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The key approach being taken through delivering development aid through case reporting is to mobilize local citizens, and to develop an integrated central database capable of recording earlier information and knowledge on the ground according to the economic, social and environmental frustrations and problems local citizens are facing each day and to make these universally accessible via a central [database](#) and useful to development organizations and local and national responsible bodies in order to highlight and alleviate the problems at a community level to reach Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our organization can provide development agencies, social entrepreneurs, funding agencies, banks, local government, etc. with case studies for any of the support requests shown in the [table](#) of summary requests for development aid we have received in our [database](#).

DEVELOPMENT AID REQUEST

An example of case study of

Bangladesh

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1 Introduction

The problem of untouchability or caste discrimination is generally identified in the context of India, without realizing that Bangladesh is a country where significant number of outcaste people lives and their fundamental rights are violated by the majority people.

The outcaste people are forced to live sub-human life because of the existing socio-economic and political power structure. Therefore, promotion of human rights status of the outcaste people in southwestern region of Bangladesh remains to be considered as a priority issue by the development activists and agencies. So far major NGOs and the government have largely bypassed the issue of violation of fundamental human rights of the outcaste people.

The untouchables or outcaste people are known as Dalit in India. In Bangladesh, they are known as *Antyaj* community. In India the outcaste or Dalits are more organized and there is affirmative discrimination policy and programs of the government for their upliftment. In Bangladesh such policy and programs are absent.

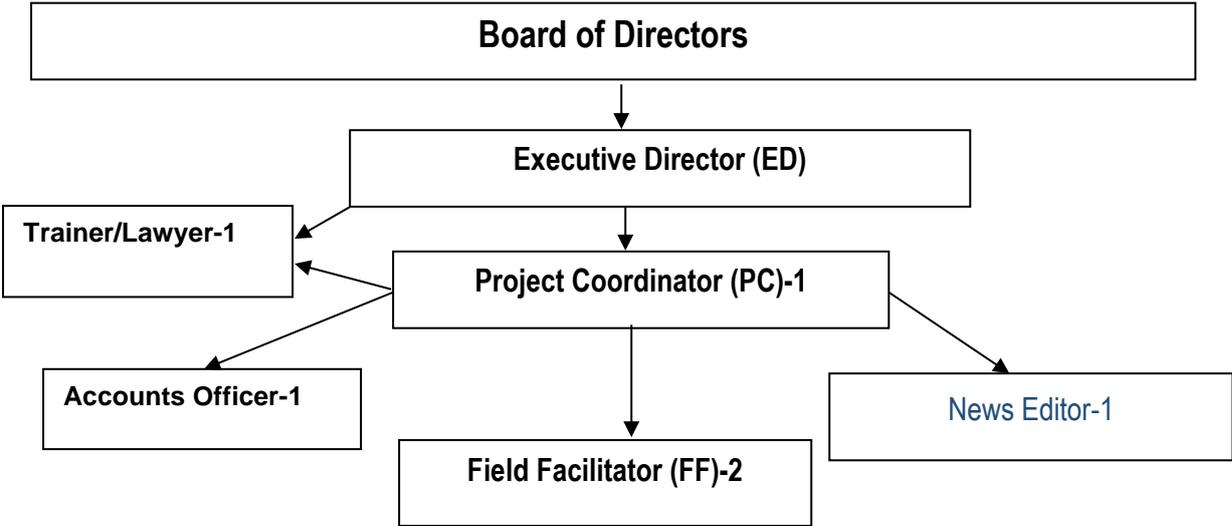
2 PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE

PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE is an NGO which is exclusively dedicated to socio-economic advancement of the outcaste people. It conducted surveys on outcaste or religio-ethnic minority groups and since its establishing, it has been making developmental interventions exclusively for outcaste or religio-ethnic minority groups.



MAP OF THE AREA

2.1 Governance and management structure



Project Management:

There will be a project implementation cell at PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE headed by the coordinator. There will be a program organizer, an accountant, a trainer/lawyer, a news editor, and human rights promoters. All project personnel will report everything to the coordinator and to monitor the progress of the project a monthly meeting of the project personell will be taking place.

PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE is willing to accept any suggestion from Donors about reporting system but it is planned to have a half-yearly and annual reporting which is prepared by the Executive Director and project personnel and these will be submitted to Donors.

3 Projects/activities of PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE

3.1 Key Achievements of PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE

PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE already helped the outcaste people in setting up alternate institutions for them, which are run and managed by the outcaste people. PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE has consulted extensively with the members of primary organizations of outcaste people as well as with its staff and executive committee to identify immediate developmental needs of the outcaste and religio-ethnic minority group. Based on these consultations, the proposed project has been conceived and it reflects the immediate needs of outcaste people.

4 PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE's project „Promotion of Democracy & Human Rights Status of the Outcaste/Untouchable Minorities Community through Sustainable Approach”

4.1 Geographic location

The project shall be undertaken for implementation in 15 Unions of Jessore Sadar, Sarsa, and Jhikargacha upazila under Jessore District which is situated 250 kilometers away from Dhaka.

4.2 Background of the project

According to the survey conducted by PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE, nearly 30% of the population in three upazilas [sub-districts] of Jessore district is outcaste of various descriptions. They are denied of access to common property, hair dressing shops, hotels and restaurants etc. This caste based discrimination is worse than slavery according to Dr. Amedkar. The gender inequity existing among the outcaste people remains very high. The women and children are the worst victims of untouchability. The children of outcaste communities instead of going to school are forced to work or they face discrimination and harassment at school. Moreover, the practice of early marriage among the outcaste people denies the opportunities to the adolescents to become self-reliant and productive human beings.

Over 50% of the outcaste people in the proposed project area are functionally landless. Their land has been taken away by the dominant religio-ethnic minority people. In the name of modernization, the outcaste people are forced to abandon their traditional occupation and they are lack of skills to find alternative occupations in the monetized rural economy.

The proposed project covers the thematic stress of the proposed project such as promoting basic fundamental rights as guaranteed in the constitution as well as in international instrument. The project also respects culture and values of outcaste people or religio-ethnic minority groups and does not violate individual rights. It also ensures promotion of equality and social justice for the outcaste people or religio-ethnic minority groups and encourages active participation of all relevant stakeholders at different levels.

4.3 Project objectives of PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE

Overall objectives

- to promote basic fundamental rights in various international conventions for the outcaste or religio-ethnic minority groups
- to sensitize mainstream people to respect unique culture and heritage of outcaste or religio-ethnic minority group
- to ensure equality and social justice for outcaste people

Major objectives

- To increase awareness of the outcaste people and the community at large on violation of human rights based on caste discrimination including untouchability.
- To change existing societal values in order to eradicate caste discrimination.
- To build capacity of Local Elected Bodies (LEBs), community based organization [CBOs], political leaders, community workers and NGOs in dealing with caste and untouchability issues.
- To involve NGOs, LEBs, CBOs, Civil Society (CS) in the struggle for eradicating caste discrimination.
- To increase advocacy role of NGOs, LEBs, CBOs, CS in highlighting caste issues.
- To mobilize the outcaste people so that they can demand and realize their fundamental human rights.
- To build indigenous people's action network in combating caste discrimination.
- To create access of the outcaste people to the judicial system of the country.

4.4 Duration

The project's duration is one year.

4.5 Main activities to achieve

Strategy: Social Mobilization

Activity 1: Rights Based Capacity Building Training

Training on caste discrimination, gender, human rights/Legal Literacy, women and law for organized members of outcaste people will take place. It will help to institutionalize human rights concept in the context of caste discrimination and untouchability.

Immediate result: The participants will be more skilled from building training and they will be involved with livelihood activities and they will support their family.

Activity 2: Formation and Strengthening Indigenous People Network

Indigenous people action network will be established. Through this activity, PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE will help in setting up the network in region and will engage civil society organization in its supporting. This network will work as a forum for outcaste people to voice their demands and to carry out necessary programs to increase bargaining capacity of end edged people. There will be 10 indigenous people's networks in the community. One Network will consist of minimum 30 and total 300 members.

Immediate result: The network members will be represented in the community through sustainable approach.

Activity 3: Participatory Household Level Mobilization:

For household level mobilization, the proposed project will organize rallies, mass mobilization, and human chain to demonstrate the ethnic minority/outcaste people's demands. These will increase confidence of the outcaste people or religio-ethnic minority groups to demand a just and comprehensive environment to live a dignified life. This will help to establish links between the outcaste people and the national socio-political policy environment. Important human rights day and anti-racism day will be observed in a befitting manner. The project staff will organize a participatory mobilization courtyard meeting with female groups and sensitization community meeting with male group. Total 20 courtyard meeting and community meeting will be organized under this intervention and 25 participants will be considered for a meeting.

Immediate result: The participants will be more sensitized and their knowledge about their rights will be promoted.

Activity 4: Policy dialogue with bureaucracy, Political leaders and opinion makers

Civil society actors, bureaucrats, journalists, politicians and teachers will be provided an orientation on ethnic minority/caste issues, gender equity and social justice for the outcaste people. 200 persons representing media, civil service, journalists, teachers, political leaders particularly from mainstream parties will receive training. It will help in mainstreaming the implementation of proposed project to ensure social justice and equality for outcaste people. 5 dialogues will be organized and total 250 participants (CBOs, School Teachers, Political Leaders and Bureaucracy) will participate in the policy dialogue.

Immediate result: The participants of policy dialogue could provide a daily support for the project beneficiaries to generate democracy and human rights status.

Strategy: Capacity Building of LEBs:

Activity 1: Orientation through workshop and seminar on caste issue

Orientation on caste discrimination and its evil effects on society and human rights violation of outcaste people will be organized for local elected bodies. In addition, training will be provided to the members of LEBs so that they can actively promote healthy and productive social interaction between the outcaste and mainstream people with a goal to improve human rights status of outcaste people. Also, orientation and capacity building training on caste and legal issues will be arranged for around 150 members of local union parishads/LEBs.

Immediate result: The local government and other local elites are oriented since this intervention to support the outcaste people to increase their human rights and needs when required.

Strategy: Media Campaign:

Activity 2: Publication of newsletters, bulletins etc. and sensitizing media about caste discrimination

PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE will print and publish posters, leaflets, bulletins, and journals etc. on caste discrimination, untouchability and gross violation of human rights. Journalists will get orientation on developmental needs and concerns of social justice by holding training courses, workshops, seminars, information sharing meetings and press conferences.

Immediate result: Participants will be more sensitized and as a result they are responsive and participatory.

4.6 Expected results of the project

- Increased implementation of human rights laws for outcaste people.
- Increased awareness of laws and respect for human rights of the outcaste people by the mainstream people.
- Increased collaborative efforts of NGOs, government organizations, LEBs and civil society in eradication of caste discrimination and untouchability.
- Establishment of network of the outcaste people.
- Systemic improvement of human rights status of the outcaste people.
- Improved capacity of PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE in dealing with caste and untouchability issues.

The proposed project would enable PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE to build alternate institutions of the outcaste people, to sensitize the Local Elected Bodies (LEBs), media and others about evil effects of caste based discrimination and or untouchability. It would also consolidate the progress made by PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE through other projects to enhance the human potential of the outcaste people.

4.7 Beneficiaries of the project

- **Target groups and other affected groups**

The hard core poor outcaste or untouchable people who have only homestead or who do not have land exceeding 0.50 acre including homestead. Among the primary stakeholders, priority would be given to women. In addition, PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE, local, NGOs, LEBs, CBOs, and the rest of the local communities will be affected by the proposed project.

4.8 Budgeting the project

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SI #	Line Items	DONOR Contribution US \$	NGO Contribution US \$	TOTAL Amount US \$
1	Personnel (Salary)	4.380,00	300,00	4.680,00
2	Program/Activities Cost	10.150,00	2.175,00	12.325,00
3	Administrative Cost	470,00	607,00	1.077,00
GRAND TOTAL		15.000,00	3.082,00	18.082,00
PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE COST SHARE (18%) US \$= 3,082 of Total Budget US \$ 18,082				
TOTAL GRANTS Proposal		18.082,00		

Details Programmatic & Administrative Budget

Personnel

1 (Salary)

SI #	Name of Position	Effort %	# of Unit	# Month	Unit Cost US \$	Donor Contribution US \$	NGO Contribution US \$	Total Amount US \$
1	NGO Field Staff							
1,1	Project Coordinor (PC)	100%	1	12	100	1.200		1.200
1,2	Field Facilitator (FF)	100%	2	12	60	1.440		1.440
1,3	Accounts Officer	50%	1	12	50	300	300	600
1,4	News Editor	100%	1	12	60	720		720
1,5	Trainer/Lawyer	100%	1	12	60	720		720
Sub Total			6			4.380,00	300,00	4.680,00

2 Activities

SI #	Particulars	# of Unit	# Unit Cost \$	Day	Donor Contribution US \$	NGO Contribution US \$	Total Amount US \$
2.1	Rights Based Capacity Building Training-200 peronnel	200	13	1	2.600	600	3.200,00
2.2	Strengthening Indigenous People Network-300 members	300	3	1	900	525	1.425,00
2.3	Participatory Grassroots Mobilization-500 participants (male & female)	500	1	1	500	250	750,00
2.4	Policy dialogue with bureaucracy, Political leaders and opinion makers- Total 250 participants	250	12	1	2.550	450	3.000,00
2.5	Orientation through workshop and seminar on caste issue-150 participants	175	12	1	2.100		2.100,00
2.6	Publication of news letters, bulletins etc and sensitizing media about caste discrimination	-	-	-	1.500	350	1.850,00
Sub Total					10.150,00	2.175,00	12.325,00

3 Administrative

SI #	Particulars	# of Unit	# Unit Cost \$	Day	Donor Contribution \$	NGO Contribution \$	Total Amount US \$
3.1	Office rent and Furniture						
3.2	Office rent	6	25	-	-	150	150,00
3.3	Furniture (Ex. Chair-37\$ & meeting chair-5, 37\$, Almira-1 @125\$ Shelf-1, 25\$ and Fan-2, 63\$)	-	-	-	-	287	287,00
3.4	Utilities -(Stationeries, papers, postage, electricity and water, Legal and finance fee and advertisement costs)	-	-	-	80	25	105,00
3.5	Communication Charge (Mobil and Internet)	-	-	-	30	20	50,00
3.6	By-Cycle purchased (For Field Facilitator)-2				150	50	200,00
3.7	Local travel for 5 pesons X 6 months	30	7	1	210	75	285,00
Sub Total					470,00	607,00	1.077,00

4.9 Call for Donors

KFDWB is appealing local and international development organization, foundations, NGOs private and public institutions to provide financial and technical assistance to support the efforts of PROTISHRUTI-JESSORE to solve locally the human development challenges about the rural and urban poorest of the poor and underprivileged women and Children in Bangladesh.