

Life Transforming Tale of Youth

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Preface

Bangladesh has a high rate of unemployment and underemployment in Asia. Rural areas in Bangladesh have the highest number of unemployed youths. The demand for agro-based and conventional jobs has been decreasing as well as industry and trade-based jobs is increasing. Skills development is a crucial issue for a developing country like Bangladesh, which aims to become a middle-income country probably by 2021. According to SDGs goal 8(5) - 'Promote Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment for All' - a country has to achieve full employment and decent work for all men and women, including the youths and the people in vulnerable conditions. Therefore, if the government wants to achieve SDG-8 within the stipulated period, it has to focus on increasing youth participation in the economical sector by creating opportunities for the country's youths. For overcoming the situation initiatives should be taken at the private and public level to remove unemployment through generating more skilled and capable employed youth.

An innovative project has been promoted by CCDB namely 'Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP)' in Naogaon District of Bangladesh. This project is covering the most vulnerable people in four Upazilas in Naogaon namely Manda, Niyamotpur, Mohadevpur & Naogaon Sadar. The project is executed by CCDB and financed by ICCO co-operation, Netherlands. Prior to providing skills training, Youth project creates awareness amongst the community members about the benefits and opportunities of skills training, selects the right aspired candidate through an intense screening process based on many selection criteria. After completion of screening process CYE&CP project organizes different meetings and training to assess their level of aspiration. Based on the assessment results suitable aspired candidates are selected for skills training on their preferred trade. This project aims to develop youth into righteous, progressive, self-respecting and positive human beings with a scope of dignified life; create congenial conditions for youth to achieve their inherent potential; develop youth into human resource; ensure quality education, health and all security for youth; provide youth with employment and choice of profession according to their ability; promote economic and innovative enterprise by potential youth.

As part of the process documentation of a project, case stories are very essential aspects to know about the most significant changes. Case stories are one of the key monitoring tools to identify the transformation of the targeted reference people. It's been evident that these case stories are collected from the fields of the project which provides the insights of the project progress towards its objectives. Hopefully this document will act as an image of achievements and progress towards betterment of the Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP) to all the employees, development partners and other stakeholders in an appropriate way.

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Sathi Begum is delighted to make family proud of her

After being unsuccessful to pass in the secondary school exams, Sathi Begum was hopeless and depressed. Her father tried to get her to retake the exam again, but she refused. She imagined herself to be useless, a burden to her poverty-stricken family. Her father then gave her marriage during her 17 years of age because she was not interested about education further. But she was not happy when went to her husband's house because of poverty.

It was then that she had the opportunity to bring out for four-months long training in tailoring and dress making trade under "Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection" Project. Not only CYE&CP project made the training cost free, but also she received travel costs too as an added incentive to complete the training. She has received 2,450/- BDT for traveling costs so that she can complete the training with certainty. Later than completion of her training, she bought a sewing machine by saving money from her travel fare. She bought a sewing machine with 2,000/- BDT added to the traveling fare. Then she purchased some clothes which she has sewed beautifully and started selling them to village women in her area. She is now earning 1,000-1,500/- BDT per month. She is buying clothes again with the profit money, sewing into outfits and selling them.

Sathi Begum says, “The training experience has given me self-confidence. I am endeavoring to earn well and support my family. My family is now proud of me. I shall be ever grateful to CCDB-CYE & CP Project.” Now Sathi is dreaming that one day she will be established herself as an entrepreneur and arrange employment for many helpless women.





“I wouldn’t have had to face the pains of unemployment if I had taken this training earlier”



On the job training provides the scope of work opportunity to Emdadul

Like any other unemployed young man, Emdadul Haque was looking for a job. The members of his family were all looking towards him to get a full time job and run the family. He has searched so many places for works but in vain because he was not trained on any sector. One day he met with CCDB-Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP) project member and knew about the training opportunities that are given by CCDB-youth project. After knowing these, he felt interested about to attain training for four months to change his life.

Emdadul has taken training from Polash Chakraborti, who has welding workshop in Proshadpur market at Manda in Naogaon district. For this training, CCDB-CYE&CP project gave the trainer 2,400/= BDT as an honorarium. CCDB-youth project not only just carried the whole cost of his training but also supported 2,500/= BDT for traveling expenses so that he can complete the training in a convenient way. Emdadul excelled in the training and fruitfully completed the course. After completing welding training Polash Chakraborti, the trainer offered Emdadul to work in his workshop with a monthly payment of 3000/= BDT. After engaging with the full time job his family’s financial crisis has been minimized to a great extent.

Emdadul says, “I wouldn’t have had to face the pains of unemployment if I had taken this useful training earlier”. He expresses his gratitude to CCDB for giving him these opportunities to transform his life.





“I didn’t realize how important it is to have proper training, skills and a certificate”



Arifa Khatun's success story towards a better and dignified life

Just six months ago, 22-year-old woman Arifa Khatun was unable to support her family with her educational qualification (class 9) as she had no employable skills. Her father is a van driver and her mother is a housewife. She was married when she was just 18 years old. After three years later, her husband divorced her. She has been at her father's house ever since. Being the eldest daughter in a five-member poor family, she had a lot of responsibilities of family. She met CCDB-Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP) project team and shared her present situation. Then CCDB staffs encouraged her to receive training so that she can change her life. After hearing this, she felt interested to attain training for four months to change her life which was miserable.

She registered in the choice of her own, which is the tailoring trade. She underwent four months of training at nearby location of her house. She has taken training from Hasina Khatun, who is the professional ostad/trainer for dress making. For this training, CCDB-CYE & CP project gave the trainer 1,000/- BDT as an honorarium. Overcoming all the obstacles, she completed her training successfully. Upon completion of her training, she got a full time job at Ananta Garments in Gazipur as a quality checker. Now she is earning 13,000/= BDT per month.

Arifa says, “I didn’t realize how important it is to have proper training, skills and a certificate”. She wants to work at her present work place for a while and move to another garment factory for a higher salary. She is very optimistic about improving her life as well as her family.





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Mainul Islam has been able to come out of poverty and unemployed condition

I want to acquire technical skills, work and desire to make my life better. I want to provide my family with dignified life which would be free from poverty. Mainul Islam had expressed his opinions during the Youth selection meeting in Proshadpur union parishad, Manda. Mainul has kept his word.

After passing HSC, he couldn't get a job in two years. Then one day in the local market he heard about free technical training provided by the CCDB-CYE&CP project. Then he contracted with the project staffs and told them about his interest. After knowing all the rules of the project, he eagerly registered himself and took training in Electronics trade. During conduction of training, he used to work as an electrician in other's home. At that time he has earned 150-200/= BDT per day. He sincerely completed his four months of training periods. After completing 4 months training, he now professionally works as an electrician and earns minimum 10,000/= BDT per month. His family's financial hardships have been assuaged to a great extent. Mainul is now very confident about his life.

Mainul says, “When I joined this training course, I realized that there is a much higher demand for technical education than conventional education. This Youth Project has helped my family”. He expresses his gratitude to Youth project for giving him this opportunity to change his life.





“There is no shortcut to success”

Masum believes that, there is no short cut to success in life

Poverty stricken Masum Rana from during his studies, was determined to do something for his family. His sister one day told him about a banner she had seen at the Union Parishad, about the training under Youth project. He decided to take this opportunity for training, but his parents were hesitant about the prospect of such trainings. But he firmly said, “Let me start from something small and work my way up.” Seeing their son’s enthusiasm, his parents convinced for this four months of training. He underwent a four-months Fridge servicing training course at the Masum Electrical Shop located at Proshadpur Market and now works as an fridge repair service provider with a monthly wage of 6,000/= BDT.

For this training, CCDB-CYE&CP project gave the trainer 5,000/= BDT as an honorarium. Masum excelled in the training and successfully completed the course. Not only was this free of training cost, but he received travel costs too as an added incentive to complete the training. He received 2,375/= taka for traveling costs so that he could complete the training with certainty. Pleased with his work, his trainer told him to stay in his shop and he has paid him on a monthly basis. Masum says, “There is no shortcut to success. This job has given me and my family a dignified livelihood”. He expresses his gratitude to CCDB for giving him these opportunities to change his life. After being more efficient, he wants to have his own shop.





There are no words to describe how I felt when I got my salary and sent money home



Sohel Rana is now a self-dependent person

“I never imagine that I would leave Manda Upazila one day and get a job in most busiest industrialized area of Dhaka like Tejgaon,” said Sohel Rana. A village named Chockkanu is situated in Manda Upazila in Naogaon districts. Sohel (20) is an inhabitant of Chockkanu village. He had always been eager about technical trainings from his early age.

He couldn't continue studies after passing class VII because of poverty and his family was pressuring him to work. However he could not find a job because he had no previous experience. He could not do any training since his father did not have enough income. But his life has witnessed a positive change after being selected for CYE&CP project in January 2020 and got opportunity for four months long training.

One day he heard about the Youth project in the local market and also read a leaflet about it. His interest in technical training resurged in full swing. With the support from Youth project staff he got to attend bike servicing trade. He successfully completed the hands-on four-months training in the bike servicing trade and immediately got a job with a BDT 12,000 monthly wages at ACI Motors as a technician in Tejgaon, Dhaka.

Sohel says, “There are no words to describe how I felt when I got my pay for the first time and sent money home. I will never forget the support of Youth project”. I want to start my life in a new way from here.



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Sagor's journey towards employment and achievement in job

Confidence is one of the prime factors to success. There was a time when Sagor Sarker kept to himself. He hardly ventured into doing anything on his own initiative. After passing the class VII, he spent three years in vain searching for a job. He felt very much frustrated.

Then one day a neighbor told him about a free training course. He communicated with the CCDB-Youth project (CYE&CP) and showed his interest in Television servicing trade. He hasn't looked back since then. For this training, CCDB-CYE&CP project gave the ostad/trainer 4,000/- BDT as an honorarium. Sagor excelled in the training and successfully completed the course. CCDB-CYE&CP project has bear all the expenses of four months training and supported through guidance. He received 2,375/- BDT for traveling costs so that he can complete the training with certainty. He effectively completed the four-months Television servicing training course and got a job as a television repairer with a monthly payment of BDT 9,500 at Sumon Electronics Shop.

Sagor says, “This training equipped me for employment and has brought me success. I have a lot of faith in myself now. I believe that there are many more steps to go to reach a higher level. This training is just the first step to my success. I look forward to a promotion and doing even better”.



“I pick up work at the company faster than my co-workers who had no training”

Roni Ahmed becomes a skilled technician in the community

Roni Ahmed, an adult young man couldn't continue studies after passing the higher secondary certificate examination in 2019. Being the eldest son in a five-member poor family, he had responsibilities of the family. As his parents getting older, they couldn't work properly. Besides his younger sister is physically disabled. He helped his family with the meager wages and earned money as an assistant to a local electrician. He was constantly thinking about ways to increase his income.

One day a friend told him about free training being provided with support from CCDB-CYE&CP project. Then he came to CCDB unit office and inquired about the project and activities. After knowing all the things he felt interested about training so that he can change his life. He registered in his favorite subject, the fridge servicing trade. He underwent four months of hands-on training under Emdadul Haque, ostad/trainer of fridge servicing. He excelled in the training and fruitfully completed the course. In hardly any time at all he got a job at the Walton company as a fridge servicing man. The training had made his life productive and meaningful.

Roni says, “I pick up work at the company faster than my co-workers who had no training”. He further wish forward to a promotion and eventually becoming a skilled technician. He is extremely grateful to Youth project for creating such an opportunity for so many others like him.





“I am grateful to youth project for enabling me to support my family”



Raju's transformation as an employed youth to support his family

Raju Poramanik is the younger of two brothers. His father did various kinds of work as a contractual carpenter, but his earning opportunities declined with the age. Her father's income decrease sharply and he couldn't able to bear the family expenses so he didn't attend class VIII final exams due to their financial hardship.

One day he met with the staff member of the youth project and learned about the project theme. After that, he registered for training under Youth project and was optimistic to do better in life. From there, he confidently enrolled in the furniture making trade with the intention of financially helping his family, and completed the four-month long training course. For this training, CCDB-CYE&CP project gave the trainer 1800/- BDT as an honorarium. He does extremely well in the training and effectively finished the course. Not only CYE&CP project provided free training, but also endow with travel costs as an added incentive to complete the training. He received 2500/- BDT for traveling costs so that he can complete the training with certainty.

After the training, with the support from the project, his trainer offered him to work in his own shop named Mitali Furniture located at Enayetpur market, Proshadpur. So he is working in that shop and earning 9000/-BDT per month. Now he is able to contribute BDT 5000-6000 every month this is extremely useful for his family's daily expenses. Raju says “I am grateful to youth project for enabling me to support my family”.



“I’m enthusiastic to do more for my family with my earnings”



Enjamamul aspires to do better for the family with his earnings

A scope of making self-employment, through CCDB-Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection project which is funded by Netherland based organization named ICCO Corporation, has created better opportunities for Enjamamul. He has two brothers and he is the youngest. His elder brother is only the earner of the family and works in garments factory. Enjamamul can't continue studies after passing HSC because of poverty and his family was pressuring him to work. However he could not find a job because he had no previous experience. But his life has witnessed a positive change after being selected for CYE&CP project in January 2020 and got opportunity for four months free training.

One day he met with CCDB-Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP) project member and knew about the training opportunities that are given by this project. Then he registered his priority trade named Electronics. After completing training he gives a small shop named R.H electronics in Mohadevpur bazar with the help of his elder brother. His shop is not so popular yet but he is trying his best to improve the situation. He earns 8000/- BDT per month and contributes financially in his family.

Enjamamul says, I'm enthusiastic to do more for my family with my earnings. CCDB has completely changed my life. Now I am dreaming that I will give training to unemployed poor youth without taking any training fee and support them financially.



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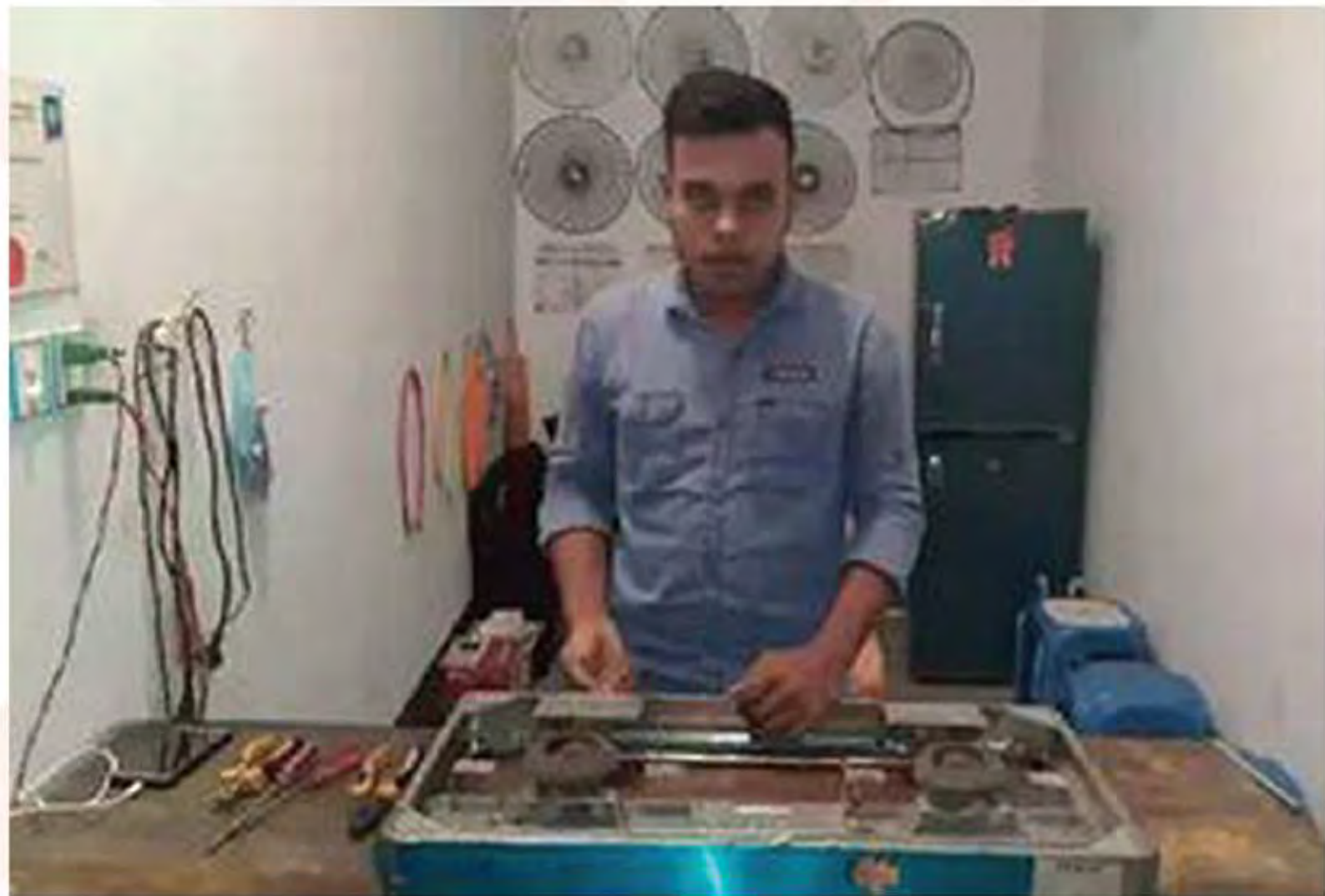


Mostafizur's first step towards success

Mostafizur Rahman (20) is the only child of Abdus Salam and Monowa Begum. Despite poverty, his father tried his best to get him a good education. But Mostafizur has been less interested in education since childhood. He did not study after the SSC exam. For a year and a half after passing the SSC exam, he used to hang out with his friends all day long.

One day his father came to the office after learning about the Youth project. His father requested the office authorities to arrange training for his son so that his son can be more focused on work. After explaining a lot, Mostafizur agreed to take training in electronics trade. His instructor got 4000/- BDT to teach his work. Mostafizur always came to his work on time and with utmost attention he learned his work.

At the beginning, Youth project members were very doubtful of him. But he proved everyone wrong and finished the four-month training with attention. He is currently working as an electrician in another shop and earns 8,000/- BDT per month. His father is very pleased to have his son on the right track and expresses his gratitude to CCDB. Mostafizur says, “This training is just the first step of my success. Presently, I am aware of my life now and want to improve my life”.



“CCDB has helped me to improve my life.”



Malek's life has been changed than before

About several months ago, Abdul Malek's life picture was different. He realized the severity of unemployment and regretted not studying properly. He was the eldest of three siblings and had a lot of responsibilities which he cannot ignore. His father worked in agriculture. The maintenance of supporting five members in the family was very difficult for him.

So, like ten other poor boys, his father pressured him to look for a job. But he was not getting a good job as he did not have any experience in education. One day staffs of youth project went to Malik's village to search unemployed youth. He is interested in training after hearing everything about the project. He was admitted to the refrigeration trade of his choice and successfully completed his training. He has taken training under Abu Bakkar Siddique's in Fridge servicing trade and he is very sincere towards his trainees. Besides, he has received two days training on life skills. At present, he has his own fridge servicing shop in Chowdhury Bazar of Naogaon district. He is earning very well from his shop and his family members are very happy to him.

Malek says, “CCDB has helped me to improve my life. I want to see all my family members always smiling”. Fully aware of the importance of a proper education, he is confident that his younger brothers and sisters will not have to give up school like he did.



“I want to move forward and not stop at the path of life”

From a restless young man to a responsible youth

Nahid, a restless young man from Dariapur village, has been very inattentive towards education since childhood. But he has been interested in mobile ever since his father bought him a mobile. Nahid is the only child of poor parents. When his father suddenly fell ill, all the responsibilities fell on his shoulders. He became worried about getting a job. At that time the corresponding ward member informed him about the training of CCDB Youth project and advised him to get in touch.

Nahid then discussed his family matters and current situation with the project member. Through discussion, project members could know that he liked mobile very much. Staff members then decided to train Nahid on a mobile trade. Nahid was very interested to hear this and wanted to take training and moving forward on the path of life. For supervising him, CCDB-CYE&CP project gave 5000/- BDT to Mahedi Hasan Roni trainer of mobile trade. Not only was this free of training cost, but he received travel costs as an added incentive to complete the training. He received 2400/- BDT for traveling costs so that he can complete the training with certainty.

After completing the training efficiently, the trainer allowed him to stay in his shop Josna telecom. At present, he earns 3000/- BDT taka per month and helps his family. Nahid says, I want to move forward and not stop at the path of life’.





“I want to deal with all the obstacles in the way of life with a smile on my face”

Rabbani Hossain is now ready to face the reality of life

Rabbani Hossain, aged 19 is from Enayetpur village in Naogaon district. He studied up to the fifth grade. As the eldest son of a needy family, it was important for him to take the responsibility of the family on his shoulders.

When CCDB-CYE&CP project went to his village for identification of unemployed youth, his family was in a state of extreme poverty. Then he expressed interest in taking training through CCDB. He wants to take training in furniture making as his education is low. He completed his four months training under Mozammel Hossain. He has completed training overcoming many obstacles with great patience. Pleased with his performance, his instructor told him to stay in the shop. He was working under that trainer in his shop and earned.2000/- BDT per month. Two months later he got a job in another shop with a salary of eight thousand (8000/-) BDT per month. This vocational training has turned his life around. His family's financial troubles have been reduced to a great extent.

Rabbani says, ‘I know that my way of life is not smooth. But I want to deal with all the obstacles in the way of life with a smile on my face.’ His parents thanked CCDB for helping to alleviate poverty. Now he is dreaming to set up a new furniture making shop in his village above and beyond prosper in life.





“I am now able to stand on my own feet with the help of CCDB.”

Khushi's accomplishment to be able to stand on her own feet

Just eight months ago, 21-year-old Khushi was unable to support her family with her ninth-grade education as she had no employable skills. Her father is a van driver and her mother is a housewife. She was married when she was just 17 years old. After 3 years later, her husband divorced her. She has been at her father's house ever since. Being the eldest daughter in a five-member poor family, she had responsibilities. After coming to his father's house, he completed his SSC examination. She met CCDB-Creating Youth Employment and Child Protection (CYE&CP) project team after finishing her SSC exam and briefed her present situation. She was interested to attain training for four months to change her life which was miserable to survive.

She has taken training from Shiuli Begum, who is the professional trainer for dress making. She has received 2450/- BDT for traveling costs so that she can complete the training with certainty. Later than completion of her training, she bought a sewing machine to save travel fare. She bought a sewing machine with 2000/- BDT added to the traveling fare. Then she bought some clothes and started selling them to village women in her area. She is now earning 1000-1500 BDT per month. She is buying clothes again with the profit money and selling them. Besides these, she is spending the earned money on her family's expenses.

Khushi says, 'I am now able to stand on my own two feet with the help of CCDB-CYE&CP project'. She desires that in future she will set up a tailoring shop and make herself a successful entrepreneur.





“I hope CYE & CP project will be sustained in the long run, so that many more unemployed youths will be able to have employment opportunities to lead a dignified life.”

Once as a jobless, Habibur is now an employed youth

There is a small village named Bholam in Manda union which is 10 KM. away from Naogaon district, where Habibur was born and brought up. In this village there is almost 40 ultra poor family and Habibur's family is one of them. He has total five members in his family where there is suffering and scarcity due to economic crisis as Habibur was jobless. He was able to complete his higher secondary education apart from the financial problem.

At the age of 23 he got married and after that it was very much stressful for him as he had to depend on his parent's income which was very shameful for Habibur. He was depressed as he had no such acceptance as a person in the family and also in the community.

During this situation Habibur was in contact with his neighbor area's Ward Member and got information about CCDB's Creating Youth Empowerment Project. He had received information that CYE&CP project is selecting unemployed youth and providing training on several trade furthermore after the training there is scope of job opportunities also. Habibur then immediately contacted with CCDB Manda office and shared his interest to attend four months long training on computer skill. He then received duration of six month long training on computer skill at a computer centre under a professional trainer with the support of CYE&CP project. After completing the training he has set up a shop named "Habib Computer" at the Gopalpur bazar. At the shop he does computer typing/composing work and also photocopy services. Presently, Habibur earns 6,000 BDT per month from the shop. Now he is very much confident and can take responsibilities by himself and there is no sufferings to maintain the family economically. He is now happy to be accepted by his family, neighbor and community in the locality.

In future he plans to expand his shop and hope to train other jobless youth in his shop. He wished to be alongside the unemployed youths to eliminate unemployment problem from the community. Habibur Rahman is very much grateful towards CCDB-CYE & CP project.





“In future I dream of a shop of my own and my income will increase more to have a financially sustainable and a blissful family”

Lucky Begum is an inspiration of empowered woman in the community

Lucky Begum lives in a village named Satil under the Tetulia union which is 20 Kilometer away from Manda upzila under Naogaon district, where she lives in a very poor family. His father is a day labor by profession, she has total four members in the family. Lucky Begum studied up to class eight due to poverty she couldn't continued her study further.

In 2016, March she got married at the age of 18. After the marriage there was several problems in her in-laws family, also she had disagreements and marital problems with her husband. In 2019 November, she divorced her husband and came back to her family which creates further straggles to maintain the family with parents and other family members.

During her straggle time she was informed about CCDB- Creating Youth Empowerment Project by her neighbor. Field Officer of CCDB- Ms. Vanu Rani listened to her life straggle condition and helped her to attend the training of sewing machine through a sewing machine trainer through CYE&CP project. Lucky Begum completed the four month long training from the trainer and also received 2,500 BDT as her transport allowance from the project after the training. She added some more money with the 2,500 BDT and bought a sewing machine. She has been taking order to make garments from her neighbors and from the local market. Currently Lucky Begum has been earning 4,000 BDT on a monthly basis. As she is now self dependent and can earn by herself, her acceptance in the family and socially as a empowered woman has been recognized.

Lucky Begum says, " In future I dream of a shop of my own and my income will increase more to have a financially sustainable and a blissful family". She expressed that her present success is the contribution of CCDB -Creating Youth Empowerment project and she is very much grateful.





“I will have a motor cycle servicing workshop of my own and will earn more money. My dream is to make my parents proud”



Sourav's wining story of employment opportunity in his career

Sourav Mondal was born in a poverty stricken family of Shyampur village under Mohadebpur upazila under Naogaon district. There is total four member in his family. Sourav has studied up to class eight and it was not possible for him to continue his study due to financial crisis.

He used to work as a day labor with his father but the wages was very poor so it was difficult for them to maintain the family. He wished to do something better in the job but without financial support it was hard for him to take any decision.

At that time , there was youth selection meeting at Bhimpur Union. There Sourav get to introduced with CCDB Field organizer Shudipto Biswas, he told to Sourav about the four months long trade training. Sourav expressed his interest on motor cycle servicing training and completed the training with the support of CYE&CP project. He also received 2,575 BDT as his transport allowance. After the four months training under the CYE&CP project selected professional trainer Sourav has been joined as full time job at his trainer's motor cycle workshop with salary of 3,000 BDT per month. Sourav feels very much fortunate to have a full time job and his family is less stressed and happy than before as their family economic crisis has been improved to better condition. His acceptance in the community has been increased as he is doing a decent job now.

He shared that with the support from CCDB-CYE&CP project my dream has been fulfilled, he is very much grateful for that. Sourav hope that with further extension of the project, these initiatives will provide working opportunities for many more vulnerable unemployed youths in the community. Sourav Says "I will have a motor cycle servicing workshop of my own and will earn more money. My dream is to make my parents proud".



“My heartfelt gratitude to CCDB -CYE&CP project and hope this project will continue in the future and support the unemployed youths to get a dignified job”



Jalal is leading a improved dignified life as an employed youth

Jalal Hossain is a 25 years of adult young male is the permanent residence of Koibara village in Manda upazila under Naogoan district. In this village there is 30 family who lives in hard poverty line. Jalal's family is one of the poverty stricken families in the locality. His father is a very low paid farmer in the village.

As such a crisis situation, Jalal Hossain was not be able to continue his regular studies. He was so much in depression and used to have conflict with his parents in the family as well. During that time there was unemployed youth selection meeting at the Manda Union Parishad office. Jalal was present there at the meeting and he get connected with the CCDB-CYE&CP project. Through the support of the project, Jalal was one of the participants to attend the four months duration of welding training under a ostad/trainer at the welding workshop. He successfully completed the four months long training. Jalal's dedication towards work and good behaviors with the customers, his trainer/ostad Asgar Hossain gave him job opportunity with the salary of 9,000 BDT per month at the welding workshop.

Presently, Jalal's financial crisis in the family has been minimized and it's now been to some extent easy for him to maintain the family expenses and live a dignified life. Jalal says "my heartfelt gratitude to CCDB -CYE&CP project and wish further that this project will continue in the future and support the unemployed youths to get a dignified job. "



“My dream has been fulfilled through the support of Creating Youth Empowerment & Child Protection project and I am very much grateful to CCDB.”



Sujit, a well known jobholder youth in the community

Sujit Mohanto aged 21 young adult, was born in a poor family in Mohadebpur union (village name Fazilpur) under Naogoan district. He has total 4 members in the family and his father is a poor peasant. As he was grown up in poverty stricken family from childhood he could not continue his studies after class 6.

Sujit has ambition to do something better for his family, but due to financial crisis it was hard for him to take any decisions further. During such situation he was going through, there was CYE&CP project's youth selection meeting at Mohadebpur Union Parishad. In that meeting there was neighbor of Sujit Mohanto, that neighbor shared about Sujit Mohanto's and his family's financial and livelihood crisis condition, then CYE & CP Field Organizer communicated with Sujit that under the project he will have the opportunity for four months long on job training. Sujit shared his interest to learn the work of welding. He completed his training at Mohadebpur in a welding workshop with the support of CYE & CP project. During the training period he received 2,575 BDT as transport allowance. After completing the four months long training with efficiency, the trainer was satisfied and he provided the scope of work to Sujit at his welding workshop with the monthly salary of 3,000 BDT.

At present Sujit is feeling very much fortunate to be able to continue his work on a regular basis and his family is now very much delighted and are in less means of straggle. His father Sunil Mohanto said that it was his beyond imagination that his son could join a full time job. Now there is less scarcity and economic crisis in the family. Their value as a member of the community has been increased.

Sujit says " My dream has been fulfilled through the support of Creating Youth Empowerment & Child Protection project and I am very much grateful to CCDB." He shared that if this project could sustain further it will create job opportunities to many more unemployed youths of Bangladesh.



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