

## Half-Yearly Activity and Performance Report

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### **Title of the Projects:**

***Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for Distressed and Rootless Women  
Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase)***

### **Introduction:**

In 2005 SpaandanB, USA sponsored a program titled Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur. This program, other than providing livestock to the flood victims, also provided 10 rickshaws and a Rickshaw van to 11 members among 33 members organized in two Samities. As per agreement, the Samity members accumulated from their saving the cost price of the rickshaws for providing same quantity of Rickshaw to another 11 members of their Samities in 2006.

Inspired by the achievement of this program Help Rangpur was willing to initiate similar type of program for female members in its working areas. After talking to the people and assessing needs of the distressed women of the area, in 2006 Help Rangpur sent an extended Project Proposal to SpaandanB, USA to ensure IGAs for distressed and rootless women in Rangpur for their self-reliance. The program was approved by both SpaandanB and ORCA for implementation.

As per MoU signed Between SpaandanB and Help Rangpur for implementation of the above programs Help Rangpur has to send a half yearly report to SpaandanB.

### **Dates and Events:**

Dates	Events	Remarks
April 20, 2006	MoU signed between SpaandanB and Help Rangpur.	
May 07, 2006	Cheque for Taka 1, 04,450 was received from ORCA sent by SpaandanB.	
June 01 & 02, 2006	Training Centers were inaugurated at Rangpur Sadar and Gangachara for imparting sewing training to the beneficiaries.	UP member, local elite were present and the news was flashed in different national dailies.
August 07, 2006	Field visit by President of SpaandanB and ceremonial distribution of 10 rickshaws and a rickshaw van among the group members.	Mr. Iqbal Yousuf visited both the programs during his visit in Bangladesh.
August 15, 2006	Commencement of collection of installments from the Rickshaw recipients.	34 four installments have been received so far as per schedule.
September 30, 2006	Successful completion of sewing & tailoring training.	Training period was extended later from 3 months to 4 months
October 06 to 08, 2006	Hand over of 15 sewing machines among 15 beneficiaries.	
October 15, 2006	Commencement of collection of installments from the beneficiaries.	Collection is slow due to the reasons shown below.

### ***1. Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for Distressed and Rootless Women.***

As per schedule the implementation of the project IGAs for Distressed and Rootless Women at Rangpur Sadar and Gangachara was initiated with inauguration of 2 sewing and tailoring centers – one at Munshipara, Rangpur and the other at Barabil union, Gangachara, Rangpur on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 respectively.

#### **Formation of Groups (Samities):**

Three groups were formed; **Uddoyag –1** and **Uddoyag –2** at Barabil at Gangachara upazila and **Uddoyag -3** at Munshipara. Each group contains 12 members. They got sewing, cutting and tailoring training for 4 months and upon successful completion 15 members received one sewing machine each for IGAs. The remaining members are expected to receive the machines during next one year.

#### **Appointment of the Trainer:**

A potential Trainer was appointed to impart sewing, cutting and tailoring training from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006. She took training classes thrice a week in each center. The training period was later extended up to 4 months. The training period was extended from 3 months to four months due to necessity of the trainees.

#### **Inauguration of Training Centers:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> June a Sewing & Tailoring Center was inaugurated at Munshipara under Sadar upazila and on 2<sup>nd</sup> June another Training center was opened at Barabil union of Gangachara upazila in Rangpur district. Each center has two singer foot sewing machines with sewing accessories. The center at Gangachara was formally inaugurated by Mrs. Sahida Mubarak, female UP Members of ward Nos. 1, 2 and 3. A number of representatives of local government and local elite were present on the occasion. The news on inauguration of Training Centers was published in all national dailies with photographs (including colored photograph in the Daily Ittefaq on 06.06.06).

#### **Distribution of Sewing Machines:**

On October 6 to 8, 15 members (5 from each group) received a Singer sewing machine each. Other 15 beneficiaries are expected to receive them in one year time.

### ***2. Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur(2<sup>nd</sup> Phase)***

On August 07, 2006 Help Rangpur ceremonially distributed 10 Richshaws and a rickshaw van to another 11 members of two Samities, namely, **Unnayan Prochesta Akota** and **Unnayan Prochesta Samata**. On this auspicious occasion held at Dhamur Primary School Mr. Rahim Box, local UP member was present as Chief Guest. Dr. Iqbal Yousuf, President, SpaandanB was also present as Special Guest. The program was attended by local people of the area. The news on this event was published in the Daily Ittefaq with photograph.

#### **Performance Report:**

Both the programs are running well. It's worth mentioning here that the installments from Rickshaw program are being collected as per schedule. It is expected that in September next Help Rangpur will be able to provide another 11 rickshaws/van to remaining group members of **Unnayan Prochesta Akota** and **Unnayan Prochesta Samata**.

As for Sewing Machine Program collection of installment is slow due to some main reasons below:

- A sewing machine is unable to bring income to the beneficiaries worth for paying weekly installments.
- A few beneficiaries got married and shifted to husband's house and it has become difficult to trace them out and collect installments.
- Political unrest during October to December 2006.

In spite of slow collection of installments, it should be mentioned here that project objectives and out comes have been achieved to a great extent:

- The program has created self-employment to 15 distressed women.
- A few distressed beneficiaries got married and entered into family life having received a sewing machine, which would have been difficult otherwise.

**Expenditure Breakdown:**

<b>Particulars of payment</b>	<b>Unit price in BD. Taka</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Amount in Bangladesh Taka</b>
Purchase of Singer Sewing Machines	5,400.00	15	81,000.00
Trainers Salary	3,000.00	4 months	12,000.00
Purchase of sewing Accessories			2,800.00
Bank Collection Charge			202.00
Cost of documentation, traveling & conveyance and other expenses			9,050.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>105,052.00</b>

Total Expense: Taka 105,052.00 (One hundred five thousand fifty two) only.

Total Receipt: Taka 104,450.00 (One hundred four thousand four hundred fifty) only.

**Note:** Photographs and a few related documents were handed over to the Dr. Iqbal Yousuf, President of SpaandanB during his field visit in August.

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