

Latrines for everyone with the help of the group

- ✚ Group Name :Krishnachura
- ✚ Vill-Abashan
- ✚ Word no-7
- ✚ Union-Goroikhali
- ✚ Upazila :Paikgacha



Project Summary and Objectives:

Integrated Development Organization-IDO has been implementing a project on “Empowerment of poor fisher-folk women EPFW scheme” under EWCSA project of Oxfam. The project was launched in April 2024 and is being implemented in remote areas of Paikgacha and KoyraUpazilas under Khulna district. is to ensure rights and leadership capacity for targeted 1000 fisher folk community women in Paikgancha and Koyraupazila under Khulna district and aiming to reach the overall objective the project has three numbers of expected outcomes and among the three outcomes one of the most important outcome is Promoted the targeted fisheries women’s human rights through organizing, leadership development, and initiating collective actions.

What was the situation before the project?

Abson is a village in Garikhali Union of Paikgachha Upazila. Most of the people in the village belong to the poor Muslim community. Due to poverty, the standard of living of the villagers is very backward and the education rate is low and the people The level of awareness among the people is very low. Most of the women here spend long hour’s fishing in the river. There are no latrine facilities near the river. They are forced to respond to the call of nature at various times. Inspired by various trainings through the Empowerment of poor fisher-folk women EPFW scheme” under EWCSA project implemented by the IDO organization with the financial support of Oxfam, the group members planned to repair a broken and dilapidated latrine nearby.

Project activities-

A team was formed in Garuikhali village, Krishnachura Group through the survey activities of the Integrated Development Organization - IDO Empowering Poor Fisher-Folk Women' EPFFW project funded by Oxfam.Members of this team received various trainings from the 'Empowering Poor Fisher-Folk Women' EPFFW project. For example:

All of of the Group members of Krishnachura received Conduct awareness raising session on human rights to empower women and dignity (What is human rights, women empowerment) in feminist lense.

Eleven members of the group received Provide skills development training on leadership for group

leaders to linkage with service providing organization like social safety net, and so on

All of the group member attend human Rights seminar

They learned about various rights during the training. Based on that knowledge, they first visited the area.

They hold a meeting with everyone and discuss with them the importance of using toilets, cleanliness, hand washing, etc. They bring everyone together and teach about sanitation. They called for working together to improve sanitation conditions.

Project outputs-

They have received various types of training through the Integrated Development Organization - IDO Empowering Poor Fisher-Folk Women's EPFFW project, funded by Oxfam. Through the training, they have learned about the types of government and private services. The members of the Krishchura group took the initiative and repaired the dilapidated toilet themselves with their own money. Now the women fishing in the river can use the latrine as per their needs.

They have now been relieved of the problems they once faced due to sanitation problems while fishing in the river. They are now able to use their own latrines. For this, the members of the Krishnachura group thank Oxfam and Integrated Development Organization.

Challenges:

If they are told that they are very helpless people, then they cannot give enough time to the group, the literacy rate in the group is very low, their life depends on the daily fishing in the river. Which is very difficult. If they had not sat in a group and discussed repeatedly, it might not have been possible.

What changes, impacts or outcomes were created as a result of the project?

This is the dream of everyone in our Kushnachura group. Will they be able to fulfill their dream? He said that I did not use my latrine because it did not have a fence

When they came to my group and explained to me the harmful effects of open defecation, I said that I would replace the latrine's fence lid with a ring and use a new latrine instead so that the feces would no longer be visible. We hope everyone is using latrines properly. If Integrated Development Organization - IDO works like this, it will definitely be able to fulfill their dreams. We think if someone needs a toilet while fishing in the river, we will be able to use it now.

Moreover, we would like to thank Integrated Development Organization - IDO and Oxfam because if they had not come, we might not have been able to take such an initiative. So we are eternally grateful to Oxfam and Integrated Development Organization - IDO. We also demand that in the future, new projects on sanitation be brought to our area and that someone help us.

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