

**Introduction:**

“HIV Prevention and Control among High-Risk Population and Vulnerable Young People in Bangladesh” is a collaborative project between National AIDS/ STD Program (NASP), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and Save the Children-USA funded by Global Fund. HASAB has been leading in implementation of this package # 902 all over Bangladesh through a consortium with three other NGOs - Ad-din Welfare Centre, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) and Association for Community Development (ACD)

The implementation of the project was started through a pilot phase in November 2004, scaled up in 2006 and has been continuing till now with three components - Life Skills Education (LSE), Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS) and Accessing Condom for Youth (ACY).

**Goal of LSE:**

Prevent HIV infections among young people (10-14 and 15-24 years age) through culturally and religiously accepted life skills education package. Sensitize and involve govt. officials, policy makers, gate keepers and other stakeholders to piloting the LSE package and share lesson learnt on tested package and handed over the package to govt. for further execution

**Goal of YFHS:**

Develop model (s) to provide youth friendly clinical services in relation with HIV/AIDS and others through trained personnel at designated health facilities at urban and rural settings (Go-NGO-Private) within existing or modified modality, generating demand among the youth, creating enabling environment by involving the gate-keepers (parents, teachers, religious leaders, community leaders, celebrities etc.) and producing sufficient evidence-base for scaling up the program in the next phase.

**Goal of ACY:**

Provide scientific basis for the formulation of a piloting strategy, to improve young people’s access to condom to reduce risk of HIV/AIDS among young through endorsement of the strategy by MOHFW, DGHS, DGFP and other social marketing sectors in Bangladesh.

Creating a “**Synergy**” among these 3 components at Socio – Cultural level. A comprehensive approach and service integration is prime effort to make an inter linkage, congenial relationship with all stakeholders of the project. Youth friendly health service (YFHS) helps to overcome the obstacles and to make health services accessible to young people so that they can avoid the health risks including HIV/AIDS. Life skill education (LSE) helps young people to build the self-esteem, the sense of responsibility and confidence they need to resist risk behaviors. Accessing condom for youth (ACY) in turn helps to create a social climate in which young people have access to condom whenever they need.

**Primary Participants:**

Young people of age between 15 to 24 years

**Project Period:**

November 2007 to April, 2012

**Project Objectives:**

To prevent HIV/AIDS through providing Orientation, Training and Services to the young people through scale-up Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS) and Life Skills based Education (LSE) including support to Access to Condom (ACY),

**Donor/Development Partner:**

Global Fund, Managed by Save the Children-USA

**Partner Organizations:**

Association for Community development (ACD), Ad-din Welfare Center, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA),

**Implementation Location:**

Project is being implemented in six Division namely Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna , Baraisal and Rajshahi.

Nine districts(Dhaka, Faridpur, Rajbari, Mymensing, Gazipur, Narayangonj,Kiahoregonj, Munshigonj &Tangail) of Dhaka division, three district (Sylhet, Hobigong & Moullovibazar) of Sylhet division, three districts (Barisal, Patuakhali & Pirojpur) of Barisal division, Seven districts (Khulna, Jessore, Satkhira, Kustia, Meherpur, Chauadanga & Magura) district of Khulna division, Six districts (Chittagong, Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Feni, Rangamati & Cox's Bazar) of Chittagong divisions and five districts (Rajshahi, Chapainababgonj Gaibanda, Noagoan & Dinajpur) of Rajshahi division of Bangladesh.

**Current Features:**

Around 6 Lac Young Population are covered through 220 Youth clubs/organizations& 224 Health Service Deliver Points of Public and private are providing service for young people of 40 districts under 06 divisions