



Annual Progress Report

People's Reporting Centre (PRC)

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Executive Summary

Democracywatch has been implementing five years project (March 2006 to December 2010) named People's Reporting Centre (PRC) with the support of DANIDA-HRGG-PSU in selected 28 unions in the country. The present phase of PRC is implementing in total 28 Unions (Old 6 + New - 22), (Jessore-16 union, Nilphamari-4, Gazipur-4 and Dinajpur-4) in Gazipur, Dinajpur, Jessore and Nilphamari district.

The project started in March 2006 and will be completed in 31st December 2010. The total budget for the project is BDT 6 crore 8 lakh15 thousand 4 hundred 02.

Democracywatch implementing this project through its local partners such as Swapno Sahajjyo Shangstha (SSS) Jessore, Samajik Unnyon Shangstha (SUS), Gazipur, Nilachal, Nilphamari and PRADIP, Dinajpur.

The main purpose of the present project is to develop and support the major stakeholders and build constituencies to link micro issues with the macro level. PRC will give particular focus on creating accountability and transparency of Union Parishads. Most strategic focus will be a clear motivation for the elected UP Chairmen, Members and Officials to make them transparent, catalyst Citizen Committee Members, CBOs, CSOs including media, awareness raising among the citizens at Union Level, mobilizing other stakeholders and initiating campaigns for ensuring people's participation in UP activities like budgeting, planning, implementation and monitoring. They will monitor role of UP and government officials in public service delivery management, handle law and order situation specially violence against women and children. The project will initiate policy formulation and research, review for finding out gaps in policies and practices and will initiate policy advocacy and lobbying to make the Union Parishads more accountable, responsive and effective.

People's Reporting Centre project have been completed about 10 months and gained some success in several unions. Local development plan have been prepared in Ramnagar and Arabpur union of Jessore, Singra union of Dinajpur, Bason union of Gazipur and Khogakhoribari union of Nilphamari. Participatory budget has been prepared and declared in 5 unions at this time. Formation of citizen committee from the civil society was the main task in this quarter and PRC offices at local level formed 177 citizen committee at ward level. The citizen committee use to organize monthly meeting to identify their own problems and find out the ways and means to resolve the problems. Apart from this PRC local offices are functioning well at their respective areas where they use to play an important role to make the union parishad more transparent and accountable.

Introduction: Analysis of context:

- ***Development in social and political context which is relevant to the implementation of the project, including pre-established risks and assumptions.***

The project aims to decrease the gap between the people and their Union Parishad (UP) representatives and function as a channel between the people and UP. Currently, people elect the UP members who should be delivering services to the people. However in practice there is little interaction between the UP members and their electorate and the peoples' voice is not always being heard. This project will help the UP in strategic planning, participatory management and community participation and assist in linking UPs with community groups such as local traditional leaders, councilors and officials, the private sector and representatives from women groups. It focuses on building self-reliance within the community, and developing interdependent relations between the different layers of government. It will eventually spawn a monitoring system on the activities of the Union Parishad.

Democracywatch believes that good governance can only be achieved through a strong local government with the contribution and participation of the local people. With a view to establish a society where people are able to exercise their democratic rights in all spheres of life irrespective of their socio-economic, cultural and political identity or status the organization is working in this sector seriously. In October 2003 and December 2005 Democracywatch implemented a pilot phase in 6 unions in different parts of the country. After the short journey of PRC, Democracywatch gained enormous experiences and learning, which are as follows:

- ***Poor knowledge of the LEB, Citizen's Committee members, local civil society members and organizations, partner organizations on accountability and transparency and the National Policies on LGIs.***

The LEB, Citizen's Committee members, local civil society members and organizations, and general people do not have adequate knowledge on the LGIs, its operations, mandates, links with central government, its sources of power, budget, etc. They do not have information on PRSP, as well as how the issues are being projected in the MDG. Democracywatch can develop small booklet with explanation for mass awareness rising for LEB, citizen committees and other key stakeholders. It must be remembered that inadequate knowledge and information often become a critical factor in developing partnership.

- ***Informal and/or personal vs. Institutional relationship with the LGIs.***

Through different case studies, FGDs, it was identified that in majority of the cases, the local NGOs, CBOs, CSOs, local elites, general citizens have developed an informal relationship with the LGIs through their interpersonal skills. Because of the lack of mandate or job description of the LGIs, the relationship is still not institutionalized. Without a well defined institutionalized relationship both the sustainability of the relation as well as accountability of the LGIs is difficult to achieve.

- ***Non-existence of institutions (NGO, CBO, CSO) to monitor Union Parishad activities.***

In Bangladesh there is no institution to oversee the performance of Union Parishad. Few NGO, CBO and Civil society organizations are engaged in any kind of systematic monitoring of implementation of GOB commitments under different Human Rights obligations and holding the public institutions and the political entities accountable due inadequate capacity, poor internal accountability system and politically biasness. PRC can play vital role by creating favorable environment for people's participation to monitor the UP activities.

- ***Poor Commitment of Citizen Committee members, local political party's interference***

In the pilot phase some citizen committees were formed in the project areas. Their capacity was built through trainings. But those limited numbers of training could not bring any major changes in their attitude and behavior. These groups need more efforts to be proactive in PRC work. Moreover they are engaged with their own occupation. So it becomes difficult to expect more time towards PRC work by the citizen committee members. Also there is some interference of local political parties to involve their followers in the citizen's committees. Though it was expected a group of catalyst will be developed with full commitment towards PRC but reality is different. But we believe there are some people who could be able to contribute with full of commitment to develop their Union Parishad effective. Continuous motivation and mobilization will be our future work to make a pro-active group of people who will be representing the total population in building their UP.

- ***Complicated UP representatives, over empowered citizen committee members:***

Some of union parishad representatives are very complicated and they didn't like to introduce accountability and transparency at this level. Some of them are very uneducated so that they didn't understand the real essence of the project. But now we realize that if we introduce this system we have to be very patient and careful. So for the successful implementation of the project we should be friendlier with them and build their capacity, motivate them by practical experiences and introducing them with best practices.

In the pilot phase citizen committee members received trainings, information, and exposure visit and became empowered. In some cases we found citizen committee members started bargaining with the LEB for getting personal advantages. They feel that they are involved with the NGOs who are prominent locally as well nationally. Even they want to utilize the advantages of being partners of reputed NGO and Donor agency. We feel the need of developing code of conducts for the CC in future phase.

- ***Lack of communication and sharing of information among NGOs, Citizen Committee, Govt. Officials at LGI, LEB and other stakeholders.***

It is not only the LGIs who do not share information with its community especially the NGOs and CBOs but the NGOs also seldom share program objectives, goals and other program related activities with the LGIs or with other stakeholders. As a result, this may not provide the LGIs to plan and budget for the activities and share articulately the initiatives in their consultation meetings with the concern authorities in advance. Nevertheless partner

NGOs of Democracywatch can develop a briefing paper on the project activities and circulate these to the LGIs and other stakeholders.

As a vital part of the service delivery government officials of UP are not very enthusiastic. They always feel that they are not working under any chairman so they use to act according to their high officials. That's why sometimes it was very tough to get them in a meeting. So from next phase we have to increase number of programmes with government officials, which will definitely benefit the PRC project.

AS PRC aims to make local people more empowered and they will liaison with UP representatives to improve the management and administration skill to run a union parishad smoothly. If strong cooperation and coordination among the PRC, Govt. officials, LEB can not be established the aim will not be fulfilled. So the future phase of the project will highlight the need to contact with the all members to build strong coordination among them from strengthening accountability and transparency of UP activities.

In the present phase capitalizing the existing strengths of the local government institutions PRC can obtain a better balance between national responsibility and local choice in service delivery. It is important to engage and integrate the local government institutions to enable them to meet their responsibilities as front line institutions in monitoring of PRSP and other policies related with poverty reduction. On the other hand by building a platform for general people of the Union Parishad, involving them in participating and contributing in UP budgeting, planning implementation and monitoring on a voluntary basis accountability and transparency of the Union Parishad can be ensure. Democracywatch will build their knowledge and skills through organizational development process. Research will be conducted to find out the gaps between policies and practices. Finally to raise the micro issues regarding the accountability and transparency of Union Parishad to the macro level by creating a greater constituency of NGOs, Civil Society, academia, Professionals, LEB representatives, Citizen Committee representatives, Media will be developed.

Assumptions:

- Several organizations are working on local government field to improve the situation
- Government policy emphasised on improvement of the local government
- UP representatives are more friendly and helpful at present.
- Materials are procured and delivered on time to the site
- Community members are willing to contribute their time on a voluntary basis
- Venue is available to conduct training program at local level

Risks:

The following major risks have been identified

- General people might be misunderstood
- UP representatives might be vindictive to heard about their accountability to the people
- Unlawful intervention from the local political leaders
- Political instability
- Change in donor policy

Overall Project development

Evaluation of the pertinence of the project strategy, and eventual need for adjustments

The set project strategy was effective to implement the programme successfully. Basically Democracywatch has been implementing this project through its local partners in different districts. The activity was mostly done by local partners where Democracywatch staff use to assist them, train them and build their capacity to implement it very successfully. Moreover Democracywatch organizes some event at field and national level to get effective results.

Overall progress in relation to immediate objectives

(Analysis based on the summarized monitoring information)

It should be mentioned that about 84% activities has been completed from March to 31st December, 2006. The percentage of the activities which as follows: Jessore 76%, Nilphamari 91%, Gazipur 98% and Dinajpur 99%.

Under the output 1 Democracywatch has been completed 63% activities, 88% activities has been completed under the output 2, in output 3 we have achieved only 45% of the total activity and in output 4 Democracywatch have been completed 67%.

Democracywatch has been implementing many programmes according to work plan which may get clear overview about the overall progress of the project which is as follows:

Planned Outputs	Programme achieved (March'06-December 06)
Output 1 UP standing committees and officials are capacitated for involving citizen committees and general people to identify and address problems through participatory analysis, planning and budgeting.	Under the output-1 Democracywatch has been completed 63% activities.
1.1 Developed strong and effective networks among UP standing committees, Govt. service providers and other stakeholders at local level for creating access to health, education agriculture and legal services for the poor and disadvantaged women, men and children.	
Output 2 2.1 Developed and well-functioned PRC as a platform where LEB, CC and general citizens can identify issue, make effective plan to address the problems and implement programme in a participatory process.	Under the Output-2, we have been completed 88% activities.
2.2 Mobilized and sensitised mass people, Community based organizations, civil society organizations, local media for demanding transparency and accountability of UP through their participation.	
Output 3 3.1 Identified gaps and limitations in policy, system and practices of LGI	The achievement of Output-3, 45% activities has been completed.
Output 4 4. Institutional capacity of DW as Human Rights organization has been developed and continued planned project activities	Under the Output-4 we have been achieved 67% activities.

Analysis of outputs and expenditure.

Output	Budget	Expenditure	Percentage (%)
Output 1 UP standing committees and officials are capacitated for involving citizen committees and general people to identify and address problems through participatory analysis, planning and budgeting.	888,000	568,630	64%
1.1 Developed strong and effective networks among UP standing committees, Govt. service providers and other stakeholders at local level for creating access to health, education agriculture and legal services for the poor and disadvantaged women, men and children.			
Output 2 2.1 Developed and well-functioned PRC as a platform where LEB, CC and general citizens can identify issue, make effective plan to address the problems and implement programme in a participatory process. 2.2 Mobilized and sensitised mass people, Community based organizations, civil society organizations, local media for demanding transparency and accountability of UP through their participation.	4,03,5200	2,592407	64%
Output 3 3.1 Identified gaps and limitations in policy, system and practices of LGI	520,000	307,372	59%
Output 4 4. Institutional capacity of DW as Human Rights organization has been developed and continued planned project activities	2,811,360	1,958,544	70%

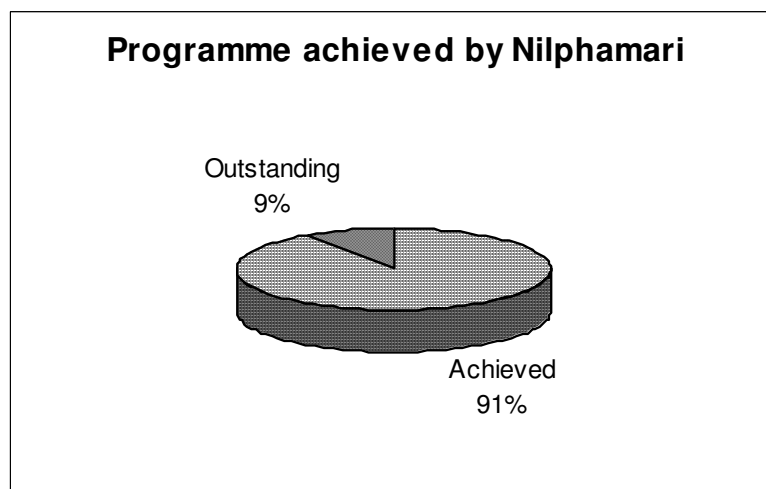
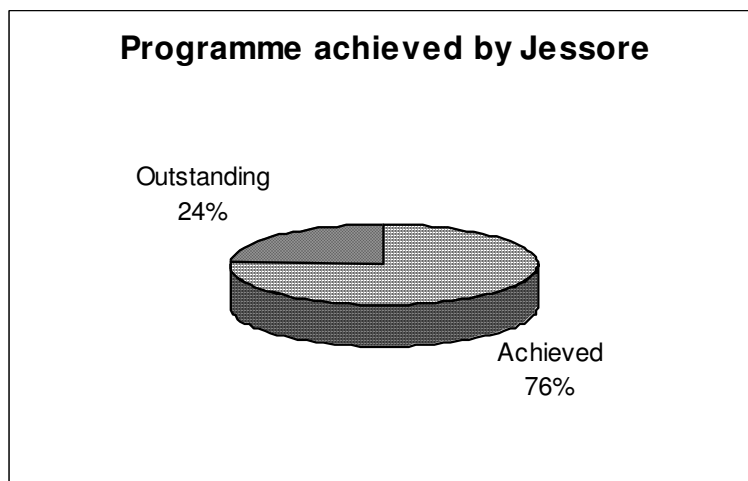
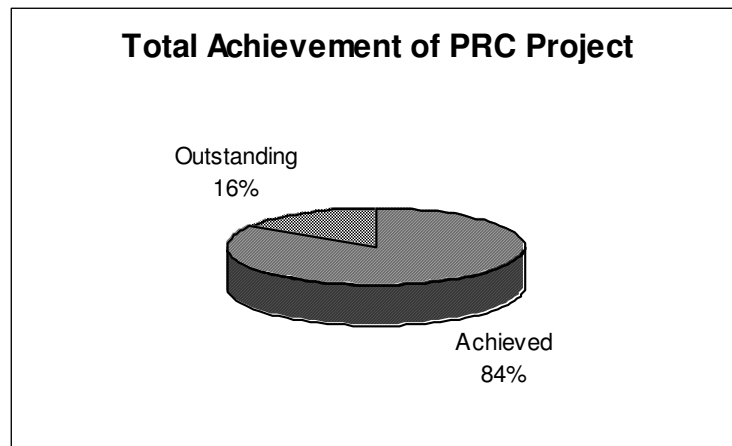
General Project Status and Performance

Peoples' Reporting Centre (PRC) project of Democracywatch started March 2006 and will be completed at December 2010. Democracywatch received the grant on 28 May, 2006. According to plan the grant has been distributed among the partners from June 2006. With in this time for the implementation operation of the project Democracywatch initiated some events, which should be mentioned

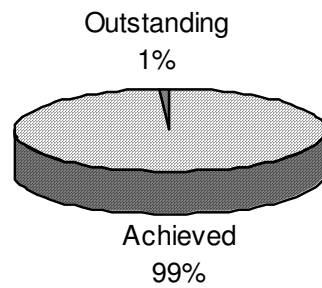
- Partners orientation regarding the project on 23 May, 2006
- Staff Recruitment
- Staff orientation on 11 July, 2006
- Financial orientation on 11 July, 2006

Though Democracywatch started the project with full swing in four districts. But The planning and implementation is being obstructed sometimes due to lack of whole working areas.

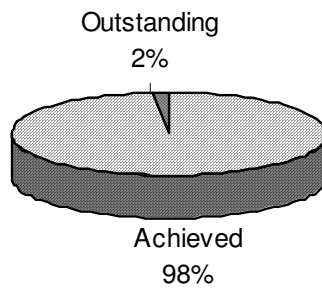
The overall performance of the activities at field and local level is quiet satisfactory. The monitoring department of PRC conducted a research recently, which revealed that 84% activities have been done within this period. It should be mention that Democracywatch calculate the achievement rate of PRC activities is on the basis of working area coverage. The over all performance is shown in some pie charts which as follows



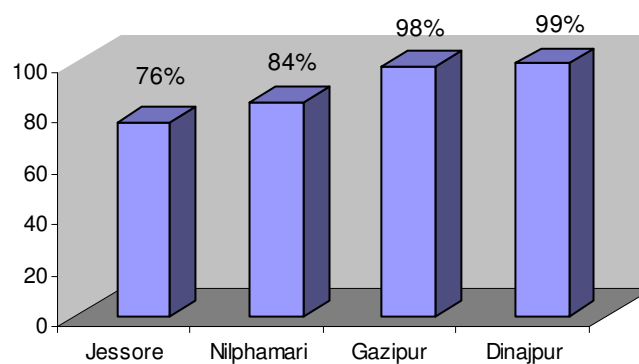
Programme achieved by Dinajpur



Programme achieved by Gazipur



Partner wise Achievement



Achievements in terms of output

Out put -1:

- 1.1 UP standing committees and officials have taken effective measures for involving citizen committees and general people to identify and address problems through participatory analysis, planning and budgeting.



Standing Committee formation

- A number of 12 standing Committee (Agriculture, Health, Education, law and order) were formed in Ramnagar Union, Kashimpur Union and Narendropur union of Jessore with in this phase.
- A number of 4 standing committee were formed in Khagakhori Bari on 23 June, 2006.
- A number of 8 standing committee were formed in Singra and Bulakipur union of Dinajpur from June, 2006
- A number of 4 standing committee (Education and health) were formed in Baria and Pubail union of Gazipur at July 2006.
- Out of 28 LEB workshop 25 LEB workshops have been completed on; Transparency and Accountability, Participatory approach, role & responsibilities of UP representatives.

A Brief Analysis and impact

PRC local officers and Representatives made tremendous contribution to form these standing committees to make more transparent Union Parishad. In every meeting they invited local people and citizen committee members to inform their roles and responsibilities regarding the formation of standing committee. Some of the citizen committee members are involved in the standing committee to run the UP more efficiently. The PRC local offices supplied all resolution books for each committee. So that they will have an option to oversee the decision of the meetings. They are acting as a catalytic agent to run the UP in a participatory manner.

Achievements

- Out of 12 planned workshop on participatory planning and budgeting of Union Parishad 11 workshop have been completed in last ten months of which 5 in Jessore, 1 in Gazipur, 2 in Nilphamari and 3 in Dinajpur.

A Brief Analysis and impact

The objective of the workshop is to develop participatory method and tools for the budgeting of union Parishad. Side by side general people, civil society, citizen committee members and UP representatives will be habituated to make



Open Budget

all the development plans of Union Parishad. Democracywatch made a comprehensive presentation on it and conducted these workshops at field level. Civil Society leaders, UP representatives, Members of the Citizen Committee, Local staff of PRC were present at the meeting.

Achievements

- Out of 10 open and participatory budget declarations Democracywatch organized 5 open budgets on 8 June, 2006 in Ramnagar in Jessore, 27 June Arabpur union of Jessore and Bason union of Gazipur, 28 June in Singra of Dinajpur and 30 June in Khagakhoribari of Nilphamari.

A Brief Analysis and impact

Participatory budget declaration is one of the important task of UP to make them more transparent and accountable to general people. Democracywatch initiated this process at UP level in a comprehensive manner. At first member of the citizen committee organize ward level discussion on budget after that they came to UP level and organize Pre-budget session. After that they organize open budget session and dialogue with local people then they organize post budget session or follow up session to see the real progress of it. A huge number of participants at different level used to participate in this event.

Output

- 1.2 Developed strong and effective networks among UP standing committees, Govt. service providers and other stakeholders at local level for creating access to health, education agriculture and legal services for the poor and disadvantaged women, men and children.



Post-Budget Analysis

Achievement

- Out of 84 Alternative Dispute Regulation (ADR) of Union Parishad 34 ADR have been completed in last ten months of which 11 in Gazipur, 7 in Nilphamari 8 in Dinajpur. and 8 in Jessore.
- Out of 168 Coordination Meeting (CM) of Union Parishad 89 Coordination Meeting Conduction have been completed in last ten months of which 24 in Gazipur, 15 in Nilphamari, 18 in Dinajpur and 32 in Jessore.
- Out of 2 exposure visit we have been completed 1 exposure visit at Sahapara union of Gaibandha to see the performance of union parishad especially transparency and accountability.



Exposure Visit

A Brief Analysis and impact

Democracywatch staffs conducted this meeting with all the stakeholders of UP so that everybody will be informed about the activities of PRC and UP as well as Government officials such as Education officer, Agriculture officer and member of the standing committee were present at the meeting. The lack of Union Parishad is the obstacle for unfinished activities.

Output-2:

- 2.1 Developed and well-functioned PRC as a platform where LEB and general citizens can work together to identify root causes of violation of basic, civil and political rights of people specially women and children.



Citizen Committee formation

Achievements

- 54 citizen's committees have been working in old areas.
- Out of 198 citizen committees 177 citizen committees have been formed in new areas.
- Out of 252 trainings on Civil Rights and Responsibilities issues, 220 trainings have been conducted in both for citizen committee's old and new project areas.
- Out of 112 sharing meeting a number of 64 meetings have been organized with LEB, local journalists, CBO and CSO in the project areas.
- Out of 112 quarterly/ monthly meeting we have been completed 64 meetings of which 16 held in Gazipur, 8 in Nilphamari, 12 in Dinajpur and 28 in Jessore.
- Out of 4 press conferences at local level we have been organized all press conferences at Jessore, Gazipur and Dinajpur.
- Out of 28 rapport buildings we have organized 28 events in 28 Union Parishad.

- 2.2 Mobilized and sensitised mass people, Community based organizations, civil society organizations, local media for promoting people's demand on transparency and accountability of UP and monitoring public services delivery to the poor.

Achievements

- Out of 56 Spot campaigns we have completed 31 spot campaigns at project areas.
- Out of 56 Video show of awareness rising on different UP activities PRC has completed 39 video shows in 22 unions.
- Out of 504 yard meetings on transparency and accountability, participatory planning and good governance, 382 meetings have been completed.



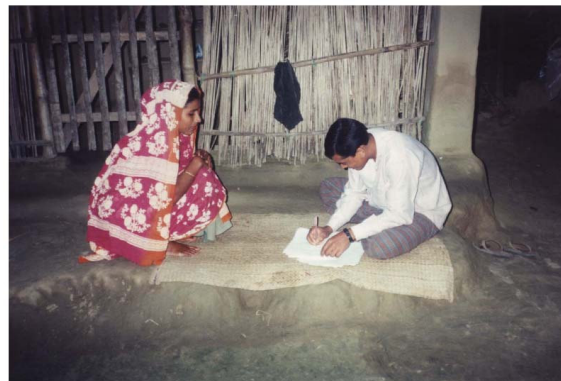
Spot campaigns

Output-3:

3.1 Identified gaps and limitations in policy, system and practices of LGI with special focus on resource allocation, decentralization of power, people's active participation in UP and its relation with PRSP.

Achievements

- 1 Base line survey has been completed in 22 unions (focusing on health, education, poverty, law and order, gender based violence and discrimination, child rights violation).
- 1 experience sharing meeting among local PRC staff to find out the ways and means to resolve existing problems to implement



Baseline Survey

Output 4

Institutional Capacity of DW as Human Rights organization has been developed and continued planned project activities.

Achievements

- 10 staff of Democracywatch and 18 staff of partner NGOs have participated 1 training on reporting, communication and ADR.

Discussion and analysis of progress and set back

Democracywatch started this project without 11 unions on March 2006 so that the planning and implementation level is sometimes obstructed. After 8 months back we have been settled the issue orally with the Programme Officer of DANIDA and have been started working in rest of the unions. That's why our programmes are being slightly delayed. But Democracywatch is grateful to the Programme Officer of DANIDA who clearly resolves the problems.

Democracywatch has been selected 10 unions from Jessore, 10 unions from Nilphamari and 4 unions each from Gazipur and Dinajpur for the project.

But after approval of the project DANIDA sent us a letter with a letter of intent on March 6, 2006 and advised us that 'Democracywatch should consider inclusion of DANIDA sector programme working unions for the proposed project, especially Dinajpur and Nilphamari districts where DANIDA agriculture sector programme phase 2 will be working'.

But we didn't get any prescribed union (Working area) from DANIDA even after 6 months of the project which has been clearly indicated in our 6 months report. That's why we were far behind from our total target in the first quarter.

After that we have decided that we have to cover full Thana according to DANIDA strategy. Then we have been decided to bring another 6 unions from Nilphamari to Jessore. Since Jessore is progressive district and UP representatives are more aware and educated rather than any other district we have been selected these areas for the betterment of the project.

We have been started our full swing work in 28 unions from 8 November, 2006.

Influence of external factors

Assumptions:

- Several organizations are working on local government to improve the situation.
- Government policy emphasised on improvement of the local government.
- UP representatives are more friendly and helpful at present.
- Community members are willing to contribute their time on a voluntary basis.
- Venue is available to conduct training program at local level.

Risks:

The following major risks have been identified

- Unlawful intervention from the local political leaders.
- Political instability.

Evaluation of achievements (Outputs) in relation to expenditure

<u>Head of Expenses</u>	<u>% of expenditure on 1st Year budget</u>	<u>Reasons for deviation</u>
Programme Personnel	82 %	delay in staff recruitment process for some positions.
Administrative Personnel	96 %	N/A
Activity and Running cost	66 %	planning and implementation is being Obstructed sometimes due to unsettled Working areas such as out of 28 unions we have been working in 17 unions since March, 06. But after 8 months back we have received the final list of unions and we started work in the rest of the union from November 2006. That's why we have been delayed slightly.
Recurring costs	94 %	N/A
Audit Expenses	63 %	External Audit not yet done.

Challenges and Way forward

Democracywatch is working to ensure transparency and accountability of Union Parishad. During this period Democracywatch and its partners faced lot of difficulties and risks. This kind of project is not very easy when the question of transparency and accountability of Union Parishad comes in. It is sometimes hard to arrange a real platform for general people where they can raise their voices.

People have become aware of the PRC concept but their expectations are high. They thought that this project would give direct service delivery. It is up to us to make them understand that it will contribute indirectly in the development process and also ensure people's participation in democratic process.

People are not convinced about NGO activities. A group of NGOs worked here previously. But most of them are doing credit programs and maintaining businessman relationship with local people. That's why they were surprised and unable to trust when they became aware about our activities. Finally we make them understand that this type of work will definitely help in their development process.

Peoples Reporting Center project have already achieved enormous success at union level. Some UP already started participatory planning and budgeting and contributing a lot to improve their own Union Parishad. General people, UP representatives and other stakeholders are quiet convinced to improve their union in a PRC model. So there will be a huge potentiality to implement this project in future.

Work plan and priorities for next half year

Coordination meeting, Sharing meeting, UP operation manual development and publication, LEB workshop, meeting with journalist and civil society, Citizen Committee training on Transparency and Accountability, participatory planning, standing committee activation and study report publication will get the highest priority for the next half year. (**Attached work plan**)

4. Implementation mechanisms

- The functioning of steering mechanisms, project management, planning, monitoring and administration.

DW making all its program decisions at monthly Project Management Meeting (PMM). The PMM participated by Executive Director (20%), Programme Manager, Programme Coordinator, M&E Coordinator, Finance Manager (30%), 1 Internal Auditor (50%), 1 Accountant, 2 Programme Officers and 3 Assistant Program Officers, 1 Technical Assistant and 1 Driver.

Organizational and implementation strategy have been discussed and reviewed from time to time through active participation of PNGOs. Partner organizations used to propose their ideas, views and plans through quarterly Partnership Meeting. There will be an annual meeting with all partners of DW every year.

For smooth running of the project activities the individual partner usually prepares the work plan, implement the activities, following the work plan and monitor the day to day activities. Organization of the partner for implementing the project is the Executive Director with

50 % responsibility in addition to his/her regular work. To run the project they have recruited; 1 Project Coordinator, 1 Programme Officer, 1 Assistant Programme Officer, 1 Union Organizer, 1 Accountant with 50% responsibility and 1 support staff. Alongside partners have recruited 1 PRC Representatives from each new union who communicate and give messages to people about PRC. All recruitments will be based on project size and geographical coverage. Management of each partner will provide on the job/in-house and formal training for staff capacity building. A small team of PRC monitoring the project activities and DW is ensuring the necessary capacity building of the individual partners. Partners report to Program Manager and Program Manager reports to the Executive Director of Democracywatch.

Finance Department of DW is keeping account of the expenses and produce financial reports. All financial budgeting and reporting will be coordinated by Finance department of DW in close cooperation with the Programme Manager.

DW prepares and submits the Periodic and Progress reports and Program completion report to DANIDA.

DW in Dhaka and individual partners operate separate bank accounts for projects. The accounts process are carried out in accordance with financial and administrative guideline of DANIDA

An NGO Bureau enlisted firm of chartered accountant and approved by DANIDA will audit financial statement for the individual projects at the end of each year. Audit report will be prepared and sent to DANIDA.

Democracywatch has appointed one M&E coordinator with full responsibility of developing comprehensive M&E system, tools and techniques, which will be practiced both at Democracywatch and field level. DW will on a regular basis monitor the implementation of the individual projects based on the developed monitoring system. In the 3rd year of the project a Mid Term Evaluation will be done by the project which will be an opportunity to look back whether the objectives could be achieved with the present plan or some new ideas need to be incorporated.

The partner organizations' individual projects submit the reports to DW using prescribed formats and timetables as per requirements.

In consultation with partner NGO and keeping the requirement of DANIDA in mind reporting system and formats will be developed by Democracywatch.

Progress in relation to donor coordination and harmonization

Danida officials always coordinate and giving time to time advises to implement the project smoothly.

On 10 June, 2006 to 12 June, 2006, a consultant on Monitoring and Evaluation of DANIDA visited Jessore PRC office and discussed with Democracywatch National level staff and partners staff at local level on evaluation and monitoring. She also delivered a lecture to local staff to make them understand about the evaluation format of DANIDA.

On 4 August, 2006 Charge the Affairs of Denmark Embassy (Now Deputy Head of Mission) Nathalia Fienberg, Programme officer Mahal Aminuzzaman and Programme Officer of DANIDA Hossain Shahid Sumon Visited Ramnagor office and also attended in an event where general people discussed on budget of union parishad with Chairman. The discussion was very much live due to presence of DANIDA officials and they have introduced themselves as a friend which was clearly giving them motivation to work together. On 23 September, 2006 a local government decentralized team from DANIDA visited Arabpur Union Parishad and attended in a post budget discussion. Apart from this Programme Officer of DANIDA always use to keep contact with us to know the status of PRC Project.

Principle tasks

- Need more Rapport building at UP level
- Need to establish comprehensive contact with UP chairman and other stakeholders (i.e. UNO, Upazilla Health, Education and Agriculture officer etc)
- Need more training for national and local staff
- Organize partnership meeting, strategy planning to resolve the problems at implementation level
- Ensure regular field visit from Democracywatch to give input at implantation level

Challenges

- As the state of emergency is going on in the country, organizing the programme at field level is quiet hampering due to lack of coordination from the TNO office, lack of people's interests etc.
- Forthcoming national election will be influenced at UP level. So that people from different political parties will be involved in different political programmes at UP. Due to this reason regular programme of PRC could be hampering or obstructing.
- Some UP Chairman are absconding due to state of emergency so the main player is missing for a while on the eve of this intervention.
- Most of the UP chairman are politically motivated either government party or opposition so that they could lost their concentration on their own duties and responsibilities to run all the development projects smoothly.

Annexes:

1. Monitoring charts including all indicators and targets according to specific format
2. Project level (output based) work plan with specific targets for the reported period
3. Project level (output based) work plan with specific targets for the next (half) year
4. Gender participation in PRC project

Annex - II

Democracywatch

People's Reporting Centre (PRC)

Ten-Month Activities report(March-December 2006)

SL	Activities Name	10 Months Target	Working Area & Target					Achieved					Outstanding					Total Achieve.	Out standing
			Dh	Je	Nil	Din	Ga	Dh	Je	Nil	Din	Ga	Dh	Je	Nil	Din	Ga		
	Out put 1																		
3.01	Standing Committees Facilitation	28		12	4	8	4		12	4	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
3.02	Workshops on Participatory Planning & Budgeting	12		5	3	3	1		5	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	11	1
3.03	Participatory Budget Analysis	10		4	2	2	2		2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	5	5
3.04	Meeting with Journalist/civil society	4		2		1	1		2		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
3.05	Organize workshop with LEB & officials	28		16	4	4	4		14	3	4	4	0	2	1	0	0	25	3
3.06	Coordination Meeting Conduction	168		96	24	24	24		32	15	18	24	0	64	9	6	0	89	79
3.07	ADR Facilitation	84		48	12	12	12		8	7	8	11	0	40	5	4	1	34	50
3.08	Exposure Visit (In Country)	2		1		1					1		0	1	0	0	0	1	1
	Output 2																		
3.10	PRC Development (rapport building, orientation, booklet)	28		16	4	4	4		16	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
3.11	Formation of Citizen's Committees	198		126	27	18	27		105	27	18	27	0	21	0	0	0	177	21
3.12	Training of PRC members, CC members	252		144	36	36	36		112	36	36	36	0	32	0	0	0	220	32
3.13	Sharing Meeting Conduction	112		64	16	16	16		28	8	12	16	0	36	8	4	0	64	48
3.14	PRC manual develop cost	1	1										1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.15	PRC Manual print cost	5000	5000										5000	0	0	0	0	0	5000
3.16	Spot Campaign	56		32	8	8	8		19	4	4	4	0	13	4	4	4	31	25
3.18	Yard Meeting	504		288	72	72	72		211	45	54	72	0	77	27	18	0	382	122
3.19	Video show of Awareness Raising	56		32	8	8	8		24	1	6	8	0	8	7	2	0	39	17
3.20	Quarterly Meeting with CC	112		64	16	16	16		48	10	12	16	0	16	6	4	0	86	26
	Out put 3																		
3.23	Participating debate & meetings	2	2										2	0	0	0	0	0	2
3.24	Report Publication and distribution on Participatory budget	1	1										1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.25	Study Report Published and distribution	1	1										1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.26	Local Press Conference	4		2		1	1		2		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
3.27	National Press Conference	1	1										1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.28	Experience sharing meeting among staffs	1	1					1					0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3.32	Conduct Baseline Survey in new PRC areas	1	1					1					0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Out Put 4																		
3.33	Staff (DW and PNGO) Capacity Building	1	1					1					0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3.35	Annual Partnership Meeting	1	1					0					1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.38	Staff Orientation	1	1					1					0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Annex - III

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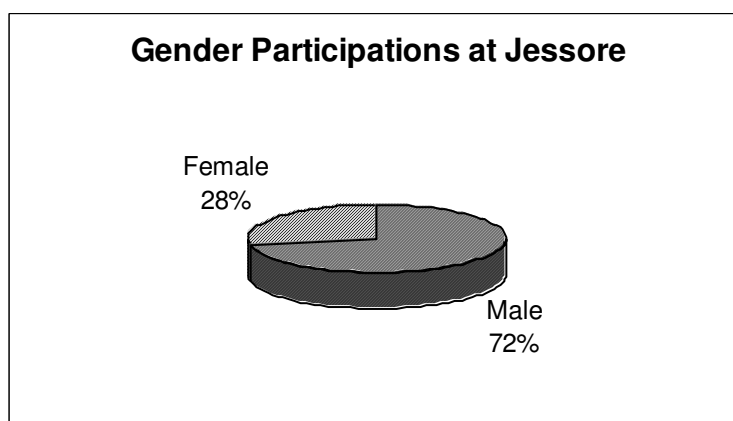
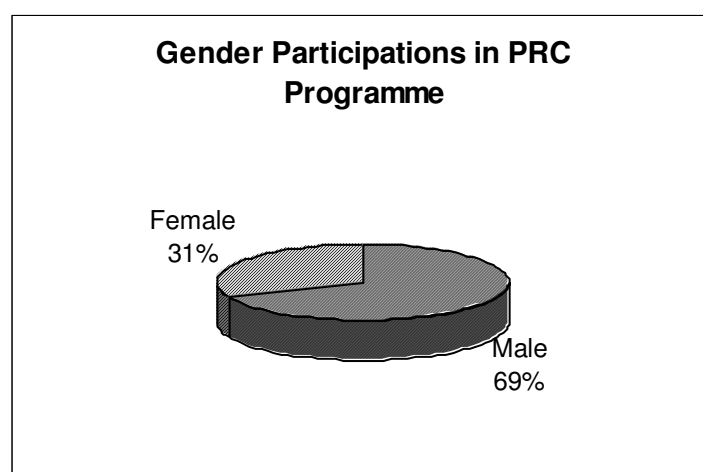
Next (half)Year Work Plan (January 2007 - June 2007)

SL	Activities Name	1st Year Deferred Activities	2nd Year Target	Six Months Target	Total Target (including deferred)	Working Area				
						Dhaka	Jessore	Nilphamari	Dinajpur	Gazipur
	Out put 1									
3.01	Standing Committees Facilitation	0	28	14	14		8	2	2	2
3.02	Workshops on participatory planning & budgeting	1	11	6	7		3	2	1	1
3.03	Participatory Budget Analysis	5	14	14	19		10	3	3	3
3.04	Meeting with Journalist/civil society	0	4	2	2		1	1	-	-
3.05	Organize workshop with LEB & officials	3	28	14	17		10	3	2	2
3.06	Coordination Meeting Conduction	79	168	84	163		109	21	21	12
3.07	ADR Facilitation	50	84	42	92		66	10	8	8
3.08	Exposure visit (2 In Country)	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	-	-
3.09	Exposure visit (1 Out of Country)	0	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Output 2									
3.10	PRC Development (Rapport building, orientation, booklet)				0					
3.11	Formation of Citizen's Committees	21	0	0	21	0	21	0	0	0
3.12	Training of PRC members, CC members	32	252	126	158		104	18	18	18
3.13	Sharing Meeting conduction	54			54		42	8	4	0
3.14	PRC manual develop cost	1			1	1				
3.15	PRC manual print cost	5000			5000	5000				
3.16	Spot Campaign	25	56	28	53		29	8	8	8
3.17	Poster develop, print and disseminate	0	18000	18000	18000	18000				
3.18	Yard Meeting	122	504	252	374		221	63	54	36
3.19	Video show of Awareness Raising	17	56	28	45		22	9	6	8
3.20	Quarterly/Monthly Meeting with CC	0	112	56	56		32	8	8	8
3.21	SAT facilitation	0	8	4	4		1	1	1	1
	Out put 3									
3.23	Participating debate & meetings	2	2	1	3	3	-	-	-	-
3.24	Report published & distribution on Participatory budget	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
3.25	Study report published & distribution	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
3.26	Local Press Conference	0	4	2	2		1	1	-	-
3.27	National Press Conference	1	1	0	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.28	Experience sharing meeting among staffs	0	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.30	Seminar on policy advocacy	0	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.31	Develop Advocacy Strategy	0	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Out Put 4									
3.33	Staff (DW and PNGO) Capacity Building	0	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.34	M & E tools develop and print cost	0	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.35	Annual Partnership Meeting	1	1	0	1	1	-	-	-	-

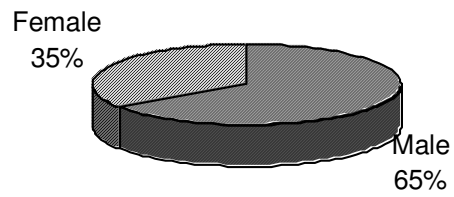
Annex - IV

Gender participation of different PRC activities.

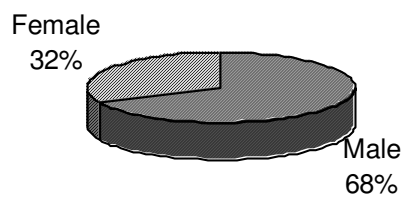
Duration: (March 06-December 06)			
SL.	District	Male	Female
1.	Jessore	16481	6512
2	Nilphamari	2875	1521
3	Dinajpur	3914	1836
4	Gazipur	3019	2157
5	Total PRC	26408	1237



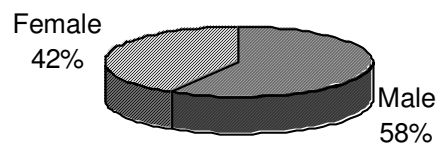
Gender Participations at Nilphamari



Gender participations at Dinajpur



Gender participations at Gazipur



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Gender Participation (March 2006 - December 2006)

SL	Activities Name	1 Year Target Activities	10 Months	Working Area										Total		G. Total
				Dhaka		Jessore		Nilphamari		Dinajpur		Gazipur				
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Out put 1															
3.01	Standing Committees Facilitation	112	14			110	15	44	5	72	16	46	8	272	44	316
3.02	Workshops on Participatory Planning & Budgeting	23	9	7	2	86	7	31	6	22	4			146	19	165
3.03	Participatory Budget Analysis	72	5			421	47	122	50	153	38	40	7	736	142	878
3.04	Meeting with Journalist/civil society	16	2			33	4					23	8	56	12	68
3.05	Organize workshop with LEB & officials	140	13			154	33	29	7	33	8	42	9	258	57	315
3.06	Coordination Meeting Conduction	840	135			717	124	438	130	359	59	316	105	1830	418	2248
3.7	ADR Facilitation	420	188									107	29	107	29	136
3.8	Exposure Visit (In Country)	8								16	3			16	3	19
	Output 2															
3.10	PRC Development (rapport building, orientation, booklet)	28 UP	28			775	248	48	9	110	6	122	40	1055	303	1358
3.11	Formation of Citizen's Committees	198	198			2482	1088	639	335	221	27	310	303	3652	1753	5405
3.12	Training of PRC members, CC members	1008	252			1066	128	314	141	442	48	419	134	2241	451	2692
3.13	Sharing Meeting Conduction	112	85			700	141	63	10	249	27	213	79	1225	257	1482
3.16	Spot Campaign	280	45			922	210	77	11	106	186	149	38	1254	445	1699
3.18	Yard Meeting	2520	405			5652	3743	929	774	1162	1211	821	1207	8564	6935	15499
3.19	Video show of Awareness Raising	280	45			1558	304	79	35	708	179	235	152	2580	670	3250
3.20	Quarterly Meeting with CC	560	90			1792	420	62	8	248	24	155	38	2257	490	2747
	Out put 3															
3.23	Participating debate & meetings	10	1											0	0	0
3.26	Local Press Conference	20	2			13	0			13	0	21	0	47	0	47
3.27	National Press Conference	5	1											0	0	0
3.28	Experience sharing meeting among staffs	5	1	33	4									33	4	37
	Out Put 4															
3.33	Staff (DW and PNGO) Capacity Building	3	1	52	4									52	4	56
3.38	Staff Orientation	1	1	27	1									27	1	28
Total														26408	12037	38445