

Annual Progress Report

January to December, 2019



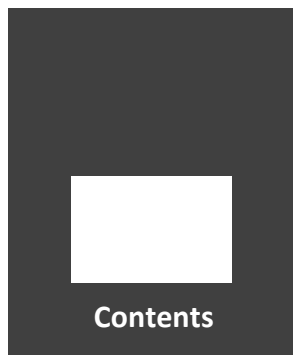
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(tireless journey towards women empowerment)

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Editorial

Khagrapur Mahila Kalyan Samity (KMKS) is devoted for the interest of the marginalized women. It has been implementing several projects and programs in last couple of decades to promote the issues of women's rights and to protect all forms of violence against women. In 2019, KMKS has successfully implemented 04 projects and involved in deferent kinds of activities. The projects implemented in 2019 were (1) Action Research for Alternative Development and Capacity Enhancement for Good Governance in CHT (ARAD-CHT) project, (2) Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project (CHTRDP-II), (3) Promoting Rights through Mobilization and Empowerment (PRiME) project and (4) Our Life, Our Health, Our Futures: Empowering Adolescent Girls and Youth Women in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

KMKS has also implemented different events relevant to the rights of women and against different forms of violence including violence against women. The activities includes collection, preservation and dissemination of information on the cases of violence against women, observation of different days, hosting different programs of Doorbar Network and Chittagong Hill Tracts Women's Resource Network, organizing meeting, workshop, seminar, rally, human chain and representing at different negotiations on VAW issues to the local and national level policy and governance bodies.

We are happy to present the Annual Report for the year 2019. The report covers our program activities implemented during 2019. We are grateful to all of our donors, partners and stakeholders for making all our activities successful through their advice, suggestion and participation.

Thank you



Shefalika Tripura
Executive Director

About KMKS

Introduction:

Khagrapur Mahila Kalyan Samity (KMKS) is a leading local development and women focal organization (NGO) at Khagrachari Hill District, came into being in 1993 with the effort of a group of local educated and dynamic like-minded social workers from the indigenous community under the guidance of Ms. Shefalika Tripura, a widely respected social worker and women rights worker of Khagrachari.

KMKS primary seeks to alleviate grinding poverty of the neglected local people by way of offering them access to a host of relieving avenues. It is relentlessly striving to find means of bailing out its indigent beneficiaries through activities like, skill training, technology transfer access to micro-credit, savings, various income generating activities and so forth. These are all aim at propelling the sidelined community people to a level of self-sustenance.

KMKS intends to bring about a positive change among the rural people of Chittagong Hill Tracts as well as in the other region of Bangladesh basing on its capacity. KMKS will try to be with the needy people irrespective of creed, color or religion. It believes and feels the need for cooperation and solidarity among all classes of people in the society for achieving our goal and objectives.

KMKS believes in non-directive, bottom up, integrated and participatory development principles and acts as a catalyst with its concerned people.

The Milestones of KMKS in history

- 1993** On 12 March Khagrapur Mahila Kalyan Samity established;
- 1999** Registration Department Women Affairs;
- 2000** 1st Project implementation “Women Empowerment project” funded by Bangladesh NariProgatiSangha;
- 2000** Involved in Durbar network, for women’s organization and women who work against violence against women, still continuing; in 2008 signed a project;
- 2001** Involved in Women Resource Network in Chittagong Hill Tracts, for women’s organization and women who work against violence against women;
- 2003** Registration of NGO- Affairs Bureau for foreign donation;
- 2004** 1st foreign donation Project Implementation on Homestead gardening project, 100 women employed, funded by DANIDA, after one year continue;
- 2004** KMKS Organized Agriculture Fair, 9 successful female farmers awarded;
- 2007** KMKS Chairperson receives national award for **delivering social service**, awarded by bimonthly magazine of ANNANYA in Bangladesh, result of Durbar network;
- 2007** Involved in SANGAT;
- 2007** Involved in Chittagong Hill Tracts Women’s Organization Network (CHTWON) and KMKS is playing as Chairperson & Secretariat Office in Khagrachari District;
- 2008** Membership of Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) and Camping for Sustainable Rural Livelihood (CSRL);
- 2010** Membership of SOPRA, Camping for Sustainable Rural Livelihood (CSRL) Gender, Tamak Birodhi Nari Joot and Nari Grantha Prabartana;

Legal Status:

- a) Directorate of Women Affairs registration no- Khagra-23/99, date- 08/04/1999.
- b) Foreign Donation registration no- 1894 date- 13/12/2003.

Date of establishment:

KMKS established on 12th March 1993 at Khagrapur village of Sadar Upazilla under Khagrachari Hill District.

Vision:

Establishment of poverty-free and equal society in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Mission:

Establishment of the poor and vulnerable people, especially the women and children in the society, setting them in the main stream of development and empowering them through promoting their socio-economic and cultural status, capability, and establishing a self-sustenance society.

Goal:

Establishing the poor and vulnerable people, especially the women and children in the society, setting them in the main stream of development and their empowerment through promoting their socio-economic and cultural status, capability and establishing a self-sustaining women development program.



Objectives:

Ensure education, primary health care, family welfare, water & sanitation and such other measures for the common mass to attain a healthy living pattern.

- I. Awareness build-up on mother and child health's.
- II. Pave ways for the local young, widows and separated women self-employment by initiating affordable technical training, entrepreneurship and other micro-enterprises.
- III. Improve the women's role in family as well as in society i.e. planning, decision making etc.
- IV. Work intensely to retain and preserve the age-old indigenous knowledge, culture and wisdom.
- V. Play a role towards ensures the sustainable and eco-friendly development.
- VI. Partnering other development organization & women focal organization



1. Action Research For Development in Chittagong Hill Tracts CHT) and Capacity enhancement of CHT NGOs

Reporting Period: January to December 2029

Background of the Project:

This project is aimed to contribute to the implementation of the PRSP 2 and Vision 2021. The project activities are directly and indirectly related with the national plans.

Project Goal:

The long term development goal of this project is to achieve a prosperous, self-reliant, self governed and just society where the CHT people can live with peace and dignity.

The specific project objectives are:

- The villagers of 27 villages revised their long term development plans and implemented the activities under the plans.
- Advocacy initiatives of civil society representatives (including women and youths) for strengthening effort to establishing effective mechanism of accountability for good governance, gender justice, societal peace and harmony, Climate change and biodiversity, is coordinated and strengthened.

Project Area: Khagrachari Sadar Upazilla under Khagrachari hill district, Rangamati & Bilaichari upazila under Rangamati hill district and bandarban sadar, royanchari & naikhyangchari upzila under Bandarban hill district and Dhaka.

Project Budget: 1,50,92,919/= (In Words: One Crore Fifty Lac Ninety Two Thousands Nine Hundred Nineteen Taka Only)

Donor: Bread for the World, Germany.

QUANTITATIVE STATEMENT of 2019

Sl. No.	Activity	Targeted	Achieved	Output/Remark
A.	Action Research For Alternative Development			
A1	Learning and reflection sessions (including villagers conference)	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A capacity building training was held on leadership development for village youth leaders. • A awareness raising workshop are held on

				<p>SDG and gender with the village community leaders from 8 villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 learning and reflection workshop was held with staff of alternative development component and with youth of 7 villages on leadership role of youth on model village development. 												
A2	Exposure visit for villagers	1	1	<p>With the women leaders of 7 villages from women organization get together at horticulture park of khagrachari at 15 December 2019 for sharing their experience on the organization development and playing role on leadership. A total of 50 women participants attend the program. District level women leaders of WRN are also share their experience.</p>												
B	Societal Peace and harmony															
B1	District level dialogue/meeting/workshop /learning sessions	7	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is held on 24 October 2019 with the villagers of Chotabari para. Total participants: 86, Male: 67, female: 38 4 workshop are held on SDG and Gender, SDG and Climate change at Hotel Gairing , Ecochori at December 2019 												
B2	LCP Orientation/Refreshers workshops with Staff and Partner Organization	2	2	<p>2 lcp orientation training was held on this year:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>participants</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Venue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>24-25 March 2019</td> <td>Kmks staff and executive members</td> <td>18</td> <td>KMKS hall room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19-20/11/2019</td> <td>orientation for new project staff of kmks, TUs and ZKS</td> <td>22</td> <td>Hotel Gairing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	participants	Total	Venue	24-25 March 2019	Kmks staff and executive members	18	KMKS hall room	19-20/11/2019	orientation for new project staff of kmks, TUs and ZKS	22	Hotel Gairing
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D.	Gender Justice															
D1	Workshop and training for women	2	5	<p>5 training workshop was held for women leader enhancing their capacity on planning on VAW protection, Financial policy development for WRN, VAW situation analysis etc. A total 116 participants attend the training workshop among them 103 are female and 13 are male.</p>												
D2	Rally/Human Chain/awareness	2	6	<p>The project has supported to organize programe /activities such as day observations</p>												

	raising activities			i.e. 21 February, 8 March, 15 October, 25 November, 9 December, and awareness session for early child marriage and violence against women. A total of 5 programmes have conducted in this period. The activities include human chain and discussion meetings on the each of the days.
D4	Legal aid, Media, Medical, Counseling, Civil Society Mobilization and other services	20	10	The project has supported 5 victims of VAW for legal aid, medical and visited 5 victim for counseling and data collocation
D5	District level Monthly Coordination Meeting / Workshop of Women Leaders	3	9	The project has supported coordination of the women leaders in Khagrachari district. 9 meetings were organized under this activity. A total 128 women leaders participated the meetings. Main topics of the meeting include situation update on VAW, planning and follow up for the VAW cases etc. Major agenda of the meetings were as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting from upzilla advocacy groups and their activities. 2. Celebration of national and international days i.e. 15 October (International rural women day) 25 November (protection of VAW day, 30 November (Asian Women day) etc. 3. Analysis of the situation of VAW in khagrachari district and upzilla level with advocacy group. 4. Activity plan for district and upzilla level.
D6	Women Assembly	1	1	Women assembly organized in Khagrachari on 28 May 2016. A total of 220 participants participated in the women assembly among them 135 female and 85 male.
E	Action Research For Alternative Development			
E1	Meetings/Group visits	36	42	42 meetings /village visits were conducted in 07 villages. A total of 742 participants participated

				in these meetings. Among them 305 female and 437 male. Major agendas of the meetings were: preparation for women leadership development training, planning for book collection for library, preparatory meeting for visioning workshop of women organization. Discussion of child health and decoration of resource center. Preparation of day observation for 15 October, inauguration of library and cultural center, preparatory meeting of visit for deputy secretary of cht ministry, follow up for psp review planning workshop, meeting on training for art and language learning, monthly savings collection and open for account. Update data collection from village. Weaving group and Sumchanai for preparation for workshop on weaving and regular meeting on village development, rice fund, village gate and signboard, free coaching for primary students etc.
E2	Workshops/Event visits	42	35	35 workshop conducted in this year, total 981 participants among them 542 are female and 441 are male participants village level workshop have done on women leadership and organization development, art exhibition on sajano gosano gram, 5 years activity plan review, library and cultural center development,
F	Climate change and Biodiversity			
F1	Poster publication	1	1	1 poster has published on international mother language day
F2	Project proposal writing workshop	1	1	3 days long workshop was conducted at kmks head office hall room for next project activities design on 25-27 December 2020, a total of 23 participants participated at the workshop among them 7 are female and 16 are male participants.

Challenges and learning of the project:



The Project is running to develop value and culture based model village since 2011 in Khagrachari District aiming to promote sustainable economic system, environment friendly development in CHT. The project team faces some of the following challenges;

- Developing ownership of the village development initiatives of the villagers i.e. village vision and development plan.
- Participation of all villagers in village development activities.
- Facilitating village organizations for raising fund for implementation the village plan.
- Motive the community for collective work.
- Developing women leadership and their participation in village development work.
- Increase of youth participation in village development work.
- Resolving the conflict of village leadership.
- Empowering village organizations for effective implementation of the village plans.
- Addressing the patriarchal attitudes of the society and leadership to the women leadership and gender stereotypes.
- Increase facilitation capacity of the village leadership to involve in model village development activities.
- To implement the planned activities in the working area because of ngo bureau approval timely.

Learning:

- By forming women organization and implementing their planned activities the women's are being active for playing leadership role in the villages and self economic activities.
- The process and project of ARAD-CHT, village leaders are monitoring the all activities of sub village organization.
- The youth organization are keeping important role in village development plan implementation.

Photos of activities:

1. Capacity building workshop for women leaders	
2. LCP Orientation for staff	

<p>3. Human Chin on 25 November</p>	
<p>4. Exposure visit for women leaders of villages</p>	
<p>5. Village level Workshop on planning, environment, VAW</p>	

2. Promoting Rights through Mobilization and Empowerment (PRiME)

Development Goal: The Project contributes to promote gender justice in society.

Objective-1: Increased activism of grassroots women and youth organization in establishing their due rights.

Objective- 2: Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G) reported.

Duration of the project: July 2018 to June 2021

Working Area: Khagrachari hill district.

Donor/fund Source: Bred for the world, Germany (lead by BNPS)



Project Budget: 866,698/- (In Words: Eight Lac Sixty Six Thousands Six Hundred Ninety Eight Only)

Activity of the Project:

- District level sharing meeting on study findings with CHT women’s activist and related stakeholders of CHT.
- Meeting for District Activist Forum involving representative of indigenous community, youth and women leaders and Lawyers.
- Training on Human Rights-based Advocacy for the members of activist forum.
- Training on Gender and Leadership development for women representative of customary institutions.
- Lobby Meetings with influential with Circle chiefs, Headman, District Council, Women forums and local elites for reviewing customary laws in CHT.
- Campaign for reviewing customary law, stop VAW and early marriage, marriage registration etc.



3. Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project (CHTRDP-II)

Project Objectives: The Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- Increasing Awareness & Facilitating in preparation and implementation of community projects;
- Creating scope for the empowerment of the local communities through increasing participation of the grass-root communities in the existing development facilities.

Project Period: 24 December 2013 to 23 December 2019.

Project Budget: 59,48,241 Taka (In words: Fifty Nine Lac Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty One Taka Only)

Source of Fund: Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs People’s Republic of Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project is lead by Trinamul Unnayan Sangstha.

Project Area: Mahalchari & Khagrachari Sadar Upazila under Khagrachari Hill District.

A. QUANTITATIVE STATEMENT:

Sl. No.	Activity	Targeted	Achieved
1	Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Training	12	13
2	Meeting on PDC	60	70
3	Distribution Agriculture Equipment (power Tiller, Power Pump)	07	07

B. QUALITATIVE STATEMENT:

- 1. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Training:** In 2019 our target was 13 Paras. Total 325 members (Male 175 & Female 150) attended the training. In this training, there were Open Discussion about the Intervention, developing village social maps, Van Diagrams and Communication Map. The duration of the training was 4 days.
- 2. Meeting with Para Development Committee:** In 2019 our target was 60 but we have conducted 70 meetings. Total 1075 members (male 710 & female 365) participated in the meetings. The meetings aimed to raise awareness about operation and maintenances of shallow Tube-well, Deep Set Tube-well, Irrigation Canal, Foot Bridge, Stair, Access Road, and Culvert to the members of the PDCs. Moreover, the meetings also aimed to assist the PDCs to identify their own problems in conducting community consultation. The PDCs are also oriented about the project objectives and their roles in the project. The staff also conducted training to PDCs on Organization and Program management and facilitated PDCs on LCS (Labor Constructing Society) formation and management. The staff also conducted developing village profile, village mapping, problem analysis and village feasibility study. PDCs also assisted in selection and prioritization of subprojects/interventions. KMKS also supported the PDC in implementing and monitoring subprojects/interventions, conduct training on Operational & Maintenances of water supply system and supported to identify capacity gaps of the PDC and organize need-based training. Finally, KMKS also monitor the activities and subproject/interventions management by the PDC.
- 3. Agriculture Equipment Distribution:** A total of 250 households are directly benefited through these equipment. It becomes helpful to cultivate in time through the agriculture equipment.



PRA Training



PDC Sustainable Meeting



Agriculture Equipment Distribution & Maintenance Training

Safety Drinking Water for Project Beneficiaries



4. Our Lives Our Health Our Futures (OLHF) Empowering adolescent girls and young women In Chittagong Hill Tracts to live with dignity and without violence

1. Background:

The forgotten conflict in the isolated Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) area of Bangladesh gravely affects the lives of the indigenous Jummas (11 ethno-linguistically and religiously diverse people). Traditional patriarchal social structures in CHT severely disadvantage women and girls, and restrict their bodily and sexual autonomy. Together with the prolonged conflict, this increases their exposure to sexual violence and assault, making CHT highly relevant for interventions to promote gender equality and women and girls' empowerment. Building on over 30 years' experience working on community health in Bangladesh, Simavi and co-applicant BNPS have designed Our Lives, Our Health, Our Futures (Our LHF) to promote gender equality and women and girl's empowerment in CHT.

2. About the programme

The programme "Our Lives, our Health, our Futures"(OLHF) is designed to holistically support the empowerment of young women and adolescent girls and target key gatekeepers and service providers in order to foster an enabling environment. Simavi and BNPS will provide organisational, technical and financial support to local CSOs to strengthen their capacity to address the needs and rights of young women and adolescent girls, specifically in relation to their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV).

3. **Project Period:** August 2019 to December, 2023 (4 years 5 months)

4. **Reporting Period:** January to December 2019

5. **Project Goal:** The expected Goal of the project is to enable and support young women and adolescent girls from Marginalize (indigenous) peoples/ groups in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh to transition into adult womanhood with dignity, and bodily and sexual autonomy, without violence, coercion and/or discrimination.

6. Project objectives: The specific objectives of the project are-

- a. Local CSOs have strengthened their technical, methodological, financial and administrative capacity to effectively respond to the SRHR needs of young women and adolescent girls and foster their rights to live free from violence, coercion and discrimination.
- b. Young women and adolescent girls from marginalize groups are empowered to make free and informed decisions about their SRHR (and are supported to do so), free of violence, coercion and discrimination.

7. **Donor:** Simavi (Lead by Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha)

8. **Total Budget allocation:** 258, 89,313.00 (Two crore fifty eight lac eighty nine thousand three hundred thirteen only)

9. **Working Area:** Mahalchari & Guimara Upazilla under Khagrachari Hill District

10. Targeted Beneficiaries:

The targeted beneficiaries are 1200 young women and adolescent girls (10-25 years), 1200 mothers and 2400 men and boys or Guardian of 1200 young women and girls. The details beneficiaries' information bases on union are following-

Upazila	Union	10-12 years adolescent girls and young women	Mother/ Mothers in law	Fathers/Fathers in law	Mentors	Total
Mahlachari upazila	1 No Mahalchari Sadar union	200	200	400	5	805
	2 no Mobachari union	280	280	560	7	1127
	3 No Kayanghat union	120	120	240	3	483
	4 No Maischari union	200	200	400	5	805
Guimara upazila	1 no Guimara Sadar union	80	80	160	2	322
	2 no Halfchari union	120	120	240	3	483
	3 no Sindukchari union	200	200	400	5	805
In total =		1200	1200	2400	30	4830

11. Quantitative Statement from January to December 2019

Sl. No	Activity	Achievement
1.	Staff Recruitment	01
2.	Staff Capacity Building Training	01
3.	Staff Coordination Meeting	03
4.	Logistics Purchase for Project Operations	01 set
5.	Focus Group discussions (age group 10 to 14 years, 15 to 19 years and 19 to 25 years)	03
6.	Mothers Group Meeting	01
7.	Fathers Group Meeting	01
8.	Data Collection on Present Situation of women & Girls	34
9.	Union Level data Collection on Education institution, Service Provider Organization, Community Leaders, Religious leaders	07
10.	Toilet Mapping	101 institutions
11.	Data collection on Upazilla level Government and Non-government service provider	21 institutions

Photos of Activity:



Village Level Meeting



Data Collection on Present Situation of women & Girls



Union Level data Collection on Education institution, Service Provider Organization, Community Leaders, Religious leaders



Data collection on Upazilla level Government and Non-government service provider

Non-Project Activities of KMKS

- 1. Day Observation:** We do celebrate several International and National day in every year. These are 21 February International Mother language Day, 08 March International Women day, 5 June International Environment day, 15 October International Rural Women's



Day, 25 November International Day of Violence Against Women, 9 December Begum Rokeya Day and 10 December International Human Rights day. And we also celebrate The Indigenous Cultural festival, BOISABI to practices and preserve our own culture.

- 2. KMKS anniversary celebration:**

On 12 March 2019, KMKS has celebrated its 25th anniversary with a colorful rally, meetings, honoring successful women and followed by cultural programme. The program was started in the morning around 09:00 Am inaugurated by the Khagrachari Hill District Council Chairman Mr. Kongjori Chowdhury. After the rally the discussion meeting was addressed by the honorable Chairman of the Taskforce of Refugee welfare Mr. Kujendralal Tripura as the Chief Guest and Khagrachari District Regional Commander, Superintendent of police of khagrachari district and women leaders of Khagrachari hill district council. The programme was attended by members, staff and beneficiaries of the KMKS along with other civil society actors of the district.



Conclusion:

KMKS has implemented the projects titled Action Research for Alternative Development and Capacity Enhancement for Good Governance in CHT, Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project (CHTRDP-II), Promoting Rights through Mobilization and Empowerment (PRiME) and Non Formal Primary Education in Khagrachari Hill District. It has successfully conducted awareness raising training, motivational training and frequent monitoring/supervising visit. Beside this KMKS have been implementing its own programme on gender and very focus on VAW activities among the coordination with CHT Women Resource Network and Doorber Network Karmasuchi in national level. KMKS has tried to help the victims to get best aid providing them the Local Government Administration and other non-government organization who are providing legal aid support.

KMKS has been maintain/continuing a warm friendly relationship among all of its donors, beneficiaries and stakeholders as regular communication by this year.

KMKS believed that development programs should be based on the ideas and existing knowledge of the concern communities, that's why it has a tireless journey to achieve a holistic and sustainable change in the socio-economic development of this region.

