

REPORT ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS OF ICDP IN BANGLADESH

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We are very glad that ICDP training is running in Bangladesh under Healthy Childhood Development Program (HCDP) a project of Normisjon Bangladesh. HCDP is in third year of running ICDP training in Bangladesh. Many families are being benefitted through ICDP.

Training of Trainers (ToT): HCDP team is building capacity by training trainers. Now we have 12 assistant trainers and 3 trainers. Among these assistant trainers 4 will receive their diplomas in December, 2023. With this team of trainers, we are upscaling ICDP training within a larger organizations, namely UNICEF Bangladesh.



Facilitator Training (ToF): We are giving Facilitator level training to staff from different organizations who work with vulnerable families. In 2023 we organized 4 batches of Facilitator training in two different



locations. 18 facilitators received their certificate and 23 facilitators will complete their training in December.

Caregiver Group: The facilitators run caregiver groups in their organizations. Through their diligent work community people are receiving caregiver training. During this year, 28 caregiver groups completed the course, and 38 groups are still running in different parts of Bangladesh. ICDP training is bringing positive



changes in family relationships.

Here are some comments.

One husband said:



“My wife is very loving to me after taking part in ICDP training. She is now more caring toward me and the children.”

A mother, Champa Biswas said: “When I started ICDP sessions, I was pregnant with my third baby. My second child is a girl. Her name is Dola, she is a special needs child - because of that, my neighbours used to say harsh words to me and my daughter. Whenever I heard their unkind words I used to get very angry and a lot of times I argued and quarrelled with them. I was depressed and emotionally not well. But this ICDP training has completely changed my life. From the training I learned many valuable and useful lessons for my life. It would have been better if I had received this training earlier. Now I pay more attention and give care to my daughter. Now I don’t have to fight like before because I know how to control my

anger. Thank you so much ICDP and I pray to God that other parents get this ICDP training and that their lives can change like mine has”.

Facilitator Gathering: Facilitators were very happy to join the gathering. It was like a reunion during which facilitators shared joys and happiness of doing ICDP work. It was an opportunity to share new materials that we developed. The facilitators are eager to come to such gatherings. In 2023, we organized two kinds of facilitators’ gatherings; regional and annual. We gave facilitators a small gift as a token of appreciation. One facilitator said “I was so excited the night before facilitators gathering that I was unable to sleep. For me it was the same excitement that I felt at school whenever we went for a picnic from with my school friends. Coming together with other facilitators is like reuniting with family members.”



Beneficiaries Caregivers and Children: Facilitators ran caregiver groups in 2023, and as a result, 229 caregivers and 321 children were touched by ICDP training. The children testified about the positive changes in their own caregivers. One mother said how her son now loves to play with her. Before, he would spend lots of time playing outside with his friends. Now he spends time at home. One day the mother asked him why he is not going out to play with his friends and he replied, “I like when you play with me. Now you give me time so I do not need to stay out for a long time.”

Collaborating with UNICEF Bangladesh: We are in the process of establishing close partnership with UNICEF. There will be an initial phase of ICDP Facilitator level training with UNICEF. HCDP hopes that 400 caregivers and 840 children will be benefited within this initial training period. We are starting in November and it is planned to complete the training of 100 facilitators in May 2024. UNICEF has 1000 hubs around the country and it counts with 400 child rights facilitators who directly work with children and family. They reach more than 30 million children in a year. We are very excited to start working with UNICEF. We believe that we will be able to reach many children in Bangladesh as result. To facilitate wider implementation, UNICEF has redesigned the materials without changing the content.

