

## Ashshash: For Men and Women Who Have Escaped Trafficking



Annual Report 2021

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**PART ONE: (01 Page)**

Implementing Organization: Rights Jessore	Winrock International
Project Name: Ashshash	Type of Report: Annual Report
	Reporting Period: January 01 to December 31 2021
Phase Duration: 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022	Receiver of the Report: Winrock International
<p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Data/information of the project (<i>Project objectives, target, geographical location, and services for target beneficiaries</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Goal:</b> Restoring Dignity, Well-Being and Self-Sufficiency for Men and Women Who have Escaped Trafficking.</p> <p><b>Project Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Men and women who have escaped trafficking improve their social and economic well being by using services for reintegration.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Institutions are made more accountable and effective in providing services beneficial to men and Women who have escaped Trafficking.</li> </ul> <p><b>Target beneficiaries:</b> 600 Survivor (female-420, male-180)</p> <p>Working District: Allocated upazilas (Monirampur, Avoy Nagar, Bagherpara and partial part of Jashore sadar and Keshabpur) of Jashore district</p> <p>Working area for awareness program: 5 unions under Monirampur upazila such as Hori Nagar, Rohita, Monohorpur, Khedapara and Kashimnagar. Another 2 unions under Keshobpur upazila which are Sagordari and Mongolcoat.</p> <p>Total number of staff: 7 (1 male staff has drop out, including him total 8) staff (Male-4 &amp; Female-3)</p> <p>Services for the targeted beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provide psychosocial counselling support to women survivors directly and provide referrals by other service providers for male beneficiaries.</li> <li>➤ Ensure comprehensive services including psychosocial counselling, legal aid, health care, skills development and job placement through direct and referral mechanisms by a systematic and authentic case management Plan.</li> <li>• Main results achieved and implementation performance of the project /program (<i>Key results and main performance were achieved in the period-Bullet Point</i>)</li> <li>➤ Enrolled survivors are now able to overcome mental depression through Psycho-social counseling support by the project trained counselors.</li> </ul> </p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Survivors are able to make decisions in their personal, family and professional life.</li><li>➤ Survivors have grown the capabilities to make decision to build themselves up as skilled human resources by taking skill development training from Training Service Providers.</li></ul> <p>CTIP Activist are working as volunteers to prevent human trafficking, aware safe migration and link survivors to service providers for ensuring different support for the survivors as well as providing information about survivors for their identification and link with the project.</p>	
Date of Report: 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	Name of Signature of person responsible  Md. Badsha Miah Project Coordinator- Ashshash Rights Jessore, Jashore

## Chapter I: (Maximum 01 Page)

### I.1. Introduction

#### Short description of the project/programme and its intervention strategy

The project “Ashshash: For Men and Women Who Have Escaped Trafficking” work in partnership with public and private sector service providers to deliver counselling, legal services and economic empowerment support to men and women who have escaped trafficking. This 04 (Four) year project is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and supported by Winrock International. Rights Jessore started the journey of Ashshash Project from November 2019 to implement the project.

#### Intervention Strategy:

- Close collaboration, cooperation and partnership with other GO, NGOs and relevant service providing agencies
  - Encourage social volunteerism and engage as change agent from the stakeholders like Peer leader, CTC, local influential with the implementation
  - Effective referral mechanism
  - Make community people, stake holder and CTIP activist aware on identification of trafficked survivors and implementation of awareness events.
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#### Key Activities during the reporting period (Bullet Points)

- Survivor Identification and enrollment
- Survivor verification
- Psychosocial Counseling (In person and Family)
- Survivor Follow up
- Counseling satisfaction follow-up
- Case management with documentation
- Community Counseling session
- Ensuring Health care support through referral

- Provide legal aid support to survivors through referral
  - Provide Ready to Go certificate to survivors
  - Completed Need assessment process
  - Interactive session organized with youth and CBO
  - Bi Monthly Coordination Meeting organized for CTIP Activists
  - Training of CTIP Activist on facilitation, communication, survivor reintegration & advocacy
  - Refresher training of CTIP activist
  - Interactive session with potential migrants at TTC
  - Dialogue with law enforcement & media
  - Develop and update district level directory
  - Coordination meeting with service providers
  - Dialogue with UP CTC for allocating budget
  - Community awareness session (POT/Puppet)
  - School/Madrasha/College session (TIE/TFD)
  - Awareness raising event at educational institution on TIP & safe migration issues
  - Different day observation like international women's day, World Day against trafficking in person, international migrants' day and also observation of 16 days activism on prevention of gender-based violence
  - Follow up conducted with Survivors during Skills Training
  - Follow up conducted with Survivors during OJT
  - Joint follow-up with survivors during self & wage employment
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#### Local context (Risks and opportunities outside of the control of the project)

- Human Trafficking/Vocational Skills training/Employment/Business

The COVID-19 has indeed caused some great damage to the economy of Bangladesh and slowed down the socio-economic development of Bangladesh. And due to COVID, the livelihood situation of migrant workers and trafficking survivors are not well. They are discriminated in accessing emergency aid during COVID-19 situation, limited safety net programs in rural areas, among other factors, caused severe food insecurity potentially having adverse short-term and long-term impacts on the health and wellbeing of them which has increased the rate of human trafficking and gender-based violence.

Though project has created different scope for them like organizing vocational skill training, Entrepreneurship training and linkage to organizing capital, employment opportunities but all these initiatives are not working well. There are different reasons behind these for instance those who have received business orientation can't start their business due to capital. Survivors want jobs in their locality but at this stage it is also difficult to manage. Male survivors don't want to spend much time in training as most of them are only earning members of their family and they earned more in a day rather than what they received conveyance allowance from training. However, the organization and the entire Ashshash team are working

hard to remove the loopholes of the project and improving the social and economic well-being of project beneficiaries (trafficking survivors) by using direct assistance provided by the project.

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- Political and or current situation (COVID-19)

The new Omicron variant of the coronavirus has been detected in Bangladesh and it is a wake-up call for all of us. The new variant has been spreading more quickly from the last month of the year. The last one months it covers 60 countries. The situation in our neighboring country India is not good, which is grappling with an outbreak of omicron, as a worrying sign for Bangladesh and specially in Jashore as it is a bordering area. The government of Bangladesh has taken necessary steps to prevent the highly contagious new Covid-19 African variant Omicron. The authority has expanded testing facilities and issued a number of guidelines to be maintained across the country to tackle new covid variants. Among these Covid-19 tests within 48 hours and mandatory 14 days quarantine is must for those who are coming from Omicron infected countries. On the same side, rapid vaccination has started in all over Bangladesh which will be the best remedy to contain the spread of coronavirus. The people of Jashore especially human trafficking survivors and returnee migrants are passing very crucial financial crises due to pandemic COVID-19. But it is true that we didn't know when the situation will improve completely. It has not been possible to avoid the huge influx of people especially in the town area.

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## Chapter 2: (Maximum 2 Pages)

### *Overall progress on outcomes (Description of achievement reflecting qualitative and quantitative dimensions)*

Outcome 1: Men and women who have escaped trafficking improve their social and economic well-being by using services for reintegration (*Please see the outcome indicators in the Log Frame to link the results*)

- Within this year 2021, identification and Enrollment of 186 survivors (male-114, female-72) following case management process.
  - Counseled to 194 (male-109, female-85) individual survivors and in year a total of 169 family of the survivors received family counseling where there 659 (male-260 & female-399) family members of the survivor attended.
  - No. of 155 (male-76, female-79) survivors have been given 'Ready to Go' Certificate for economic empowerment process within this entire period
  - Training Need Assessment of 133 survivors has been completed within this year (male-61, female-72).
  - 28 survivors received EDT (male-17, female-11) and skill 28 (male-14, female-14) in this reporting period No. of 6 survivors (male-3, female-3) are continuing their skill training in different trades.
  - No. of 25 survivors (male-12, female-13) have been placed jobs considering their skills. Another 28 survivors are on self-employment.
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Outcome 2: Institutions are made more accountable and effective in providing services beneficial to men and women who have escaped trafficking (*Please see the outcome indicators in the Log Frame to link the results*)

- Coordination meeting with service providers is an ongoing activity.
  - Through the coordination meeting service providers from GO and NGO level have sensitized to support trafficking survivors.
  - Providing health and legal aid service become easier to targeted survivors through signing MoU with the service providers.
  - CTIP Activist are working as volunteers to prevent human trafficking, aware safe migration and link survivors to service providers for ensuring different support for the survivors as well as providing information about survivors for their identification and link with the project.
  - The community as well as UP CTC playing their roles to support survivors after completion of Interactive session with youth & CBO and dialogue with UP CTC for budget allocation for trafficking and migration issues.
  - Communication with different service providers from district to community level is continuing as an ongoing process so that access to health as well as legal aid services can be ensured to the survivors.
  - District directory update workshop organized through joint effort from all partners of Ashshash-Jashore with the listed service providing organizations both GO & NGO part
  - A copy of service directory provided to all service providers so that they can use it and be supportive easily to the survivors.
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### Chapter 3: Outputs and Activities Performance (Maximum 3 Pages) (Summary of each output delivery based on a comparison with the planned activities, Implementation constraints / challenges and way to overcome them/contingency plan)

Output 1.1: Men and Women (and their families) who have escaped trafficking are counselled psychosocially (*Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan*)

(Example structure)

- Survivor enrolment into skills/EDT training:
- Continuation of skills/EDT training, OJT and employment
- Contracts/Challenges of activities:
- Way to overcome:
- ❖ In this reporting period, identification and Enrollment of 186 survivors (male-113, female-73) following case management process. After dropped out of 69 survivors for different reasons, the active survivors are 300 (male-204, female-96) ends of the year.
- ❖ Counseled to 194 individual survivors (male-109, female-85) and in this period a total 169 families of the survivors received family counseling where there 659 (male-260, female-399) family members of the survivor attended.
- ❖ No. of 5 community counseling session held within the period where 103 community people (male-35, female-68) from different level and category participated in these sessions.



#### Implementation contracts/Challenges:

- In some cases, survivors have felt helpless in the long lockdown because many of their families have no fixed income system. Many are in debt. They do not want to be enrolled to Ashshash as the focus is on earning income under family pressure whenever the lockdown ends mid time of the quarter.
- Some female survivors are not willing to be enrolled in project due to the restriction from their husband or guardian. And this impact negatively to achieve male-female ratio and also to overall target.
- Family counseling is a big challenge as most of the family members are engaged in their everyday work.
- Some survivors missed the schedule of counseling. So, time was being wasted. Needed to reschedule for conducting of the session. So, this impact to overall achievement of target.
- Most of the cases, the field environments were not suitable for the counseling session.

#### Way to overcome:

- Consultation with the guardian or keeping involvement of CTC member with the enrolment process may bring good result regarding female survivor enrolment.
- Family counselling may organize with small group and separately with new member.
- Building effective rapport with local elected bodies and community leaders for ensuring their support.
- In some cases, CTIP activist and CTC member can collect proper documents from the survivor for their enrolment.
- Manage other perfect places to meet the survivor as his/her preference to continue counselling session.
- New ideas and innovations have to be developed for effective family counselling.
- Try to continue rapport building, Cross visit and establishment of a good network and cooperation mechanism, MoU, functioning CTIP activists active and also communication with Local Elected Body of grass root level.

#### N/A for TSP

Output 1.2: Men and women who have escaped trafficking graduate from technical/entrepreneurial trainings *(Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*

- ❖ No. of 155 (male-76, female-79) survivors have been given 'Ready to Go' Certificate for economic empowerment process within this entire period
- ❖ Training Need Assessment of 133 survivors has been completed within this year (male-61, female-72).
- ❖ 28 survivors received EDT (male-17, female-11) and skill 28 (male-14, female-14) in this reporting period. No. of 6 survivors (male-3, female-3) are continuing their skill training in different trades.
- ❖ No. of 25 survivors (male-12, female-13) have been placed jobs considering their skills. Another 28 survivors are on self-employment.

#### Implementation contracts/Challenges:

- It was really difficult to motivate those especially male survivors who are dependent on the daily income are not interested to take long-term Vocational/Technical training.
- Majority male is day labor or more or less involved to support in their family income. so, make sure of their participation in TSP related activities is a big challenge.



- The conveyance is not paid in time and this situation increased the percentage of their dropping out.
- Joint follow-up and presence at last counselling session with TSP is a big challenge due to shortage of staff and busy with performing other activities.

Way to overcome:

- Training schedule has to be more realistic and survivor friendly so that they can get opportunity for access to income after or before training time.
  - TSP team should be more professional to pay the conveyance to the survivor in due time.
  - Setting of appropriate plans for joint follow-up and other joint activities to be initiated through TSP-SPP coordination meeting.
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Output 1.3: Men and women who have escaped trafficking receive health support and legal compensation *(Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*

**Not Applicable for TSP-Legal Support.**

**Please add here health support if any**

- No. of 4 survivors (male-1, female-3) have been involved to receive legal services support within this period through Pro Bono lawyer who we made MoU earlier and at the end of the year they all have been linked to Ashshash-LSP at the last quarter of the year.
- A total of 113 survivors (male-49, female-64) refer to ensure health services from different service providing organizations within this year.

Implementation contracts/Challenges:

- Sometimes the limitation exists regarding medicine and health check-up and also treatment and most of the service providers have limited service in the respective organizations to serve to survivors free of cost.
- Most of the health services are not available at upazila level.
- Most of the cases survivors do not show interest to complain against the traffickers as they are most powerful and influences on the law enforcement agencies and even on the judiciary. Besides, the process of judiciary is so long and also having the chances to harass by brokers.
- Necessary documents are not available regarding filing any case. Most of the legal procedures are postponed by the declaration from High Court.

Way to overcome:

- Ongoing communication with service providers as well as raises it on coordination meeting to be increased to ensure health services for the survivors.
- Conveyance budget for the survivors to be increased in case of receiving services from district level.
- Service providers need to provide training to get more sensitive about trafficking survivors.
- Health services from another organization-GTT is continuing considering the need of the survivors and their family members.

Output 2.1: Communities are aware about trafficking and irregular migration *(Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*

- Approximately 15806 no. of community people (male-6433, female-9373) have been aware on trafficking, safe migration and related risks through implementation of different awareness raising event within this reporting period.
  - No. of 3 Theatre In Education (TIE) have been implemented in different Educational Institutes where there 705 students (boys-245, girls-460) have been aware.
  - No. of 4 community awareness session (POT/Puppet) organized for mass people of the community where 1356 people (male-950, female-406) attended.
  - No. of 5 Interactive session with youth & CBO have been accomplished in this reporting period where 296 youth and CBO representatives (boys-245, girls-51) participated.
  - No. of 2 Dialogue with law enforcement agencies have been organized with law enforcement agencies and media people from recognized newspaper. A total of 52 participants (M-48, F- 4) participated in this dialogue sessions.
  - 2 Interactive sessions with potential migrants at TTC held for their orientation on safe migration and trafficking issues in the reporting year where no. of 152 potential migrants (male-131, female-21) participated.
  - No. of 1 awareness raising session at educational institution on TIP & safe migration issues to aware the students where 162 students with teachers (male-75, female-87) participated.
  - A total of 3 international days like international women's day, world day against trafficking in-person and international migrants' day have been observed within this reporting period where there 12836 people have been participated or provided different awareness messages through puppet show on cable TV network, rally, discussion session, quiz competition, house to house campaign etc. on human trafficking and safe migration issues.
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Output 2.2: Institutions provide support to men and women who have escaped trafficking *(Please see activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*

There is plan to organize training for Lawyers, law enforcement agencies, Counter Trafficking Committee members, District Employment and Manpower Offices, or local arbitrators receive legal training on counter trafficking with the assistance and guidance from Winrock Ashshash team. Besides, we have also plan and our mandate to assign a budget for safe migration, survivor service and counter trafficking at union level through advocacy meeting. 6 union parishads out of 7 in our working area allocated a budget of BDT. 95 thousand for safe migration/survivor service/counter trafficking issues.

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Output 2.3: Public/private institutions receive training for psychosocial counselling and/or legal support *(Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*  
**(N/A-TSP-Legal, Can add health support if any)**

A potential staff from TTC Jashore received full fledges psychosocial counselling training, refreshers training and follow-up & mentoring sessions from Ashshash. Though he is very helpful and we wish him

to be supported to counsel our mail survivors. But he has some limitations officially to provide this support to the hard-to-reach area and also the budgetary allocation from the project.

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Output 2.4: Public/private sector further develop and use the referral system to provide comprehensive victim support *(Please write the outputs/results based on the activities under the output in the yearly workplan)*

**(For example -referral support could be skills training, financial support, etc.)**

- No. of 2 Coordination meeting with service providers is a continuous process of Ashshash which is organized with other partners of Ashshash working in Jashore (DAM & RRF).
- For shelter support MoU has been signed with DAM.
- For health support MoU has been signed with 3 prominent organizations of Jashore. Survivors are receiving health services from those organizations.
- For ensuring legal aid support, another 2 MoU has been signed with 2 Pro Bono lawyers who are committed to support our survivors in case of filling any cases. We have already made involve of 4 survivors (male-1, female-3) to this support in this annum.
- A district service directory has been updated this year and each service providers has been provided a copy of the directory. Most of them are very supportive to our survivors.
- No. of 11 female survivors have been provided livelihood support from BRAC migration project. The amount of that support is approx. 1lac taka for each. Beside this, 9 survivors have been provided an amount of BDT. 5000 as grant support. No. of 156 (male-99, female-57) have been provided emergency food and kind support from one of RJ's (Bono & Chance Swiss) project. Individual survivor received Rice-10kg, Potato-5kg, Wheat-5kg, Salt-1kg, Soyabean oil-1ltr, Soap-1, Mask-1box, Hand sanitizer-1. No. of 2 survivors received BDT. 1000 each as cash grant support from INCIDIN Bangladesh. 1 survivor received sewing machine & another 1 received goat from RJ's Bono & Chance Swiss project.

Implementation contracts/Challenges:

- Organizing of meeting and ensure every service provider's participation especially from govt. office is a big challenge.
- It was not possible to have a direct meeting due to Covid-19 and lockdown situation.
- A few participants are less interested to participate in the coordination meeting due to their huge load and backlog of work after lockdown.

Way to overcome:

- Ongoing and one to one communication with govt. officials to be increased.
  - Considering the situation meeting can be done using online platform.
  - Rapport building and individual communication may be very useful to make their participation in the meeting though they are passing very crucial and challenging time to accomplish their planned task after lockdown.
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## Chapter 4: Finance and Management (Maximum 01 Page)

4.2: Budget and Expenditure (Maximum ½ Page) *(Amount and percentage of budget spend vs. planned for the period and the cumulated phase, Explanations on significant budget deviations respectively over/under spending)*

Attached in annex-4

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4.3: Management (Maximum ½ Page) *(HR or Management issues in the organization level that affected to the project)*

Appointment of a Social Mobilizer is in process. The management is providing their best effort to select and engage him/her with the project for the smooth implementation of the project. Hope for the selection of the appropriate person soon.

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## Chapter 5: Lessons learnt (Maximum ½ Page) *(Good practices and innovations working in the field)*

- A good hygienic practice is applying in everywhere especially by our survivors as counsellors starts their session with some important messages provided by WHO.
  - CTIP activist, CTC and all types of stakeholders can play appropriate role in implementation of project activities if they are properly sensitized.
  - Referral directory can play an effective role in case of ensuring necessary services to the survivors.
  - If all types of services are completed within a shorter time, survivors can be involved in job placement smoothly.
  - Increase awareness of family members of the survivors in case of migration to foreign countries.
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## PART 2. ANNEXES:

Annex 1: Progress report and batch wise status report (TSP)

Annex 1: Target vs Achievement (SPP)

Annex 2: Success Stories (Minimum 03 pages)

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