

ToGETHER (Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in the Humanitarian Perspective)

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PHALS-Programme for Helpless and Lagged Societies

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Since January 2021 PHALS has been implementing the together project collaborated with COAST Trust under Malteser International. With the financial support of the German Foreign Office, Welthungerhilfe and its consortium partners Caritas Germany, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and Malteser International are implementing the ToGETHER program (Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response) which supports localized humanitarian action in eight countries, including Bangladesh. The three-year program aims to offer an opportunity to forty local or national organizations in 8 participating countries to jointly develop and undertake

capacity strengthening and exchange measures to reinforce their institutional and operational capacity to effectively respond to humanitarian crises. While it is the overall goal to contribute to the reduction of effects of disasters on local communities, the three-year program aims at strengthening local



ToGETHER Learning Sharing Workshop

humanitarian preparedness & response capacities and promoting local leadership in humanitarian action through capacity development and exchange, joint learning, and advocacy for better access to humanitarian coordination and funding.

For this purpose, the program engages five local or national humanitarian partners (LHP) to strengthen and exchange their institutional and operational preparedness and response capacities and to reinforce effective, timely, and principled humanitarian action. For this process, a capacity self-assessment has been conducted and capacity-strengthening plans would be developed for each LHP. In Bangladesh, 5 Local Humanitarian Partners (LHPs) are on board from the different areas of the Country. In Bangladesh, this project has been implemented in Cox's Bazar, Dhaka, Satkhira, and Kurigram District. ToGETHER Project supports local actors to strengthen their capacities in humanitarian response, preparedness, coordination, and advocacy. The main objective of the program is that local Humanitarian Partners (LHP) take responsibility for activities in the humanitarian system of their respective country project for an effective and timely, accountable, and principle humanitarian action. Under the project "ToGETHER" PHALS organization is getting financial support to run the office, training, technical support, Staff salary support, and equipment support to build the organization's capacity. Moreover, under the project, there are many working groups, the global advocacy, knowledge, and localization experience sharing through WebMo (digital Platform) as well.

ToGETHER Training Information

| Sl | Date | Training Name | Participant | Facilitated | Venu |
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| 1 | 20-23/03/2021 | Organizational Capacity Self-Assessment & Capacity Strengthening Plan (CSP) ToGETHER Project, Banglades | ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury. Shofiquel Akber Helal AFM-Proshanto Mitro Parvin Akter | Cost Foundation. | Chuti Resort, Gazipur. Dhaka. |
| 2 | 22-23/06/2021 | MEAL & CRM Planning Workshop of ToGETHER Bangladesh | CBM-Akhayimong Marma M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa | Cost Foundation | YWCA, Mohamm-odpur, Dhaka. |
| 3 | 10/08/20231 | MEAL Set-up Finalization Workshop of Bangladesh | CBM-Akhayimong Marma M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa | Cost Foundation | Online |
| 4 | 23/08/2021 | Digital Solution Training for Bangladesh | ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury. CBM-Akhayimong Marma. Finance Associate- Rupak Voumik M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa AFM-Proshanto Mitro. | Malteser Internationa AFM-Proshanto Mitro | Online |
| 5 | 29-30/09/2021 | Financial Management & Compliance workshop realized. | Finance Associate- Rupak Voumik. PM (Bani Academy)- Rashedul Islam Sohel | Cost Foundation | After Hours Residence, Bonani, Dhaka. |
| 6 | 30/09/2021 | P-FIM orientation | ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury. M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa | Cost Foundation | After Hours Residence, Bonani Dhaka, |
| 7 | 11-12/10/2021 | CHS workshop | Assistant Secretary-Iqbal Chowdhury. AAO-Romana Suja. PM/(HAHC)-Khairul Alam M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa. | Cost Foundation | YWCA, Mohammadpur, Dhaka |
| 8 | 16-18/10/2021 | Consideration on Gender, Age, Disability & Protection in the Humanitarian Cycle. | PM (Bani Academy)- Rashedul Islam Sohel Ex FF- Parvin Akter. | AFAD & CDD | Tdh Campus, Kurigram. |
| 9 | 20-21/10/2021 | Visibility, Communication and Social Media | ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury. MEAL Officer-Shahadat Hussain. | Cost Foundation | YWCA, Mohammadpur, Dhaka |
| 10 | 22-23/10/2021 | Photography & Videography | AFM-Proshanto Mitro Education Supervisor-Nasro Chowdhury Akash. IT Assistant- Abdul Malek Naeem. | Cost Foundation | YWCA, Mohammadpur, Dhaka |
| 11 | 29-31/10/2021 | Inclusion of People with Disabilities and Elderly People in Humanitarian Response | ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury AAO-Romana Suja. M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa. | CDD | CDD Campus, Saver, Dhaka. |
| 12 | 14/11/2021 | Workshop on Fund Mobilization | FF(HAHC)-Shafiq ED- Abu Murshed Chowdhury M&E Associate- Sharmila Akter Shifa. | Malteser International | YWCA, Mohammad pur, Dhaka. |
| 13 | 27-30/11/2021 & 1/12/2021 | Training On People First Impact Method (P-FIM) | CBM-Akhayimong Marma MEAL Officer-Shahadat Hussain. | Malteser International | Tdh Campus, Kurigram. |

Challenges

The pending activities were many but time/day was limited. Faced difficulties to ensure all EC members and staff were present in all meetings, and workshops. The pandemic situation, Covid-19 was positive for a few staff and resulted in carrying out the activities in time. Priority and the most available action-oriented work plan was the mechanism to solve the challenges.

Moreover, as many project staffs were engaged to accomplish the flood response project, the regular activities got a hamper. Doing the most action-oriented plan, the challenges were tried to overcome.

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