



Report on Annual General Meeting (AGM)-2020

Network of people who inject drugs (NPUD)

Background: There are no accurate statistics on drug dependents in Bangladesh. According to the Directorate of Drug Control, the number of drug users in the country is about five million (2017). Society's views on drug dependents are different. In Bangladesh, the number of people infected with sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, hepatitis, tuberculosis among needy drug addicts has increased. Some clauses of the prevailing laws discriminate against the human rights and services of drug dependents. Drug



dependent people has lack access to healthcare and employment opportunities. There is a paucity of research in Bangladesh on the effects of drug dependents and drug addiction. Several self-help groups have

formed in different places to work for the development of drug-dependent individuals, but the lack of care has left everyone in a shaky position. The old two self-help groups in Dhaka are 'Prochesta' and 'Border', which are dying due to organizational weakness and lack of care. Apart from this, the self-help team in Dhaka, which is Ashtha, Alor Pothe, Freedom, Old Dhaka Plus and Re-life is not in a good position. The 'Prochesta' established in Dhaka is a self-help group of current drug users who have assisted in the serological surveillance of ICDDR, B in the past. Now they are raising awareness for OST of drug users through needle syringes and are cooperating in the outreach work of the program. 'Border' once cooperated with Care Bangladesh, administered the detoxification of drug users through needle-syringes. All the self-help groups of the country, including Rajshahi's 'APOSH, Notun Jibon, Asheke'; Pubna's 'Punorjonmo'; Chandpur's 'Shunno'; Dinajpur's 'Ashroy'; Cox's Bazar's 'Nongor'; Khulna's 'Light for life' and Jessore's 'Shuktara Self-help Center' are in similar situation. With the help of proper care and organizational competence, self-help groups of drug addicts will be able to play an active role in preventing HIV and improving the health, social and financial development of drug dependents in Bangladesh.

In reviewing the above mentioned issues, there is a need for a network for organizations dealing with drug dependents in Bangladesh. In view of this, initiatives were taken to form a 'Bangladesh Drug Dependent Network' in 2016.

According to The Global Fund key documents on CSS (eg. Community System Strengthening Framework, Community System Strengthening Information Note and The Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022), PR-Save the Children identified key activities for engagement of key population with HIV prevention program and improving their social well-being. Some of the activities started for implementation under current funding grant cycle and a large number activities are proposed for Funding Request.

The people Who Inject Drugs (PWID) is highly marginalized and vulnerable group of population. Due to drug use, PWID are severely suffering with different physical and mental health complications. Moreover, family & social denial push them to be more isolated, hidden and criminalization.

There are many self-help groups of drug users are working in Bangladesh. The existing registered and non-registered self-help groups have taken initiatives for formation of Drug Users Network in Bangladesh. BCCM & UNAIDS are taking initiatives for new Formation of new Executive Committee of Network of People Who Use Drugs(NPUD) in Bangladesh.

I. The member organization of NPUD given below.

- ✚ ASTHA (Dhaka)
- ✚ Alor Potha (Dhaka)
- ✚ Assroy (Dinajpur)
- ✚ APOSH (Rajshahi)
- ✚ Atto Sheba Kendra (Rajshahi)
- ✚ BODAR (Dhaka)
- ✚ Freedom(Dhaka)
- ✚ Light for Life (Khulna)
- ✚ Nongor (Cox's Bazar)
- ✚ Notun Jibon(Rajshahi)
- ✚ Old Dhaka Plus (Dhaka)

- ✚ Prochasta (Dhaka)
- ✚ Punorjonmo Unnayan Sangstha(Pabna)
- ✚ Re-Life (Dhaka)
- ✚ Shunno(Chandpur)
- ✚ Shuktara Self Help Centre(Jessore)
- ✚ Udoya (Joypurhat)

2. Event Objectives:

2.1 Overall Objective:

The overall objective of AGM is good governance; advocacy and sustainability lastly develop a work plan.

3. Specific Objectives:

- ✚ Financial update share as a part of good governance.
- ✚ To find out the issue of advocacy.
- ✚ How to sustain when the Global fund, UN AIDS, save the children, Care Bangladesh and relevant organization stopped work.
- ✚ Idea generate for started internal income generate.
- ✚ To identify the scope for meaningful engagement of the community with PWID Intervention to involve Global fund supported program.

4. Date, Venue and Type of Participants:

Title of the meeting : Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 Training duration : Daylong (One day)
 Time & date : 15 March-2020; 09:30am to 05:00pm
 Meeting Venue : ACDM Training Center, House # 08/14, Block # C, Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, Dhaka 1207.

5. Meeting Participants:

Number of 30 (thirty) people of 11 (eleven) member organization of NPUD has been attended the AGM.

6. Facilitation Team

SI #	Name of Facilitators	Designation
1.	Md. Shahed ibna obaed (Choton)	President of NPUD
3.	Md. Abul Basher	General Secretary, NPUD
4.	S M Abdullah Al Reza	Organizational Secretary, NPUD
5	Md. Saiful Islam	Treatment & Rehabilitation Secretary, NPUD

7. Guest team:

SI #	Name of guest	Designation & Organization
1.	Dr. Md.Abdul Wadud	PM, National AIDS STD Programme, DGHS, Mohakhali

3.	Md.Akhtaruzzaman Mondal	Sr. Manager, National AIDS STD Programme, DGHS, Mohakhali
4.	Dr. Saima Khan	Country Manager, UNAIDS
5	Manaj Kumar Biswas	BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
6	Md. Shariful Islam	Deputy Manager, Save the children
7	Md. Niaz Morshed Khan	ICDDRDB

8. Read The holy Quran:

At first Md. Nur-a-Alam, President, ASROY Dinazpur read some part of holy quran.

9. Welcome and description Speech:

Shahed ibne obaed (Chotton) president of NPUD was welcomed to the participants for attending the AGM.

He described the objective of the meetings; He told that, this meeting is important for the NPUD activity as a part of capacity building activities of member organization. He giving thanks specially Dr. Saima khan as she providing her support to development of NPUD day to day. He also provide thanks to manager ASP to support and guide to capacity building of NPUD and member organization. Thanks to save the children, ICDDRDB and care Bangladesh to providing their suggestion for improvement and capacity building of NPUD and member organization.



Now Md. Abul basher, General Secretary of (NPUD)given his speech regarding good governance. He

thanks to all guest and members of NPUD to attend the AGM. He told that, we are take responsibility to develop a structure and frame of NPUD. We believe that we done it. Leading be changeable. In future, you the young people leading the NPUD and we hope that carry the organization to go too far. Now he update Save the children allocated 47945 taka per quarter to NPUD to take an office and other cost. As NPUD yet not complete their registration, so due to organization policy maintain allocated taka deserves to APOSH, as it is a registered organization. By strongly support of APOSH to take an NPUD office rent monthly 7000 taka ad on jatrabari DIC operated by APOSH. As NPUD yet not included any staff for NPUD office, jatrabari DIC



team providing support day to day also support finance of APOSH. End of two quarter APOSH received 81521. Expense claimed 67521 taka and cash on bank 14000. He shared some failure activity of NPUD that is bank account opening and registration yet not though I supported 3000-taka prom my own. He feels it will be do earlier. He thanks everybody again and closed his speech.

Now Mr. Bakul F. Costa, Relief told his speech. We are representation over all Bangladesh by the use of PWID network. This the great feelings to us. We hope that the combined and unity force of PWID be spread all over the world by the use of network. He told that if we want there are various way to survive and enjoy the life on the earth. Just we need try best to catch it. He thanks to everybody again and closed his speech.

Now Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare giving his speech. At first he giving thanks to president of NPUD to his efficiency, reactiveness, and strongly voice raise to BCCM. He told BCCM giving a platform to network for voices raise in favor of key population though some of not registered yet. He thanks to Dr. Saima khan providing her strongly support to network for day-to-day empowerment of network organization. He told that overall agenda of the meeting is okay but request to discussed fund request proposal 2021 to 2023. He told that next July BCCM election would be done. THEREFORE, I would like to request you people please put your vote to your choice person who raise voice in favor of you. He thanks to everybody aging and close his speech.

Now Dr. Saima Khan, UN AIDS giving her speech. At first, she discussed about KORONA VIRUS issue.

He request us to practice prevent activity for example, be clean, wash hand, avoid public place, use hand sanitizer and soap. Now she request audience please you may question. Otherwise,not establish good governance. Now she ask us how to survive network organization when Global fund not funding to Bangladesh. Therefore, she request established good governance. Find out advocacy issue then try to sustain by self. He request to complete registration as early as possible. Because without registration she and other organization not to be support network organization. Bank account need to complete with it. Also, request to increase cash money of network. As you are detoxification expert you may established detox center, drinking water project, food project, and others relevant services. Remember that you



could be do anything please thinking your capacity, skill in those arias. He request to take help from I-probono to registration purpose. He thanks to FSW network to communication with the I probono. Lastly she request to reflection on the work plan for how to sustain, advocacy issues and good governance.

Now respective of save the children, ICDDRB giving their speech. They told the entire moment try day-to-day development of network organization. Next funding request there are some activity may engagement to network organization. However, network should be complete bank account and registration as early as possible. They told standing the global fund supported program network had been established. You

realize it or not. He asks us when the global fund not funding us how to sustain. Therefore, you may thinking about it.

10. Now network member organization shared their speech together and brain storming at last develop work plan for 2020. Major work plan given below;

- ◆ Complete bank account
- ◆ Try to complete registration.
- ◆ Starting income generate activity it may water agency, guesthouse, food/hotel business, mobile technology/electrician, fabric shop, detoxification and rehabilitation center, etc.
- ◆ Member subscription, per member organization per month 100 taka.

11. Programmatic Recommendations for involvement of next funding request:

- ◆ Those types of activity network already capable like to do the activity as SSR or other mechanism that's are syringe needle and condom exchange program, awareness program, community organizer recruitment process, mother list update or quarterly size estimation, training provide to CO, reporting and monitoring.

Program Support

- ◆ Syringe/Needle exchange program outsider district
- ◆ Outreach team recruitment (Joint)
- ◆ Providing Training of DIC's team
- ◆ Program Monitoring- Joint Monitoring
- ◆ HTS – program outsider district
- ◆ Detox and Rehab
- ◆ Crisis management support (Legal, violence, etc.)
- ◆ DIC based community group formation and capacity building

Advocacy Initiatives

- ◆ Discrimination/ Stigma and Legal Reform
- ◆ Service strengthening (Non service area program expansion- S/N exchange, Organizational Capacity building, etc.)
- ◆ Shelter and Food
- ◆ Orientation for Law Enforcement Agency in program coverage districts

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12. Attachment:

Participant's attendance sheet.

Meeting schedule

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বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা ২০২০

সেমিনার কক্ষ, এসিডিএম ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, লালমাটিয়া, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

১৫ মার্চ ২০২০ রবিবার

সাধারণ সভায় আলোচ্য সূচি:

১. পবিত্র কোরআন থেকে পাঠ
২. শোক প্রস্তাব উপস্থাপন
৩. স্বাগত বক্তব্য
৪. বিগত সাধারণ সভা ও কার্যনির্বাহী কমিটির সিদ্ধান্ত অনুমোদন
৫. গত এক বছরের বার্ষিক কার্যবিবরণী উপস্থাপন
৬. গত এক বছরের আয়-ব্যয়ের নিরীক্ষা প্রতিবেদন উপস্থাপন
৭. ২০২০-২০২১ সালের কর্মপরিকল্পনা উপস্থাপন
৮. সংগঠনের অস্থায়ী কার্যালয় সম্পর্কে অবহতিকরণ
৯. সদস্যদের মাসিক চাঁদা
১০. বিবিধ

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার অনুষ্ঠান সূচি:

- সকাল ৯.৩০ টা -১০:০০ টা : রেজিস্ট্রেশন
- সকাল ১০ টা -১১:০০ টা : বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার শুভ উদ্বোধন, আমন্ত্রিত অতিথিদের বক্তৃতা
- সকাল ১১ টা -বেলা ১:০০ টা : শোক প্রস্তাব উপস্থাপন, বার্ষিক রিপোর্ট পেশ এবং নেতৃত্বদের বক্তৃতা
- দুপুর ১.০০- ২.৩০ টা : নামাজের ও খাবারের বিরতি
- বিকাল ২.৩০ টা -৩.৩০ টা : ২০২০ সালের কর্মপরিকল্পনা উপস্থাপন
- বিকাল ৩.৩০ টা -৫.০০ টা : উন্মুক্ত আলোচনা
- বিকাল ৫.০০ টা : সভার সমাপ্তি