



YOUTH MOBILIZATION



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INTRODUCTION

In Bangladesh, youth plays an important role as they are one third of the total population. Identifying youth problems, it is essential to give equal priority to moral education and discipline, existing poor practical education, incompleteness of formal education (dropout), different types of unemployment, involvement of youths in antisocial and immoral activities including AIDS and drug addiction, unawareness in health care, scarcity of credit and less scope for undertaking self-employment project, backwardness in technology, inefficiency in IT, absence of favorable environment in the fields of sports and games and sound recreations, lack of sense of responsibility to family and society, moral degradation etc. It is necessary to identify youth related problems towards undertaking any step of development for the youth. In this connection, MAAPSI – a collation of 200 local NGOs is building unity among the youth groups and build consensus and motivation to promote voluntarism to work at community level which contributes to the development of the Country. A large number of youth groups of MAAPSI are working to promote good governance and human rights in all over the country. The objective of this intervention is to create a platform for young people from all section of society who can raise their voices and action to implement different social and development projects to create more opportunities for youth to work in the community.



MAAPSI ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH MOBILIZATION

Youth Women Study Circle formed

MAAPSI formed a Youth Women Study-Circle (YWSC) on Democracy on 18 February 2014 at Mohammadpur, Dhaka to promote good governance and democracy in Bangladesh, says a press release.

The objective of the circle was to create awareness among the youth women on democracy and good governance and disseminate information to grassroots level to promote democratic culture and values in the society. YWSC discussed on the role of youth in a democratic country like Bangladesh and made recommendations to foster the democratic process in Bangladesh.

The group members eventually made many circles in their respective areas for the promotion of democracy especially among the youth women voters. They also discussed the role of youth

MAAPSI Bangladesh formed 10 Youth Study Circles at Jessore

MAAPSI Bangladesh formed a number of ten Youth Study Circle on Democracy in Jessore. In this connection, about 105 youths are involved in this process. As MAAPSI formed the Study circle on Democracy- a series of discussions schedule was held during 17 -20 May,2014 at MAAPSI branch office in Jessore.

The study circle was a simple process for small-group deliberation. There were just a few defining characteristics:

- A study circle comprises 10-12 people who meet regularly over a period of weeks or months to address a critical public issue in a democratic and collaborative way.
- A study circle is facilitated by a person who is there not to act as an expert on the issue, but to serve the group by keeping the discussion focused, helping the group consider a variety of views, and asking difficult questions.
- A study circle examines many perspectives. The way in which study circle facilitators are trained and discussion materials are written gives everyone "a home in the conversation," and helps the group deliberate on the various views and explore areas of common ground.
- A study circle progresses from a session on personal experience ("how does the issue affect me?") to sessions providing a broader perspective ("what are others saying about the issue?") to a session on action ("what can we do about the issue here?").



Orientation on NGO for Fresh Graduates

MAAPSI Bangladesh organized a 2 days long training session in Dhaka for Fresh Graduates on 10 May, 2014.

The training overview was:

NGO Scenario in Bangladesh

Definition of NGO, variation, Major Area of Intervention, Strengths of NGO,

Different intervention, Major activities of NGOs, Activity of NGOAB, Necessary papers for local and foreign NGO registration, Activities of Different NGOs



Seminar on the Role of Youth in enhancing Parliamentary Democracy

‘The role of youth in enhancing democracy is pivotal, they are the driving force that will take social, economic and political issues to a logical end’ emphasized youth Speakers in a Seminar organized by MAAPSI titled ‘The Role of Youth in Enhancing Participatory Democracy’ held at Joyoti Society in Jessore. The youth group further added “democracy is much more than its orthodox definition; youth should play their vital role in the democratic process by knowing how to distinguish between sentiments and their future. Education is the only factor that will empower you to fight for right and it is the key to participatory democracy”.

The programme also included a presentation on the Role of Youth and Their Achievement received a warm response from the youth groups who joined from different College and Universities.

MAAPSI is also planning to organize a series of workshop in all over the Country to make youth groups more sensitized and constructive on their role and responsibilities in democratic process.

