

## ICDP in Bangladesh, 2021

We are happy that ICDP training is going on in Bangladesh through the Healthy Childhood Development Program (HCDP), a project of Normisjon Bangladesh. We have been working in partnership with different organizations. These organizations work with families and children in low-income communities. Through ICDP training to partner organizations (POs) we want to strengthen families and institutions to better care for their children. We give facilitators training to the staff of these organizations.

In 2021 many activities were disrupted due to covid 19. Finally, we have managed to do 3 batches of facilitator level training in Bangladesh. There were 21 facilitators who completed their training, 42 facilitators were active and ran 30 caregiver groups, 209 caregivers received ICDP training and 425 children were touched through our activities in Bangladesh. One trainer also completed trainer's training.



Photo: Caregiver group certification



Photo: Facilitator's certification

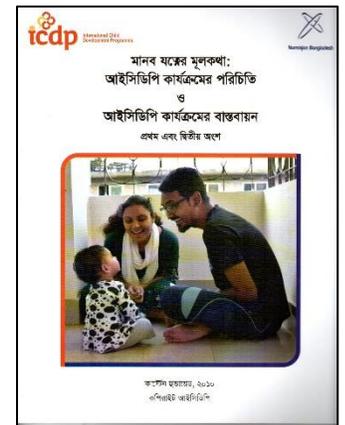
We have developed a Core Team consisted of 5 members from different partner organizations. The core team is having an important role in ensuring partnering and unity between the organisations trained in ICDP. Our future aim is that the core team will carry the overall national local ownership and be known as ICDP Bangladesh.

There was a facilitators' gathering where 25 facilitators came together. We were honoured to have the Norwegian Ambassador in our midst during this event. We heard many successful stories from the facilitators which were encouraging.



Photo: Facilitators' Gathering

We have translated the materials into our local language, Bengali, which includes the booklet “I am a person,” “Essence of human care, part 1 & 2,” and “Facilitator’s manual”. We also produced photos and posters in our local context.



Below are the testimonies from two caregivers who received ICDP training:

*I am a teacher of a kindergarten school in northern-east part of Bangladesh. I care for 30 children. ICDP training has impacted me in many ways. Before ICDP training I didn't have any interest in the children. Every day, I used to go to school because it was my work. Whenever a child would not bring homework, I got very angry. I would scold them harshly and always looked for the stick. If they made a simple mistake, I punished them severely. ICDP has changed my view of children. Now I don't use a stick any more in the classroom. My relationship with the children has improved. I take time to listen to the children. I try to find out positive qualities in each child.*

*I am mother of one child. My son is 10 years old. I didn't have a close relationship with my son. I couldn't control my anger. I always scolded him. My son used to tell me that I was like a bird, always screaming. When I wrote the letter to my son that was the turning point for me. After reading my letter my son shed into tears. He cried and I also cried with him. Our relationship has improved a lot. I still struggle to manage my anger but I try my best to praise my son. Now I can see many positive qualities in him. Homework and other activities helped me to improve my relationship with my son.*