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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
LG	-	Local Government
LGA	-	Local Government Association
LGI	-	Local Government Institution
NAV	-	Networks of Activist Volunteers
P-EWR	-	Potential Women Representative
PIC	-	Project Implementation Committee
SDC	-	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
SMC	-	School Management Committee
UDCC	-	Union Development Coordination Committee
UNUF	-	Upazila Nari Unnayan Forum
UP	-	Union Parishad
UZP	-	Upazila Parishad
VGD	-	Vulnerable Group Development
VGF	-	Vulnerable Group Feeding
WPE	-	Women's Political Empowerment

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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: Bi-Annual Operational Report
	Reporting period: December 2015- May 2016
Phase duration: December, 2015 to February, 2017	Receiver of the report: SDC and APARAJITA Coordination Committee (ACC)
Main results achieved and implementation performance of the project: After successful completion of phase-I Democracywatch along with other ANGOS has started the APARAJITA phase-II. The aim of phase-II is to keep EWRs, P-EWRs and NAV in track of political empowerment in order to allow them participate in the upcoming local government election. During the reporting period, 77 candidates contested from APARAJITA in Municipality election'15 for the position of councilor (reserve seat) where 26 candidates including 15 (52%) EWRs and 11 (38.8%) PEWRs elected. Only three (10%) of the elected women are outside from APARAJITA. Three women candidates from APARAJITA contested for Chairman position in UP Election 2016 and two of them have been elected. Ten candidates from APARAJITA contested for the member of general seat and two of them elected. In UP election of 2016, 1248 candidates from APARAJITA contested in reserved seat and 340 persons have been elected which includes 44 (10.8%) EWRs, 295 (72.6%) PEWRs and 1 (0.2%) of them are from NAV. Only 66 (16.3%) of the total elected women are outside APARAJITA intervention. Most of the newly elected persons has not yet taken oath and they did not get charge due to legal restriction. A total of 13 news published in different Print and Electronic Media regarding key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender-discriminatory policies and laws. 106 government officials, 23 civil society representatives, and 3 members of local government association were present in the advocacy event at national level. A total of 503 EWRs and PEWRs used Union Digital Center and 634 EWRs and PEWRs used Gender Resource Center of local office.	
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 rapport building with newly elected UP Chairmen for sensitizing on WPE, lobby with political parties, Concern Ministry and constitutional institutions. Need 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 during the next period.	
Financial Information: Total Budget of the Year (December 2015 to November 2016) is BDT. 25,270,202 whereas APARAJITA Project of DW has managed to spend BDT 10,129,772. The Budget Burn Rate is 40%.	
Date of report : 31 January 2017	Name and signature of responsible person Faisal M Rahman, Program Coordinator

Chapter 1: Introduction

After the successful completion of phase-I the program titled 'APARAJITA: Political Empowerment of Women, has extended for 15 months (December'15-February'17). Alliance of four partners NGOs - Democracywatch (DW), Khan Foundation (KF), PRIP Trust (PRIP) and Steps Towards Development (Steps) has been implementing the program accordingly with the support of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). In this phase II, it has prepared a common chart of activities along with common goal and objectives. Democracywatch started carrying out its APARAJITA project intervention selected constituencies with the overall goal **"Disadvantaged and poor women improve their well-being through women political empowerment"**. As the APARAJITA program has adopted the constituency-based approach for implementation, DW, in the current Phase-II, is working in collaboration with the local administration and the civil society in 10 constituencies under the prescribed districts, i. e. Dinajpur, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Pabna, Sirajganj, Jessore, Narail, Magura, Mymensingh and Tangail consisted of 157 Union Parishad (UP), 15 Upazila Parishad (UZP) and 12 Municipalities. Targeted activities have been carried out as per annual plan of operation. The representatives of UPs, Upazilas, Municipalities and the civil society organizations were also mobilized through capacity building and advocacy initiatives especially to draw their attention on pro-poor services to be provided by the local level service providers. The project provided information service to the EWRS, P-EWRS, LGI and local community through Gender Resource Center.

The **Bi-Monthly** operational report is the document of the results of the first six months (December 2015 to May 2016) of the extending 15 months project interventions from December 2015 to February 2017 based on the outcomes and outputs.

Update of the stakeholder analysis: DW has successfully completed four (04) years of APARAJITA operation through vigorous interactions with different stakeholders and was able to adequately address the needs and interest of the primary target groups e.g. Elected Women Representatives (EWRs), potential women leaders and Networks of Activist Volunteers (NAV). Now DW is working for 2709 direct stakeholders which includes 536 Elected Women Representatives (EWRs), 1104 Potential Women Representatives (P-EWR), 1070 Volunteers and 1 Women Member of Parliament. During present phase there is considerable change among primary target groups engaged and substantially empowered due to Aparajita intervention during 1st phase. As per new election rule UP Chairman gets nomination from the political party. This Chairman in order to support the concern political party organized informal panel of candidates (those who will favor concern political party) to contest for UP election. This process eliminated most of the EWRs and PEWRs who were genuine candidates to participate as candidates for election both in UP reserved and general seats. Some of them were discouraged by the community and family to contest in the election because they thought the candidate will not be able to win the election because of dominance of political party. In spite of that a number of courageous EWRs and PEWRs contested in the election and some of the own the election As indicated in the case studies incorporated in the annex. In order to implement the planned activities smoothly, DW has interacted with relevant secondary stakeholders including Local Government Institutions (Union Parishad, Upazila Parishad and Municipality), Local Administrations (Central and Local Level), relevant Service Providers (GO-NGOs), Journalists and Community People.

Strategic link to the outcomes of SDC's Country strategy: According to Country Strategic Focus for Bangladesh on Local Governance, SDC in Bangladesh intends to facilitate decentralization and devolution of power to Local Government bodies by working directly with LGIs. Priority is given to enhance the role of the civil society in addressing the needs and rights of the poor and disadvantaged people. As APARAJITA project determined the expected 3 Outcomes, the focus of the project is very much in line with SDC's country and cooperation strategy including consideration of stakeholders, actors and local context.

Consideration of Poverty Issue in the Project Interventions: Overall women's contribution in development of Bangladesh is globally recognized. Unfortunately, the political space for women's participation still remains a challenge and "Poverty" cannot be addressed without involvement of "Women" in politics. The 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 marginalized people and disadvantaged women for exercising their fundamental rights to free them from "Poverty", through the Safety Net Programs, which is contributing to poverty alleviation. DW has been providing capacity and confidence building support to the EWRs to raise their confidence level for performing their mandated roles and responsibilities targeting better living conditions of the constituents through this strategic intervention.

Chapter: 2

Outcomes Achieved for 1st six months of 15 Months Phase (Dec 2015 - May 2016)

During the reporting period from December 2015 to May 2016, 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

After completion of the intervention and activities in first six months of phase-II the following results have been achieved under outcome-1:

1.1: # of women candidates participated in Local Government election

Twenty nine EWRs, 47 PEWRs and 1 NAV and 54 candidates from non APARAJITA contested in Municipality election held in December 2015 where 15 EWRs and 11 PEWRs elected as councilor of reserve seats.

Three PEWRs and 4 Candidates from non APARAJITA (Two PEWR got support from Awami League) submitted nomination paper for Chairman Position in UP election 2016 among them one women candidates from non APARAJITA withdrawn nomination paper. Two women candidate from PEWR won in Chairman Position both are from AL.

Four EWRs, 4 PEWRs and 2 NAV submitted nomination paper for General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016 (Three EWR and 1 NAV got support from Awami League) among them one EWR withdrawn nomination paper. 1 PEWR and 1 NAV won in General seat (Member) Position one of them from AL and another one from non party.

Three hundred six EWRs, 949 PEWRs, 2 NAV and 326 candidates from non APARAJITA submitted nomination paper for Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016 (143 EWRs, 222 PEWRs, 2 NAV and 136 women from non APARAJITA got support from Awami League) and among them 5 EWRs, 4 PEWRs and 4 candidates from non APARAJITA withdrawn nomination paper. 44 EWRs, 295 P-EWRs, 1 NAVs and 66 women from non APARAJITA won in reserve seat (Member) Position. 23 EWR 162 PEWR and 34 non APARAJITA are from AL.

BNP, Jatio Party, Jamat e Islam and other political parties together supported 61 EWRs, 80 PEWRs, and 85 non APARAJITA candidates, all from reserved seats. Other political party also supported one candidate for chairman position and one for general seat.

Two women candidates for Chairman Position and 2 PEWR (general seat) won from Awami league.

212 women candidates won as member of reserve seat with the support of AL, 43 supported by BNP, 3 from Jatio Party, 3 from JI and 130 women elected with the support of other political parties and independents.

Out of total 1600 nomination AL gave 822 (51.4%) nominations. Out of total 410 candidates own AL had 222 (54%) . As such the ruling party dominates in the LG election. This includes two women candidates for Chairman Position and 2 PEWR from general seat.

Out of 471 Group meeting for Mentoring and Coaching 325 have been completed in 157 Union Parishad. As a result whole Union Parishad were been capacitated with Union Parishad related procedures and technical knowledge which helped them to run UP activities Properly.

1.2 65% of EWRs initiate actions to promote pro-poor & gender sensitive service provisions (baseline 50%)

Out of 314 Planning and Service monitoring with local govt. 258 have been completed. Education, health and Family planning standing committee visited 258 schools and community center.

As result scope of Planning and Service monitoring with local govt. is created towards developing accountability of service providers and the Public Service Providers are held accountable to the mass community people.

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)

During this reporting period a total of 1164 nos. of meeting with Local Citizens was organized against 1118 Nos. of planned events.

As a result 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

1.4: 50% of key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender- discriminatory policies and laws (baseline not available)

Update of the stakeholder analysis: DW is working for 2709 direct stakeholders which includes 536 Elected Women Representatives (EWRs), 1104 Potential Women Representatives (P-EWR), 1070 Volunteers and 1 Women Member of Parliament. In order to implement the planned activities smoothly, DW has interacted with relevant secondary stakeholders including Local Government Institutions (Union Parishad, Upazila Parishad and Municipality), Local Administrations (Central and Local Level), relevant Service Providers

(GO-NGOs), Journalists and Community People.

Due to election and newly elected representative who are not yet in operation this issue (***proactively influencing gender- discriminatory policies and laws***) has not been fully implemented.

13 number of news published in different Printing and Electronic Media regarding key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender-discriminatory policies and laws.

106 government officials, 23 civil society representatives, and 3 members of local government association were present in the advocacy event at national level which were organized at local level.

63 government officials, 50 civil society representatives, and 20 members of local government association and one law maker were present in different local level events.

Out of targeted 788 EWRs and PEWRs 781 were been participated in Leadership Capacity Building for women representatives and candidates training.

As a result women leaders were been capacitated with leadership, Union Parishad related procedures and technical knowledge which helped them to be a active UP representative.

1.5 APARAJITA Upazila platform formation/activation

Out of 60 APARAJITA Upazila platform formation and activation 46 meetings was organized

1.6 Meeting with other forums networks

Out of 15 Meeting with other forums networks 11 meeting were been conducted.

As a result EWRs, P-EWR s and NAVs have Skill and confidence increased in the process of decision-making and implementation at their locality.

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

During this reporting period a total of 19 nos. of Meeting with Upazila service providers and constituents was conducted against 60 No. of planned events.

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

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

Out of 30 Meeting with NAV for providing support to EWRs and P-EWRs 29 were been completed. As result they know their roles and responsibilities.

Chapter 3: Outputs & Performance according to the Annual Plan of operation

According to the Annual plan of operation **Democracywatch** has performed to achieve outputs as follow:

Output 1.1.1: As per target 162 EWRs, 340 PEWRs and 22 NAV oriented as potential candidates of upcoming election regarding their roles and responsibilities.

Output 1.1.2:

- 369 Candidates from APARAJITA won as the member from reserve seat (UP) out of 423 seats.
- 43 Candidates from APARAJITA won as the member from reserve seat (Municipality) out of 44 seats.

Output 1.4.1: 9 persons from APARAJITA contested as candidates in general seats of UP

Output 1.4.2: 1227 no of APARAJITA contested in reserve seats of UP

Output 1.4.3: 4 APARAJITA contested as chairman candidate in UP election'16

Output 1.5.1: 240 APARAJITA are positioned in different committees of political parties at Union level, 17 at Municipality level and 57 at Upazila level.

Output 1.5.2: A total of 339 APARAJITA affiliated with AL, 84 with BNP, 12 with JP, 5 with JI and 87 with others political parties.

Output 3.1.1:

- 503 EWRs and PEWRs used Union Digital Center
- 634 EWRs and PEWRs use Gender Resource Center/Local Office

Output 3.2.1: 6207 persons invited by EWR & PEWR for using Union Digital center by community

Output at a Glance

Code	Name of Activity	Number of Activity	Participant			Disadvantaged	Govt. officials
			Male	Female	Total		
b.1.1	Group meeting for coaching and mentoring	154	1319	2186	3505	325	30
b.1.2	Planning and service monitoring	114	426	291	717	16	197
b.1.3	Meeting with Local citizens	155	4821	12014	16835	4034	68
b.1.5	APARAJITA Upazila platform formation/activation	16	36	353	389	24	15
b.1.7	Meeting with Upazila service providers and constituents/Tracking for service and safety net program	5	64	94	158	36	14
b.1.10	GO- NGO partnership events	20	4716	10602	15318	306	157
b.3.2	Meeting with NAV for providing support to EWRs and P-EWRs	14	206	233	439	27	0

TOTAL	478	11588	25773	37361	4768	481
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Chapter 4: Finances and Management

The annual approved budget was BDT 25,270,202 (December'15 to November'16) and actual expenditure (December'15 to May'16) was BDT 10,129,772

Expenditures of the period (Annual Budget)	Annual Budget	Actual Expenditure	in %
Project implementation	18,869,011	8,419,729	45%
Project activities	4,748,000	1,047,348	22%
Overhead cost	1,653,191	662,695	40%
Total	25,270,202	10,129,772	40%
SDC's Contribution	24,797,862	9,940,431	40%
Democracywatch contribution	472,340	189,342	40%

(Please see in details in the Annex: Form 1(A) Key figures spend vs. planned)

Chapter 5: Challenges, Lessons Learnt and Recommendation

Challenges:

- Most of the newly elected persons has not yet taken oath
- Newly elected body of LGI did not get charge due to legal restriction.
- Women in politics facing non-cooperation due to Gender discrimination attitude of Community People and Political Parties;
- As per new election rule UP Chairman gets nomination from the political party. This Chairman in order to support the concern political party organizes informal panel of candidates (those who will favor concern political party) to contest for UP election. This process eliminates genuine women to participate as candidates for election both in reserved and general seats.
- Some candidates do not participate in the election or discouraged by the community to contest in the election because they think the candidate will not be able to win the election because of dominance of political party.
- In case of a number of contestants from a particular constituency the political party generally selects one of them but others who do not like to withdraw continues as independent candidates for same constituency which creates confusion among the voters.
- In order create division among the voters so that certain candidate does not win the election, political party or community influential nominates one or more members for election from same constituency.
- Voters in general are not in favor of women contestant for senior position such as UP Chairman or member for General seat in UP election
- General voters does not like to see same face in consecutive terms in reserve seats;

- Women candidates feel that large amount of money will be required for contesting in general seat ;
- The family members, particularly the husbands of the female candidates, do not want EWRs to participate in the partisan election;
- Due to lack of awareness women candidates believe that Reserved seat is better than General seat because of its wider coverage.

Lesson Learnt

- Comprehensive mentoring and coaching with proper planning can enhance EWRs individual capacities & confidence.
- Continuous awareness campaign and motivation can ensure Social Change & Creating Space for Women Leadership
- Adequate information and accessibility can improve the Knowledge level of Women Leaders.
- Yard meetings before election help to identify the actual needs and demands of community.

Recommendations

- Political parties should more strictly abide by regulations on campaign finance and activities.
- Effective mechanisms to monitor compliance with campaign regulations should be developed, and parties and candidates should be penalized for breaches.
- Special arrangements to prioritize elderly, disabled, sick and pregnant voters should be available at every Polling Center.
- Restrictions against unauthorized persons entering Polling Centers should be strictly enforced.
- Children should not be allowed to enter Polling Centers (unless it is necessary in the circumstances, for example a child being carried by a mother).

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Finance and Management

Budget Variance note

- b.1.4: As per Action Plan this training will be held in next quarter
- b.1.5: Due to UP election and legal obligation all events were not organized
- b.1.6: As per Action Plan this program will be held in next quarter
- b.1.7: After declaration of the schedule of UP election the Upazila Nirbahi Officers instructed EWRs until receiving oath it will be stopped all activities of Upazila Nari Unnayan Forum and only newly elected women members of UPs will participate in the meeting of UNUF. For these reason it was not possible for organizing the number of events of Upazila Platform formation/activation meeting. Rest of the events will be organized by next six months period.
- b.1.8: As per Action Plan rest of the events will be held in next quarter
- b.1.9: As per Action Plan all events will be held in next quarter
- b.1.10: As per Action Plan rest of the events will be held in next quarters of the project period
- b.1.11: As per the decision of program team it has shifted the program in next quarter
- b.1.13: It will be decided about the date of the event in next ACC meeting
- b.2.1: It will be decided about the date of the event in next ACC meeting
- b.2.3: As per Action Plan the events will be held in next quarters of the project period
- b.2.4: As per Action Plan the events will be held in next quarters of the project period
- b.2.5: As per Action Plan the events will be held in next quarters of the project period
- b.3.1: Activity is ongoing but payment will be made in next quarter
- b.4.1: Decision is pending and will be finalized in next ACC meeting
- b.4.2: As per Action Plan the materials will be developed in next quarter

Annex-1: Cases

Case-1

Sajeda Begum now vocal and aware about her rights

Like many Bangladeshi women who face early marriage, Sajeda has also gone through the same experience. She was forced to be married by her parents while she was only 15 years old studying class 9. Though she was married at the very early age but she had a happy married life along with four daughters and one boy. She was fortunate in the sense that her husband was very cooperative and wanted to see her as a



successful popular public figure in her area. Sajeda's husband along with his neighborhood inspired Sajeda to compete in the local UP election reserved seats in 2011. Her husband and neighbors inspiration was a blessing to Sajeda as she won her first election and becoming a popular figure became true indeed. But who knew Sajeda would be facing a tough time at UP in the impending times.

Since the win Sajeda Begum, a EWR of Jessore Sadar has been trying to serve the people of her constituents with limited resources. It has not been an easy journey for Sajeda carrying out her responsibilities as she had insufficient knowledge on the rights, roles and responsibilities. There was hardly anybody who could come up with suggestions and directions in fulfilling her responsibilities. **'We used to come in the UP and go back. It seemed we had no works at the UP. All tasks were performed by male members only.'**

Sajeda replied to a question what was her situation before she got engaged with the project.

Sajeda was fortunate finding the APARAJIAT, a project on Women Empowerment directly working their empowerment and capacity building. The project invited and engaged Sajeda in its training session and other programs on communication, negotiations skills in the year 2012. When she became involved with project activities such as trainings, exposures visits, this EWR found her in better positions in terms of knowledge, understanding, communication and negotiation skills.

'After getting training on knowledge, understanding, communication and negotiation skills related to UP now I see that, there are many tasks in UP that can be performed by me. For instance, set up of new roads and culverts, proper and fair distributions of safety net services to beneficiaries. Thus we can serve the public and become popular. I am now more conscious and active than before, she added.'

Sajeda who had very little involvement with the UP, now active with different committees such as chair of Standing Committees on Domestic Violence and Protection, Project Supervision etc. She regularly visits community clinics, inquires about the service quality and goes to different schools to observe the quality of education. She also tries to tag farmers with agriculture department officers for information related to agriculture, cultivation. In addition to service delivery, she also attends in local salish and encourages local people to participate in open budget and other similar activities of parishads. Sajeda Begum Contested in the 2016 UP Election and her result are now withheld.

Case study-2

A success story of an EWR

Krishna Rani (35) is one of the dedicated EWR (35) who lives in Alamsar union under Sripur Upazilla in Magura district. She is a house wife and her husband Noresh Chandra Biswash is a businessman. She is involved with social work and politics for a long time. In 2011 she inspired by her husband to contest UP reserved seat and she won from the constituency of 7, 8, 9 ward. After election she became very disappointed when she found that there was no scope for EWRs to work independently and any specific roles and responsibilities has given by the government. Male representatives also didn't show any cooperation towards EWR.



In this context, she met with APARAJITA Staff and became familiar with the project since the inception. She got training from APARAJITA on communication skills, developing relations with service providers, identifying service providers and its monitoring systems. She was also oriented on leadership skills, LG acts, laws, directives, roles and responsibilities of women representatives. As an EWR, she also involved herself in the salish and village courts. At the same time learned many techniques how to ensure quality service from the respective department such as health, agriculture, education, water and sanitation.

In an interview, Krishna Rani said, "With the help of APARAJITA she became more confident to raise her voice against any misconduct". Presently she can easily participate and give her opinion in any meeting or gathering. She regularly monitors school and community clinic to ensure the quality services for poor and disadvantaged citizens. As a result she was gradually accepted not only her constitution but also union parishad. She also implements several development works like 5.5 km road and 7 km flood-soling road, established 13 deep tube wells etc.

In 2016 UP election she was re-elected in the same position. She mentioned confidently that in the future she dedicated herself for the voters by whom she was re-elected and next time she will be contested for chairman candidacy. And for this she is preparing herself and working for building a model UP.

Case study-3 An icon of a social leader

Shathi Begum (35) is one of the icon 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 Chart of results framework (Dec 2015 - May 2016) including comparison and analysis between planned and achieved

Name of the Districts: Jessore, Narail, Magura, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Pabna, Sirajgonj, Tangail and Mymensingh

Number of UP covered: 157

Number of Upazila covered: 15

Number of Municipality covered: 12

SL	Information	
Overall Goal: Disadvantaged and poor women improve their well-being through women political empowerment		Total
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	0
	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	29
	PEWR	47
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	54
INFORMATION REGARDING WITHDRAWN NOMINATION PAPER		0
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	3
WON IN MUNICIPALITY ELECTION		0
1.1.7	# women candidates won in Mayor Position in Municipality Election 2015	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	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	11
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	8
UNION PARISHAD ELECTION		0
1.1.10	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	3
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	4
1.1.11	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	4

	PEWR	4
	NAV	2
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.12	# women candidates submitted nomination paper for Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	306
	PEWR	949
	NAV	2
	Non-Aparajita	326
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	1
	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	5
	PEWR	4
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	4
WON IN UP ELECTION		0
1.1.16	# women candidates won in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	2
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.17	# women candidates won in General seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	0

1.1.18	# women candidates won in Reserve seat (Member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	44
	PEWR	295
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	66
	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	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	1
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.20	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	
	EWR	3
	PEWR	0
	NAV	1
	Non-Aparajita	0
1.1.21	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in Women Reserve Seat in UP election 2016	
	EWR	143
	PEWR	222
	NAV	2
	Non-Aparajita	136
	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	
	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	
	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	
	EWR	45
	PEWR	38

	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	
	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	
	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	
	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	
	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	
	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	
	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	
	EWR	0
	PEWR	0
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	1
1.1.32	# women candidates got support from political parties for contesting in General Seat (member) Position in UP election 2016	
	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	
	EWR	14
	PEWR	38
	NAV	0
	Non-Aparajita	31
	WON IN UP ELECTION BY POLITICAL PARTIES	0
1.1.34	# women candidates won in Chairman Position in UP election 2016	
	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	
	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	
	Awami League	212
	B.N.P	43
	JATIYA PARTY	3
	JAMATE ISLAM	3
	OTHERS	130
1.2	65% of EWRs initiate actions to promote pro-poor & gender sensitive service provisions (baseline 50%)	

	Beneficiaries received Safety-net support (VGD, VGF, widow allowance, elderly allowance and other benefits) without any hassle in the project working areas	
1.2.1	# of EWRs involved in preparing pro-poor and gender friendly budget through Open Budget Preparation meeting	
1.2.2	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of VGD Cards in this reporting period	
1.2.3	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of VGF Cards in this reporting period	
1.2.4	# of EWRs assisted in distribution of Widow allowance	
1.2.5	# of EWRs assisted for getting old age allowance	
1.2.6	Amount allocated for gender allocation	
1.2.7	# of women got benefit under gender allocation scheme	
1.2.8	Expenditure of gender allocation in last financial year	
1.2.9	Budget of Gender allocation in current financial year	
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)	
1.3.1	# of EWRs are involved in Community Clinic Management Committee (CCMC)	
1.3.2	# of Community Clinic Monitored/visited by EWRs	
1.3.3	# of EWRs visited Community Clinic	
1.3.4	# of EWRs are involved in School Management Committee (SMC).	
1.3.5	# of Schools Monitored/visited by EWRs	
1.3.6	# of EWRs visited schools and played proactive roles	
1.3.7	# of EWRs are involved in Agriculture extension services.	
1.3.8	# of Agriculture plot/livestock/fisheries/poultry Monitored/visited by EWRs	
1.3.9	# of EWRs visited agriculture plot/livestock/fisheries and poultry firms	
1.3.10	# of EWRs are involved in Disaster Management.	
1.3.11	# of Standing Committees where EWRs are in chair position	
	Finance and Establishment	
	Accounts and Audit	
	Education, Health and Family Planning	
	Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and other development Activities	
	Tax Assessment and Collection	
	Tree Plantation, Environment Protection and others	
	Water and Sanitation	
	Rural Infrastructure development, maintenance and others	
	Law and Order	
	Family Conflict Mitigation and Women and Children Welfare	

	Birth and Death Registration	
	Social Welfare and Disaster Management	
	Culture and Sports	
1.3.13	# of PEWRs involved/co-opted in the Standing Committees	
1.3.14	# of PEWRs are in leadership position	
1.3.15	# of NAV co-opted in the different Standing Committees	
1.3.16	# of NAV are in leadership position	
1.4	<i>50% of key stakeholders' proactively influencing gender- discriminatory policies and laws (baseline not available)</i>	
1.4.1	# of news published in different Printing and Electronic Media	13
1.4.2	# of National events organized	0
1.4.3	# of Persons who can influence in policy formulation attended in National advocacy events	
	Govt Official	106
	Law makers	0
	Civil Society	23
	Member of Local Govt Associations	3
1.4.4	# of Local level events organized	317
1.4.5	# of Persons who can influence in policy formulation attended in local advocacy events	
	Govt Official	63
	Law makers	1
	Civil Society	50
	Member of Local Govt Associations	20
2. GoB took initiatives to reform gender responsive policies, laws and directives		
2.1	<i># of agenda proposed and granted by relevant parliamentary standing committees' meeting</i>	
		0
		0
		0
		0
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		0
2.2	One (1) discriminatory issues in the RPO (provision of TIN) taken up to policy makers for reform	
3. EWRs use Information, technical and advisory support provided by APARAJITA Project and LGIs		
3.1	60% of APARAJITA have access to APARAJITA data bank/Gender Resource Center and information received as per their need (baseline 20%)	
3.1.1	# of Persons (Female and Male) received gender and local government related information from Gender Resource Centre/local offices	
3.1.2	# of Persons (Female and Male) became benefited through getting information from Information Centers	
3.1.3	# of APARAJITA became benefitted through getting information from Data Bank	
3.2	60% APARJITA using Union Digital Center and information disseminated to community people (baseline 36%)	
		0
OUTPUT		0
Output 1.1	EWR/PEWR are performing their responsibilities as per LG Acts, Rules and Regulations	
1.1.1	80% of potential candidates of APARAJITA oriented regarding their roles and responsibilities	
	EWR	162
	PEWR	340
	NAV	22
1.1.2	70% of elected representatives at UP and 60% at Municipality are from APARAJITA	
	Union Parishad	15
	EWR	128
	PEWR	234
	NAV	7
	Non-Aparajita	17
	Municipality Election	0
	EWR	20
	PEWR	22
	NAV	3
	Non-Aparajita	1
Output 1.2: EWRs and P-EWRs take leadership role in different forums and networks to influence decisions in favor of women,		

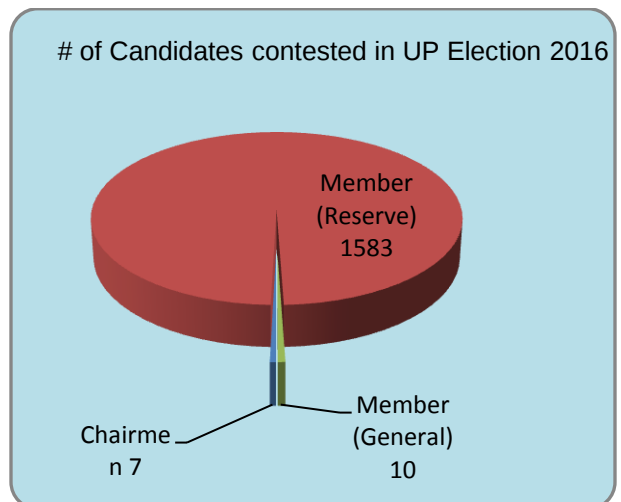
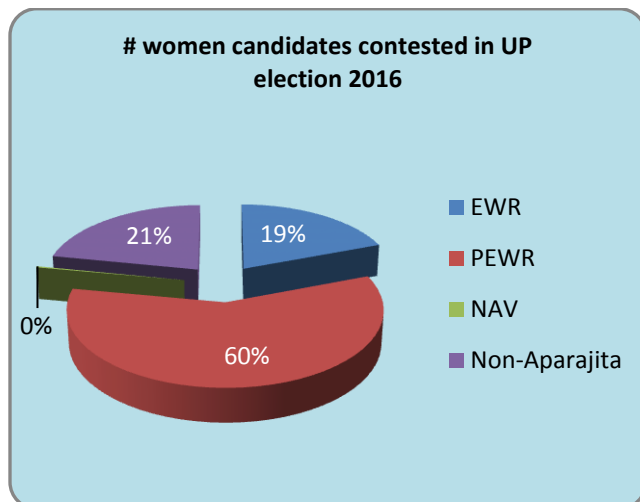
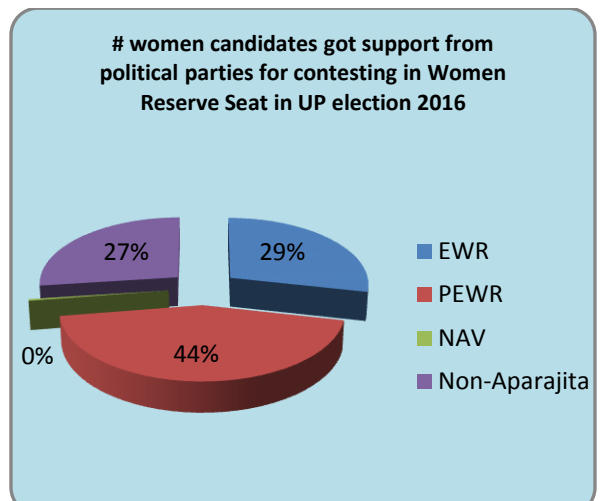
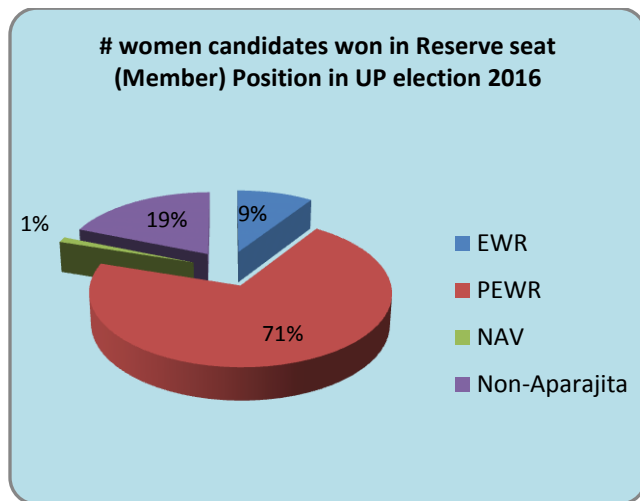
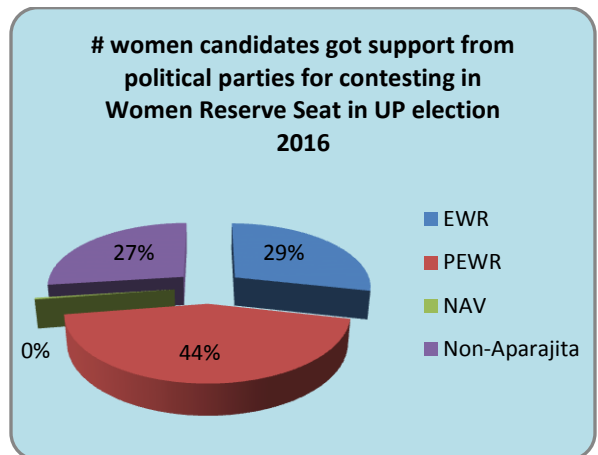
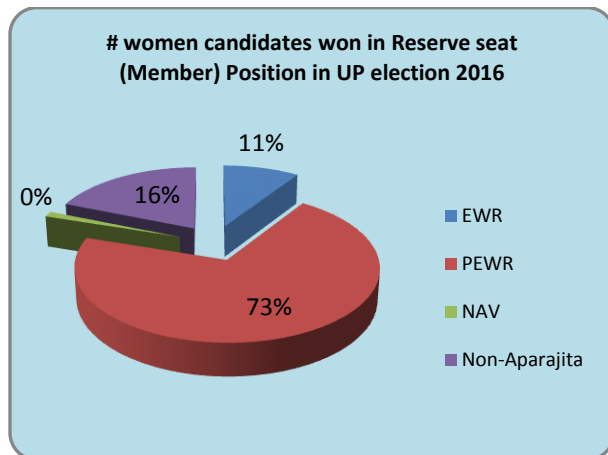
poor and disadvantaged		
1.2.1	Over 100 APARAJITA are in the leadership position (President, secretary, treasurer) of existing platform, network and forum	
	Naree Unnoyon Forum/APARAJITA Upazila Forum	
	President	
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
	Member	
	MAB	
	President	
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
	Member	
	BUPE	
	President	
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
	Member	
1.2.2	1779 of APARAJITA are members of platform, network and forum	
	Naree Unnoyon Forum/APARAJITA Upazila Forum	
	MAB	
	BUPE	
1.2.3	400 APARAJITA identified and developed as facilitator	
	EWR	
	PEWR	
	NAV	
Output 1.3: EWRs and PEWRs ensure services as per Govt. rules and allocations for women, poor and disadvantaged		
1.3.1	311 (50%) of LGIs are responsive to provided poor and gender sensitive services (social safety net, legal, education and health)	
1.3.1.1	# of VGD Cards distributed	
1.3.1.2	# of VGD Cards distributed by EWR	
1.3.1.3	# of VGF Cards distributed	
1.3.1.4	# of VGF Cards distributed by EWRs	
1.3.1.5	# of old ages allowance distributed	
1.3.1.6	# of old age allowance distributed by EWRs	

1.3.1.7	# of Widow allowance distributed	
1.3.1.8	# of Widow allowance distributed by EWRs	
	Education	0
	Initiatives for preventing drop out of students	
	Infrastructure renovation work (toilet, play ground, furniture's, instruments)	
	Distribution of stipends among students	
	Contributed in SMC meeting decisions implementation	
	Health	0
	Check and receive allocated Medicine	
	Infrastructure renovation work (toilet, Seats, furniture's)	
	Prepare list of pregnant women	
	Aware people for taking treatment from CC	
	Agriculture	0
	Distributed agriculture inputs among poor farmers (Seeds, Fertilizers, Technology)	
	Help to provide training for poor and female farmers	
	Provide help to forestation (tree plantation)	
	Women Affairs	0
	Prevention of early marriage	
	Prevention of dowry	
	Provide Training	
Output 1.4: EWRs and P-EWRs' participate general and reserve seat at LGIs election		
1.4.1	150 No. of APARAJITA contested as candidates in general seats	9
1.4.2	Minimum 3000 no of APARAJITA contested in reserve seats	1227
		0
1.4.3	At least 50 APARAJITA contested as candidates in UP chair/Mayor in upcoming Election	4
	Mayor	0
	Chairman	4
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	
	Union Level	0

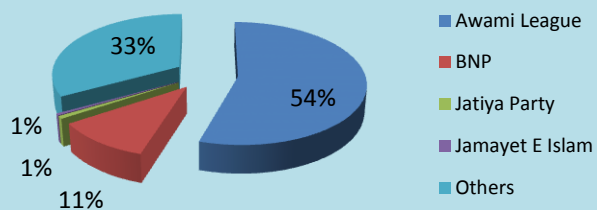
	President	73
	Secretary	36
	Member	131
	Pourosova Upazila Level	0
	President	6
	Secretary	11
	Member	25
	Upazila Level	0
	President	7
	Secretary	9
	Member	41
1.5.2	50% of APARAJITA affiliated with political parties	0
	AL	339
	B.N.P	84
	JP	12
	Jamate Islami	5
	Others	87
Output 2.1: Elected Women Representatives roles, responsibilities are defined in policies		
2.1.1	% of allocation increased for women, poor and disadvantaged in LGIs budget	
	Budget of gender allocation in last financial year	1030000
	Budget of gender allocation in current financial year	1200000
2.1.2	Increased authorities of women representatives in LGIs	
	# of EWRs are enlisted in the panel Chairmen as of Nov 2015 পদে আছেন	
	# of EWRs are working as Acting Chairmen	
	# of Project implemented by the UP in the reporting period	
	# of Project implemented by EWR	
	# of EWRs engaged in PIC as chair	
	# of Village Court conducted during this Year	
	# of Village Courts where EWRs were present	
	# of EWRs were in jury board of Village Courts	
	# of Salish held during this Year	

	# of EWRs were involved in decision making process of Shalish	
	# of Salish held during this Year where EWRs were present	
Output 2.2: Women friendly election circular and order are available		
2.2.1	Tax Identification Number (TIN) deleted from the criteria for candidacy	
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	
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Data bank and website	
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Union Digital Center	503
	# of EWRs and PEWRs use Gender Resource Center/Local Office	634
Output 3.2: More community people are using Union Digital center		
3.2.1	Increased participation in action of the community	
	# of initiatives taken by EWR & PEWR aware about using Union Digital center by community people	6207
3.2.2	# of EWRs and PEWRS assisting community people	4630
3.2.3	# of community people using Union Digital center	134625

Graphs

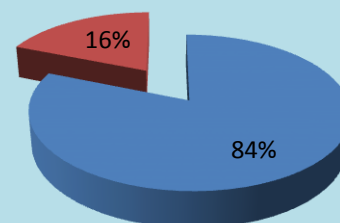


Candidates won in UP Election by Political Parties



Candidates Elected from APARAJITA

■ APARAJITA ■ Non-APARAJITA



Activity Picture



Coordination Meeting with service provider, Ghoraghat



Citizen Meeting Mukundapur



Aparajita Group Meeting Ghoraghat



Meeting Upazila Women Development Forum, Jessore



Meeting with NAV, Jessore



Coaching and mentoring at Boror Char UP, Mymensingh



Meeting with NAV at Mymensingh



Coordination Meeting with service provider, Mymensingh



Meeting with Forums Networks at Nilphamari



Coaching and Mentoring at Chowra Boro Gacha, Nilphamari



Meeting with NAV at Pabna



Coaching and Mentoring at Dogachi, Pabna



Coaching and Mentoring at Laxmitari, Rangpur



Meeting with other forum & Networks at Rangpur



Meeting With Service Provider, Ullahpara, Sirajgonj



Coaching & Mentoring, Ullahpara, Sirajgonj



Meeting with NAV at Ullahpara, Sirajgonj



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Meeting Upazila Women Development Forum, Magura



Meeting with other network and platform, Magura



