

3rd Quarterly Report (October-December 2022)

1. PROJECT SUMMARY (table)

Project Title	A Comprehensive Counter Trafficking Program to Address Human Trafficking in Bangladesh.
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Project Location	Jashore and Satkhira district (Six Upazillas and 18 Unions)
Reporting Period	1 st October to 31 st December 2022 (3 rd Quarter)

2. Performance Review

2.1 Monitoring and Evaluation Activities

Project monitoring is inbuilt part of Rights Jessore's project management, usually organization management and project monitoring staff engage with the project monitoring process.

The project monitoring officer assisted to other team members for implementing project activity at field level and gather information and prepare report of implemented activity. Monitoring officer supported to fillup validation tools of conducted courtyard meeting during this reporting period. Monitoring officer helped to prepare monthly and quarterly report of IOM through providing information and prepared data sheet of identified VoTs (Annex-1). Monitoring officer is also involved to identify victims of trafficking and preparing screening and profiling form for finalization of identified victim as project beneficiaries.

Besides, Rights Jessore conducted monthly coordination meeting with IOM project staff to identify the challenges and gaps for implementing project activities at field level where monitoring officer provided his feedback to minimize the gaps for effective implementation of project activity. In addition, Director Program and Program Manager of Rights Jessore conducted monitoring visit to observe implementation of project activity and maintained communication and liaison with district administration, judiciary officials, local elected representatives, journalist, community leaders and other relevant stakeholders for smooth functioning of project activity.

2.2 Project Result (table)

SL	Activity details	Total No. of targeted activity	Achievement till 2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter Target	3 rd Quarter Achievement	Accumulated Target	Remarks
1	Organize 1 (one) district level workshop in participation of key district representatives, agencies, and stakeholders in each project district	2	2			-	
2	Establish and operate 1 (one) desk for Referral services for Victims of Trafficking (VoTs) at the special tribunal in each project district	2		2	2		
3	Identify 150 to 250 VoTs in each district as per the IOM's victim identification guidance and eligibility criteria	400	73	44	33	327	
4	Identify 50 most vulnerable VoTs among 150 to 250 VoTs in each district as per the IOM's vulnerability criteria	100		-	-	100	
5	Assess individual needs of identified VoTs as per IOM's guideline and plan a tailored reintegration plan;	400	54	44	33	346	Approved by IOM
6	Provide reintegration support to 150 to 250 VoTs in each district based on the results of the needs assessment	400	-	44	-	400	
7	Provide business start-up reintegration support for 50 vulnerable VoTs in each district based on the IOM's reintegration guideline	100		-	-	100	
8	Organize 972 courtyard meeting at the community level in two districts	972	35	100	116	937	
9	Submit monthly activity update (narrative) covering two project districts	30	6	3	3	24	
10	Submit a quarterly report (Narrative + financial) covering two project districts	10	2	1	1	8	

2.3 Performance during the target period (1st October to 31st December 2022)

2.3.1. Key Achievements (by activity and district level)

Jashore District:

Activity Name: Organize courtyard meeting at the community level-awareness raising activity in Jashore district

During this reporting period, the project has conducted total 58 courtyard meetings in different unions of Jashore district where total 1502 female participants attended among this highest attendance was 28 and lowest was 22 participants in each meeting. There were different categories of participants who attended in the courtyard meeting like potential migrants, returnee migrants, trafficking survivors, migrants' family members, housewife, students etc.

In every courtyard meeting project staff filled up validation tools and collected participants feedback about the meeting in the prescribed format which was provided by IOM. Followings are few remarks that are collected from the feedback forms.

- The video was attractive like Chayon's video and participants requested to demonstrate more video especially female video.
- Village police told door to door campaign is needed and more meeting is required on anti-human trafficking and safe migration issues.
- One housewife told without brokers they can't go to the doctor, brokers are everywhere in their life, so awareness is important to fight against brokers.
- Other woman said, meeting topics were very relevant and appropriate for us. This information needs to spread among all villagers specially who have an intention to go to the abroad.

The courtyard meeting is going on successfully in project working area and getting enormous response from the community for providing support of trafficking victims and other victims who didn't cross the country but wanted to go to abroad, but brokers provided them false visa and that's why they didn't go to abroad. Now they are seeking legal support from us. Besides, collaboration also increased among the stakeholders like Boarder Guard of Bangladesh (BGB), relevant Police and community leaders which benefited us to achieve the project objectives.

An event report of courtyard meeting at Jashore is attached with this report as Annex-2 and a sample participants list of courtyard meeting at Satkhira and Jashore is also attached as Annex-3.

Activity Name: Establish and operate one desk for Referral services for Victims of Trafficking (VoTs) at the special tribunal under Jashore district.

During this reporting period, Right Jessore got an approval from National Legal Aid Office, Dhaka to establish referral desk at Jashore and Satkhira district under legal aid office of mentioned districts (Annex-4). Upon receiving approval, Rights Jessore conducted meeting with Jashore district legal aid officer and Chief Judicial Magistrate of Jashore, after that they provided space to set-up referral desk under legal aid office of Jashore. Now, Desk Officer is sitting in the referral desk and provided services who are seeking service from the desk.

The desk officer also visited human trafficking tribunal Judge and other officials of court like Court Inspector, General Record Officer, Bench Assistant, Provision officer at Jashore to discuss about referral service and establishing a rapport with concerned government officials for providing referral service for victims of trafficking. The desk officer prepared monthly report on provided referral services according to the prescribed format of IOM. During this period, desk officer provided information to 17 people who are seeking information on different issues. The major issues were information on safe migration, restoration of marital relations, legal assistance for dowry, sexual violence, and gender-based violence.

Activity Name: Identify 150 to 250 VoTs in each district as per the IOM's victim identification guidance and eligibility criteria.

During this period, in Jashore district, project staff have identified 15 (16 female and 9 male) potential victims of trafficking according to the IOM's victim identification guidelines. Up to the third quarter, in Jashore district, 29 screening forms and 11 profiling forms has been approved by IOM as final beneficiaries of the project and rest of profiling forms are on

process for finalization. Now, the project will take initiative to provide reintegration support according to their needs and capacity and conduct follow-up with them for sustaining the effort.

Satkhira District:

Activity Name: Organize courtyard meeting at the community level-awareness raising activity in Satkhira district.

During this reporting period, the project has conducted total 58 courtyard meetings in different unions of Satkhira district where total 1453 female participants attended among this highest attendance was 27 and lowest was 23 participants in each meeting. There are different categories of participants were attended in the courtyard meeting like potential migrants, returnee migrants, trafficking survivors, migrants' family members, housewife, students etc. Each meeting duration was 90 to 120 minutes.

In every courtyard meeting project staff filled up validation tools and collected participants feedback about the meeting in the prescribed format which was provided by IOM. Followings are few remarks that are collected from the feedback forms.

- Participants urged to prepare more video by women and girls like Chayan's video.
- One woman said the information on human trafficking will be helpful for us especially for potential migrant.
- Another woman said, since long time we suffered due to unaware about safe migration, so if we get this information prior then it would be more helpful. However, it also helps to take right decision for further initiative on migration.

The participants told that now they understand traffickers and brokers are not unknown person and they are living with us within our society, so they must be more conscious for seeking job or work in abroad. A sample validation tools of courtyard meeting at Satkhira and Jashore is attached with this report as Annex-5. In addition, a media coverage of courtyard meeting is attached with this report as Annex-6.

Activity Name: Establish and operate one desk for Referral services for Victims of Trafficking (VoTs) at the special tribunal under Satkhira district

During this reporting period, project has established referral desk at Satkhira under Satkhira district legal aid office based on the approval from National legal aid office, Dhaka. The desk officer is sitting in the referral desk and provided referral services to the people who are seeking help. The desk officer also visited human trafficking tribunal Judge and other officials of court like Court Inspector, General Record Officer, Bench Assistant, Provision officer at Satkhira to discuss about referral services and establishing a rapport with concerned government officials for providing referral services for victims of trafficking. The desk officer prepared report on provided referral services according to the prescribed format of IOM.

During this reporting period, desk officer provided information to 28 people who are seeking information on different issues. The major issues were information on safe migration, restoration of marital relations, legal assistance for dowry, sexual violence and gender-based violence.

Activity Name: Identify 150 to 250 VoTs in each district as per the IOM's victim identification guidance and eligibility criteria.

During this period, in Satkhira district, project staff have identified 19 (11 female and 8 male) potential victims of trafficking according to the IOM's victim identification guidelines. Up to the third quarter, in Satkhira district, 25 screening forms and 10 profiling forms has been approved by IOM as final beneficiaries of the project and rest of profiling forms are on process for finalization. Now, the project will take initiative to provide reintegration support according to their needs and capacity and conduct follow-up with them for sustaining the effort.

2.3.2. Challenges and Counterplans (by activity)

In the third quarter of the project, Rights Jessore didn't face any significant challenges which hamper for conducting above mentioned activities. However, followings are few minor challenges stated below which faced and managed by project staff during third quarter of the project;

- During information collection from potential victims, they urged for immediate support to execute their current needs instead of waiting for long time. Project staff convinced them for finalization of project beneficiaries and also tried to link with other project of Rights Jessore.
- In some area, 32 to 37 participants attended in one courtyard meeting instead of 25 participants. In that case project staff faced problem for sitting arrangement and providing snacks to all participants. However, based on the situation, project staff purchased more snacks for additional participants and discussed with house owner for accommodating more people beyond their expectation.

2.4 Achievement(s) in Cross-Cutting Issues

During this reporting period, Rights Jessore got an approval for establishing referral desk at Jashore and Satkhira district from National legal aid office, Dhaka. Besides, Rights Jessore always focused gender mainstreaming, women empowerment and followed rights-based and participatory approach during implementation of all project activities at field level for sustaining the effort beyond the project period. Rights Jessore also involved union level Counter Traffic Committee (CTC) member like Union Parishad Chairman or Member in courtyard meeting which inspired community people to work and fight together for reducing human trafficking and unsafe migration.

2.5 Communication and Partnership

Effective communication and good partnership with the stakeholders are prerequisite to achieve intended result of any project. So, from the beginning of the project, Rights Jessore tried to establish a rapport with concerned stakeholders of the project including government and non-government for effective implementation of project activity at ground level. Project staff regularly attended monthly coordination meeting at district level to keep good coordination and liaison with district administration. Besides, Rights Jessore has strong reputation in district and national level and for this reason, RJ got government approval for establishing referral desk at Jashore and Satkhira.

In addition, government officials attended in IOM's project activity as chief and special guest which implemented at district and upazila level. On the other hand, Rights Jessore also emphasized community level partnership with community leaders to grow their ownership of the project for sustaining the effort beyond the project period. In this regard, during implementation of courtyard meeting, Rights Jessore identifying committed people who has acceptance in the society and willingness to work voluntary, the project staff involving them and seeking support from them for implementing activities at community level smoothly.

2.6 Visibility

Visibility needs to be ensured during implementation of project activity at field level for promotion of donor mandate and focused as well as implementing organization. Rights Jessore always maintained donor guidelines for visibility purpose and informed to project stakeholders about the support of IOM and KOIKA for this project. In every activity implementation, Rights Jessore ensured IOM and KOIKA's logo along with government and organization logo for visibility.

2.7 Risk Management

In the third quarter of the project, Rights Jessore didn't confront any risks which can hampers project implementation. Rights Jessore has a long and good reputation with the district administration and community level to run anti-trafficking and safe-migration related project. On the other hand, the organization has the ability to manage unwanted risks and challenges for smoothly implementation of the project activity at ground level.

2.8 Capacity Building

During this reporting period, Rights Jessore staff has received following trainings and workshop through the invitation of IOM for capacity building, knowledge sharing and strengthening the existing work for victims protection and successful reintegration. Below table showing details of capacity building initiative of IOM during third quarter.

Name of Training and Workshop	Name of Participants	Duration	Place
Training of Trainers(ToT) on Strengthen CTC Capacity on Counter Trafficking and Victim Protection	S.M Azharul Islam, Progm Manager	11 to 13 October 2022	RRF Training Centre, Jashore
Need Assessment Workshop for Developing Training Manual for Law Enforcement Agencies on Investigation of Human Trafficking Cases	S.M Azharul Islam, Progm Manager	22 December 2022	CIRDAP Auditorium, Dhaka

Annexure

Annex-1 VoT Identification Datasheet-RJ-Satkhira&Jashore

Annex-2 Sample Event Report of Courtyard Meeting at Jashore

Annex-3 Sample Participants list of Courtyard Meeting at Satkhira and Jashore

Annex-4 Approval Letter of Referral Desk-RJ

Annex-5 Sample Validation tools of courtyard meeting at Jashore and Satkhira

Annex-6 Courtyard Meeting Media Coverage, Satkhira.

Annex-7 Photographs of courtyard meeting and day observation