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## PREFACE

Better life exercise is the first step of social development. For this reason, it is much needed economical freedom which may bring out through the integrated efforts. Eventually, near about 30 years before Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) starts the way forward with the active participation of the poor and marginalized community through its road map. With a view to the multiple irrigation system including IRRI cultivation, the Betrabati river which is blown over the Sharsha and Jhikargacha Upazilas, is re-excavated through the volunteer service by the leadership of a few local people. Basically, this is the starting point of USS from this intervention. In last 2000 AD, USS has actively started its project interventions e.g. SHAHAR Project by CARE Bangladesh, USF Project by UNICEF etc. From its inception it is growing/increasing manpower, project activities and as well as location/working area.



Along with the poor and marginalized people of the community USS is also working with the disaster affected vulnerable community due to the climate change. In this context, USS has taken the different and dimensional activities e.g. comprehensive agriculture reform (Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture), disaster preparedness activities, Income Generating Activities (IGA), research and networking etc. Through the skilled manpower of USS who is highly committed, these interventions have been performed smoothly for improving the lives and livelihood of the deprived people of the community so that they may live in social dignity.

From this trend they input their efforts to draw the picture of interventions in July 2012 to June 2013. I, cordially, thank to all members, staff as well as everyone for their unmerge able efforts and industry.

USS believes in team building and I expect that we will pass the extraordinary dream.

All the best-

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**Background:**

Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) is a non government volunteer organization. From 2000 AD USS is implementing the different development interventions for improving the village and urban poor, hardcore poor and environmental degradation vulnerable community. In various activities of the organization Disaster Risk Management (DRM), Climate Change and Adaptation (CCA), WASH, Health, Aquaculture, Livestock, Education service, River and Water Management (RWM), Agriculture development activities, Micro Credit, Networking and Research are one of them.

**Vision:**

All kinds of discrimination and plentiful pollution free environment in Bangladesh, where all citizens will live with dignity and freedom.

**Mission:**

Strengthening the capacity of poor and empower them through establishing self-managed institution for using locally available resources in an environmental friendly way to improve livelihood.

**Goal:**

Improving the lives and livelihood of the poor and marginalized people of the society

**Objective:**

1. To improve the social economic condition of the poor and marginalized people
2. To form the Community Based Organization (CBO) and management
3. To facilitate the women entrepreneur through IGA support
4. Assist to establish good governance, human rights, gender equity and lives & livelihood
5. Assist to establish the rights of poor and hard core poor, adolescent, landless, marginalized people and Horizon
6. Assist to provide education of sanitation, health and supply pure safe water
7. Assist to provide education of Primary Health Care and identify the alternative source of Arsenic Mitigation
8. Assist to protect the environmental degradation and water resources of Bangladesh
9. Advocacy with the rights of fisher folk and respective GO, NGOs
10. Inception with Go, NGOs through research and publication for preserving Khash land and Khash water bodies
11. Assist to practice the scientific techniques for agriculture development and maintained
12. Facilitate the socio economic development activities of the poor and marginalized people
13. To develop research and publication for development activities

**Working Area:**

USS directly works at the three districts e.g. Khulna, Jessore and Narail and indirectly works with the Beel Campaign Groups (BCG) at Satkhira, Jhenaidah, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Faridpur, Meherpur, Nator, Chapainawabganj, Munshiganj, Neelphamari and Shirajganj districts Of Bangladesh. The list is in bellow:

District	Upazila
	Direct
Jessore	Sadar
	Jhikargacha
	Monirampur
	Bagharpara

District	Upazila
Narail	Sadar
	Kalia
	Lohagora
Khulna	Dacope
	Dumuria
USS also working another ten districts of Bangladesh under Beel Campaign Group with twenty five partner organizations. USS is working as lead NGO of this Beel campaign Group, assistance by Oxfam-GB. Noted that Food Security is one of the main focuses of this alliance.	
Gopalganj	Mokshedpur
Madaripur	Madaripur sadar, Rajyar upazila
Sirajgonj	Ullapara, Tarash
Munshiganj	Sreenagar, Sirajdikhan
Chapai-nowabgonj	Gomostapur
Nator	Boraigram, Singra
Satkhira	Tala
Faridpur	Sadar
Meherpur	Gangni
Jhineidah	Sadar, Shailokupa
Neelphamari	

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02	Unit Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) Mobarakpur, Etimkhana Road Jhikorgacha, Jessore.
03	Sub- Unit Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) Jogohati, Mandertala, Churamankati, Jessore
04	Sub- Unit Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) Garibpur, Chandpur Union, Manirampur, Jessore
05	Sub- Unit Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS) Gaidghat, Tetultala, Bagharpara, Jessore
06	Unite Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS), Shahid Mijan Sharak, Mahishkhola, Narail.
07	Unit Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha (USS), Kazi Villa, Utholi Kalia, Narail, Bangladesh
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10	Project Office	Ulashi Sreejony Sangha Banishanta, Dacope, Khulna

#### Beneficiary:

USS works with a lot of beneficiary. So, the direct beneficiary is 138,428 and the indirect beneficiary is more than 45,000.

#### Organizational Structure and Governance:

To carry out the organization USS has a General and Executive Committee. General Body (GB) consists of 21 members and Executive Committee (EC) consists of 7 members. And also have a Management Committee with the consisting of Program and Project Staffs and have a monitoring team of monitoring cell by the Executive Director. The list of employee is as follows:

Types of Employee	Categories of Employee		Total
	Female	Male	
Permanent	09	10	19
Project	20	10	30
Volunteer	19	41	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>109</b>

#### Links with National and International Organization:

USS has a vast network with other organizations and hold a social affiliation through holding a different position. The list of networking and position is as follows:

Name of Network/Forum	Position	Objective
ADAB	Member centrally and sub organization	Coordination
Environment Development Forum	Member	Environment protection
NGO Forum on ADB	Member	SWAIWRMP Project Implementation
South Asia Social Forum	Member	Environment protection
Jiboner Jonno Nadi (River for life)	Lead Organization	Environment protection
TARA	Member	Coordination
Bangladesh Sustainable Development Forum	Member	Capacity building
Peoples Forum on Water Logging	Lead Organization	Water logging reduction
Beel Campaign Group	Lead Organization	Beel Protection
Democracy Budget Movement	Member	Rights based campaign
Amar Adhikar Campaign	Member	Education campaign
Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA)	Member	Environment protection
Climate Change and Adaptation Implementation Forum	Lead organization(South west region of Bangladesh)	Adaptation in climate change
Flower, brinjal and potato farmers	Lead organization	Market channeling and

Name of Network/Forum	Position	Objective
Market Channeling Forum		link build up with different stakeholders)
Aquaculture Network	Lead organization Lead organization(South west region of Bangladesh)	Fisher folk Right strengthening

### Ongoing Programs/Projects:

USS is implementing the diversified programs/projects in different location for the country. The list of current programs/projects details is given below:

Name of Programs/Projects	Main focus	Working Area	Budget	Duration	Donor
Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA)- Bangladesh	Expanded maize and wheat cultivation	Jessore Sadar, Jhikargacha, Bagharpara, Monirampur	99,7,000	2012 On going	CSISA-BD, CIMMYT, USAID
Raising Peoples Voice for Climate Justice Supported by Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods project	Beel protection, food security, Agriculture development in a scientific way etc	Jessore, Narail, Khulna, Satkhira, Jhenaidah, Nator, Chapai Nawabganj, Shirajganj, Munshiganj, Gopalganj Madaripur, Faridpur, Meherpur,	1,55,23,850	2008 On going	CSRL Oxfam-GB
Microcredit(livelihood improvement activities)	Creating social awareness on women rights, women empowerment through economical sustainability	Jessore Sadar and Jhikargacha	7,83,64,000	2000 On going	Own Fund
Coastal Livelihoods Improvement through Maximizing Adaptations towards Environment (CLIMATE)	Community based adaptation, women empowerment, Livelihood improvement, Disaster preparedness and management and child	Dacope, Khulna	1,40,93,130	2009 On going	Action Aid Bangladesh

Name of Programs/Projects	Main focus	Working Area	Budget	Duration	Donor
	sponsorship				
Building A Disaster Resilient Bangladesh (DIPECHO-VII)	Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Preparedness and management	Dacope, Khulna		2013 On going	European Commission and Action Aid Bangladesh
A Disaster resilient Future: mobilizing communities and institution for effective risk reduction (DIPECHO-VI)	Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Preparedness and management	Dacope, Khulna	53,68,105	2011 On going	European Commission and Action Aid Bangladesh
Supporting Household Activities for Hygiene Assets and Revenue (SHAHAR) IFSP Project	Organizational Capacity building, Women empowerment through IGA support and Community mobilization	Jessore Pauroshava	1,54,89,784	2000-2013	CARE Bangladesh (USAID)
Sanitation, Hygiene Education and Water Supply (GOB-UNICEF) project	Organizational Capacity building, Sanitation and health education, supply safe water, ensuring sanitation management	Kalia, Narail	4,76,02,222	2007 On going	DFID, UNICEF, DPHE
Democratic Budget Movement	Advocacy for preparing budget with the public	Jessore districts	65,000	2010 On going	Action Aid Bangladesh
Amar Adhiker Campaign	Ensuring primary education for all	Jessore & Kustia	61,000	2010 On going	Oxfam- Novib
Improvement Lives in Banishanta	Ensuring sanitation and uses supplying pure safe water	Baniashanta Brothel, Dacope	15,55,408	2013 On going	Australlian High Commission & Action aid Bangladesh

**Brief description of the Project Activities:**

During reporting year (fiscal year) USS has implemented many dimensional activities. The activities are described in bellow briefly.

1. Supporting Household Activities for Hygiene Assets and Revenue (SHAHAR) IFSP Project:

With the contract of Jessore Pourashava through CARE Bangladesh USS started SHAHAR project for the livelihood improvement and food security of the marginalized community people especially poor and hard core poor people in the urban area. Total 1666 HHs of 1 & 2 wards under Jessore Pourashava will be supported. The main activities of the project are

- a. Community Mobilization and Institutional Strengthening
- b. Health, Hygiene and Nutrition
- c. Income Generating Activities.

During reporting year July 2012 to June 2013 those activities are done that are given bellow:

- a. Provide credit support to 292 women stakeholders for IGA e.g. shari business, homestead gardening, poultry, fire wood business and garments.
- b. Total 48 court yard meeting was conducted with the 4 Community Resource Management Committee (CRMC) where the subjects of health and sanitation, climate change, nutrition, new born baby care, drug protection, adolescent health etc were discussed and different day observance e.g. Women Day, Victory Day, International Mother Language day etc were conducted
- c. Total 30 children (below 5 years) took the education support from pre-primary school where their presence rate was 95% and also 12 child parents meeting were conducted for current year syllabus and improving education.

**Changes:**

- a. Increased institutionalized capacity building
- b. To empower women through IGA support
- c. Increased the acceptance of women in the community
- d. Increased the capacity/skill of women through IGA support
- e. Improved economical condition HHs level through livestock rearing, homestead gardening etc

## 2. Sanitation, Hygiene Education and Water Supply (GOB-UNICEF) Project:

Kalia Upazila under Narail district is one the most deprived and under privileged Upazillas in Bangladesh. At the beginning period of the project, this area was fully collapsed for sanitation, hygiene education and water supply for drinking. Maximum people of this area used the hanging toilet that was a common phenomenon. Then the sanitation rate was only 25.28%. In this context, USS took the project by the financial assistance of DFID, UNICEF, DPHE for the sanitation, hygiene education improvement. Total 13 unions of Kalia Upazila were covered in this project where total 41,668 HHs were benefited.

The main objective of the project was to ensure the sanitation, hygiene education, pure water supply for drinking of the project area community people for achieving the MDG.

The main activities of the project are-

- a. Social mobilization (Cluster mapping, prepare community action plan, formation of Para Action Committee, community meeting, Mothers gathering, adolescent meeting, WatSan Fair etc.)
- b. Used the sanitation facilities ( list of HHs, sanitary latrine etc)
- c. Supply the pure safe water
- d. School based hygiene and sanitation education interventions
- e. WatSan committee formation and coordination meeting

In the month September, 2012 this project has been ended. To sensitize on the WASH education of the project areas the activities have been performed that are given bellow:

- a. Used 12848 sanitary latrine at HHs level
- b. Set up 18000 hand washing device
- c. Installed 1420 deep tube well at community level
- d. Installed 109 RWHS and 2 PSF at community level
- e. Installed 1650 sanitary latrine
- f. 2 ponds re-excavation
- g. Provide 950 water purification Filter
- h. 2 Sidko plant installation

### **Changes:**

- a. Abate the sickness due to the health, hygiene and sanitation education
- b. Decreased the child mortality rate of the project area
- c. Ensured the 100% sanitation coverage firstly among 60 Upazilas of Narail district
- d. Increased mass awareness on WASH
- e. Increased the WASH practice of low income villagers



DC of Narail giving award to CHP for achieving 100% sanitation



Performing Jari song on sanitation by SHEWA-B cultural team



Rally on achieving 100% sanitation with Kalia upazila chairman & ED USS



Speech by UNO Kalia in award giving ceremony of success union supervisor & CHP

### 3. Coastal Livelihoods Improvement through Maximizing Adaptations towards Environment (CLIMATE) Project:

From 2009 the CLIMATE Project has been implemented in two Unions of Dacope Upazila. The project area is AILA affected and this is very adjacent to Sundarbans and it is situated nearest the Bay of Bengal. According to this situation these are disaster prone areas. The main goal of the project is to protect the coastal livelihoods of the disaster and climate change vulnerable affected coastal people. The main objective of the project is

- Build community resilience to reduce the disaster risks particularly the marginalized vulnerable people
- Identify and practice Climate resilience agriculture and income generating options
- Taking initiative to establish the equal rights and dignity of the marginalized people (women, children, aged, PWD) in the project area
- Comprehensive development plan and actions particularly for people living in poverty, especially women.

During reporting period there more fabulous activities have been implemented through maximizing adaptations towards environment that are as follows:

- a. Demonstration of Paddy Plot: In this context, total Tk. 17050 have been provided to 8 Reflect Circle women farmers for purchasing seeds, manure, pesticides and land cultivation.



- b. Homestead cultivation: In this step, In 30 Reflect circle took initiative for homestead gardening increasing the family income. The Reflect Circle members earned a lot of money from selling sweet potato, different seasonal vegetables.



- c. Distribution the tree plants: 2000 plants (fruits, wood and herbal plants) have been distributed among the 500 HHs at 26 Reflect Circle under five villages in Sutarkhali and Kamarkhola Union.

- d. Training on agriculture for women farmers: A colorful training was conducted under the project within 55 farmers and then provided 10 K.G rice seeds (BR-28) in each farmer.

- e. Agriculture fair and Nabanno Festival: Through the direct assistance of Action aid Bangladesh and USS, Sutarkhali Union Parishad conducted a colorful and magnificent agriculture fair and Nabanno Festival with the active participation of Upazila administration as well as the community. In this festival Dacope Upazilla chairman and UNO were in chair and they respective department members visited the different stall like cake, keora prickles, honey, designed towel (Nakshi Kantha), mat stall etc. All of them agreed to back into the agriculture friendly environment of the project area.



- f. Saline tolerant rice seeds distribution: Under this project total 20 farmers took 10 K.G BR-49 rice seeds for piloting
- g. Orientation on sustainable agriculture and food



security: In this context, total 4 orientation in each batch 25 participants total 100 participants were conducted

- h. Reflect circle members cultivated the vegetable through collecting pure soil in the salinity area and to build the self dependent Meghna Reflect Circle Members bought a power trailer by their own savings for cultivating the land in rainy season.
- i. Press conference with national journalists and submit memorandum letter to Prime Minister through Dacope UNO and respective authorities for repairing the weak embankment and sluice gates for evacuation water in rainy season.
- j. Training on skill development with occupational groups: In this context, one batch with 25 occupational participants who are dependent on Sundarbans is conducted on Mele cultivation (Mat stick) for alternative livelihood options.
- k. Since from 2009 USS is implementing on Child Sponsorship activities at 5 villages in Kamarkhola and Sutarkhali Union through setting the total 16 Shishu Bikash Kendro where total 1505 children are reading, writing and playing by 16 facilitators' for improvement their physical and mental growth. A total sponsored child is 805 out of 1505 children. A total 431 male children and 374 female children in 805 are involved in Shishu Bikash Kendro. Every day in four hours Shishu Bikash Kendro runs with the active presence of the children. In Shishu Bikash Kendro, children prepare their school lessons along with drawing picture, reciting poems, singing, conducting drama and group dance. With the active participation of the Shishu Bikash Kendro children, many activities on awareness raising like annual sports, different day observance, individuals cleanliness etc. are conducted. Through these activities the children are improving their mental and physical fitness.



The valediction photographs are shown in bellow:



**Changes:**

- a. 26 RC, 235 sponsorship families are capacitated through court yard meeting (LRP), training, orientation by DIPECHO VI project, formation different committee on disaster issues and created contingency fund so that they may provide emergency support. 29 RC and sponsorship families are living in ECHO village
- b. 165 participants of RC and farmer groups are cultivating saline tolerance paddy ( BR-23, 41 & 49 Amon crops) except extra investment
- c. Local people meet with the press, human chain and submit memorandum to Water Resource Ministry and as a result 1 new sluice gate installed for water evacuation that is monitored by local people.
- d. 45 participants are established their rights on forest resource collection through advocacy with Forest Department
- e. 41 participants involved individually/ collectively in alternative livelihood options e.g. mat stick (mele) cultivation, making keora prickles and selling
- f. 8 Reflect Circle Members are included in different service provide institutions e.g. SMC, UDMC
- g. Starting the same equal remuneration culture for women seasonally through reflection process of RC (Meeting)

h. Through dialogue and meeting with UP, local elites total 72 participants of RC are getting VGF including PWD-11.

4. Raising Peoples Voice for Climate Justice Supported by Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods project:

For the sustainable pastoral livelihood USS is working with the Beel Campaign Group with the financial assistance of Oxfam-GB. With a view to protecting the diversification of destroyable pastoral environment USS is implementing this project into the 13 above mentioned districts of Bangladesh. The main goal of the project is to protect the pastoral livelihood and to live with sound environment.

**During the reporting period the project performed many diversified activities that are as follows:**

a. Survey of 25 beels and sharing meeting with UNO: 25 Beel campaign group members surveyed the diversification of pastoral people life standard, agricultural system etc and shared a meeting with respective UNO and Chairmen



b. Memorandum submission to MP and DC, WDB: According to the study identifying the bell problems like water logging, salinity intrusion etc and solving problems they also submitted the memorandum to the respective UNO, DC, WDB and MP.

c. Advocacy meeting with WDB on SWAIWRMP: Smoothly implementation the project in Narail district advocacy meeting was conducted with the active participation of journalists, local elites as well as community people and conducted a press conference and also identified the vulnerable farmers of the project area.



d. Advocacy on the TRM issue of Beel Bokor and Beel Kopalia: Permanently water logging mitigation and improving food security of Bhabadah area of Jessore district a different activities like press conference, human chain program was conducted and at last submitted memorandum to DC of Jessore.



- e. Two livelihoods fair were conducted for creating the alliance of poor and marginalized famers through CSRL. In this context, two fair was conducted in Boraigram of Natore districts and Bagharpara of Jessore district.
- f. District level capacity building and review workshop on BCCSAP implementation



- g. Capacity building workshop for students on CC mitigation.

**Changes:**

- a. Sensitized the administration of Upazila and district level and also elected persons about the importance of ecological diversification in Beel area,
  - b. Many of administration have given a word to solve the beel problems
  - c. To create the motivation of the respective authorities to solve the problems
  - d. To buld relationship between researcher and policy makers and they assure that organic way cultivation like vermi compost is the right way, no doubt.
  - e. Climate change is the part of election commitment of the leaders in the respective area
5. A Disaster Resilient Future: Mobilizing Communities and Institution for Effective Risk Reduction (DIPECHO-VI) Project.

Through the financial assistance of ECHO and Action aid Bangladesh this project have been implemented in the Aila affected areas, Sutarkhali and Kamarkhola Union of Dacope Upazilla for increasing awareness of the community for a disaster resilient future and altogather mobilized communities and community based institutions for effective risk reduction. The main goal of the project is to increase the resilience of the natural disaster affected vulnerable communities of Bangladesh. The objective of the project is that-

- a. Assist to increase the resilience reducing the vulnerability of the communities and institutions
- b. To take the active initiatives preventing the natural disasters by the local community and institutions
- c. To response and protect actively during disaster

The main activities of the project was the disaster risk reduction through small scale mitigation, disaster preparedness and management.



**Disable woman stting on a wheel chair provided by USS**



**Rain Water harvester for safe water supply**



**Monthly meeting of women savings group**

Of late this project have ended but newly incepted as DIPECHO VII. During the reporting period this project have been completed so many extraordinary activities that are shown in bellow:

- a. Provide different types of training on disaster preparedness, WASH and primary health care, caregiver of PWD and aged people, school safety net program, women leadership in disaster preparedness, psychosocial support etc and conducted differnet types of meeting with UDMC, CBO, SMC UzDMC etc
- b. Community Risk Assessment and the school safety net program were the most complicated and unmergeable activities of the program. Through the activity the UDMC prepared a Local Risk Reduction Action Plan (LRRAP).
- c. For local disaster risk reduction Small Scale Mitigation (SSM) were taken according to the LRRAP. In this context, pond re-excavation, RWHS installation, PSF Installation for accessibility pure drinking safe water were set up.

#### **Changes:**

- a. Sensitize the adverse impact of disaster and strengthen community about disaster preparedness
- b. To increase the acceptability of PWD and aged people in the society through caregivers training and providing devices so that they may access easily
- c. To creat the fund to protect the disaster
- d. Increase accessibility to service provider

#### **6. Improving Lives in Baniashanta (ILiBS) Project:**

Through the financial assistance of Austrilian High Commission and Action aid Bangkadesh USS is implementing ILiBS project at Baniashanta Brothel, Dacope which is situated at the bank of the Pashur river nearest Mongla port and very adjacent to Sundarbans. In this Brothel total 67 sexual workers lived in 106 HHs. The main objective of the project is to improve the livelihood of the Brothel sexual workers through WASH practice.

Obviously the project area is salinity intrusion area. The main activities of project have been implemented that are given as follows:

- a. Provide 34 water preserve Gazi tank (500 litres) for 106 HHs

- b. Provide 106 water filterIn for pure safe drinking water
- c. Installed 36 sanitary latrine for the 38 HHs

**Changes:**

- a. Increased WASH practice and improve livelihood
- b. Decrease the water borne diseases in the Brothel
- c. Create the sound environment of Brothel area

**7. Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA)- Bangladesh Project:**



Through the financial assistance of CSISA- BD and direct facilitation of CIMMYT, USS has taken this project for increasing land fertility, using modern agricultural tools, year round cultivation, less production expenses especially maize and wheat cultivation. So, with a view to cultivating the multiple crops and using modern scientific agricultural method this project is implementing from 2012 in 4 Upazilas of Jessore district. The main objective of the project is to take initiative for maize and wheat cultivation more.

The main activities of the project is the multiple crops cultivation like maize, wheat and dal along with potato, guard, cucumber, ladies finger etc.

**Cultivation Method:**

- a. Preservation agriculture cultivation method
- b. Bed-canal method and
- c. Stripe tillage method

**During the reporting period the activities have completed accoording to the above method cultivation. The completed main activities are given bellow:**

- a. Formation 20 farmers group within 880 farmers
- b. Provide training on multiple crops cultivation method within a little time
- c. Provide machienary support for bed pluster, stripe tillage, ripper machiene etc
- d. Market justification
- e. Market linkage with the farmers
- f. Field Day Observance



**Field day observation with the participation of farmers**



**Maize and Potato is cultivating in same land**



**High quality papaya plant**



**Vegetable field under CIMMYT project**

**Description of cultivated crops:**

Crops Name	Total Land	Total Farmers	Production cost	Selling price	Surplus
Maize	61.74 Bigha	65	457791	1042392	584605
Sweet maize	44 Bigha	6	10270	18085	9065
Joint crops	67.5 Bigha	14	22390	73034	46542
Wheat	14.29 Bigha	15	78659	203786	125127

**8. Micro Credit Project:**

From 2000 AD, USS has started the micro credit functions for the under privileged and deprived women of the society. Through the microcredit support the marginalized poor and hardcore poor people especially women used for handicrafts, small business like shari, garments, vegetables curry business etc. Through the support the deprived women are self dependent and use money for IGA purpose.

**Activities:**

- To increase the social awareness of the members
- Strengthening the skill development and rights through training
- Providing training on agriculture, small enterprise, group management etc to the members
- To create awareness on the adverse effect of dowry system, sexual harassment, polygamy, early marriage, human trafficking etc.

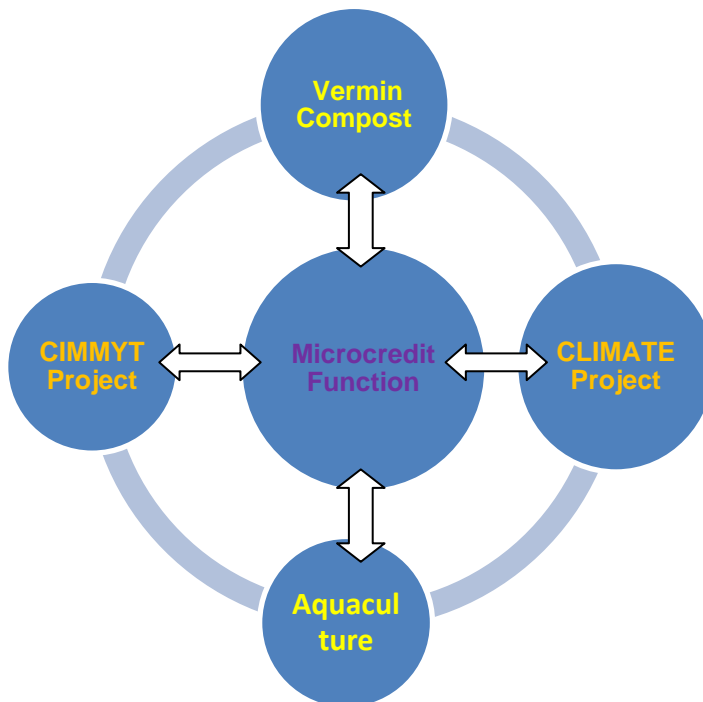
During reporting period the bellow mentioned microcredit functions have been completed.

Total Groups	Total Members	Total Loanee	Total Savings	Total disbursed amount	Total Realization including service charge	Total Balance	Realization rate (%)
39	783	662	2419780	87782000	81642673	6139327	98.4%

**Changes:**

- a. Increased the social awareness of the members
- b. Increased the capacity of members through IGA training
- c. Increased the awareness about sexual harassment, dowry, early marriage etc
- d. Increased the financial solvency at HHs level
- e. Increased the capacity in decision making of women at HHs level

The diagram shows the relationship between Agriculture and Microcredit:



**Vermin Compost/ Earth Warm Compost:**

The standard quality materials are very needed for the better agriculture. As a result, the production will be increased and the soil condition will be unmerged. For this reason USS provides suggestion to the farmers for cultivation in an organic way through the vermin compost using less chemical pesticides. Recently USS conducted training on vermin compost to the farmers. In that case farmers will produce homestead vegetables and earn money by selling this compost. They will be financially solvency. By using compost manure the land fertility will be increased and lasting longer.

**CIMMYT Project:**

The main objective of this project is to produce multiple crops in the same land through the organic way. For this purpose USS disbursed loan for increasing food security with a view to financial solvency of the women farmers.

**CLIMATE Project:**

This project is implemented in the Aila affected areas, Sutarkhali and Kamarkhola Union of Dacope upazila. Under this project there are 26 Reflect Circle members created the savings fund and purchased 2 power tillers for irrigation for earning in the rainy season. They also prepare the Keora prickles, mele (mat stick) cultivation and local garments business. For this purpose, a few female members have taken loan from USS.

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