

Project Title: Promoting Rights of the Extreme Socially Excluded People (PRESEP) Project .

Introduction:

Historically, some of the people are often stigmatized and discriminated for their psychosexual behavior and activities which has got social disapproval and are categorically titled as CSW (Commercial Sex Worker), MSM (Male having Sex with Male) Transgender/Hijra, Ex-IDUs (Injecting Drug Users), PLHA (People Living with HIV AIDS). They are often socially excluded and deprived from all basic human rights i.e. access to health services, information, employment, housing, education and legal support. They are also deprived from family support and community services. The deprivations and stigmatization make them disempowered and marginalize. This marginalization push them unprotected sexual behavior for their survival and additionally increasing their vulnerability of HIV infection and from them there is a risk to spread out HIV virus in general population.

HASAB took initiative to protect and promote the rights of the extreme socially excluded people such as Sex workers, Transgender, Ex-IDUs, MSMs and PLHAs and prevent them from HIV infection as well. The theme of the project is to make capable the marginalized and socially excluded people for raising their voice to demand their rights and increases access in civic services.

Primary Participants:

Sex workers (Floating Sex Workers, Brothel based Sex Workers, Hotel based Sex Workers)
Transgender, Ex-IDUs, MSMs and PLHAs

Project Period:

The **1st phase** of the project started from **Aug 2004 and ended in July 2007**. After the successful completion of 1st Phase, the 2nd phase has started from **April 2008** and will be continued up to **March 2011**.

Goal:

Promotion of social, legal and health rights of selected marginalized communities for their wellbeing.

Project Objectives:

- To strengthen capacity of partner NGOs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for mobilizing the marginalized people for demanding the social, legal and health rights and accessing to employment opportunity of the marginalized population
- To create enabling environment for the marginalized communities by reducing societal stigma and discriminatory attitude and increasing access to civic amenities (legal, social, health and others services)

To enhance practice of existing laws & policies and to facilitate in reforming of national laws & policies in favor of selected marginalized communities.

Major Activities:

- Self Help Groups (SHG) formation
- Capacity development of (SHG)/NGOs
- Training the primary target population (Transgender, Ex-IDUs, Sex Workers, PLHA and MSM) on Human Rights, Gender & HIV/AIDS
- Educational sessions on different social and health issues for primary target population
- Development of IEC/ BCC, materials, TV spot and training materials
- Group & One to One Counseling sessions with target population and with their Family
- Skill development training for target population
- Local resources mobilization and networking with Government and NGOs to create access in training, employment and income opportunities
- Local level advocacy and Networking with various Government Departments and NGOs to create access in civic amenities and services
- Sensitization meetings with Journalists, Law Enforcing Agency (Police), Local Elites, School Teachers, School Students, Youth Clubs, Local Leaders, Word Commissioners, hotel manager, house owners, Imams at local level to create a enabling environment
- Networking with rights based and legal support based organizations
- National Level Seminar/Workshop on rights of marginalized population
- Days Observation
- Formation of Alliances for establishing rights of the target people.
- Conduct surveys and research

Donor:

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Partners and Implementation Location:

<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ashar Alo Society (AAS)	PLHAs	Dhaka
Live Development Association (LDA)	Floating Sex Workers	Manikganj
Shuktara Kallyan Sangstha (SKS)	Brothel based Sex Workers	Mymensingh
Shapla Mohila Sangstha (SMS)	Hotel based Sex Workers	Faridpur
Setu Bandhan Kallyan Shangha (SBKS)	MSM	Mymensingh
Diner Alo Hijra Unnayan Mohila Sangstha	Transgender	Rajshahi
Badhan Hijra Sangha (BHS)	Transgender	Dhaka
Nonggar Samajik-Unnayan Sangstha (NSUS)	Transgender	Chittagong
Organization of Bangladesh Drug Addict Rehabilitation (BODAR)	Ex-Drug Users	Dhaka
Khulna Mukti Sheba Sangstha (KMSS)	Ex-Drug Users	Khulna

Current Features:

The major activities are trainings for beneficiaries, formation of Self Help Groups (SHG), capacity development of (SHG)/NGOs, sensitization meetings with Law Enforcing Agency, school students, young people, teachers, employers, private sectors, health service providers, local government departments, local elites and public representatives.