

Community-Based Inclusive Child Protection: Strengthening Caregiver Support, Community Engagement and Well-being of Children with Disabilities in Bangladesh



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Background & Challenges

(Based on the UNICEF Funded project)

- Children with disabilities face higher risks of abuse, neglect, and exclusion.
- Poverty, communication barriers, and limited mobility increase vulnerability.
- Lack of knowledge on disability inclusion among front line worker, caregivers.
- Children with disabilities have low resilience to protect themselves from violence.
- Caregivers sometimes don't disclose the issue of sexual abuse to their children.

Caregiver Empowerment



- Awareness on child rights, disability inclusion, SEA.
- Psychosocial counselling and livelihood grants to strengthen family resilience.
- Positive parenting reduces the risk of violence.
- Strengthening knowledge on early identification and intervention.

Community-Based Protection



- Disability-Inclusive Community-Based Child Protection Committee(CBCPC).
- Disability Inclusive Child Welfare Board.
- Identification and referral of at-risk children including girls with disabilities.
- Awareness campaigns and home visits.
- Support for referral, inclusive education etc.
- Knowledge building of teachers.

Strengthening Government Actors



- Training social workers on disability-inclusive case management.---CSPB & APC
- Coordination among social services, law enforcement, and judicial systems.
- Capacity building of Child Helpline 1098 staff on disability
- Disability Inclusive Child Affairs Desk at Police Station
- Disability Inclusive Children's Courts
- Victim Support Centre-Limited accessibility, Specialized staff shortage, lack of awareness

Strengthening DRPCs



- Awareness among DRPCs members on the protection of children with disabilities.
- Orientation on legal mandates based on UNCRPD and RPPD Act.
- Joint workshops with DSS ,local government and OPDs.
- Disability-sensitive data and monitoring.
- Enhanced accountability and capacity.

Child Well-being



- Art, music, and sports for emotional well-being.
- Disability Inclusive Child Protection Community Hubs (CPCHs).--APC
- Improved confidence, participation, and school engagement.
- Stronger community–government coordination.
- Resilience Building of children with disabilities
- Vocational training and light employment for adolescent with disabilities

Conclusion

- The CSID–UNICEF experience shows that coordinated, inclusive systems can ensure safety, dignity, and participation for children with disabilities that reduce the risk of violence.
- Mass awareness on disability inclusive child protection system.
- Inclusive child protection is strongest when caregivers, communities, and institutions work together.



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