, while the second one was held on August 20-21, 2014 at the Baliadanga UP auditorium. Both the Unions are under Batiaghata Upazila, Khulna. Ms. Rokeya Zaman conducted the sessions at both the venues. In all, 33 persons including 10 women took part in the sessions at Amirpur. At Baliadanga, the number of participants was 30, of which 14 were women. The attendees at both the places were members of CWG, SMC & PTA, Head Masters of Primary Schools, people's representatives and officials of local government. Md Layek Ali, Chairman of local CWG gave the welcome speech at Amirpur and Mr Khairul Islam Rony, Chairman, Amirpur Union Parishad was the chief guest in the concluding session. Md Shahidullah, Chairman of local CWG gave the welcome speech at Baliadanga and Mr Golam Hasan, Chairman, Baliadanga Union Parishad was the chief guest in the concluding session.



Sharing Meeting with UP Education Standing Committee and Community Education Watch Group

Sharing Meeting with the Standing Committee on Education: Commitment to Work Together

CAMPE and Ashroy Foundation jointly organised 4 Sharing Meetings of the members of local CWGs with the members of the Standing Committee on Education at 4 different Unions of 2 Upazilas of Khulna, namely Dumuria and Batiaghata. The meetings at Sharafpur and Sahos Unions of Dumuria were respectively held on July 13 and 22, 2014, while the meetings at Amirpur and Baliadanga of Batiaghata took place respectively on July 10 and 20, 2014. The meetings helped establish a bridging relationship among the persons who are engaged in the task of taking care of good educational facilities from two different forums. The participants discussed on various problems, developmental activities and the issues of enhancement of primary level education. They vowed to work in a coordinated way for the advancement of education.

Banashree Bhandari

Activity-oriented and Joyful Learning Ensures Quality Education

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) organised a 5-day concept-oriented Training on 'Planning and Management of Teaching Methods on Activity-oriented Primary Education', which took place from August 24-28, 2014. Mr Manindranath Ray, Director, Planning, Department of Primary Education was the chief guest of the inaugural session, while Principal Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Chief Coordinator, National Front of Teachers & Employees was present as the special guest. Mr Tapan Kumar Das, Deputy Director, CAMPE gave the welcome speech and briefed the house about the objectives of the training programme. In all, 27 trainees took part in the programme of which 13 were women. The participants included District Education Officers, Upazila Education Officers, Head Masters and assistant teachers of Government Primary Schools.



Inauguration Session of Orientation on Planning and Management of Activity based Learning Methodology

Areas that came under review and discussion were: National Education Policy and the commitments contained in it; the primary scope and target of PEDP-3; the challenges of achieving quality primary education and the ways to overcome them; the concept of activity-oriented and joyful learning and the role of teachers; the methods of group learning and the duties of the teachers; the comprehensive environment of the schools and the importance of co-curricular activities; the classroom environment and the presentational and communicative skills of the teachers; evaluation of the learners and methods of tests; community participation in the schools and coordination; gender and education etc. Trainers from DPE, NAEM, NCTB, IER, BOU and CAMPE conducted the sessions.

The training sessions were characterised by practical exercises in a joyful environment. The participants developed various teaching materials befitting the learning needs within the classrooms and made a commitment to develop and use them in their schools. At the same time, they drew work-plan regarding group work within the classrooms, display and different activity-oriented teaching methods. In the closing session, Mr Ziauddin Ahmed, the Upazila Education Officer who won the National Teacher Award 2011, said that this kind of training as had been organised by CAMPE is of great value to the teachers.



Ziauddin Ahmed

Shamim Ara Kali

Consultation Meeting to Exchange Experiences on Community Audit

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) in collaboration with Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) organised a Consultation Meeting to Exchange Experiences on Community Audit on August 26, 2014 at Spectra Convention Centre, Dhaka. The two working sessions of the meeting were presided over by Dr Kazi Saleh Ahmed, former Vice-Chancellor, Jahangirnagar University and Dr Anwara Begum, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. Mr Enamul huq, Deputy Director, CAMPE talked on the objectives of the meeting. Those who took part in the deliberations were: Principal Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Chief Coordinator, National Front of Teachers and Employees, Prof. Nurul Alam, Jahangirnagar University, Dr Samir Ranjan Nath, Head of Education Research Unit, BRAC, Dr Anwarul Huq, former Director General, NAEM, A N Rasheda, Editor, Shikhsabarta. The attendees included representatives of the implementing agencies of Education Watch Programme, members of CWGs and officials from the Department of Primary Education.



Five models of community audit and community participation were presented in the working sessions. The representative of ActionAid presented their human rights-based approach and underlined the role of community as the watchdog. The representatives of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, RDRS and Manusher Jannyo Foundation presented the process of community score as part of their community audit and its outcomes. The experiences of community participation in the implementation and monitoring of projects were also presented on behalf of the ROSC project.

This consultation meeting also discussed on diverse ways through which the community can play the role of the watchdog to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP) and Upazila Primary Education Plan (UPEP). A 2-day workshop on capacity building also took place simultaneously. The participants were the representatives of the implementing agencies of Community Education Watch Programme and of the teachers' unions.

Shamsun Nahar Kali



Carolyn Sunners, Team Leader, Human Development Team, DFID Addressing in the Sharing meeting on Result of Baschline Survey at Phulchhari Union



DFID Representative in the class noon of Parul Govt. Primary School.

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Learners of Parul School Bathe in Joy

Visit to Parul Government Primary School

The visiting team arrived at Parul Government Primary School situated in the village of Tangrakandi of Phulchhari Union in the morning of August 31, 2014. The learners received the team with flowers. The team members went into different classrooms of the school. The visiting team felt quite overwhelmed to see the state of affairs of the school, which is located in a flood-prone, far away and isolated habitation. The team members were particularly happy to mark the joy and spontaneous participation of the learners in various activities, the process of assistance extended by the advanced learners to the slow ones, the drawings done by the learners, seating in groups and group work, display of materials on the wall prepared by the learners, methods of teaching with the use of day-to-day materials. The learners had been very happy as well to have such important guests among them; they performed songs and dance to express their joy.

Sharing Meeting on the Results of Household Survey

In the afternoon of August 31, 2014 took place an information dissemination and sharing meeting on the results of household survey conducted on the socio-economic conditions of Phulchhari Union at the playground of Tangrakandi madrasa. About 200 persons including government officials, teachers of schools and colleges, people's representatives, journalists, personnel engaged in the survey and members of Community Education Watch Group. K M Enamul Huq, Deputy Director, CAMPE presented the report of the survey. Mr M A Sabur, Chairman, Phulchhari Union thanked the officials of CAMPE, Udayan Swabalambi Sangstha and the persons concerned for conducting such a flawless, elaborate and realistic survey. He said, 'This survey is a mirror for me. It is not only a very useful working instrument for me but it can also be helpful for various public departments and the NGO sector. This will largely serve as

an instrument for the development activities of the area'.

Visit to Shibram Ideal Government Primary School

On September 1, 2014, the DfID team visited Shibram Ideal Government Primary School. The Cub team of the school received the team with bouquets of flowers. Then the team observed the assembly of the students, cultural performances, delivery and teaching methods within different classrooms. The team also observed the library, computer lab, science corner, geographical corner and museum of education that together contribute to make the teaching-learning activities dynamic and efficient. The team members exchanged views with the teachers and SMC members of the school. The team was overwhelmed to see the overall state of school activities. K M Enamul Huq of CAMPE said that this Shibram school is the treasury of our experiences and CAMPE has some direct and indirect connection with its activities. It was mentioned that CAMPE always focuses on the role of community in the shaping and success of Shibram School and under the Protyasha project, teachers from various parts of the country are included in the exposure visit to this school so that the visitors can make use of the experiences gathered from here are and then put these to use in their respective institutions.

Visit to Dhanruha Government Primary School

In the afternoon of September 1, 2014, the DfID team visited Dhanruha Government Primary School in the area where Muktinagar Community Education Watch Group is quite active. There they exchanged views with teachers, members of SMC, PTA and EWG. The team was briefed about various initiatives undertaken by EWG to enhance the quality of education in the schools.

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