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Acronyms and Abbreviation

ACC	-	APARAJITA Coordination Committee
ADP	-	Annual Development Plan
A-NGO	-	Alliance NGO
CCMC	-	Community Clinic Management Committee
DW	-	Democracywatch
EWR	-	Elected Women Representative
KCE	-	Knowledge, Communication and Education
KF	-	Khan Foundation
LG	-	Local Government
LGA	-	Local Government Authority
LGI	-	Local Government Institution
NAV	-	Networks of Activist Volunteers
NNPC	-	Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committee
P-EWR	-	Potential Women Representative
PIC	-	Project Implementation Committee
SDC	-	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
SMC	-	School Management Committee
STD	-	Steps Towards Development
UDCC	-	Union Development Coordination Committee
UNUF	-	Upazila Nari Unnayan Forum
UP	-	Union Parishad
UZP	-	Upazila Parishad
VGD	-	Vulnerable Group Development
VGF	-	Vulnerable Group Feeding

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Part 1: Summary (Snapshot), Strategic Review and Outlook

Implementing organization: Democracywatch	
Project name: APARAJITA- Political Empowerment of Women- Phase-II	Type of report: Annual Operational Report
Phase duration: December 2015 to February 2017	Reporting period: December 2015-February 2017
	Receiver of the report: SDC and APARAJITA Coordination Committee (ACC)
Main results achieved and implementation performance of the project: As the target of the project, during the reporting period 131 candidates contested from APARAJITA in Municipality election'15 for the position of councilor (reserve seat) where 26 candidates elected accordingly. 7 women candidates contested for Chairman position from APARAJITA in UP Election 2016 and 2 persons have been elected. 10 persons from APARAJITA contested as the member of general seat and 2 persons elected from them. 1572 candidates from APARAJITA contested in reserved seat of UP and a total of 426 persons have been elected. In UP election of 2016 among 426 elected women leaders (reserve seat) 52 persons (12.2) are from EWRs, 306 persons (71.8%) of them are PEWRs and 2 (0.5%) of them are from NAV, rest of 66 (15.5%) of the elected women are outside of APARAJITA intervention. In Municipality election 26 women leaders elected as the councilor of reserve seat where 15 (58%) of them are EWRs, 11 (42.8%) of them are PEWRs. On 20 November 2016, schedule for Zilla Parishad Election was announced where a total of 20 women leaders collected nomination from 10 districts, against total 50 reserve seats. Seven candidates from APARAJITA got elected in Zila Parishad election. 21 number of news published in different Print and Electronic Media regarding key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender-discriminatory policies and laws. 121 government officials, 25 civil society representatives, and 7 members of local government association were present in the advocacy event at national level. A total of 313 EWRs and PEWRs oriented on APARAJITA data bank and 9 of them used the data bank. EWRs and P-EWRs used Union Digital Center 764 times and 715 times the Gender resource center. It has visited the Union Digital Center for 412377 times by the community people.	
Main steering implications for next period of interventions: In order to strengthen the process of women's political empowerment, more emphasis will be given to lobby with political parties, Concern Ministry and constitutional institutions. Need to special focus to strengthen Upazila Nari Unnayan Forum, strengthening Women-headed Standing Committees, sharing good practices through vertical and horizontal learning process, gender mainstreaming, ensuring women participation in open Planning and Budgeting, involvement of EWRs in ensuring accountability to service mechanism and organizing national level advocacy event. Strengthening outcome-based EWR, P-EWR and Volunteer-led monitoring process could be another major intervention from the next period.	
Financial Information: The annual approved budget was BDT 30,690,555 (December'15 to February, 17) and actual expenditure (December'15 to February, 17) was BDT 30,047,275	
Date of report : 26 April, 2017	Name and signature of person responsible Wazed Feroj, Deputy Executive Director

Chapter 1: Introduction

Description of the project/ program and its intervention strategy: After the successful completion of phase-I the program titled 'APARAJITA: Political Empowerment of Women' has extended for more 15 months (December'15-February'17). It was conceptualized and designed by an alliance of four implementing partner NGOs-Democracywatch (DW), Khan Foundation (KF), PRIP Trust (PRIP) and Steps Towards Development (STD). Four NGOs were contracted by SDC in November 2011 to implement their respective projects independently in 40 selected constituencies in 40 districts of Bangladesh (each A-NGO 10 districts) during the Phase-II within the same working areas of Phase-I. The project is extended for 15 (fifteen) months from December 2015 to February 2017 with the overall goal "Disadvantaged and poor women improve their well-being through women political empowerment". APARAJITA program mainly intervene in (i) capacity and skills development, (ii) reinforcement of evidence based policy advocacy and (iii) establishment of networks and functioning KCE-HUB.

Update of Context and Stake holder Analysis: In October, 2015 government amended the RPO (Representation of people's Order) for local government elections and enacted a law for partisan election. Three Elections (Municipality Election, UPZ Parishad (Reserve seat), Union Parishad) were held within reporting period and under this amendment Municipality Election, Union Parishad Election held under political banner. As a result a number of challenges emerged for women leaders such as change in local power structure, influence of political parties over the nomination process of LGIs, nomination business, patriarchal mindset of political parties and social elites against nominating women candidates for contesting in LGI elections. On the other hand this change created opportunities for women leaders to get into party politics and its committees. To address the change context DW facilitate APARAJITA program through networking process among political parties, EWRs, PEWRs and NAVs. The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Local Administration and the Civil Society for empowerment of 534 Elected Women Representatives (EWRs), 1740 Elected Male Representatives (EMRs), 157 Secretaries, 1104 Potential Women Representatives (PEWRs), and also for engaging 1068 of Network Volunteers Activist (NAV) for supporting EWRs. Besides that, it has interacted with secondary stakeholders like Journalists, NILG, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Bangladesh Election Commission (ECB), Local Government Associations, Local Administrations, and relevant Service Providers (GO-NGOs) as well as Community People. Considering the changed context after the LGIs election, the project decided to include Chairmen, Male Members and Secretaries in the orientation and training programs. Due to increase of election expenditure and use of money and muscle; women leaders were marginalized. As a result, approximately 85% EWRs are newly elected and thus many prospective women contestants could not contest and come out successfully.

Strategic link to outcomes of SDC's cooperation strategy: The SDC has a reputation of evolving Local Government System under a worldwide cooperation plan; it provided financial and technical support to Government as well as NGOs who worked in the same purpose. The cooperation strategy also focused on changing the situation of poor and disadvantaged with its programs. APARAJITA focuses on Women's Political Empowerment for expanding space of women in the political arena, targeting a gender responsive and equitable power structure. Ultimate goal is to enhance accessibility of the community people to the public services by the EWRs to empower grass roots and disadvantaged women for gaining access to the public services. (e.g. Health Center & Community Clinics, Primary Schools, Agriculture, Safety Net Services etc.) in accordance with SDC strategy.

Chapter 2: Outcomes Achieved for 2015-17 (Dec 2015 - February 2017)

During the reporting period from December 2015 to February 2017, the following achievements have been identified under the three Outcomes of the project:

Outcome # 1: EWRs and P-EWRs influence LGIs and Local Level decision making process.

1.1: # of women candidates participated in local government elections.

In the Municipality Election 2015, APARAJITA candidates contested for different positions and got elected. Compared to Municipality no one contested for Mayor Position in DW area. Political parties are not interested to nominate women leaders as they fear of losing the seats to their opponents, as well as they think the women leaders are not capable for contesting in Major positions in LGIs election.

Type of Candidates	# of candidates in Mayor Position	# of elected in Mayor Position	# of candidates in Councilor Position (General)	# of elected in Councilor Position (General)	# of candidates in Councilor Position (Reserve)	# of elected in Councilor Position (Reserve)
EWRs	0	0	0	0	29	15
PEWRs	0	0	0	0	47	11
NAVs	0	0	0	0	1	0
Non-APARAJITAS	0	0	0	0	54	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	131	26

Table: # of candidates contested in different position and elected members

In 12 Municipalities 131 women candidates contested for reserved seat (4.4 candidates per reserve seat); among the reserve seat members 77 persons from APARAJITA contested and 26 elected from APARAJITA (15 EWRs; 11 P-EWRs).

The Election Commission of Bangladesh (ECB) amended the UP (Conduction of Election) Rules 2016. As per the official gazettes of Code of Conduct, UP Election will be conducted under the banner of Political Party and this was the first time in Bangladesh. Due to sudden decision of election commission regarding the mentioned issue political parties had limited time to cope with the new procedures and systems. Women candidates who were getting preparation for the election had limited time to adopt with the change.

In total, 1589 women candidates (11 women per UP) contested for different positions in 143 UPs in 9th Union Parishad Election, 2016. Total, 7 women contested for chairman position, where 4 are from APARAJITA (P-EWRs), rest 06 women are from Non- APARAJITA intervention.

Type of Candidates	# of women candidates in Chairman Position	# of women elected in Chairman Position	# of candidates in Member Position (General)	# of women elected in Member Position (General)	# of candidates in Member Position (Reserve)	# of women elected in Member Position (Reserve)
EWRs	0	0	4	1	303	52
PEWRs	4	2	4	0	926	306
NAVs	0	0	2	1	2	2
Non-APARAJITAs	3	0	0	0	341	66
Grand Total	7	2	10	2	1572	426

Total, 02 women candidates got elected in Chairman Position, all of them are backed by the ruling party.

Total 10 women contested for general seats, 10 from APARAJITA (4 EWRs, 4 PEWRs, and 2 NAVs). Total, 2 of the women got elected for general seats; all of them are APARAJITA candidates (1 EWRs; 1 NAVs).

In total, 1572 (3.61 women per reserve seats) women candidates contested for reserve seat position, where 1231 are from APARAJITA (303 EWRs, 926 PEWRs and 2 NAVs); During the reporting period results from 426 reserve seats were available, where 52 of them are EWRs, 306 are from PEWRs, 2 are NAVs and rest 66 are Non-APARAJITA. Total 14.7% EWRs got re-elected in reserve seats. Most of the candidates, 66% are affiliated with different political parties. Among the political affiliated contestants 54% AL, 11% BNP, 0.7% Jatiyo Party and 0.5% Jamate-E-Islami supporters.

1.2: 65% of EWRs initiate actions to promote pro-poor & gender sensitive service provisions

In FY 2016-17, Union Parishad completed its budget and planning process through open budget session. As the budget and planning process initiated during January – July, former UP representatives were mostly involved with the process. Total 426 EWRs were involved in the budget session. BDT 14,339,500 was allocated for 157 Union Parishad in total, where BDT 14,339,500 was allocated for poor and disadvantage women. As per monitoring report BDT 16,127,663 were expensed in FY 2015-16. About 471 EWRs are involved with distributing services under Social Safety Net, near about 750000 poor and disadvantages women were served through different services under social safety net services under Union Parishad.

1.3: % of female members included in different committee of LGIs and other service delivery institutions

After the UP Election 2016 the first initiative by the newly elected UP council was to formulate the Standing Committees. 157 Union Parishad formulated new Standing Committees. Total 471 EWRs (100%) holding chair position in at least one Committee. APARAJITA project facilitated in the process to formulate standing committee as per rules, and negotiated with list of PEWRs and NAVs to include them as members, because of the intervention APARAJITA have been able to incorporate them in different standing committees. As a result 214 PEWRs and 60 NAVs incorporated as members in different standing committees.

According to the Monitoring Report, newly elected women members are involved with 371 (79%) Community Clinic Management Committees, in this reporting year total 301 Community Clinic were visited 343 times by EWRs. They were involved in different development intervention and monitored day to day activities of Community Clinics.

Total 268 (57%) EWRs affiliated with different School Management Committees as well. In total 203 Schools were visited by EWRs in total 375 times. EWRs took responsive actions to reduce drop out of children, providing names of poor and disadvantage students for scholarship, and overall management of Schools.

Beside Health and Education, Elected Women Representatives (EWR) also worked to provide improved agricultural services to farmers. Total 157 (33%) EWRs were involved with the specific services, in total 89 agriculture plot/livestock/fisheries and poultry farms were visited by EWRs.

In 2015-17 total 137 Women Leaders were involved in Disaster Management Committees at different level (e.g. District, Upazila, and Union), and regularly attending meetings and in different initiatives as well.

In total 214 PEWRs and 60 NAVs were reported to involve in different committees and various leadership positions.

Through measuring facilitation skills and leadership role, total 32 EWRs and 22 PEWRs were selected as facilitators. APARAJITA project would like to bring them up front for various roles with improve facilitation skills and leadership roles.

1.4: 50% of key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender-discriminatory policies and laws

Community people are being sensitized on service delivery and discriminatory laws and provisions through different media interventions. Government officials, service providers as well as constituents were made aware regarding gender sensitive service mechanisms and related laws and provisions. During the pre-election period, women leaders along with NAVs and civil society members held series of talks and processions to withdraw TIN provisions for candidacy in Union parish Election, 2016. Women leaders were also took proactive initiatives to reform poll symbols which were indicated as gender insensitive.

Outcome # 2: GoB took initiatives to reform gender responsive policies, laws and directives

Indicators and Achievements:

2.1 # of agenda proposed and granted by relevant parliamentary standing committees' meeting

- Relationship established between A-NGO's and relevant ministries and focal persons. Still there is no significant development to achieve the outcome but follow up initiatives and lobbying will continue to achieve the outcome.

2.2 One (1) discriminatory issues in the RPO (provision of TIN) taken up to policy makers for reform

- The government initiated mandatory Tax Identification Number for the Upazila Parishad Reserved seat election and municipality election reserved seat candidates in 2015 election. The APARAJITA's (EWR's, P-EWR's and NAV) showed their strong reaction against the intervention or process and finally the government has postponed this provision in the Union Parishad Election 2016. Project related stakeholders, APARAJITA and forums were vibrant and aided to reform the provision of mandatory TIN number for contest in the election. An Advocacy framework has been prepared in order to influence policy makers to promote gender sensitive provisions and laws; a total of four regional advocacy programs will be held in four divisions.
- APARAJITA in association with LOGIN BCP and other several institutions organized a three days' workshop on 26-28 July 2016 at Bangkok, Thailand on women political

empowerment. A five member delegation team participated the workshop from Bangladesh and portrayed APARJITA success and overall achievement of Bangladesh in the arena. Although the workshop was scheduled at Dhaka, but the terror attack on 01 July at Holy Artizan caused to shift the Workshop at Thailand. Following the success of the event held on 26-28 July 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand on women political empowerment, APARAJITA would like to organize a workshop in future for sharing learning of other countries with Grassroots Local Government Women Leaders and creating space for other participants to learn about grassroots achievement of Bangladesh on this issue.

Outcome # 3: EWRs use information, technical and advisory support provided by APARAJITA project and LGIs

Indicators and Achievements:

3.1 60% of APARAJITA have access to APARAJITA data bank/Gender Resource Center and information received as per their need

- Aparajita data bank is now ready for the use of EWRs, P-EWRs and NAVs. Information is up to date; field level information is updated regularly. Some time they use the data bank by the help of Aparajita field level staffs. 9 have used databank and 715 were benefitted from gender resource centers. The resource centers provided advisory and technical support in pre, during and post-election period (nomination paper fill up, opening bank account, opening TIN numbers and other information related to election process). Women candidates were provided with ideas for preparing election campaign strategies; materials were also provided from resource centers. This data bank has been used as ready reference where all LGIs related information are available also EWR and PEWRs can get contact details of their peers of 157 UPs, 15 Upazilas and 12 Municipalities. Moreover, this data bank preserves all APARAJITA Project related information which can be used by interested stakeholders. In addition to that information of grass root women leaders of those unions can be received instantly.

3.2 60% APARAJITA using Union Digital Center and information disseminated to community people

EWRs were proactive in improving knowledge base and thus requesting for updated information and advice from UP Digital Centers and also Helpline” developed by government (16256 & 10921). In total 764 EWRs and PEWRs visited UP Digital Centers and 412377 male and female were) were benefitted through getting information from those centers. Information received from the centers was pro-actively shared by EWRs to their constituents and PEWRs.

Chapter 3: Outputs & Performance according to the Yearly Plan of Operation 2016

Outcome-1: EWRs and P-EWRs influence LGIs and Local Level decision making process

B.1.1 Group meeting for Mentoring and Coaching

Progress against Plan: Total 348 nos. of group meeting was conducted against 348 No. of planned events. Total 9,647 individuals (F-5,384; M-4,263; Disadvantages-621) participated in the group meetings. The event Group Meeting for mentoring and coaching was considered as one day capacity building training for UP Body, it was decided that each ANGO will conduct 1 group meeting for mentoring and coaching after the UP Election, 2016. A total of 157 training were conducted under these activities. Total 2198 individuals (F-490; M-1708)

Results contributed to Outputs: EWRs, P-EWRs and NAVs are motivated on rules and regulations of the overall election process e.g. opening bank account, nomination paper submission, voting campaign which improved their level of confidence. Through capacity development initiatives the UP bodies were oriented about the functions, roles and responsibilities.

B.1.2 Planning and Service monitoring with local govt.

Progress against Plan: Total 314 nos. of events on planning and service monitoring was organized against 314 Nos. of planned events. 2772 individuals (F-1542; M-1230) participated.

Results contributed to Outputs: Scope of service monitoring is created towards developing accountability of service providers and the Public Service Providers are held accountable to the mass community people.

B.1.3 Meeting with Local Citizens (EWRs, P-EWRs, Community)

Progress against Plan: Total 314 nos. of meeting with Local Citizens was organized against 314 Nos. of planned events. A total of 20204 individuals (F-14231; M-5973; D- 3721) participated.

Results contributed to Outputs: Grass root level problems identified and expectation of the community people known that will ultimately contribute to the process of planning, decision making and holding the service providers accountable to the mass community people.

B.1.4 Leadership Capacity Building for women representatives and candidates

Progress against Plan: Total of 36 (batch) nos. of events regarding Leadership Capacity Building for women representatives and candidates was organized against 36 Nos. of planned events. (A total of 801 individuals (F-782; M-19; D-36) participated in the training.)

Results contributed to Outputs: Women leaders were been capacitated with leadership, election related procedures and technical knowledge which helped them to understand about the election procedures and laws and provisions.

B.1.5 APARAJITA Upazila platform formation/activation

Progress against Plan: Total of 60 nos. of events regarding APARAJITA Upazila platform formation and activation was organized against 60 Nos. of planned events. (A total of 1627 individuals (F-1096; M-531; D-58) participated in the meeting.)

Results contributed to Outputs: Relationship of EWRs and P-EWRs developed with the various networks and forums and made aware of their rights and entitlements.

B.1.6 Meeting with other forums networks

Progress against Plan: Total of 11 nos. of meeting with various forums and networks was organized against 11 Nos. of planned events. (A total of 230 individuals (F-198; M-32; D-11) participated in the meeting with the forums and networks.)

Results contributed to Outcomes: Skill and confidence of EWRs, P-EWR s and NAVs have increased in the process of decision-making and implementation at their locality.

B.1.7 Meeting with Upazila service providers and constituents / Tracking for services and safety net programs

Progress against Plan: Total of 34 nos. of Meeting with Upazila service providers and constituents was conducted against 34 No. of planned events. (A total of 54175 individuals (F-38665; M-15510; D-5132) participated in the meetings.)

Results contributed to Outcomes: Meetings with Upazila Service providers and Constituents have contributed towards identification of various problems faced by the community people for gaining access to public services and safety net programs.

B.1.8: Facilitators and Mentors Development (EWRs/P-EWR s)

Instead of the event Facilitators and Mentors Development, 4 batches 2 days long ToT will be organized. It was also decided that (EWRs/PEWRs) will receive ToT who will work as facilitators in the leadership training and one day training for UP body. However, a budget for Basic Training in the month of January-February has been used from this code.

Progress against Plan: 3 two days long Basic Training for building common understanding on Goals, Objective and Implementation plan and strategy, Logical Framework took place in the month January and February 2016 where all staff participated in the training and also 4 batches 2 days long ToT organized for facilitators where identified EWRs and PEWRs took part.

Results Contributed to Outcomes: In Basic training, total 129 Participants (Male: 104 Female: 25) Participated in Comilla, Khulna and Rangpur implemented by A-NGOs. A common definition of women empowerment was developed from these trainings and all participants increased their skills on Monitoring, Reporting and financial aspects. In ToT for facilitators, a total 105 participants (F 41, M 64) were involved in the training seasons. In total 18 APARAJITAs participated in the season 13 EWRs and 5 PEWRs participated and are recognized as resource person in LGIs and contributed in capacity building of elected LGI representatives. Their skills are sustained even after APARAJITA Project intervention.

B.1.9 District level sharing meeting with different stakeholders (MP, DC, UNO, Service Providers, receivers, MAB, BUPF, EWRs)(EWRs gathering)

Progress against Plan: Total of 15 nos. of events was organized against 15 of planned. (A total of 710 individuals (F-421; M-289) participated in the events.)

Results contributed to Outcomes: Opportunities created for EWRs, P-EWR s and NAVs to be involved in the development initiatives of the Govt. and Non-Govt. Organizations. Local administration was been informed with the project which will eventually contribute the project

B.1.10 GO-NGO partnership events

Progress against Plan: During this reporting period a total of 19 nos. of events was organized against 22 No. of planned events. (A total of 30740 individuals (F-21919; M-8821) participated in the events.)

Results contributed to Outcomes: Opportunities created for EWRs, P-EWR s and NAVs to be involved in the development initiatives of the Govt. and Non-Govt. Organizations.

B.1.12 Networking of Networks (dist)

Progress against Plan: During this reporting period a total of 29 nos. of sharing meeting with Media was organized against 30 No. of planned events. (A total of 977 individuals (F-364; M-421) participated in the sharing meetings.)

Results contributed to Outcomes: This helped to share common understanding between different LG network and forums which could amplify the same messages and demand

Outcome-2: GoB took initiatives to reform gender responsive policies, laws and directives

B.2.2 Process Documentation

Progress against Plan: One process documentation and combined APARAJITA report for the first phase; Consultant was been hired in order to complete the task, two day long workshop has been held to capture data.

Results contributed to Outcomes: As the report will capture the good practice as well as challenges identified from the first phase of APARAJITA intervention. This will help to set strategies for the future in order to achieve the goal.

B.2.5 sharing meeting with Media

Progress against Plan: Total of 06 nos. of sharing meeting with Media was organized against 20 No. of planned events. (149 individuals (F-69; M-80) participated)

Results contributed to Outcomes: Challenges and problems of the EWRs in performing their roles and responsibilities are brought to the notice of media and Govt. for creating scope for advocacy.

Outcome-3: EWRs use information, technical and advisory support provided by APARAJITA project and LGIs

B.3.1 Website Maintenance and Web based Databank Management and Revision

Web based Databank has been modified and added new features in order to capture detailed information of beneficiaries as well as make queries in order to receive information. The system has bilingual features which attracts beneficiaries to use the Web Portal. The web portal will provide information about APARAJITA Project of PHASE I and PHASE II. The link of web portal is <http://www.databank.aparajita-bd.net/> .

B.3.2 Meeting with NAV for providing support to EWRs and P-EWRs

Instead of meeting with NAV, the event will be considered as 1 day Capacity Building training of NAVs and no change in budget was brought. The training mode will be more effective for better understanding and knowledge. For the remaining period, each Upazila one event will be organized. The decision was made in the meeting with SPO-SDC and program, capacity team meeting on 6th September, 2016 held at Steps.

Progress against Plan: During this reporting period a total of 244 nos. of meeting with NAV was organized against 217 No. of planned events. (4963 individuals (F-2642; M-2321) participated)

After the revision, total 56 activities were completed at Upazila, a total of 1456 NAV were provided training on leadership development (female 616, Male 840).

Results contributed to Outcomes: NAVs are motivated to provide required information and other relevant advisory support to EWRs and P-EWRs. The Capacity Development initiatives helped to gain knowledge and skills on leadership and facilitation which will contribute to provide assistance to EWRs and PEWRs.

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Subject : Activity Progress Report (December/2015 - February /2017).

Activity :code. no	Name of Activity	Targeted Activities	Achieved	Participant			Disadvantage	EWRs	PEWRs	NAVs	GOV. officials
			Activities	Male	Female	Total					
b.1.1	Group meeting for Mentoring and Coaching	384	384	4263	5384	9647	621	950	481	898	137
b.1.2	Planning and service monitoring with local govt.	314	314	1230	1542	2772	182	233	62	32	601
b.1.3	Meeting with local citizens (EWRs, PEWRs & Community)	314	314	5973	14231	20204	3721	560	334	406	48
b.1.4	Leadership Capacity Building for Women representatives and candidates	36	36	19	782	801	36	469	305	0	5
b.1.5	APARAJITA Upazila platform formation/activation	60	60	531	1096	1627	58	486	132	8	227
b.1.6	Meeting with other forums networks	15	15	32	198	230	11	122	18	1	2
b.1.7	Meeting with Upazila service providers and constituents/Tracking for services and safety net programs	34	34	15510	38665	54175	5132	99	24	9	97
b.1.8											
b.1.9	District level sharing meeting with different stakeholders (MP, DC, UNO, Service Providers, receivers, MAB, BUPF, EWRs) EWRs gartering	15	15	289	421	710	23	204	88	87	8
b.1.10	GO-NGO Partnership events	22	19	8821	21919	30740	1532	378	255	201	462
b.3.2	Meeting with NAV for providing support to EWRs and PEWRs	30	29	383	337	720	80	0	0	490	0
TOTAL		1224	1220	37051	84575	121626	11396	3501	1699	2132	1587

Outcome 0: Start up / Cross Cutting.

Planned Delivery: IEC materials: Journal, Posters, Stickers, leaflets, festoons, citizen charter, information board etc-2

- Published and distributed one Poster and 4 types of festoon for Union Parishad.
- Union Parishad Election Situation Analysis workshop: A two day long workshop has been organized in order to get a clear understanding regarding the situation of UP election 2016, 12 field level participants (03 field office staff, 04 recently Elected of the UP election, 03 women who participated but failed to elect and 23 central level participants, participated in the workshop and shared their experience.
- 3 two days long Basic Training for building common understanding on Goals, Objective and Implementation plan and strategy, Logical Framework took place in the month January and February 2016 where all staff participated in the training.

Results contributed to Outcomes: The published materials enhanced capacity building of APARAJITA's, others elected representatives of LGI, NAV. Through the publication the relevant information's are be available for the Aparajita and relevant stakeholders.

Chapter 4: Finances and Management:

The annual approved budget was BDT **30,690,555** (December'15 to November, 16) and actual expenditure (December'15 to November, 16) was BDT **30,047,275**

Expenditures of the Period (December 2015 - February 2017)	Annual Budget	Actual Expenditure	In %
Project Implementation	23,359,797	23,166,457	99%
Project activities	5,322,965	4,415,108	92%
Total Cost	28,682,762	28,081,565	98%
Overhead cost	2,007,793	1,965,710	
Total	30,690,555	30,047,275	98%
SDC's Contribution	1,434,138	1,281,236	98%
Democracywatch's contribution	573,655	512,494	98%

Please see detail financial report

Chapter 5: Lessons Learnt

5.1 Challenges

Influence of political parties on candidate selection: Political leaders had direct and indirect influence over nomination business which resulted in the exclusion of popular and experienced candidates and brought candidates with money and muscles and thereby neglected the potential women candidates.

Election violence: Massive violence between ruling party candidates, rebel candidates and opposition parties created panic among voters. As a result there was absence of enthusiastic voting. More than 100 people including women and children were killed in the election violence.

Election Expense increased: The election expenses in the current election have increased significantly compared to the last elections. Some candidates who contested in the reserve seats had to spend even 5, 00,000. In Average a candidate had to spend 3 to 5 lac for the purpose of election. This expenditure has affected the women for participating in the election. However, still women leaders depends on their family income for election expense.

Delay Formation of Standing Committee: In some of the UPs, SC was formed many days after taking oaths. Consequently Planning and Service monitoring with local government could not be accomplished in the scheduled time.

5.2 Lessons Learned

Capacity Building for UP bodies: Chairman and male members of UP bodies had negative attitudes towards women members as they were getting all benefits of the project. However, many Chairman and male members of UPs had the demand to provide capacity building support for them. In last election brought many new chairman and male members who needed training. Considering the context, training was organized for whole body including male members and Chairmen which helped to establish a good rapport with new set up of elected women leaders.

Harmonized Activity and Budget: Based on the previous experience; uniformity was brought in activities, budget, and frequencies of activities in the project which was resulted in bringing /highlighting all program results and achievements in a common platform. The reporting and monitoring system for program and finance significantly improved and became easier because of harmonized activity and budget.

Resource sharing and decision making: Resource sharing and decision making process among all ANGOS are recognized as a unique and very good practice that has contributed to uniformity in designing training modules, M&E, organizing national seminars and publishing IEC materials etc.

In-depth study on Contributions of Women Leaders: Though project has conducted many significant studies on laws, challenges faced by women in the political participation but study on women leaders' contribution in ensuring better services e.g. safety net, health, education, legal for poor and disadvantaged people was largely missing. In-depth study on this issue will highlight their direct and indirect contribution in the national level. However local and national level study on the status of women political participation in Bangladesh is also needed for advocacy on increase women participation in political parties.

Appropriate strategies and approach for Engaging Political Parties: It has been evident that, for political empowerment of women, elected and potential women leaders need to secure in leadership position of political parties if they want to influence in decision making process. Recent system of partisan election has accelerated the needs of involving political leaders of different tiers with different events of the project. For effective performance of women leaders, it is strategically vital to include male political leaders in project activities. The project involved in political parties and their leaders with the project activities like seminars, dialogues, and exchange meetings at local and national level.

5.3 Good Practice and Innovations

Training for UP bodies and NAV: In the last UP election 2016, more than 80% of members elected as new members of the body who needed capacity building training. Considering the context, project organized one day training for the UP bodies which was highly appreciated by participants. As a result male members became aware about the roles and responsibilities of female members. It is assumed that those trainings will create good working relations amongst male and female members and will also create a sense of ownership with APARAJITA. Considering the effectiveness of NAV in supporting APARAJITA's in the 1st phase, project decided to turn "meeting of NAV" into the mode of one day capacity building training". Those training were really effective as most NAV members rated training as fruitful.

Basic Training and ToT for Staff: In a view to improve the skills of staff related to training, monitoring and financial aspects of APARAJITA, 3 Basic Trainings and 4 ToTs were organized which resulted in improved knowledge and facilitation skills on training and monitoring.

Case Study Publication: 20 Case studies have been published in the Sokoler kotha, a newspaper on Local Government **on the Challenges and Opportunities** of APARAJITA's while working in the LGIs. Later a book on case studies also published from the project.

Sharing of Internal Resources: One of the good practices of APARAJITA is sharing internal resources such as exchange of facilitators in ToT and leadership training. At the same time, while organizing workshops and regional advocacy seminars, resources have been shared e.g. expertise of documentation of Steps Towards Development. Such exchanges and uses of resources were fruitful as it minimized cost and time.

Continuous mentoring and coaching: In addition to budgetary activity APARAJITA staff mentored women candidates to make them aware on election laws and regulations, process of nomination paper submission, supported campaign strategies and networking. This process enhanced women candidates' knowledge, techniques and confidence for election participation.

EWR's bargains for their rights with UP Chair

Kulsum Khatun is a EWR from Srikul, Magura started her professional life as a field worker of National Nutrition Program. Due to the nature of her work she became familiar with the livelihood, struggle of poor people. Plights of those people and their struggle inspired Kulsum to compete in UP election in 2011 and winning it in the very first time. She had dreams to work for mass people but unfortunately, she has gone through many obstacles and challenges while doing her duties and responsibilities in her next two years.

'I had many dreams to work for people's benefit. But situation was different in reality. I used to go the UP and come back home. It seemed there were no tasks to be executed by me. Chairman did not inform me anything even if I asked. Even in the meeting, no one listen to me. I had no permanent place to sit at UP as well.' Kulsum was giving a description how tough was the situation to her at the UP.

After 10-11 months of her involvement with the parishad Kulsum came to know that 18 maternal allowance cards have been allotted for the UP. She became happy at the news thinking that now she will be able to support some poor of her locality. But unfortunately illegally all cards were given to male members by the chair. After listening to this decision, Kulsum along with other two EWR's decided to meet chairman within a view expressing their dissatisfaction at the unequal distributions of cards. After few days of monthly meeting where decision was taken, three EWR met with the chair and expressed their dissatisfaction. But chairman did not pay attention to their concerns. Kulsum and other two female members passed more than two years without active participation, deprivation and unequal distributions of resources at the UP.

In the early months of year 2013, Kulsum again came to know that 20 maternal allowance cards have been allotted. **'We already started working with APARAJITA project and became aware about our rights from different trainings. Based on our previous experience we three EWR became united and promised to remain united for getting our rights.'** Kulsum replied how they were preparing to bargain with chairman for their rights.

'We met with the district women affairs officials and came to know about card distribution process. Later we met with chairman and placed our demands saying, we believe we can do this task properly. In addition to the discussion with chairman, we also met with male members and begged their support in this purpose. Though some male members put objections on our demands but most of them gave consent to our demands.'

Later three EWR discussed the same issue in the monthly meeting at the parishad. After several debates and discussions, chairman agreed with us and gave decision that from now on selection and distribution of maternal allowance cards will be executed by female members only. **'When such decision was taken, felt I have won a war. Compared to earlier times, most of the female members are now getting more chances of working and proving their worth. I believe, in this way all kinds of obstacles of women empowerment will be eliminated one day.'** Kulsum said in a reaction to the decision.

Success Story-2

An icon of a social leader

Shathi Begum (35) is one of the icons of social leader who lives at village Magurata, Gala union in Tangail sadar. She had a propensity to serve the people from her childhood. Last UP election in 2011 she was a candidate of reserved seat but defeated only for 27 votes. After election she was little bit disappointed and try to realize why she was not been



elected. Since its inception of the APARAJITA She was enrolled as a PEWR. The project arranged some training session on leadership skills, LG acts, laws, directives, communication, networking & advocacy etc. Later she involved herself with different committees and networks. During 5 years she prepares herself for next UP election and increased interaction among the local citizens with solving problems.

Most significant attempt was to buy an ambulance to give necessary services for local citizen without taking any money. She reached to the patient's house with her ambulance after getting any news of illness. In the middle of the year a freedom fighter Md. Shaullah got heart attack at 4:00am. His family member made a phone call to Shathi Begum. She went over there with Ambulance and took him to the hospital and helped him to get admitted as soon as possible. After his recovery Shadullah shown his gratitude to Shathi and said without her support it would be difficult to survive. Thus many others like Arjina Begum, Vanu Begum, Nupur akter, Helena Akter solved their crisis with the help of Shathi.

Shathi Begum again contested UP election for reserved seat and this time she got her victory. She thought that the reason for her victory was voters choice. She gave her hand for ensuring quality services and local citizen chose her as their representatives also.

Annex- 2: Results framework including comparison and analysis between planned and achieved

Democracywatch

No. of UP Covered: 157 UP

No. of Upazila Covered: 15 Upazila

No. of Municipality Covered: 12

Duration : December 2015-February 2017

SL	Information	FEB' 17
Overall Goal: Disadvantaged and poor women improve their well-being through women political empowerment		
Outcome 1. EWRs and P-EWRs influence LGIs and local level decision making process		
1.1	# of women candidates participated in Local Government election	
MUNICIPALITY ELECTION		
1.1.1	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Mayor Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.2	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Commissioner Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	1
	PEWR	1
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.3	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Women Reserve seat (Commissioner) Position in Municipality election 2015	
	EWR	31
	PEWR	56
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	37
INFORMATION REGARDING WITHDRAWN NOMINATION PAPER		
1.1.4	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for Mayor Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.5	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for Commissioner Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.6	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for Women Reserve seat (Commissioner) Position in Municipality election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	0

	Non-Aparajita	1
WON IN MUNICIPALITY ELECTION		
1.1.7	# women candidates won in Mayor Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	3
	PEWR	3
	NAV	2
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.8	# women candidates won in Commissioner Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.9	# women candidates won in Women Reserve seat (Commissioner) Position in Municipality election 2015	
	EWR	15
	PEWR	14
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	2
UNION PARISHAD ELECTION		0
1.1.10	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	2
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	6
1.1.11	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	5
	PEWR	6
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.12	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	313
	PEWR	940
	NAV	11
	Non-Aparajita	342
WITHDRAWN NOMINATION PAPER		0
1.1.13	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.14	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0

	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.15	# women candidates withdrawn nomination paper for Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	2
	PEWR	5
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	2
WON IN UP ELECTION		
1.1.16	# women candidates won in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.17	# women candidates won in General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	2
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.18	# women candidates won in Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	42
	PEWR	292
	NAV	8
	Non-Aparajita	79
GOT SUPPORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES- AWAMI LEAGUE		0
1.1.19	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.20	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	2
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.21	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	143
	PEWR	190
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	90
GOT SUPPORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES- B.N.P		0

1.1.22	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.23	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.24	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	53
	PEWR	41
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	51
GOT SUPPORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES- JATIYO PARTY		0
1.1.25	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.26	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.27	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	1
	PEWR	1
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
GOT SUPPORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES- JAMATE ISLAMI		0
1.1.28	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	1
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.29	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0

	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.30	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	3
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	3
GOT SUPPORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES- OTHERS		0
1.1.31	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.32	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.33	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	0
	EWR	9
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	16
WON IN UP ELECTION BY POLITICAL PARTIES		0
1.1.34	# women candidates won in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	0
	Awami League	2
	B.N.P	0
	JATIYA PARTY	0
	JAMATE ISLAM	0
	OTHERS	0
1.1.35	# women candidates won in General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	Awami League	2
	B.N.P	0
	JATIYA PARTY	0
	JAMATE ISLAM	0
	OTHERS	0
1.1.36	# women candidates won in Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	0
	Awami League	196
	B.N.P	28
	JATIYA PARTY	4
	JAMATE ISLAM	4

	OTHERS	22
1.2	65% of EWRs initiate actions to promote pro-poor & gender sensitive service provisions (baseline 50%)	0
	Beneficiaries received Safety-net support (VGD, VGF, widow allowance, elderly allowance and other benefits) without any hassle in the project working areas	0
1.2.1	# of EWRs involed in preparing pro-poor and gender friendly budget through Open Budget Preparation meeting	253
1.2.2	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of VGD Cards in this reporting period	1019
1.2.3	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of VGF Cards in this reporting period	34772
1.2.4	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of Widow allowance	1958
1.2.5	# of EWRs assisted for getting old age allowance	3547
1.2.6	Amount allocated for gender allocation	8752063
1.2.7	# of women got benefit under gender allocation scheme	16803
1.2.8	Expenditure of gender allocation in last financial year	6615663
1.2.9	Budget of Gender allocation in current finacial year	14339500
1.3	% of female members included in different committees of LGIs and other service delivery institutions (100% standing committee; 60% at service delivery) (baseline 100% Standing Committee, 40% at service delivery)	0
1.3.1	# of EWRs are involved in Community Clinic Management Committee (CCMC)	371
1.3.2	# of Community Clinic Monitored/visited by EWRs	310
1.3.3	# of EWRs visited Community Clinic	343
1.3.4	# of EWRs are involved in School Management Committee (SMC).	268
1.3.5	# of Schools Monitored/visited by EWRs	375
1.3.6	# of EWRs visited schools and played proactive roles	203
1.3.7	# of EWRs are involved in Agriculture extension services.	157
1.3.8	# of Agriculture plot/livestock/fisheries/paultry Monitored/visited by EWRs	50
1.3.9	# of EWRs visisted agriculture plot/livestock/fisheries and paultry firms	39
1.3.10	# of EWRs are involved in Disaster Management.	137
1.3.11	# of Standing Committees where EWRs are in chair position	477
	Finance and Establishment	24
	Accounts and Audit	15
	Education, Health and Family Planning	191
	Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandary and other development Activities	94
	Tax Assesment and Collection	11
	Tree Plantation, Environment Protection and others	28
	Water and Sanitation	83
	Rural Infrastructure development, maintainance and others	20
	Law and Order	2
	Family Conflict Mitigation and Women and Children Welfare	169
	Birth and Death Registration	36
	Social Welfare and Disaster Management	35
	Culture and Sports	13
1.3.13	# of PEWRs involved/co-opted in the Standing Committees	66
1.3.14	# of PEWRs are in leadership position	148
1.3.15	# of NAV co-opted in the different Standing Committees	32
1.3.16	# of NAV are in leadership position	28

	# of EWRs involved as a facilitator	32
	# of PEWR involved as a Facilitator	22
1.4	50% of key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender- discriminatory policies and laws (baseline not available)	0
1.4.1	# of news published in different Printing and Electronic Media	19
1.4.2	# of National events organized	1
1.4.3	# of Persons who can influence in policy formulation attended in national advocacy events	0
	Government Official	126
	Law makers	0
	Civil Society	39
	Member of Local Government Associations	4
1.4.4	# of Local level events organized	257
1.4.5	# of Persons who can influence in policy formulation attended in national advocacy events	0
	Government Official	27
	Law makers	0
	Civil Society	19
	Member of Local Government Associations	0
2. GoB took initiatives to reform gender responsive policies, laws and directives		0
3. EWRs use Information, technical and advisory support provided by APARAJITA Project and LGIs		0
3.1	60% of APARAJITA have access to APARAJITA data bank/Gender Resource Center and information received as per their need (baseline 20%)	0
3.1.1	# of Persons (Female and Male) received gender and local government related information from Gender Resource Centre/local offices	1355
3.1.2	# of Persons (Female and Male) became benefited through getting information from Information Centers	5762
3.1.3	# of APARAJITA became benefitted through getting information from Data Bank	366
3.2	60% APARAJITA using Union Digital Center and information disseminated to community people (baseline 36%)	0
		0
OUTPUT		0
Output 1.1	EWR/PEWR are performing their responsibilities as per LG Acts, Rules and Regulations	0
1.1.1	80% of potential candidates of APARAJITA oriented regarding their roles and responsibilities	0
	EWR	355
	PEWR	497
	NAV	357
1.1.2	70% of elected representatives at UP and 60% at Municipality are from APARAJITA	0
	Union Parishad	4
	EWR	151
	PEWR	271
	NAV	10
	Non-Aparajita	71
	Municipality Election	0
	EWR	24
	PEWR	19

	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	3
Output 1.2: EWRs and P-EWRs take leadership role in different forums and networks to influence decisions in favor of women, poor and disadvantaged		0
1.2.1	Over 100 APARAJITA are in the leadership position (President, secretary, treasurer) of existing platform, network and forum	0
	Naree Unnoyon Forum/APARAJITA Upazila Forum	4
	President	17
	Secretary	21
	Treasurer	13
	Member	325
	MAB	0
	President	0
	Secretary	0
	Treasurer	0
	Member	10
	BUPE	1
	President	0
	Secretary	1
	Treasurer	0
	Member	21
1.2.2	1779 of APARAJITA are members of platform, network and forum	0
	Naree Unnoyon Forum/APARAJITA Upazila Forum	221
	MAB	7
	BUPE	22
1.2.3	400 APARAJITA identified and developed as facilitator	0
	EWR	33
	PEWR	24
	NAV	9
Output 1.3: EWRs and PEWRs ensure services as per Government rules and allocations for women, poor and disadvantaged		0
1.3.1	311 (50%) of LGIs are responsive to provided poor and gender sensitive services (social safety net, legal, education and health)	0
1.3.1.1	# of VGD Cards distributed	22321
1.3.1.2	# of VGD Cards distributed by EWR	5917
1.3.1.3	# of VGF Cards distributed	617056
1.3.1.4	# of VGF Cards distributed by EWRs	121265
1.3.1.5	# of old ages allowance distributed	77186
1.3.1.6	# of old age allowance distributed by EWRs	9056
1.3.1.7	# of Widow allowance distributed	28775
1.3.1.8	# of Widow allowance distributed by EWRs	4840
	Education	0
	Initiatives for preventing drop out of students	681
	Infrastructure renovation work (toilet, play ground, furniture's, instruments)	219
	Distribution of stipends among students	199629
	Contributed in SMC meeting decisions implementation	103
	Health	0

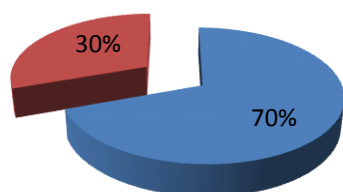
	Check and receive allocated Medicine	327021
	Infrastructure renovation work (toilet, Seats, furniture's)	62
	Prepare list of pregnant women	1412
	Aware people for taking treatment from CC	2195382
	Agriculture	0
	Distributed agriculture inputs among poor farmers (Seeds, Fertilizer, Technology)	314701
	Help to provide training for poor and female farmers	14491
	Provide help to forestation (tree plantation)	5380
	Women Affairs	55
	Prevention of early marriage	251
	Prevention of dowry	140
	Provide Training	433
Output 1.4: EWRs and P-EWRs' participate general and reserve seat at LGIs election		0
1.4.1	150 No. of APARAJITA contested as candidates in general seats	7
		0
1.4.2	Minimum 3000 no of APARAJITA contested in reserve seats	1263
		0
1.4.3	At least 50 APARAJITA contested as candidates in UP chair/Mayor in upcoming Election	7
	Mayor	0
	Chairman	2
Output 1.5: EWRs and PEWRs engage in different political parties and its' committees		
1.5.1	20% of APARAJITA are positioned in different committees of political parties	0
	Union Level	0
	President	53
	Secretary	45
	Member	233
	Pourasava Upazila Level	
	President	1
	Secretary	4
	Member	35
	Upazila Level	
	President	2
	Secretary	7
	Member	71
1.5.2	50% of APARAJITA affiliated with political parties	0
	AL	380.4
	B.N.P	103.2
	JP	16
	Jamate Islami	15
	Others	4
Output 2.1: Elected Women Representatives roles, responsibilities are defined in policies		
2.1.1	% of allocation increased for women, poor and disadvantaged in LGIs budget	53.5
	Budget of gender allocation in last financial year	8752063
	Budget of gender allocation in current financial year	14339500
2.1.2	Increased authorities of women representatives in LGIs	0

	# of EWRs are enlisted in the panel Chairmen as of Nov 2015	72
	# of EWRs are working as Acting Chairmen	0
	# of Project implemented by the UP in the reporting period	1396
	# of Project implemented by EWR	461
	# of EWRs engaged in PIC as chair	322
	# of Village Court conducted during this Year	3040
	# of Village Courts where EWRs were present	1020
	# of EWRs were in jury board of Village Courts	308
	# of Salish held during this Year	12201
	# of EWRs were involved in decision making process of Shalish	487
	# of Salish held during this Year where EWRs were present	2687
Output 2.2: Women friendly election circular and order are available		
2.2.1	Tax Identification Number (TIN) deleted from the criteria for candidacy	0
Output 3.1: EWRs and PEWRs getting regular information as per their needs to strengthen capacity		
3.1.1	Increased demand of information by EWRs, PEWRs	0
	# EWR and PEWRs were oriented by APARAJITA about data bank usage	328
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Data bank and website	9
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Union Digital Center	764
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Gender Resource Center/Local Office	715
Output 3.2: More community people are using Union Digital center		0
3.2.1	Increased participation in action of the community	0
	# of initiatives taken by EWR & PEWR aware about using Union Digital center by community people	8588
3.2.2	# of EWRs and PEWRs assisting community people	12202
3.2.3	# of community people using Union Digital center	412377

Annex- 3 Graphical Presentation of Changes

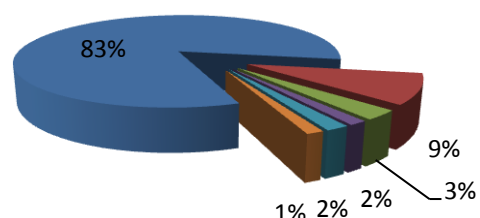
Participation Ratio of APARAJITA Activities

■ Female ■ Male



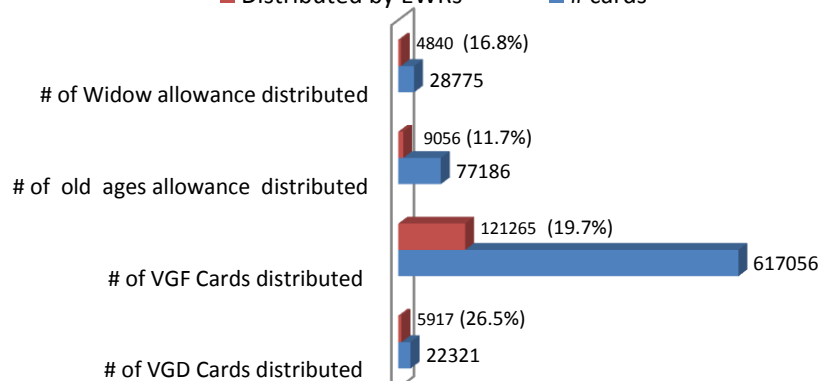
Participation Categories of APARAJITA Activities

■ General ■ Disadvantage
■ EWRs ■ PEWRs
■ NAVs ■ Government officials



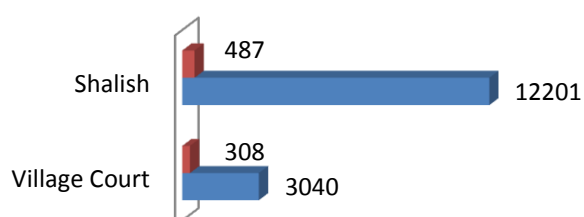
% of safetynet card distribution by EWRs

■ Distributed by EWRs ■ # cards



EWRs Participation in decision making process

■ # EWRS in Decision making process ■ Incidents



Annex 4 Event Photographs



Leadership Training at Jessore



Community clinic Visit at Ramnagar UP, Jessore



Meeting with NAV at Jessore



One day Orientation At Ichali



Leadership Training at Tangail



One day Orientation at Mogra, Tangail



Citizen Purnimagati UP at Sirajgonj



UPZ Platform Activation & formation at Ullapara



Coaching and mentoring at Bichali UP at Narail



One day Orientation at Maijpara, Narail



Leadership Training at Narail



Observed International Women's Day at Pabna



Citizen meeting at Dapunia, Pabna



Community Clinic visit Dogachi UP, Pabna



School Visit at Sanghalshi UP, Nilphamari



Leadership Training at Nilphamari



APARAJITA Convention Rangpur



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Annex-5: ANGOs Narrative and Financial reports