

Report

On

30 Years Celebration of Action Aid Bangladesh



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Introduction:

Action Aid (AA) came to Bangladesh in 1983 through orphanage functions. It has become now a relatively important player of the vibrant NGO movement that seeks to fight poverty in the country. Action Aid Bangladesh (AAB) is committed to changing the capacities of people and groups whose rights have been denied and violated in attaining justice and a life of dignity. Action Aid Bangladesh (AAB) also assists efforts and builds capacities of actors of civil society and partner organizations that we believe are engaged in safeguarding and promoting people's rights.

From 1983 to 2014, 30 years is the milestone and distinctive path to improve the community's rights and dignity. AAB performed aggregate number of activities through partners' organizations which are performing as an anchor in the different places in the country. So, to cover the remembrance within a mirror frame AAB along with partners organizations celebrate 30 years colorfully of AAB organizing a series of programs

AAB partners organization e.g. **USS, DRRRA, JSS, Shushilan, Wave Foundation, Rupayan, AVASH, Dalit, Bhumija Foundation and IRV** of Khulna and Barishal Division celebrated 30 years at Zia Hall, Shib Bari More, KCC, Khulna dated 25 October 2014. The theme of celebrating 30 years is ***"United against poverty and injustice."*** Before 30 years celebrating AAB and partners organization members organized a series programs at field and district levels through indoor roundtable discussion meeting, press conference etc. In line with this, participating organizations and AAB celebrated 30 years at divisional level for a day long events e.g. discussion meeting, rally, feelings sharing, cultural programs with the active participation of the stakeholders and staff of the partners organization, journalists, professionals, civil society, country lead politician, govt. high officials and media. The large majority of the participants were the young generation including the beneficiaries of the partners' organization.

Meanwhile it has come to an existence as a successful organization in terms of practitioner and incorporates with partner organizations related issues and policy advocacy at community as well as national level.

Following events are carried out at divisional level in collaboration with partner organization and their stakeholders.

Discussion Meeting:

A viable discussion meeting was conducted at Zia Hall premises with colorful stage. Mr. Moniruzzaman, Hon'able Mayor of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) was the chief guest in the chair, As a special guest Mr. Alhaz Mizanur Rahman, MP, Khulna-2, Farah Kabir, Country Director of AAB and Executive directors of different organizations were present. Mr. Ashok Kumar Datta, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Khulna division was presided over the chair.. Assistant Professor Dr. Mukarram Hossen presented the key note paper on the topics of "The River and Beel Protection for lives" and Mr. Mustafa Nuruzzaman, ED of Shushilan carried out the meeting as a moderator.

Mr. Muniruzzaman, Hon'able Mayor of KCC as a chief guest said, "We have to work for the improvement of the coastal belt vulnerable people because they are hunted by the negative impact of climate change as well as the disruption situation of the disasters." He also said, "For this reason the government should take the multiplied plan."

Mr. Alhaz Mizanur Rahman Mizan, MP, Khulna-2 as a special guest said, "The Awami League Govt. is working for the vulnerable people who are deprived from all sorts of amenities." He also said, "For raising the living standards of the poor people NGOs have to perform the interventions as a helping hand of the govt."

Rally:

A colorful rally was started at 12.00 a.m. from Zia Hall and touched at Dak Bangla More, Royal More, Moylapota More and then ended at Zia Hall. Before starting rally the Mayor of KCC, inaugurated the functions through flying balloons with 30 years logo. The rally was lead by the Hon'able Mayor of KCC. The govt. high officials, partners NGOs participants were also present.

Feelings sharing:

After lunch a feeling sharing sessions were conducted where the participants of the partners organization shared their feelings with voice raising. Total ten participants from different partners organization were participated in the feelings sharing. Fatima Perveen, Upazila Mohila Vice Chairman, Patharghata of Shushilan area said, "From the back pushing to ahead by AAB I am a Fatima, Upazila Vice Chairman. I am working with SVAW committee. I am a member also there. As a women leader I am working to stop violence against women and children and in future will do the work seriously." She thanked to AAB for her invitation as a participant."

Cultural Program:

In the last a colorful enjoyment cultural program was conducted where USS cultural team performs there. Mr. Shekander Ali, the main vocal performs own written song on of present environment. The audience heard the songs and enjoyed.

Media coverage:

The print and electronic media were given extra concentration to the event. The daily newspaper published special feature and column. Different channels broadcasted news on discussions and rally.

Snaps and snippets of the event:



