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CODEC Celebrates 33 Years Anniversary



On October 1, 2018; CODEC celebrates 33 years anniversary at Head Office, Khulshi, Chattogram. The celebration program started at Conference Room in presence of all staffs of CODEC Head Office. Mr. Tasadduk Hossain Dulu, CODEC welcomed everybody and proposed a schedule of celebration program.

Then, the program inaugurated by honorable Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director with other colleagues by cutting 33 Years Anniversary Cake. Everybody celebrated the moments by clapping and taking snaps.

Then, showed video clips of Anniversary Speech from Mr. Khursid Alam Ph.D., Executive



Director, CODEC. He said, "CODEC started its' journey on October 1, 1985 with 18 colleagues. Now, we have about 5,000 colleagues. CODEC stated its activities with five fishers' communities of Sitakund Upazilla as part of a government project. Now, at 2108, it has completed 33 years journey. If we flesh back our past, the journey of CODEC was not so smooth, we had to sacrifice and patience and overcome several obstacles. CODEC flourishes combine efforts of a lot of devoted staffs. At present some of them on more with us and some moved to other organizations. We remember everybody's contribution with due honour. Now there is no doubt, CODEC established its presence as a stable organization. Still there are ample opportunities works in coastal region of Bangladesh. For the progress of CODEC, we have three things as values, determination and target. If we able to these three thing, I believe CODEC's journey will continue in future."

Then showed another video clip of Anniversary Speech from Mr. Kamal Sengupta, Deputy Executive Director, CODEC. He said, "On behalf of CODEC as well as personally, I wish every

colleague and our targeted communities from 33 Years Anniversary of CODEC. I have felling as poetry "Key Kotha Rakheni" by Sunil Gongopadhyay, I couldn't understand, how we have passed 33 years! During last 33 years, we have tried to reach to the coastal people of Bangladesh. Though we have no enough success towards the betterment of coastal people, but we have able to identify the demands with raising their voices. Government is adopting the suggestions for the betterment of coastal people. By our efforts, among the coastal people, especially to the women, are trying to establish their rights on their life. People are able to find out their scope of works. During 33 years, CODEC always tried to perform in this regard. I believe, CODEC always stayed and will stay with the struggle partner of coastal people. I have a request to our next generation colleagues; you have to more cordially love our coastal people as well as effective use of coastal resources. All the best wishes to you all, again.

Then, presented two documentary shows "33 Years of CODEC" and "Old is Gold", which covers history of CODEC, information of anniversary celebration other CODEC offices on same date; celebration moments of 25 Years of CODEC, 27 Years of CODEC, 30 Years of CODEC, etc.

Then, memorable experience sharing by Khursid Alam Ph. D., Executive Director; Mr. Kamal Sengupta, Deputy Executive Director; Mr. Didarul Alam Chowdhury, Senior Director (Finance and Admin); Mr. Sultan Mohammed Giasuddin (Manik), Director; Mr. Absar Habib, Director; Mr. Imrul Hasan, Director (MFP); Archana Paul, Deputy Director, and Mr. Sajal Sengupta, Program Officer (Documentation), Everybody thanks to all staffs of CODEC



for their sincere works in CODEC and hope for the best in future.

Reporter : Shital Kumar Nath

Tanema Afroja has participated the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly



Tanema Afroja Tane with UN delegates

CODEC – TORUN ALO

Tanema Afroja Tane, a student of XII from Shahid Ziaur Rahman Upakulia College, Pekua, Cox's Bazar has visited New York, America from September 24, 2018 to October 1, 2018 to participate the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 73) as winner of the GCERF Essay Competition 2018. She participated 73rd Session during September 26-27, 2018. The essay writing was held around the world among the students of all college where GCERF funded national and international NGO working for the preventing violent extremism. The subject of essay was "Role of Youth to Prevent Violent Extremism in Your Community" with one thousand word and one minutes video documentary of the essay. The medium of competition was English.

After participation the session, she said "I am very happy that I has participated as a representatives of my country. It was amazing when I was talking about my country as well as my society."

CODEC participated National Completion and Knowledge Sharing Workshop of the Mangroves for the Future (MFF) Program

CODEC participated with a stall at National Completion and Knowledge Sharing Workshop of the Mangroves for the Future (MFF) Program at Bano Bhaban, Agargown, Dhaka on September 8, 2018 where Mr. Mr. Kamal Sengupta, Deputy Executive Director, CODEC led the CODEC team.

Mr. Abdullah Al Mohsin Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Chair, MFF NCB Bangladesh graced the program as Chief Guest. Mr. Mohammed Shafiul Alam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest, Bangladesh Forest Department chaired the program. Dr. Kazi Anowarul Hoque, Additional Secretary, Chief, UN Wing 4, ERD and Chief Coordinator at Bangladesh's NDA Secretariat to GCF participated the program as Special Guest. Dr. Sultan Ahmed, Director General, Department of Environment also participated as Special Guest. Mr. Md. Shahad Mahabub Alam Chowdhury, National Coordinator – Bangladesh, MFF, IUCN Bangladesh presented a presentation on "Mangroves for the Future (MFF) from 2012 to 2018 – a Soft Governance Approach for Coastal Resource Management in Bangladesh". Guests addressed their opinions the importance of mangroves protection of coasts of Bangladesh as well as MFF Programs. They hope these types of programs will scale up in future with addressing livelihoods options for coastal people. Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Former Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh and Former CCF, Mr. Mokhlesur Rahman, ED, CNRS, Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed, ED, Arrannayk Foundation etc. partici-



Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad and other legends are visiting CODEC Stall

ated different session. Mr. Raquibul Amin, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh anchored the whole program. Moreover, CODEC implemented a sub project named "Restoration of Coastal Vegetation at Hnila Union of Teknaf Peninsula" under MFF Program and Mr. Sengupta presented the summary report of the implemented project in the program. In the middle of program, Honorable Guests visited CODEC Stall and shared their views with Mr. Shital Kumar Nath, Senior Manager (Program), CODEC who was responsible to anchor the stall. Implemented MFF supportive project related documents and CODEC's other representative printing materials placed in the stall.

Reporter : Shital Kumar Nath

Parents Gathering, Stakeholders Meeting and Leadership Training 2018

CODEC – TORUN ALO

To aware about sign of violent extremism to the parents and enhance student's patient quality as well as do better result in upcoming S.S.C final exam, 9 parents gathering and culture program were held at Sadar, Ramu and Pekua Upzila of Cox's Bazar district under CODEC Torun Alo Project during September 2018. Mr. Muzibur Rahman, Mayor, Cox's Bazar Municipality has presented at Khurush Kul High School, Sadar as Chief Guest. Mr. Mahabub-UI-Karim, UNO, Pekua has participated as Chief Guest at Pekua Model GMC Institution; Mr. Sarafat Ullah Chowdhury, Chairman, Magnama UP has participated as Chief Guest at Magnama Sha Rahidia Alim Madrasha; Mr. Kamal Samsuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Jowaria Nala UP has participated as Chief Guest at Jowaria Nala H M Sachi High School, Ramu; Mr. Mafizur Rahman, Chairman, Rajarkul UP has participated at Alhaz Fazol Ambia High School, Ramu; Mr. Jashim Uddin, UP Chairman, Khurush Kul UP participated as special guest at Khurush Kul High School. Mr. Habibul Hasan, UNO, Sadar was participated as chief guest during Upazila Based Stakeholders Consultation meeting at upazila conference hall, sadar, Cox's Bazar on September 27, 2018. To develop leadership and aware about violent extremism, a five days long leadership development training for youth from 10 institutions (School, College and Madrasha) and 5 community has organized at Silver Shine Restaurant, Holiday Mor, Sadar, Cox's Bazar on



A moments of parents gathering

September 16-20, 2018.

Moreover, Parents of Class VIII, IX and X students were present in all parents gathering and cultural programs. These programs emphasized to guardian to regular communicate with the class teacher and head teacher. Chief and special guest has requested to the parents to prohibit the use of smart phone to their children under age 18. To encourage the student about study, all guests have described different motivational story. "I will give you prize who get the highest mark in the annual exam as well as secondary school certificate exam" said Mr. Muzibur Rahman, Mayor, Cox's Bazar Municipality. At the end of the program, prizes have given among the brilliant students of class VIII-X.

Reporter : Kamrul Islam

Ms. Rakha Das, a Youth Representative of Bangladesh participated a workshop at Colombo, Sri Lanka



Ms. Rakha Das with other participants

Ms. Rakha Das (28), a teacher of CODEC PSN Project, Salimpur, Sitakund, Chattogram, participated "Asia Pacific Regional Consultation-of Education Advocates" at Colombo, Sri Lanka on Sept 2 – 5, 2018 as a Youth Representative of Bangladesh. The program organized with the support of Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF), an initiative of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), funded by the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), and from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) arranged and guided the whole trip for her. Participants of 19 Asian countries as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Philippine, Mongolia, etc. participated the program. Ms. Das presented "Sharing of experiences in building and strengthening youth constituency to advance youth education and development agenda" based on her view her view about CLC (Community Learning Centre) considering her circumstance of the society. She gathered knowledge and experiences from the program, which will help her future planning and perform as an education advocate.

Reporter : Desk

Imams participated Hilsa conservation related meeting at Mehendigonj Upazila Auditorium

CODEC – ECOFISH

Towards the Hilsa conservation, national fish of Bangladesh, at the stripe in Meghna River, most of the Imams of Mehendigonj Upazila participated an awareness raising meeting



held at Upazila Auditorim on September 24, 2018; where Mr. Anil Chandra Das, AFO, Mehendiganj was presided the meeting. Mr. Depak Kumar Roy, UNO Mehendiganj was participated the meeting as Chief Guest. Upazila Supervisor of Islamic Foundation, Mehendigonj also participated the meeting along with other Imams of Mehendigonj Upazila. 20 fishers and CODEC-ECOFISH^{BD} Project personnel also participated the meeting. AFO, Mehendiganj expressed his gratitude to CODEC-ECOFISH^{BD} project for its activities to increase awareness among Imams to establishing active co-management on Mehendiganj Upazila. He also stated the importance of imams to conserve hilsa. He requested to Imams for announce the importance of conservation of

Brood Hilsa during ban period through their *Khutba* to the Muslims.

Upazila Supervisor, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh thanked to the organizers to arrange such a meeting. He said, "We are all concern about government rules and regulation and we appraise the importance of conserve Brood Hilsa". He requested to distribute government subside, rice to the actual fishers especially during ban period. The Chief Guest, Mr. Roy praised the activities of CODEC-ECOFISH^{BD} project in the area.



He said, "We know about upcoming 22 days Ban Period, from September 7 to 28, 2018. So, we should obey the government rule and aware the importance of this rule to another. Almost all Imam of Mehendigonj are present in this program, every Imam is a leader of a community. If you are announce the rule of government and aware the importance of ban period in your speech at every Friday I think it will spread a very encouraging news to the people". He also mentioned the importance of Hilsa and future plan of government of Bangladesh to conserve it.

Reporter : Abu Bakor Siddik



33 years of CODEC



Community Development Centre

Quiz Competition Completed At COECC School Feeding Program

CODEC – SFP

Recently, among the students of Class IV and V, a series of quiz competition programs completed on health and sanitation issues at Kutupalong and Noyapara Registered Camp. The students participated in two groups. The competitors won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize based on their performances, even every participants has gotten prize for their participation. Ms. Sajuti Sharman, Team Member, School Feeding Program, WFP and Sraboni Biswas attended the prize giving ceremonies. Moreover, similar type of program holds in every month in both registered camps. **Reporter : Ziaul Hoque**



WFP guests attended the prize giving ceremony

Upazila Inception Workshop at Rampal and Koyra Upazila

CODEC – THE SALT SOLUTION

Worldwide agricultural land is shrinking. There are many causes are involve with it, salinity intuition is one of the main cause of them. It is serious issue for the coastal areas of Bangladesh. Coastal people are very poor. They largely depend on small scale agriculture for their survival. But because of increasing salinization of the soil this is becoming harder and harder. To overcome the problem CODEC is implementing "The Salt Solution Project" in Khulna and Barisal



A partial view of Upazilla inception workshop

Kerk in Actie (KiA) and ICCO Cooperation Team Visited The Resilient Livelihood to Coastal disaster Affected Community, Amtali, Barguna



KiA representatives participated in a community meeting

CODEC – SMART (DRR)

High officials of Kerk in Actie (KiA), Netherlands and representative of ICCO Cooperation, Bangladesh have visited sever-

al activities of Resilient Livelihood to Coastal disaster Affected Community at Patakata village of Arpangashia and Ghotkhali village of Chawra union of Amtoli Upazilla, where SMART-DRR projects is implementing. On 25st September 2018 morning firstly they observed a court yard session that was facilitated by respective Community Facilitator, Mr. Gazi Obaidul Haque. Then Mrs. Petra Johanna, representative of KiA, Netherlands conversed with the participants and try to know their learnings, livelihoods as well as individual contingency plan at their family level.

They also visited several IGA activities of targeted hardcore and marginal farmers such as duck rearing, fish culture and fruit tree orchards establishment and appreciated highly by observing their tremendous achievements. They also made a discussion session with the Ward Disaster Management Committee (WDMC) member during the time of their schedule meeting at Chawra Union Parishad and also appreciated highly by knowing their activities as well as having the emergency response plan of each WDMC. In their visit, they have also conversed with the project staffs and appreciated for performing the good jobs. Other personnel of ICCO Cooperation as Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Head of Programs; Mr. Bikash Chandra Biswas and Nutrition Specialist of Proofs Project also accompanied with Mrs. Johanna.

Reporter : Mahbub Uddin

Region since April, 2017 by the support of ICCO Cooperation. In 1st year of this project has been implementing only four Upazilas of Khulna and Barishal region but now, from March 2018, the project activities have been extended another four Upazilas under Khulna and Barishal region.

Extension of project works in new area, Upazila Inception Workshop held on 3rd September at Rampal Upazila and 19th September, 2018 at Koyra Upazila under Bagerhat and Khulna district accordingly. The main objectives of this workshop were to develop common understanding and develop clear conception about CODEC, project goal and objectives, expected outcome, implementation strategy, household selection criteria and linkage with GoB agencies, local government, input and output market actors and relevant other stakeholders.

Honorable Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mr. Tushar Kumar Pal, Rampal Upazila, Bagerhat district and Mr. Simul Kumar Shaha (UNO), Koyra Upazila under Khulna district were attended as Chair Person at inception workshops. Chairman, Rampal Upazila Parishad and Vice Chairman, Koyra Upazila Parishad were joined in this workshop as Chief Guest and Upazila Agriculture Officer of both Upazila were attended as Special Guest.

Participants of the workshop thanked to CODEC to initiate such of a project implementation in the area and the audience also thanks to organize to organize the Inception Workshop at Upazila level. They expressed their opinions to the importance of implementation of the project in their area. The local stakeholders sensitized by the workshops.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and Upazila Agriculture Officer both of Upazila recommended that to maintain regular communication with GoB departments which will helpful to accelerate the program implementation jointly. If face any difficulties they will provide guidance and assistant where applicable.

Mr. Sheak Md. Abu Sayed, Chairman, Upazila Parishad, Rampal, Bagerhat expressed that the previous performance of CODEC was highly remarkable and appreciable. So The Salt Solution Project activities will be perform according to farmers need but it should be extended all unions under this Upazila gradually and they will be keeping continue all kinds of support for implementing the project activities smoothly. Agriculture Officer, Rampal and Koyra both expressed and suggested that should continue collaborative work with Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer (SAAO) at field level for sustainable development. UP Chairman, Rajnagar Union Parishad, Rampal Upazila and Chairman, Uttar Betkashi Union Parishad under Koyra Upazila said that all UP Chairmen will continuously support to smooth implement of the project activities. He proposed that The Salt Solution Project should implement all over the coastal unions. The participants of the government officials, Upazila and Union Parishad level officials have been accepted and appreciated the project.

Reporter : Md. Forkan Ahmed

Tower Gardening brings happiness and self-reliant of Purnima's Family

CODEC – NOBO JATRA

Purnima Sarder, wife of Sashanta Sarder (Village: Joynagar, Ward No.: 7 under Tildanga Union of Dacope Upazila) have 6 family members including son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters. Purnima's has only 15 decimal of homestead land where she cultivates vegetables.



In the previous, Purnima's family did not produce vegetable for commercial aspect. They used to produce vegetable only for family needs. Once upon a time, the family of Purnima's livelihoods was continuing hand to mouth. Under this situation, Nobo Jatra Project started its development activities in the area and she selected as homestead producer group (HPG) beneficiary on April 2017. After selecting her, she got 5 day-long training on vegetable, poultry rearing and refreshers training as well. Besides, Purnima got kind support for

vegetable seed for whole year at amount of TK. 700 (TK.300 + 400). In the training, she received the concept of different climate smart agriculture (CSA) technologies along with Tower Gardening technology as well, Purnima and her Husband Sashanta added. She received how to make more profit from vegetable cultivation and also was informed about input-output market actors.

Purnima Sarder utilizes her 15 decimal lands (including pond and dike) for vegetable cultivation like sweet gourd, pumpkin, bottle gourd, ladies finger, brinjal, ash gourd, cucumber etc. Purnima's husband Sashanta Sarder told that this season (summer season) they sold about 300 hundred sweet gourds and other vegetable at amount of about TK. 20,000 and still, we could be able to sale of TK. 2000--3000 by rest of crops.

Purnima's husband Sashanta told that before starting the summer, we established a Tower Garden costing of about TK. 500 and cultivate sweet gourd using the Tower method, we, meanwhile, sold vegetable (sweet gourd) about TK. 4,000 from the Tower Garden. Besides, they produced brinjal's sapling using the Tower. In fact, they are inspired to establish that Tower technology from the NJP project and practically learned about the technology from the CSA demo plot of Laxmi Sarder which is situated near at her project site.

Purnima's husband also told that they have a plan to establish more Tower Gardens and it may be the replicated by number of 8-10. They have calculated that an amount of TK. 4000-5000 will be spent for establishing those Tower Gardens. They are thinking that an amount of TK.40000—50000 may additional income from those Tower cultivation.

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