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Democracywatch (DW) has been implementing the APARAJITA project, phase-1 funded by Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) since December 2011 in ten districts of Bangladesh. The districts are Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Pabna, Sirajganj, Tangail, Mymensingh, Jessore, Magura and Narail. In the last six months DW has been achieved results in relation to outcome -1, 2, 3 and 0. After receiving coaching and mentoring from different resource persons since the reporting period 531 EWRs made lot of changes in their usual practice through practical implementation of institutional activities like conduct the meeting of standing committee, Monitoring visit, exchange visit, constituency coordination meeting, expert visit and ward sabha. Following major changes have seen during the reporting period: 196 EWRs and 34 P-EWRs visited the primary school and they identified the problem of water and sanitation problem of school, environment of class room, attendance of students etc. After their visit EWRs along with P-EWRs shared their findings among Head of schools, SMC and concern officers of department of primary education. 259 EWRs and 62 P-EWRs visited the community clinic and they observed the distribution system of medicine, patient register, water supply system, cleanness and security of clinic. After their visit EWRs along with P-EWRs shared their findings among community clinic management committee and concern officers of department of health. In our working unions 18635 people (M-13044, F-5591) got the employment opportunity in job creation program of 40 days. Out of them 5591 (M-2237, F-3354) persons are selected by the EWRs. Earlier EWRs could manage job for them only for 2146 persons. 28 participants from the stakeholders of APARAJITA contested In last Upazilla election'14 and 11 persons are elected (1 EWR from UP, 4 EWRs from Upazilla, 2 EWRs from Municipality and 4 from P-EWRs) as Upazilla vice chairmen. In addition, one P-EWR from Mymensingh is elected as the Member of Parliament (women seat-19) and one EWR contested in general seat for the position of Upazilla Chairmen. 82413 community people received service from Union Information Service Center-UISC (M-61810, Female-20603) by the assistance of EWRs Six months achievement came out under following expenditure:											
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Main steering implications for next period of interventions											
In the operational area of Democracywatch in last six months there was no considerable risk or opportunity occurred which may steering implication for next period of intervention.											
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Part 1

Introduction:

The project APARAJITA: Political Empowerment of Women intends to build the confidence, knowledge and capacity of elected women representatives (EWR) and potential women representatives (P-EWR). The project encourages networks of mutual support so that they can fulfill their obligations to their **electorate** and contribute in making local government and local service provision more responsive, especially to the needs of women and deprived community.

During December 2013 to May 2014 DW implemented activities in 157 UPs, 15 Upazillas, 12 Municipalities and 10 Constituencies of 10 districts. The reporting period covered 471 EWRs from the UP, 15 EWRs from Upazila and 41 EWRs from Municipality level. In collaboration with the local administration and the civil society the targeted activities have been carried out. The representatives of UPs, Upazillas, Municipalities and the civil society organizations were also mobilized through capacity building and advocacy initiatives especially to draw their attention on pro-poor service delivery to be provided by the local level service providers. The project provided easy access to information service to the EWRs, P-EWRs, LGI and local community through Gender Resource Centers. Beside these, number of community people contributed their support to implement the APARAJITA activities through their responsive presence.

In spite of having sincerity and strong willingness of project people as well as Management of DW it was not possible to conduct some events in local and central level due to political unrest.

Outcomes achieved for:

Outcome – 1: “Elected Women representatives are accountable to their constituencies and together with potential future EWR and former EWR are collectively requiring gender and poverty sensitive practice in local service delivery and assuming leadership roles”

After completing the activities the following result have been achieved under outcome-1:

- 141 potential woman leaders and 12 volunteers (M-4, F-8) have been co-opted in UP standing committees during the reporting period. They are regularly attending in the meeting of standing committee and raise the issue of local service on health, education and agriculture. As a result EWRs who are the chair persons of standing committee get support from P-EWRs and Volunteers and they become confident.
- A total of 36 potential women leaders are preparing themselves to contest for the position of vice chair (women) in ongoing Upazila elections.
- 155 EWRs and 81 P-EWRs are contributing as the member of Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committee (NNPC) where they are expressing their opinions, referring the victims to concern department like, Women Affairs, District legal Aid Committee etc. They are also linking themselves among Union and Upazilla level committee.

- EWRs and P-EWRs saved (191+56) 247 women from violence against women by their active initiatives.
- Under the LGSP-II 88 EWRs involved in Block Grant Coordination Committee (BGCC). As the committee member they contribute to prepare the five years plan and assess the technical and financial feasibility of the schemas.
- EWRs stopped and protected 17 early marriages in their local areas.
- 1088 sessions of Village court have been conducted where gender related issues such as, violence against women, contribute to ensure the rights of property etc. Along with the other male members of village court 133 EWRs participated in decision making process of 309 cases.
- During the reporting period 664 development schemes of UPs are implemented such as earth work of road communication, box culvert and earth filling etc. EWRs implemented 205 development schemes out of total 664.
- Out of 375 meetings of Project implementation committees EWRs presided 147 meetings where the following decisions have been taken: a) Labor will be selected from local area and women should be included there, b) Schemas must be completed within the dead line, c) It has to ensure the resource sharing from local community.
- During the reporting period 196 EWRs and 34 P-EWRs visited the primary school and they identified the problem of water and sanitation of schools especially separate latrine for girls, environment of class room, attendance of students etc. After their visit EWRs along with P-EWRs shared their findings with head of schools, School Management Committees and concern officers of department of primary education.
- During the reporting period 259 EWRs and 62 P-EWRs visited the community clinic and they observed the distribution system of medicine, checked register, water supply system, cleanness and security of clinic. After their visit EWRs along with P-EWRs shared their findings among community clinic management committee and concern officers of department of health.
- 64 EWRs presided as the chair of Agriculture, live stock and fisheries related standing committees and 36 P-EWRs co-opted in the same committees.
- A total of 57108 persons (Male- 35407 and Female-21701) received elder people allowance and 322 EWRs helped 17133 people (Male-10622 and Female-6511) to get the allowance.
- A total of 18635 people (M-13044, F-5591) got the employment opportunity in job creation program of 40 days. Out of them 5591 (M-2237, F-3354) persons are selected by the EWRs. Earlier EWRs could manage allowances only for 2146 persons (M-1230 F-916).
- 333 EWRs ensured allowance for 5950 of widows.
- 85 EWRs and 31 P-EWRs ensured 3054 number of health cards for pregnant mothers.

- With the assistance of 16 EWRs 95 poor women received training on skill development and cottage craft from Department of Woman affairs.
- 109 EWRs ensured installation of 584 tube wells for their community from the allocation of Department of public health.
- 105 EWRs ensured 631 sets of latrine with ring slab for the community from the allocation of ADP

Outcome-2: "Provisions (legal framework including ordinance & directives) Political commitment and public opinion conducive for inclusion and participation of EWR (and potential EWR) and for promoting gender sensitivity in service provision at community level".

- 13 number of Upazilla Women Development Forum (WDF) activated by the efforts of APARAJITA project and there were 5 meetings of WDF held where 108 EWRs were present. They had lot of scopes to interact among themselves on common issues in the sharing meeting. They also raised their demand regarding increasing honorarium, separate toilet facility for women in their LGI premises etc.
- EWRs claimed that, their male colleagues do not show appropriate honor as the UP member and they raised the issue in front of Minister and MPs during the meeting among EWRs and MPs. They also claimed about the insufficient honorarium of EWRs.
- 28 participants from the stakeholders of APARAJITA contested in last Upazilla election'14 and 11 persons are elected as Upazilla vice chairmen. In addition, one P-EWR from Mymensingh is elected as the Member of Parliament (women seat-19) and one EWR contested in general seat for the position of Upazilla Chairmen. Average 3.4 persons contested in the working Upazilla of DW in last election as against the target of 3.0

**Status of Contestants and Winners from APARAJITA Project of DW in Upazilla
election of 2014**

SL	Name of the Upazilla	Position for the Upazilla Election	Number of contestants from APARAJITA	Number of total Contestants	Elected Persons from APARAJITA
1	Magura sadar	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	4 Persons	Tanjira Rahman (Potential Leader from APARAJITA)
2	Sreepur (Magura)	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	3 Persons	Nargis Aktar (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
3	Lohagara (Narail)	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	3 Persons	Saleha Begum (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
4	Narail Sadar	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	4 Persons	Nobody Elected from APARAJITA
5	Nilphamari	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	4 Persons	4 Persons	Mst. Arira Sultana Lovely (Potential Leader from APARAJITA)
6	Mymensingh	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	4 Persons	Nobody Elected from APARAJITA
7	Birampur (Dinajpur)	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	1 Person	3 Persons	Jinnatun Nesha (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
8	Ghoraghat (Dinajpur)	Upazilla Vice Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	3 Persons	Rusina Soren (Potential WomenLeader from APARAJITA)
9	Hakimpur (Dinajpur)	Ch airman	1 Persons	3 Persons	Aktara Banu Chowdhury (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
10	Nawabgnj (Dinajpur)	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Person	3 Persons	Nobody Elected from APARAJITA

11	Jessore Sadar	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	3 Persons	4 Persons	Setara Khatun (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
12	Ullahpara (Sirajgonj)	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	1 Person	2 Persons	Moniza Momen (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
13	Tangail Sadar	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	2 Persons	4 Persons	Laila Akter lipy (Potential WomenLeader from APARAJITA)
14	Pabna	Upazilla Vice Chairman (Female)	1 Person	3 Persons	Shamsun Nahar Rekha (Elected Women Representatives from APARAJITA)
15	Hakimpur, Dinajpur	Upazila Chairman	1 Person	4 Persons	Nobody Elected from APARAJITA
Total			28 Persons	51 Persons	11 Persons

Outcome-3: "Information technical and advisory support for EWR valued used and continuing"

- 82413 community people received service from UISC (M-61810, Female-20603).With the assistance of EWRs and P-EWRs they received the information on land, health service, birth registration, agriculture service, result of public exams, job circular etc.
- 400 EWR 82 P-EWR received service from UISC
- 27 EWRs received service from government hotline on UP and LGSP-II (Hot line # 16256).
- 165 EWRs,46 EMRs and 48 P-EWRs visited Gender Resource Center-GRC and received information on Gender, leadership and relevant Local government law, circular, rule etc. In Last reporting period 377 Persons visited the GRC

Chaptar-3 Outputs and Performance according to the yearly plan of Operation:

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

- 334 EWRs attended in ward sabha

- 36 Expert visits & sharing meeting held at LGI level and 108 EWRs participated in the event. 68 Experts from local level service providing institutions participated as resource person.
- One exchange visit was conducted in Rangpur and 31 EWRs participated there. From the exchange visit the EWRs participated in a gender fair organized by projects of USAID.
- It has conducted 13 numbers of quarterly development coordination meeting among EWRs & service providers. 104 EWRs present their experiences and findings from monitoring visits in front of 26 concern service providing officers at Upazilla level.
- Two constituency coordination meetings conducted among MPs, EWRs, Local NGOs, citizens group & media. 119 participants (M-27 F-92) shared their opinion, feedback and suggestions by their active participation.
- 455 Standing committees reformed in different UPs as per the Union Parishad law of 2009.
- During the reporting period 866 ward sabhas conducted by the active participation of EWRs. 85680 community people (Female-25698 and Male-59962) participated in the ward sabha. Community people discussed about the priorities of local schemes and they gave their opinion in the ward sabha.
- 374 monitoring visits of standing committees conducted. EWRs lead the visit as chairperson of standing committee where 1496 standing committee members (Male-945 Female-551) accompanied them. During the monitoring visit they observed the service quality, limitations and irregularity of the service providers.
- 1050 Diaries has been printed and distributed among the EWRs as the monitoring tools.

Outputs and Performance according to the yearly plan of Operation:

According to the yearly plan of operation **Democracywatch** has achieved following outputs during the reporting period as follow:

Output at a glance December 2013 to May 2014

SI	Name of the activity	Target as per APO	Achievement	# of Participants		
				Male	Female	Total
1	Distribution of Diaries as monitoring tools	1050	1050	416	634	1050
2	Expert visit & sharing with EWRs	27 LGIs	36 LGIs	68	108	176
3	Conduct Exchange visit	1	1	0	31	31
4	Assist formation & activation of Standing Committees	736	455	2214	971	3185
5	Assist in monitoring visits of standing committees	1104	374	945	551	1496
6	Conduct quarterly development coordination meeting among EWR & service providers	30	13	26	104	130
7	Constituency coordination meeting among MPs, EWRs, Local NGOs, citizens group & media	2	2	27	92	119
8	Assist EWRs to conduct Ward Shava	1413	866	82899	20724	103623
Total				86179	23183	109362

Implementation constrains and way to overcome them:

Constraints: Political unrest

Way to overcome: Everybody should tactfully avoid the unrest situation and implemented their plan considering the possible violence and uncertainty

Finances and Management

The project expenditure was BDT **8,111,412/-** during last six months (December'13 to May'14) approved budget of BDT **-9,803'836/-**.

Expenditures of the period (Annual Budget)	Annual Budget	Actual	in %
Project implementation	13,735,666	5,463,143	40%
Project activities	8,007,500	1,166,809	15%
Overhead cost	3,011,524	1,481,460	49%
Total	24,754,690	8,111,412	33%
SDC's Contribution	23,583,872	7,547,820	32%
Democracywatch contribution	1,170,818	5,63,592	48%

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

Management issue: The APARAJITA project is being implemented under the guidance of the senior management team of Democracywatch. Project coordinator is responsible for the field operation of the project which is being implemented in ten different constituencies through ten regional offices. DW Recruited 35 full time project staffs including 1 PC, 2 SPOs, 10FCs, 10 POs, 10 PORGs, 1 Internal Auditor and 1 Finance officer. In addition to the full time staff, 5 DW core staff (Executive Director 20%, Director Program 40%, Director Finance 40%, Director Operation 20% and M&E coordinator 50%) also contribute in APARAJITA partially.

Good practices and innovations:

- Committee of Upazilla Nari Unnayan Forum had no specific place for regular sharing and meeting among them. Now Gender Resource center is using for this purpose of Upazilla Nari Unnayan Forum's regular meeting venue.
- The quarterly coordination meeting among service provider and EWRs are now being held at the office of Upazilla Women Vice Chairman.

Specific lessons learnt

- If Activities could be initiated at the beginning of the implementation year with details plan, some more activities would achieved.
- The involvement of Chairmen and male members in various events could be more effective to smooth implementation of project activities.

Recommendation

- Every decision from ACC should be executed timely
- According to the opinion of Local Government Association's leaders the Implementing development organizations and development donors should have shared their implementing strategies and prioritized issues with relevant local government networks (BUPF, MAB, UZPAB-women committee) before/during launching the project.

Operational Report (Part 2 and Annexes)

1. **Budget Variance note** As per the financial report we mentioned we spent 33% of our annual budget. (Annual Budget - 24,754,690 and Expenditure-8,111,412). In Operational report we mentioned total expenditure was 83%.

As per the explanation from our finance division we spent 83% of six monthly budget which is approved by NGOAB according to original project budget of SDC. As per original project budget, the first six monthly budget of 3rd year is 9,803,836 and we spent 8,111,412 TK. which is mentioned as the expenditure of 83% out of actual budget.

2. After facing the near about half year long political unrest, actually DW was not in a position to implement out project activities smoothly from September' 13 to February'14. Along with these due to Upazilla election period of March-April'14 some of the stakeholders were tightly involved with the election process and campaign so DW failed to arrange some important activities like Meeting with Local Government Associations, Constituency Coordination Meeting among Stakeholders, Exchange visit of EWRs and P-EWRs, Issue rising workshop etc. For these reason, it could not show the remarkable expenditure regarding project activities. In addition we could not able post the many of expenditure of May'14 in our account's software which we posted in first week of June'14 so the burn rate showed less in the reporting period (December'13 to May'14). Though, we didn't able to spend the sufficient expenditures regarding project implementation but we spent required costs regarding personnel, project operational and OH. As the regular expenditure we could spend the mentioned expenditure so it was 86% of total expenses.
3. DW also tried to accomplish the task on time but it could not show as achievement because it could not able to entry the amount of expenditure of 2nd half of the May'14 in

the account software (which completed in first week of the June'14) so it showed less than others.

Moreover, DW has already implemented the pending of first six months on 30 June'14 except exposure visit of staff and printing of IEC Materials. DW is also continuing other activities of 2nd six months.

We sincerely acknowledge the inconvenience regarding the actual plan and implementation status as per APO as the same rational regarding inconvenience of the entry in account software. Along with these we faced some challenges in Dinajpur, Sirajganj and Pabna regarding local political issue and in spite of having planned activities we couldn't able to implement project activities as per APO. We will more sincere to implement the plan as per APO.

A.2.13 Process is continuing and will be completed within next six months

B.1.1, 8 forwarded the training plan in Next six months of the year

B.1.1.11 Due to political unrest in first two months of the year it was not possible to complete the target and forwarded in next six months.

B.1.3.6 Up to May'14 it has completed 26% activities as per annual plan. Rest of the activities will be completed within year

B.1.3.7 Up to May'14 it has completed 12% activities as per annual plan. Rest of the activities will be completed within the year

B.1.3.8 Forwarded to next six months.

B.1.4.6 Up to May'14 it has completed 39% activities as per annual plan. Rest of the activities will be completed within year

B.1.5.6, B.1.5.7 and B.1.5.8 Some Activities Completed in first six months and rest of the activities will be completed by next six months

B.2.1.4 and B.2.1.5 Forwarded in next six months

B.2.2.6 will be completed in next six month as per APO

B.2.2.7 will be completed in next six month as per APO

B.3.1.5 and B.3.1.6 Rest of the amount will be spent by next six months

B.3.1.7 and B.3.1.8 will be completed in next six month as per APO

B.3.2.1 and B.3.2.2 Forwarded in next six months

B.3.3.1 Forwarded in next six months

B.4.3.3 Forwarded in next six months

B.4.7.4 Forwarded in next six months

B.4.8.1, B.4.8.2 and B.4.8.3 Forwarded in next six months

Annex: 1 (Please see in excel file)

Form 1 (A): Operational report: key figures spend vs. planned

Form 1 (B): Operational report: Significant variance

Form 1 (C): Details of activity wise budget variance report

Form 2 (A): Cash flow forecast for the next 12 months and rest of the phase

Form 2 (B): Operational report: Cash flow report

Form 3 (A): Operational report: Fund reconciliation statement

Form 3 (B): Fund request

Core staff time sharing status

Annex: 2 Case studies

Success Story of Moniza Momen in Upazila Election'14

Moniza Momen
Woman vice chairman
Ullahpara Upazilla, Sirajganj



Moniza Momen was elected as a UP member of reserve seat in Panchocroshi UP in 2011. On that election she was competed with 4 women contestants and was elected with 3000 votes. With the assistance of APARAJITA since 2012 she involved herself with several development works and gave support to the community people to get better services. She also presided one of the standing committee of UP (Family conflict regulation and Women and children welfare). After the involvement with APARAJITA training and activities it helped her to gather knowledge and had a chance to interact with district & Upazilla level officials, and different forum leaders. Moniza momen decided to participate in the Upazilla election 2014. She got nomination from Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and was elected as a women vice chairman. She got 111740 votes. She promised to the community to give her full support for the development of her locality.

Case study 2

A case of EWR's Initiative for promoting Women's Economic Empowerment



In Bangladesh last two decades Government and NGOs parallel took many initiatives for ensuring the empowerment of women. Not doing only household work women are also interested to involve with any other social activities. From 2011 APARAJITA project works for political empowerment of women especially elected women representatives and potential women leaders.

It is a common scenario that about 25/30 Lac taka has been allocated in every UP for yearly budget implementation. But especially for the empowerment of women there is no specific allocation. To indentify this APARAJITA team arranged some advocacy meeting in 11 UPs along with chairmen and other members to make this issue understand. As a result for the first time 3 no Gharinda UP of Tangail Sadar Upzilla allocated 10,000 taka in 2013-2014 fiscal years for the development of women. In April 17, 2014 the chairman brought a sewing machine and handover to the women representatives. EWRs took some initiative to give training on sewing for poor, disadvantage, abundant and widow women. Those who got training but didn't have any access to earn, EWRs gave them scope to earn money by using this machine. At present, 4 women are using these machines and trying to live independently. They are-

1. Ruma Akter, Village- Suruj, Sadar, Tangail
2. Shoma Akter, Village- Suruj, Sadar, Tangail
3. Nilufa Akter, Village- North Tarutia, Sadar, Tangail
4. Rehana Akter, Village Tarutia, Sadar, Tangail

Gharinda UP also continues their allocation for the second year and this year (2014-2015) it is 20,000 taka. This is happened only for the initiative of EWR of Gharinda UP.

Annex: 3 Outcomes Achieved and Outputs Delivered in line with Log frame Indicators

Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline	Achievement	Remarks
1. Elected Women representatives are accountable to their constituencies and together with potential future EWR and former EWR1 are collectively requiring gender and poverty sensitive practice in local service delivery and assuming leadership roles.	1.1 a) Increase in number of women contesting reserved seats (% with more than 3 women contesting).	94 EWR received training	- Not applicable during this reporting period. 28 participants from the stakeholders of APARAJITA contested In last Upazilla election'14 and 11 persons are elected as Upazilla vice chairmen. In addition, one P-EWR from Mymensingh is elected as the Member of Parliament (women seat-19) and one EWR contested in general seat for the position of Upazilla Chairmen. On an average 3.4 women contested per seat.	
	500 EWR involved in service delivery monitoring and usefulness of actions taken to voice constituents demands & improve local service delivery	156 Primary school 291 Community clinic 84 Family Welfare Centers	141 potential woman leaders and 12 volunteers (M-4, F-8) have been co-opted in UP standing committees during the reporting period. - During the reporting period 196 EWRs and 34 P-EWRs visited the primary school and they identified the problem of water and sanitation of school, environment of class room, attendance of students etc. After their visit EWRs along with P-	

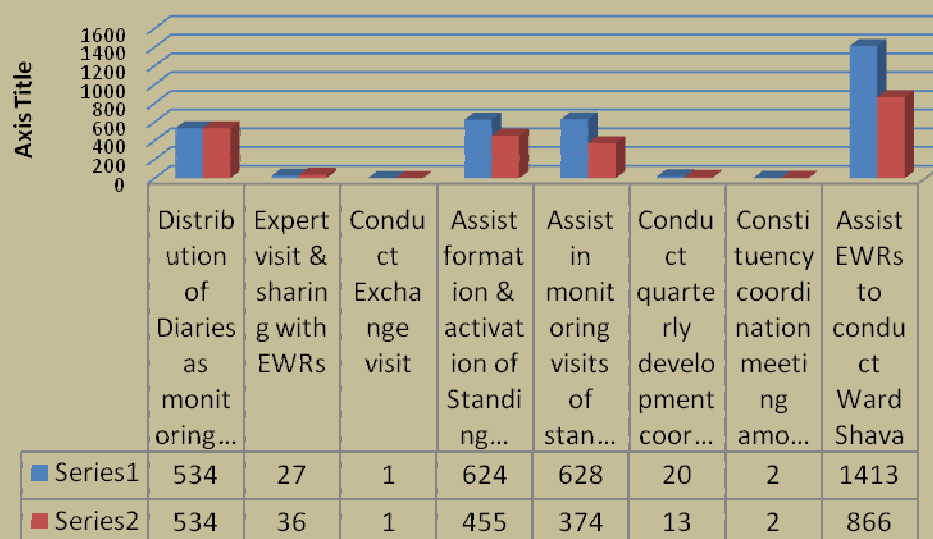
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			committee and along with 36 P-EWRs co-opted in the same committee.	
	% women elected in reserved seats seeking election to general seats.	31 EWRs elected in reserve seats seeking election to general seats	Not applicable for during this period.	
2. Provisions (legal framework incl. ordinance and directives), political commitment and public opinion conducive for inclusion and participation of EWR (and potential EWR) and for promoting gender sensitive service provision at the community level.			It has been activating 13 number of Upazilla Women Development Forum (WDF) by the efforts of APARAJITA project and there were 5 meeting of WDF held where 108 EWRs were present. During the period 21 EWRs have become members of Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF) and 6 EWRs in Municipality Association of Bangladesh (MAB), Upazila women vice chairmen of 6 Upazillas have become members of divisional committee of UZPAB (Upazilla Parishad Association of Bangladesh).	

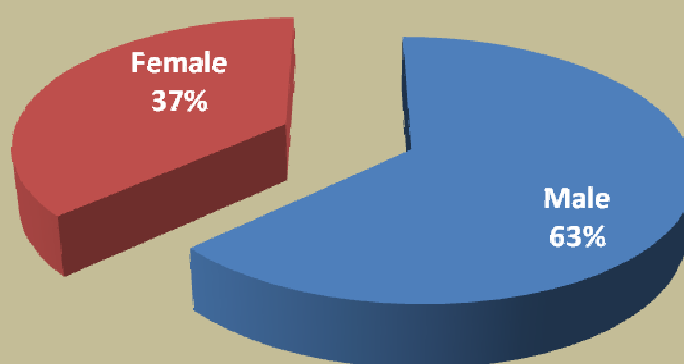
Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline	Achievement	Remarks
3.Information, technical and advisory support for EWR valued, used and continuing			• 205 EWRs were practicing to maintain regular diary writing as a result end of the month they can easily evaluate themselves .These diaries also used as a monitoring tools of APARAJITA. • DW has develop a website of APARAJITA titled www.aparajita-bd.net • A total of 377 person including ERWS,PEWRs and others visited gender resource center to receive information on gender related issue and also laws of local govt. • Campaigns on Right to Information (RTI) were organized in Birampur and Nilphamari Sadar Upazila. EWRs were organized jointly by 18 EWRs of 6 UPs also actively involved in the preparation of citizen charter of UPs.	

Annex-4: Graphs

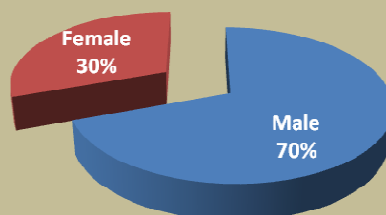
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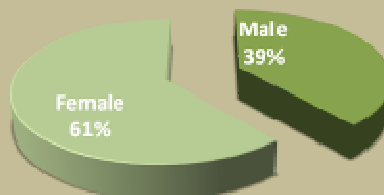
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Gender ratio of Standing Committees formation & activation



Gender ratio of Expert visit & sharing with EWRs



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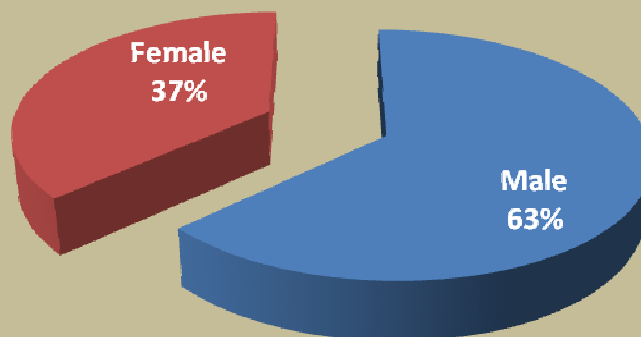


Photo Gallery of APARAJITA



Figure 1: Observed International Women's day at Sirajgonj



Figure 2: To Conduct Ward Shava at Udhonia Union



Figure 3: DW-ED visited the GRC at Tangail Office



Figure 4: Observed International Women's day at Magura



Figure 5: Quarterly coordination meeting at Jessore



Figure 6: Expert Visit at Narail



Figure 7: Expert Visit at Maugra

Abbreviations

A-NGO	:	Alliance NGO (i.e. Democracywatch, Khan Foundations, PRRIP Trust and Steps Towards Development)
DW	:	Democracywatch (A-NGO)
EWR	:	Elected Woman Representative
GoB	:	Government of Bangladesh
KCE	:	Knowledge, Communication and Education
LG	:	Local Government
LGSP	:	Local Government Support Project
NILG	:	National Institute for Local Government
P-EWR	:	Potential elected woman representative
PIC	:	Project Implementation Committee
SDC	:	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
UP	:	Union Parishad (Council)
UNO	:	Upazila Nirbahi Officer
UZP	:	Upazila (sub-district) Parishad (Council)
PC	:	Project Coordinator
SPO	:	Senior Program Officer
PO	:	Program Officer
PROGs	:	Program Organizer
BUPF	:	Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum
MAB	:	Municipality Association of Bangladesh
UZPAB	:	Upazila Parishad Association of Bangladesh

Form 1 (B)

Operational report (part 1 chapter 4): Significant variances

Organization name

: DEMOCRACYWATCH

Project name and number

: APARAJITA-Political Empowerment of Women, 7F-07734.01.02

Duration of the project

: 01/12/2011 to 30/11/2015

Reporting Period : 01/12/2013 to 31/05/2014

All figures is in BDT

Code	Particulars	Revised Phase Budget (As per APO)	Current reporting period				
			Annual budget	Actual expense	Balance	Burn rate	Variance note
	Period						
		1	2	3	4=2-3	5=3/2	6
1	Project implementation cost						
1.1	Personnel cost:	35,490,556	9,414,666	3,882,857	5,531,809	41%	
1.2	Project operational cost	14,602,642	4,321,000	1,580,286	2,740,714	37%	
1.3	Investment and non-recurring	2,241,980	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
	Total Project implementation cost (1.1+1.2+1.3)	52,335,178	13,735,666	5,463,143	8,272,523	40%	
2	Project activity cost						
2.1	Outcome 1	16,329,938	5,155,500	1,138,709	4,016,791	22%	Some plan of events shifted to the third Quarter due to unavailability of local stake holders. After June'14 they will be available to involve with APARAJITA activities. In addition we could not able post the many of expenditure of May'14 in our account's software which we posted in first week of June'14 so the burn rate showed less in the reporting period (December'13 to May'14).
2.2	Outcome 2	1,300,000	650,000	-	650,000	0%	In the first two months of the year due to political unrest most of the planned activities were undone and from Feb to May 14 Upazilla election was held so we have to shift all coordination meetings in next six months. As per ACC disson all central level advocacy program will be arranged cronologically so that we rescheduled our national events to 3rd and 4th Quarter.
2.3	Outcome 3		1,187,000	28,100		2%	Most of the activities forwarded in next

		2,479,128			1,158,900		six months.
2.4	Outcome-0 (start up)	2,678,607	1,015,000	-	1,015,000	0%	Some of the programs are ongoing which did not require any financial support and some are under process which will be completed in next quarter.
	Total project activity cost (Outcome-1+2+3+0)	22,787,673	8,007,500	1,166,809	6,840,691	15%	
3	Project overhead cost						
3.1	Personnel cost:	8,067,162	2,063,524	1,007,460	1,056,064	49%	
3.2	Project operational cost	3,792,000	948,000	474,000	474,000	50%	
	Total Overhead cost	11,859,162	3,011,524	1,481,460	1,530,064	49%	
4	Total project cost (1+2+3)	86,982,013	24,754,690	8,111,412	16,643,278	33%	
5	Partner contribution						
5.1	SDC Contribution	82,380,887	23,583,872	7,547,820	16,036,052	32%	
5.2	Partner Contribution	4,601,126	1,170,818	563,592	607,226	48%	
6	Grand total (SDC+Other+Partner)	86,982,013	24,754,690	8,111,412	16,643,278	33%	

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