



## Activating Village Courts to ensure local justice for the poor and disadvantaged people at Jessore in Bangladesh

### MAAPSI Launched Activating Village Court Project



**Duration :**  
(January-2015-December 2015)

MAAPSI Bangladesh in association with Taiwan Foundation for Democracy launched a project titled ‘Activating Village Courts to ensure local justice for the poor and disadvantaged people at Jessore in Bangladesh’.

The Geographical areas for project are as follows

Name of Division	Name of District	Name of Upazilla	Name of Union Parishad
Khulna	Jessore	Jessore Sadar	Kachua
			Fathepur
			Ramnogor
			Basundia
			Narendropur

### Project Objectives

#### **Development Objective**

Strengthening a system of local level disputes resolution in five Union Parishad at Jessore Sadar through the activation of village courts.

#### **Immediate objective -1**

To empower women, the poor and disadvantaged groups to seek remedies for injustices, and to enable justice institutions to be responsive to claims;

#### **Immediate objective -2**

To promote and protect human rights security through a human rights-based approach to development in programming and delivery;

#### **Immediate objective -3**

To empower citizens to resolve their disputes at the local level in an expeditious, transparent and affordable manner;

#### **Immediate objective – 4**

To strengthen local government institutions to be responsive to local needs and offer appropriate legal service through well-functioning Village Courts.



Picture: Village Court in our project area.

## **Project Activities from January 2015 – December 2015:**

- a) Community Mobilization
- b) Capacity Building
- c) Advocacy
- d) Observe Village Court session and record the proceedings
- e) Publication
- f) Monitoring & Evaluation
- g) M&E reporting and Documentation

## **Project Outputs**

- Institutionalization of ADR Model ensured through dissemination and replication by MAAPSI
- Discrimination & violence against women reduced by building their confidence & awareness level
- Women's access to the formal legal system enhanced.
- Relevant actors/institutions (Judiciary, Lawyers, Journalists, Local Administration, Local Government, Media, etc.) are supportive and active for ensuring human rights and social justice for disadvantaged communities including women
- Institutional Capacity of MAAPSI Staff enhanced for effective implementation of the project and replication of the ADR model and disseminated more widely.

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