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### ***Foreword***

**Firstly**, we would like to thank our Almighty God for His beautiful creation and many blessing which enable us to serve the hard core poor, underprivileged, distressed women, children, adolescents and young girls, men and person with disabilities (PWD) in Meherpur, Chuadanga & Kushtia districts operational area in Bangladesh.

**Secondly**, we would like to thank our development partners, networking members and well wishers for their generous and sacrificial support and guidance which sustain our various development programs and activities.

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We are also thankful to CDP's staff, volunteers, executive and general committee members for their commitment, sacrificial and ever-faithful role of in helping to make the intervention of 'Centre for Development and Peace (CDP)' successful.

We also want to thank beneficiaries and community people for their active co-operation, support, guidance and keen interest in CDP's services.

We seek your continue support, co-operation and prayer to our social development work for future.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

It is great pleasure we submit the annual achievement report of July 2021-June 2022 which we have tried to paint a picture of Centre for Development and Peace (CDP), programs and activities during this period.

The working area of CDP covers 30 unions, 2 municipality, 4 Upazilas of 3 districts (*Meherpur, Chuadanga, Kushtia, districts*) in Bangladesh. These districts are relatively drought prone areas of the country with a more 'continental' climate with colder winters and hotter summers than most part of Bangladesh. As such it is vulnerable to disasters and these may become more severe in the future due to climate change.

The development strategy of owes its strength to the integrated and holistic nature of the programmes undertaken. Diverse issues are addressed through its various projects and activities from support to hard core people, Person With Disabilities, Vulnerable Women, Divorced and Marginalized, Dalit, Horizon, Tribal and Minorities community people to empower of women's development organization, to organize skills/vocational training and provide livelihood supports and independent through income generations activities. If someone completing skills/vocational training wishes to create a business CDP can make them members with eco-friendly handicraft activities.

CDP has good relations with district and local government institutions (LGIs), sub-districts/Upazila Nirbahi Officers (Upazila), administrations, NGOs, beneficiaries and community people enable collaboration to be possible on a range of issues.

Most importantly CDP has been making a difference in the lives of the hardcore poor, person with disabilities, vulnerable women, minorities and tribal and marginalized communities through raising their awareness and training on a wide range of important issues.

## 2. Major Achievements during reporting period:

1. Formed 95 women's groups, total members 2950.
2. Formed 15 Kishori & adolescent and young groups.
3. Check up 65 pregnant mothers, ANC 45 PNC 56 through Spreeha Bangladesh Foundation
4. 3036 patients received treatment through Telehealth services by CDP medical team.
5. 450 pregnant and lactating mothers received health education training on mother and child health, nutrition, safe health, maternal supports.
6. 2587 women received Vulnerable Group Development package support (VGD), monthly 30 kg rice and skill and entrepreneurship development training.
7. CDP community nurses and field facilitators provide primary treatment and medicine to the mothers who are pregnant and lactating through medical camp and mobile clinics. We have provided counseling support on breast feeding, personal hygiene, sanitation, communicable diseases and look after of the children.
8. CDP organized training on Antenatal and Postnatal care, check up for pregnant mother, child and other health by the support of the government hospital here 25 village mothers received this training and they are working smoothly in villages
9. About 2587 VGD mothers, 112 Kishori and adolescent girls and 60 youths received maternal and child health support, treatment, counselling, care of pregnant mothers, nutrition, balance diet, family planning, EPI, reproductive health and rights.
10. 2587 beneficiaries received life skill development & income generation training.
11. Organized 3 advocacy workshops on stop child marriage, child rights, women rights, human rights and social safety net services with government, civil society leaders, local elite, youths, federation leaders, media group and local leaders from ruling party.
12. Encourage mothers to use improve cook stoves (ICS), Retained Heat Cooker, (Bondhu Chula, Retained Heat Cooker and Greenway Chula to save environment.
13. Distributed 350 tree saplings and vegetables seeds and seedlings to the vulnerable and marginalized communities for a forestation.
14. Reducing in the child marriage, child labour, dowry system and women violence among the women and girls.
15. 2587 women and youth are more aware of contemporary issues such as child marriage, communicable diseases, malnutrition, HIV/AIDS & STD, violence against women, family peace & harmony, human trafficking, climate change and disaster.
16. A total number of 500 advocacy posters and leaflets have been distributed to the stakeholders
17. About 2587 beneficiaries are getting Social Safety Net Services (sanitary toilets, vulnerable group development-VGD, vulnerable group feeding-VGF, old age, widowed and disabled allowances, food for work, stipend for primary school students, livestock and fisheries support, Eid festival allowances, Christmas, Durga Puja Festival, school feeding, deep tube well etc.) from Local Government Organizations (LGIs).

18. Organized sustainable income generation activities training and support to 2587 families on poultry and duck rearing, vermin and organic compost making and selling, clothes selling, vegetables/kitchen garden, mini garments, small trade, tailoring, fish selling, food processing and preservation and market accessibility and linkages etc. to group members **and** person with disabilities.
19. Supplied 400 advocacy posters and leaflets on climate change, human rights, reproductive health and rights, stop trafficking and HIV/AIDS and combat domestic violence against women and child.
20. Have good partnership and networking with like minded NGOs, INGOs, LGIs and local community.



## 2.2 Difficulties and Limitation:

- Less income generation facilities due to not adequate appropriate skills.
- Increasing drought in North West part and increasing salinity in south part of CDP's working area.
- Seasonal agricultural employment.
- Natural disasters such as floods, cyclones, drought and pest attacks etc.
- Poverty related problems, hunger, diseases, unemployment, malnutrition and low income.
- Gender inequality and violence against women, sex and domestic workers although less is still prevalent.
- Less job opportunities, low incomes and less capital at the level of Hard Core Communities.

## 3. Existing Programmes:

Keeping the mission statement in mind, Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) has undertaken the following thematic areas for its development interventions:-

- 3.1 Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- 3.2 Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Program
- 3.3 Working Mother Lactating Assistance Program
- 3.4 Disabled Development Program
- 3.5 Telehealth, Community Health and Hygiene Promotion Program
- 3.6 Children, Adolescent & Youth Development Program
- 3.7 HIV/AIDS and Anti-Human Trafficking Program
- 3.8 Climate Change Program
- 3.9 Employment Generation & Income Generation Program
- 3.10 National & International Days Observation

### 3.1 Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Program:

The main purpose of this program is to organize religious minority, Dalit, Bede, Horizon and disadvantaged women for making empower, interact confidently and successfully, socially, economically, environmentally and politically within civil society so that they can get their rights.

#### 3.1.1 Women Development Organisations Training Activities:

Through Women Development Groups, Village Organization and Union Federations network building activities, training of the trainers (TOT) and social empowerment for lobbying and advocacy activities on SDGs 5 Gender Equality, SDGs 6 Clean Water and Sanitation and SDGs 13 Climate Action have been successfully completed during the project period.

Women development organizations 350 marriages were successfully completed without any dowry, 160 couples who had separated from their spouses were reconciled, 15 child marriages were stopped and violence against women have been decreased. There are now 95 (2950 women members) women development organizations, 15 village organizations and 2 union federations functioning within CDP.

#### 3.1.2 Gender Equality and Promoting Women's Rights Training Activities:

Women are very much neglected by male dominated society. They are oppressed at home and in the work place. They are often victims of inequality and injustice. Considering these situation, CDP provided training and discussion meetings on a variety of issues like women rights, prevention of child abuse, prevention of violence against women; and organized rallies and discussion session and attended women development fair, campaigns and gatherings for

observing special days such as International Women's Day, international Human Rights Day, International Environment Day etc.

### 3.1.3 Sewing, Garment and Embroidery training and support Activities:

CDP arranged training on Fashion, Tailoring and Embroidery for divorced, Dalit, Horizon, trafficked survivors, women labour, sex-workers and disadvantaged women at CDP working areas and at CDP training centre. CDP also organized workshops and training market linkages and market accessibility with women organizations. During this year, 2587 vulnerable women, divorced, women day labour and disadvantaged women received training. After getting Fashion, Tailoring and Embroidery training women are earning from their home and maintain their families and spending money for the children education program. CDP is selling group member's handmade handicraft products to local, national and abroad market.



\*Fashion, Tailoring and Embroidery Training for Independent & Empowerment.

### 3.1.4 Fashion Design & Sewing Training for Transgender:

CDP organized Fashion Design & Sewing training for Transgender community by the support of Ministry of Social Service, Dhaka. The pictures are given below:-



CDP organized training on Fashion Design & Sewing Training for Transgender

### 3.1.5 Bamboo Craft Training:

Bamboo craft training was organized by Centre for Development & Peace (CDP), Meherpur by the support of Ministry of Social Service, Dhaka. The pictures are given of the training:-



### 3.1.6 Fashion Design & Tailoring Training:

Fashion Design and tailoring training was organized by Centre for Development & Peace (CDP), Meherpur by the support of Jono Proshason Montronaloi, Dhaka. The pictures are given below of the training:-



Fashion Design & Tailoring Training Organized by CDP at Meherpur

### 3.2 Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Program:

Vulnerable Group Development Program (VGD), now its name Vulnerable Women Benefit Program (VWBP) is a food security, life skills development and Income generation program under the department of Women Affairs, Bangladesh for the Ultra poor and vulnerable women. CDP is implementing this program among 24 unions of 2 Upazilas (Alamdanga & Gangni) under 2 districts (Chuadanga & Meherpur) with the local government since March 2015. Every month CDP provided life oriented skills development training and entrepreneurship development & income generating training to 2587 vulnerable women under this project. 2587 vulnerable women get 30 kgs of good rice from union Parishad each month for their livelihoods.



VGD Training on Income Generation and entrepreneurship development



VGD Rice distribution for VGD members at Kathuli union of Gangni Upazilla

### 3.4 Working Mother Lactating Assistance Program:

Working Mother Lactating Assistance Program is a social safety program under the department of Women Affairs of the government. There are two components of the program firstly provide 800/- for nutrition support and secondly health training on breast feeding, women rights, reproductive health, EPI and family planning, protection of child marriage, ANC & PNC and safe delivery etc. The action picture is shown below:-



### 3.5 Disabled Development Program

Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) has been functioning Disabled Development Program from its inception of the project. Disabled people are helpless and neglected in our family as well as in our society. They do not have any voice and rights. To overcome these situation, during the reporting period CDP arranged different types of skill development training such as Fashion Design, Tailoring and Embroidery, duck and poultry rearing, home based kitchen gardening, packet making and small business.



### 3.5 Telehealth Health, Family Planning and Personal Hygiene Program:

Bangladesh suffers from both the shortage of and geographic mal distribution of healthcare professionals. There are an estimated 6.33 physicians per 10,000 of the total population in here (MoHGW, Health Bulletin 2018). The growing population does not have adequate access to general practitioner physicians, especially in remote locations, rural areas and semi-urban areas where long commute is needed to go to see the physician and timely transportation is also a problem. Homebound, elderly and female patients also find it difficult to avail regular healthcare from public and private healthcare facilities. Hence, our people have developed an age-old tradition of buying medicines and seeking for health tips from local pharmacy-keepers without proper screening and prescriptions from physicians or even paramedics.

The above mentioned situation is likely to create a backlash for our healthcare system and develop a cycle of delay in health seeking behavior among the mass and give rise to the scope of soon-to-happen public health hazard. Sneho Mobile Health Model can be become a bridge between the gaps of supply and demand of healthcare professionals in remote locations through establishing a low-cost and mobile healthcare facility.



The project goal is Mobile Health is a create healthcare solution for individuals, families and communities to provide them with easy access to tele-consultation and primary healthcare when direct access to physician is difficult to avail. It brings healthcare closer to patients home through connecting them with physicians and health workers using the means of digital technology (e.g. video call, audio call, door to door patient care by health workers e-prescriptions etc.)

### 3.5.1 Summary of Project Achievements/activities of Telehealth:

➤ Total patients treatment covered; 2576 patients	
➤ Types of patients such as babies, adolescent boys & girls, adult women, pregnant & lactating mothers& adults male;	
➤ Formed 12 (Twelve) treatment centres/spots at CDP's working areas	
➤ TH Facilitator gave health related awareness to 120 Adolescent Girls	
➤ TH Facilitator gave health related awareness to 110 young couples, pregnant & lactating mothers	
➤ The health topics covered such as reproductive health, Napkin use during menstruation and awareness of COVID-19	
➤ CDP gave 8 Babu Barta Books among the pregnant & lactating mothers	
➤ Health Facilitator completed 378 home visits and gave counseled them about care of pregnant mothers, Nutrition, family planning, COVID-19 health rules, personal hygiene, ANC & PNC check up.	
➤ Total Blood Pressure checked up	: 2576people
➤ Antenatal checked up	: 104 mothers
➤ Postnatal checked up	: 95 mothers
➤ Conducted Mother's club meeting/seminars	: 52 Mom's groups


### 3.5.2 Community Health \* MCH Project Activities:

<b>Project included in the Community Health and Hygiene Program:-</b> 1. Mother and Child Health (MCH) Project 2. Nutrition Education Project 3. Personal Hygiene Project 4. Arsenic Mitigation Education Project 5. HIV/AIDS and STD Awareness Project	<b>Mother and Child Health (MCH) Project Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Primary Health treatment and Counseling</li> <li>▪ Awareness on personal hygiene disease prevention and nutrition education.</li> <li>▪ Education on Antenatal and postnatal care</li> <li>▪ Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding</li> <li>▪ Encouraging Birth and death registration promotion</li> <li>▪ Promotion of child immunization in cooperation with government hospitals/clinics</li> </ul>
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Most village people are not much aware of the health and hygiene because they don't have enough knowledge of health education. Consequently, mother and children suffer most from malnutrition, diarrhoea, dysentery and abdominal diseases. CDP is giving awareness on primary health, personal hygiene and nutritional food.

During this year, 2587 vulnerable women members received awareness training and orientation on health hazards, water borne diseases prevention, personal hygiene, breast-feeding of children, recording births or deaths, antenatal and postnatal care etc.

### 3.5.3 Nutrition & Arsenic Mitigation Project Activities:

<b>Nutrition Project Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anticipatory community feeding</li> <li>▪ Child growth monitoring</li> <li>▪ Supplementary feeding for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree malnourished children</li> <li>▪ Promotion of a healthy diet</li> <li>▪ Kitchen garden establishment</li> <li>▪ Poultry and duck rearing</li> </ul>	<b>Personal Hygiene Project Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass awareness increasing</li> <li>• Encouraging of Sanitary Pit Latrines use</li> <li>• Motivation on using 'full' latrines as compost</li> <li>• Cleanliness</li> <li>• Personal hygiene promotion</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Discussion on personal hygiene and nutrition</b></p>
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CDP organized feeding programs for 0-5 years old children and mother, monitoring their growth in working areas through 12 community clinics mothers are encouraged to do kitchen gardening and poultry farming so their children can be saved from malnutrition by being fed adequate vegetables and eggs and meat.

In total 2587 most vulnerable mothers received awareness training on nutrition education, balanced diet, child growth monitoring, kitchen garden and poultry farming. Community health worker, community nurse visit house to house and encourage mothers to grow vegetables and feed the children for better living.

### 3.5.4 Arsenic Mitigation Awareness Activities:

<b>Arsenic Mitigation Project Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arranged Mass awareness building;</li> <li>• Arranged Tube well screening and marking;</li> <li>• Referral the Patient Screening to the government hospital;</li> <li>• Encouraged Arsenic Therapy by the government hospital;</li> <li>• Encouraging to eat nutritional food to recover Arsenicosis diseases;</li> <li>• Awareness for linking with department of Public Health &amp; Government Hospitals.</li> </ul>
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### 3.5.5 Arsenic Mitigation Awareness Activities:

The level of arsenic is high in tube well drinking water in Meherpur district. After examination by doctors vitamin therapy has been provided to affected patients. They are also advised to eat lots of green vegetables, dall, local fruits, beans, and seeds of Jackfruits to aid their recovery. Community Facilitators, Community Nurses, Program Officer and Government Doctors helped them to keep safe from the severe diseases.

Awareness building training has been provided to 2587 vulnerable group members and arsenic affected people on arsenic contamination and safe drinking water; cultural events and campaigns have been organized at different villages.

### 3.6 Child Protection, Kishori Club Operation & Adolescent & Youth Development Program



The activities of the adolescent Girls Clubs are conducted to develop life skills, leadership qualities and impart accurate information and facilities to adolescent girls between the ages of 10-19 years. The purpose of the club is to make adolescents aware of their various problems (physical, mental, family, social etc), inform them of personal and social values in adolescent girls so that they can be active agents in bringing about change in oneself, family and society. Adolescent clubs activities are indoor games, drawing, books reading, songs and dance and newspapers reading programs, thematic discussion session and celebrating different national and international days.

#### 3.6.1 Interventions of Adolescent Girls Club:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child marriage &amp; it's bad affects</li> <li>• Bad affects of Dowry/stop dowry</li> <li>• Sexual harassment/eve teasing and protection</li> <li>• Torture of Women/violence against women</li> <li>• Extra session's importance on embroidery and sewing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept of Health Change during growing stage</li> <li>• Reproductive health &amp; Napkin use during menstruation</li> <li>• Awareness of COVID-19 &amp; Mask distribution</li> <li>• Stop violence against women</li> <li>• Bad effects of drug addiction</li> <li>• Food habit change</li> <li>• Importance of Savings and income generation activities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>At A Glance Report of AGC</b></p> <p>Total session was covered 840 sessions                  Total number of girls 113 under 8 Adolescent Girls Clubs                  Conducted 280 entertainment events by Adolescent Girls Clubs girls such as dance, role play, songs etc.                  Home visits of AGC girls : 405 families                  Guardian meetings/seminars : 202 Nos.</p>
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### 3.7 Smart Agriculture Project:

CDP arranged two workshops on sustainable **Smart Agriculture**, climate resilient crops production activities with 100 women farmers including government Upazilla Nirbahi Officer, Meherpur Sador Upazilla and local NGOs officials and media group at Meherpur. CDP received fund from the Ministry of Science and Technology. Under the Smart Agriculture Project CDP covered Right to Food, Environmentally Agriculture, Introduce Science and Technology Innovation with the rural and semi-urban people.



Training on Right to Food, Environmentally Agriculture, Introduce Science and Technology Innovation

### 3.8 HIV/AIDS Awareness and Anti-Human Trafficking Program:

The aim of this program is to prevent HIV/AIDS & STD and to provide education, skill development, and health service, mental and legal support to youth, adolescents, and children and at risk women at the working area.

HIV/AIDS Awareness	Anti Human Trafficking Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness raising workshops/seminars/training/courtyard meeting etc</li> <li>Drama, cultural events and video shows</li> <li>Rallies, campaigns and community meetings</li> <li>CDP is implementing activities to raise awareness among the people at rural and urban levels on HIV/AIDS. Within and outside of the groups there have been discussion meetings, seminars, workshops and video shows to give clear knowledge how HIV is and is not transmitted from one to another. Within the community health program posters and leaflets are also being distributed to people about this disease.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDP organized 2 advocacy workshops on ‘Anti human trafficking’ with government and NGOs officials, boarder security forces, civil society, religious leaders, village leaders, youth, village organization, union federation leaders and group leaders for two days long.</li> <li>We organized awareness session for school, college and madrasa students on anti-human trafficking.</li> <li>We have organized 10 trafficking prevention dramas, 2 campaigns, 1 and supplied posters, stickers and leaflets on anti-human</li> </ul>

**3.8.1 HIV/AIDS Awareness:** Awareness raising training on HIV/AIDS and STD has been provided to 3543 community members which includes the youth, school and college students, Hijras, bus/truck drivers and rickshaw pullers, two advocacy workshops were organized on HIV/AIDS and STD with government and non-government officials, village council chairmen, council members, village organization leaders, union federation leaders by CDP. CDP also organized training for peer group for 185 community people. HIV/AIDS related twelve public dramas and cultural, 6 video shows, one rally and discussion meeting were performed where folk songs sung. The project observed “World AIDS Day” by organizing rally and gathering.



### 3.8.2 Anti Human Trafficking Program:

Meherpur region is situated in remote and near the Indian boarder of West Bengal where those who are hard-core-poor, Horizon, trafficked, divorced, widowed, illiterate, unemployed youth, destitute women and children, disabled and deprived from all sorts of opportunities from the government and civil society. Many destitute young girls are remaining unmarried and oppressed to death after marriage for dowry. There are few opportunities to become skilled so young girls, adolescent and destitute women are becoming victims of trafficking. They are engaged into illegal activities like smuggling and drug abuse. Women laborers, especially poor adolescent and youth girls are being engaged into illegal professions like sex-work, mediators of traffickers etc. In this professional context, a large number of vulnerable people are being migrated in the different cities like Khulna, Rajshahi, Chittagong, and Dhaka and abroad. When they wish or get ready for migration, traffickers offer them lucrative employment opportunities in the cities. Thus, finally they fell into the traps of traffickers. Consequently, some planned activities and trainings are being implemented by CDP for young girls, divorced, trafficking women, adolescents, and Dalit people.

### 3.9 Climate Change Program:

Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. The country has had a long experience of severe cyclonic events, floods, landslides, arsenic poisoning, tornadoes, and is under threat from earthquakes. The country is highly vulnerable to climate change, which is also threat for livelihoods and food security. Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) is continuing to raise awareness and increase people’s understanding of the threat of climate change.

The aim of CDP’s Climate Change Program is ‘sustaining people and nature’ as it reflects the twin aims of caring for the environment and the people who rely on it for their daily needs.

Climate Change Mitigation Activities:	Climate Change Adaptation Activities:	Disaster Risk Reduction Activities:	Advocacy Activities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree plantation of native tree species</li> <li>Tree seedling production and distribution</li> <li>Village Tree Nursery Establishment</li> <li>Improve Cook Stove (ICS), Retained Heat Cooker &amp; Green Way Cooker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compost/mulching promotion for soil moisture retention</li> <li>Promotion of agro-based crops production techniques</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community campaign and courtyard meetings</li> <li>Mass gathering</li> <li>Community drama and cultural events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobbying local authorities</li> <li>Local, national and International Advocacy</li> </ul>



### Training is being given to group members on tree plantation and providing trees for safe environment

- CDP provided technical support to 4 village tree nursery holders. They are now producing fruit, timber and medicinal trees at their tree nurseries and selling these to the beneficiaries as well as to the communities. They have distributed 2500 tree saplings and seedlings to the community members during the year and contributed much to climate change mitigation. 2587 members received 2 days training on skill development, tree nursery and appropriate technology held at Meherpur. Under the climate change mitigation activities CDP's has a major work for improve cook stove (ICS), Retained Heat Cooker & Green Way Cook distribution among the group and community members.
- CDP organized orientation session on “Vermi and Neem Tree Leafs use as a organic pesticide’ for 2587 beneficiaries.
- The destruction and damage, economic, social and life losses resulting from these natural disasters are so big that these always hinder our economic growth and development and in many cases we have to depend on foreign aid support to survive.
- In viewing with the above CDP has assisted those affected by the flood to rebuild their lives both in terms of material and societal needs. As well as to train those in disaster preparedness so that they are better able to withstand future “natural” disasters.
- CDP organized 2 campaigns and 2 mass gathering where about 2587 VGD members, 100 village organization leaders, 10 unions’ chairmen/commissioner, 2 electronic media/reporters, 3government and 4 non-government officials and all staff/volunteers of CDP were present.

### 3.10 Employment & Income Generation Program

It is as an important tool in the eradication of poverty. CDP tries to assist women and youth to obtain employment and hence a secure income. As part of this, CDP has arranged a number of skill developments Training in order to start small enterprises. Group members access to a credit facility to take a loan for economic and social empowerment and emancipation. During this year, CDP provided training to 720 group members for activities ranging from starting small trades, duck and poultry rearing, animal husbandry, fish culture, cow rearing project, handicrafts, tailoring, local transport (rickshaw, van), grocery shop, agriculture, hair cutting (salon), tree nursery etc. these activities allow group members to receive an income thereby increasing their purchasing power and giving them increased confidence.

### 4. National and International Days Observation:

CDP celebrated and observed national and international Days with government at upazila and district level such as: International Women’s Day, International Environment Day, International Literacy Day, International Human Rights Day, World AIDS Day, Begum Rokeya Day and Safe Motherhood Day, Breast Feeding day.

### 5. Network and Coordination:

Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) has a significant and close network and coordination with government, NGOs and local communities. The government and NGO officials have attended many functions and gatherings of CDP. In May 2022 as of previous years a one day workshop on Gender & Justice in approaches water based livelihoods project and strategy and activities and of CDP was organized. In addition there were many different workshops and campaigns held also which included HIV/ AIDS prevention, human trafficking prevention, disasters preparedness, climate change mitigation and adaptation, environment and tree plantation, child rights, women rights and human rights, social justice, human dignity, gender equality etc. Government and NGO officials attended all the workers, trainings, meetings and conference.

There have been times when the government officials have assisted CDP training programs such as community health, sewing and embroidery training, agricultural production and livestock departments. There have also been occasions when CDP has helped them with their training and workshops. There has also been jointed working to organize rallies and campaigns to raise awareness of national and international issues and observe special days such as international women's day, international language day, World HIV/ AIDS day, international human rights day, international environment day and world water day etc.

## 6. Monthly Staff Planning:

Every month staff meeting have been held where all the field and office staff is attended. All the staff has prepared a written progress report and case studies on their activities and has submitted it at the meeting.

## 7. Staff Strengths:

Sl	Name of Program	Female	Male	Volunteer Female	Volunteer Male	Total
1	Gender Equality and Women Empowerment	1	0	15	5	21
2	Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Program	9	5	10	10	34
3	Working Mother Lactating Assistance Program	1	-	10	-	11
4	Telehealth, Community Health and Hygiene Promotion Program	1	1	5	5	12
5	Child Protection, Kishori Club Operation & Adolescent & Youth Development Program	1	-	5	-	6
6	Smart Agriculture Project	1	-	5	5	11
7	HIV/AIDS and Anti-Human Trafficking Program	-	-	10	5	15
8	Climate Change Program	1	1	5	5	12
Total		15	7	65	35	121

## 8. Finance and Audit Report:

The details of income and expenditure account of 2021-2022 CDP have been audited by External Audit Firm.

## 9. CONCLUSION AND THANKS:

I would like to conclude our annual report 2021-2022 giving many thanks to Gender & Water Alliance-Netherlands, Spreeha Bangladesh Foundation, Global Fund for Children-USA, US department of State-USA, WDRF-UK, Department of Women Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Youth, Ministry of Health & Family Planning, Aloskhia Foundation-Netherlands and Church of Australia for their longstanding and committed support to CDP Meherpur and by saying that over all activities of CDP were very successful, meaningful and fruitful during the year 2021-2022. Various problems were faced however the project implemented and managed to overcome every activity successfully. All activities of the projects were implemented for the well beings and benefit of the poorest of the poor, destitute and helpless people, particularly among distressed women, children and hard core poor people in order to bring about sustainable development in Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jessore, Dhaka and Kushtia districts in Bangladesh.



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