

**Project Title: Widening Responses to HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming.**

**Introduction:**

HASAB is one of the national leading NGOs devoted in the field on HIV/AIDS/STI for the past fourteen years. HASAB emerged as a specialized agency in HIV/AIDS & STI field with experiences of grant management and capacity building (technical, managerial and administrative) of smaller NGOs, CBOs and Faith based organizations who are involved in prevention & control and care & support of HIV/AIDS. HASAB's core focus is on HIV/AIDS and STI related issues which entail a wide range of integrative program that relates HIV with Reproductive Health, Gender, Rights and Social Development as cross cutting issues overarching across the high risk and bridging community. HASAB's works also emphasize the speed of accessing information on HIV and AIDS to the vulnerable before the epidemic moves, thereby widening the coverage among the civil society through mainstreaming innovation which will create new opportunity and Intervention Avenue for future HASAB.

Oxfam Novib fights poverty and work with the ultra poor so this is a major constraint for them as well as other funding organizations to access information and resources in line with HIV prevention to that poverty driven vulnerable community who lacks in information, knowledge to safeguard and protect them from this epidemic thrust. In that respect Oxfam Novib decided to really take this on, as a high issue to take a stand and to give an opportunity to their entire counterpart worldwide to this issue in their program in terms of mainstreaming.

In the context of Bangladesh mainstreaming and prevention are of the major importance, where Oxfam Novib allows an opportunity to take this up collectively and with that aim HASAB has been approached as a leading organization (resource organization) for HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh to facilitate this process in their counterparts in Bangladesh and received a twelve month consultancy from Dec'06 to Feb'08 into two phase. Throughout the process, HASAB one of the key facilitating NGO (resource organization) could learn and well capture the current knowledge and understanding surrounding this mainstreaming process and content and also could clarify the basic principles of mainstreaming approach among the partner NGO and could reach to a common consensus and a equal platform of understanding to forego with this concept in the program development process.

Finally, the outcome of this pre-project implementation (12 months work) guided a clear way forward on the process and content of mainstreaming the HIV/AIDS issue among the said partners where HASAB can play a facilitating role in sensitizing the policy makers, capacity building and transferring skill, strategizing program development process and contribute as the information resource center for this mainstreaming process and also making available a demonstrable evidence base model on HIV/AIDS mainstreaming process over three years to combat HIV/AIDS epidemic in a wider scale under the project titled '**Widening Responses to HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming**'.

**Goal:**

Demonstrating a clear way forward towards mainstreaming approach in HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

**Project period:**

From September 2008 to August 2011

**Primary Stakeholder/Beneficiaries:**

The NGO partners of Oxfam Novib (18): BRAC, BELA, GUK Gaibandha, ASHRAI, GKS Sirajgonj, SHAKTI Foundation, Proshika, CAMPE, SUPRO, ASK, BLAST, BNWLA, INAFI, SDS, Steps Towards Development, Pollysree, Karmojibi Nari and Bangladesh Nari Pragoti Sangha.

**Donor/Partner:**

Oxfam Novib

**Broader Objectives:**

1. To adapt “Twelve Box NGO assessment tool” in our country context for assessing the specific avenue/space for a smooth entry into the mainstreaming process among the partner NGOs.
2. To sensitize the Policy Level people or Senior Management of the partner NGOs in realizing the specific areas of responsibility with adequate support and financial commitments in addressing the HIV/AIDS mainstreaming process.
3. To developing a flexible process oriented mainstreaming strategic guideline to better address the diversities and needs among the partners.
4. To build capacity of NGO partners on Workplace Policy including HIV /AIDS, Gender and Human Rights based on the identified need through Twelve Box model in order to better equip them as future facilitator in adapting the mainstreaming process among the respective partners.

**Major Output:**

1. A country context ‘Twelve Box NGOs Assessment Tool for Gender and HIV Mainstreaming’ is developed and printed.
2. Thirty two (36) trainers (two at each partner) are developed on Twelve Box Assessment Tool.
3. ‘Organizational Assessment’ is done at 16 partners of Oxfam Novib through twelve box model to identify specific area/space for initiation of mainstreaming.
4. Policy and Management personnel of the partner NGOs are well clarified and understood about the initiative toward HIV and AIDS Mainstreaming.
5. At least thirty (30) bilateral meeting with partners, five (5) half yearly coordination meeting are held during the project period.
6. ‘Strategic Guideline on HIV and Gender Mainstreaming’ is developed and available.
7. ‘The Road Map for addressing HIV mainstreaming issues’ is developed at 19 partners of Oxfam Novib according to the strategic guideline.
8. ‘HIV and AIDS Workplace Policy Development Guideline’ is contextually adapted and available.
9. ‘HIV and AIDS Workplace Policy’ is developed at least 50% partners.
10. At least 76 staff/representatives of partners (4 for each) are trained on three days TOT on Gender, HIV and Human Rights.

**Major Outcomes:**

1. 'Understanding and Ownership on HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming' is increased among the policy/management level personnel of partners and they are actively involved in the entire process.
2. 'Trained and skilled manpower' are developed and actively participated to carry out the process and plan at their respective organization.
3. The Road Map is in progress for implementation at each partner.
4. 'Developed HIV and AIDS Workplace Policy' is started to practice at each partners.
5. 'Strength and capacities of Partners NGOs' are developed/increased to initiate HIV/AIDS program.
6. 'External mainstreaming' is initiated along with internal mainstreaming in the most partners at their respective working population.
7. HIV and AIDS Mainstreaming issues are more pronounced among the national level key stakeholders.
8. Interest has been increased amongst the GOs and others NGOs to initiate the mainstreaming process in a wider scale.
9. Demand is created amongst the development organizations/practitioners for using the 'Twelve Box NGOs Assessment Tool for Gender and HIV Mainstreaming', 'Strategic Guideline on HIV and Gender Mainstreaming' and 'Guideline on Developing HIV and AIDS Workplace Policy'
10. Qualitative Action Research on HIV and Mainstreaming is done, report produced and shared in all relevant stakeholders.
11. Process Documentation is done and preserved accordingly.