

CHAPTER FIVE: PROGRESS OF WORK DURING INCEPTION PERIOD

5.1 Introduction

The Development Plan project is commenced on 05th January, 2015. From commencement of the work to the end of the Inception period, the core team members of the project have completed several tasks as identified and designed by the consultants to carry out the preparation of Development Plan project. The progress of the project activities of Shibpur, Raipura and Ishwarganj Upazila during inception period has been presented in the following sections.

5.2 Office Establishment

In the field visit of inception period the consulting firm established two site offices in Ishwarganj upazila at Village: Char Hossenpur (Near Kazi Office), Upazila: Ishwarganj under Mymensingh district and Shibpur upazila at Khan Tower(Premier Bank), Shibpur Bazar under Narsingdi district for completion of field activities



Photograph 5.1: Site Office at Ishwarganj Upazila



Photograph 5.2: Site Office at Shibpur Upazila

5.3 Collection of Satellite Images

The GeoEye-1 Satellite image in 0.5-meter panchromatic and 1.0 -meter multi spectral four-band images in stereo pairs will be procured. The 0.5-meter pan and 1.0 meter multi spectral imagery will also be fused to yield 0.5-meter color imagery (pan-sharpened). In appendix X, the work order is attached for image collection.

5.4 Collection of Mauza Maps

The CS/RS Mauza maps are the basis of the base map for the project area. The project area will be delineated on Mauza sheets. Mauza maps have been collected from the Assistant Commissioner's Land of Shibpur, Raipura and Ishwarganj upazila and DLRS covering the entire project area. The collection status of mauza maps shown in Table 5.1

Table 5.1: Collection status of Mauza maps

SI No	Upazila Name	Total Mouza		Collection Status		Remaining	
		Mouza	Sheet	Mouza	Sheet	Mouza	Sheet
1	Ishwarganj	303	361	170	212	133	149
2	Raipura	126	268	46	57	80	211
3	Shibpur	121	172	99	137	22	35
Total		550	801	315	406	235	395

5.5. Workshops

Two workshops in Shibpur, Raipura and Ishwarganj upazila will have been conducted. One workshop will have been conducted in each upazila during 2nd week of June, 2015. And another workshop will have been conducted after the submission of draft plan. Several types of meeting will be held at union and upazila level. Already twelve numbers of consultation meeting conducted at union and upazila level. The Consultants and implementing organization will organize consultation meetings and workshop with the Upazila and Union level to ensure the participation of stakeholders from all walks of life

5.6 Reconnaissance Survey

Urban Development Directorate (UDD) under Ministry of Housing and Public Works has taken an initiative to prepare a development plan for 20 years of 14 Upazilas through participatory method. Participatory methods have gained momentum in recent years as field practices and development experts have sought more effective ways to involve local people in decision-making. Participation is the process through which stakeholder's influence and share control over priority setting, policy-making, resource allocation and access to public. Considering the above, the concerned planning team has conducted many Community meetings (Focus Group Discussion-FGD, Tea Stall and Courtyard meeting) and met with key persons as reconnaissance survey at the project areas (Ishwarganj, Raipura and Shibpur Upazila) for creating future working environment with local people as well as institutions.

Objective of Meetings:

- ❖ To aware the local people about the project activities.
- ❖ To understand the local people's views through collecting their opinions.
- ❖ To seek assistance to the local people for upcoming PRA session.

Conduction of Meetings: Total 3 FGDs (not ideal in all cases), 1 Tea stall and 1 Courtyard meetings have been conducted at Ishwarganj Upazila under Mymensingh District during 24-25 February 2015. Total 3 FGDs, (not ideal in all cases) 1 Tea Stall and 1 Courtyard meetings have been conducted at Shibpur Upazila under Narsingdi District on 26 February 2015. 1 Tea Stall meeting has been conducted at Raipura on 27 February 2015 and 2 FGDs (not ideal) and 1 Courtyard meeting has been conducted at Raipura Upazila under Narsingdi District on 27 February 2015.

5.6.1. Focus Group Discussion (FGD)

5.6.1.1 FGD at Ishwarganj:

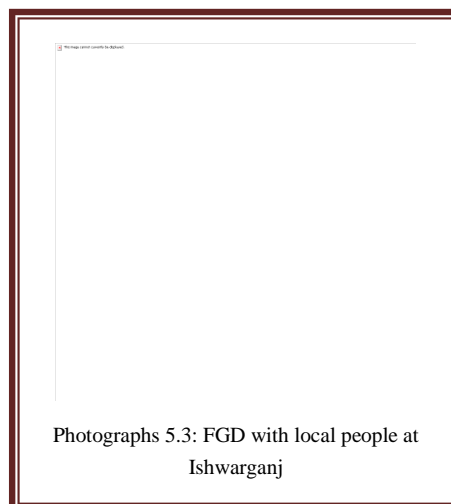
Place: Upazila Auditorium, Ishwarganj

Date: 24 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
22	21	01	UP chairman:-06, Service:-06, Journalist:-04, Farmer:-03, Businessman:-03

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants on behalf of project authority. Then every participant has introduced him/herself in the meeting. Project Manager has informed to the house that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project.

Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert has explained the people participation approach in project planning and informed the house that it is a bottom up planning approach project where a huge scope to participation of local people in planning stage. In future, a Participatory Reflection and Action/Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) session will be arranged at each union in the rural areas and at each ward in the urban areas for accumulating problems and findings possible solutions from the local people.

After that Mr. Mostaque Ahamed, Chairman, Arc Bangladesh Limited has informed the house that different types of survey will be conducted in the project area. GIS technology will also be used for survey. Many experts like Socio Economic, Survey Expert, Photogrammetric Expert, GIS Expert, Agricultural Scientist, Economist, Transport Planning Expert and Urban Planner etc. will involve in preparing master plan. All of these said experts will work under one Team leader who is the Professor of Geography Department under Dhaka University.

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussions are furnished below;

Question/request: One participant has raised question that who will provide fund for implements the plan? One participant has requested to make provision in the plan for at least one kilometre (from UP office to away) road side tree plantation on all union parishad office connecting road. One participant has informed that the gas supply line is existence up to the border of neighbour upazila which is only 3 km far from Ishwarganj Upazila Head Quarter and requested to extend it up to Ishwarganj Upazila Head Quarter.

One participant has informed that the peoples are severely suffering from drinking water during dry season. Hand tube well does not work during dry season due to underground water table goes

to down. For this reason, he has requested to include the water supply provision for Ishwarganj upazila in the plan.

Reply by Project Director:

Project Director has informed the house that UDD will prepare the master plan and will make legal entity as well as control mechanism for implementing the plan which will be monitored. The project will implement in the upazila from this plan as priority basis by different GoB agencies or private institution. He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

In absence of Chairman/Vice Chairman of Upazila Parishad and Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Chairman, Jatia Union Parishad has organized and chaired the meeting. He has given thanks to the Planning Team for conducting meeting with them and giving importance of their opinion. He has requested to the authority to make an ideal plan for Ishwarganj upazila which will be model in Bangladesh. He has given assurance to the team for giving any assistance in upcoming PRA session and adjourned the meeting.

Planning Team has met with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Ishwarganj Upazila in her office room and briefs her on project activities and has made plan for FGD, Tea Stall and Courtyard meeting. Planning Team has also met with the Upazila Chairman, Ishwarganj Upazila in his resident and briefs him on project activities and seeks assistance for preparing master plan.

5.6.1.2 FGD at Ishwarganj

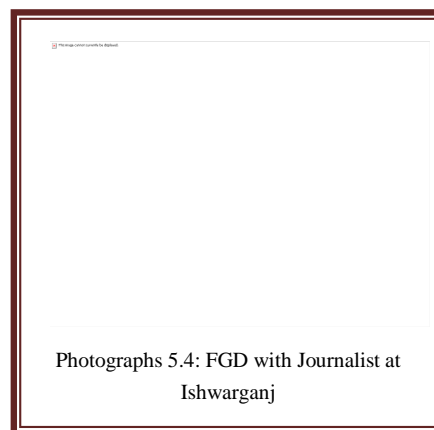
Place: Office Room of UNO, Ishwarganj

Date: 24 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
10	10	0	Journalist-10

Summary of Discussion:- Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. Then every participant has introduced himself in the meeting. Project Manager has informed the house that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He further informed the house that the project will prepare as Participatory Planning Approach (PPA). He has expressed his view that the project related all news will reach to the root level through Journalist.

Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert (Package # 02), has explained the people participation approach in project planning and has informed the house that it is a bottom up planning approach project where a huge scope to participation of local people in planning stage. In future, a Participatory Reflection and Action/Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) session will be

arranged at each union in the rural areas and at each ward in the urban areas for collecting problems and possible solutions from the local people.

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussions are furnished below;

Question/request: One participant has expressed his opinion that many development plans have prepared but it could not implement due to lack of resources. One participant has requested to include more industry establishment in the Ishwarganj Upazila. One participant has informed that government do not approve any establishment of private educational institute now. Will increase the number of educational institute in line with educational development?

Reply by Project Director:

Project Director has informed that the increase of population within upcoming 20 years will consider for establishing educational institute. He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

The president of Press Club, Ishwarganj has given thanks to the Planning and requested to the authority to make an ideal plan for Ishwarganj upazila which will be model in Bangladesh. He has given assurance to the team that they are ready for providing any assistance in upcoming PRA session and adjourned the meeting.

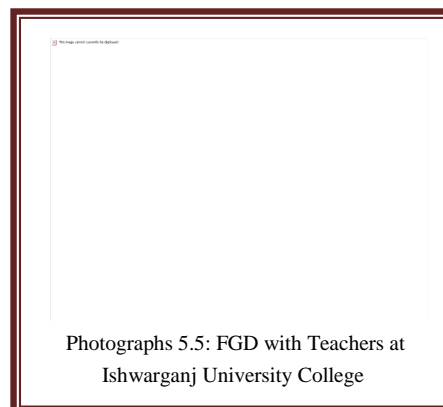
5.6.1.3 FGD at Ishwarganj

Place: Teachers Common Room, Ishwarganj University College, Ishwarganj. Date: 25 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
41	25	16	Teacher:-41

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. Then every participant has introduced him/herself in the meeting. Project Manager has informed the house that the preparation of development plan for 14 Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Photographs 5.5: FGD with Teachers at
Ishwarganj University College

Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He further informed to the house that the project will prepare through Participatory Planning Approach (PPA).

Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert (Package # 02), has explained the people participation approach in project planning and has informed the house that it is a bottom up planning approach project where a huge scope to participation of local people in planning stage. In future, a Participatory Reflection and Action/Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) session will be

arranged at each union in the rural areas and at each ward in the urban areas for collecting problems and possible solutions from the local people

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below;

Question/request: One participant has informed that water supply activity was functional from 1964 in Ishwarganj. Now, the water supply activity is inactive. He has requested to provide water supply provision in the master plan. One participant has expressed his view that there is a judge court in Ishwarganj upazila which needs to major maintenance and it should to include in the master plan. One participant has expressed his view that Ishwarganj Degree College is prominent College having honours courses but yet not Government College. He has requested to take initiative in the plan which will be easy to be a Government College.

Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. The principal of the college thanks to the planning team for conducting meeting with them and giving emphasise to their opinions which will be helpful in preparing the plan. He has stressed that local teachers will provide their input in upcoming PRA and he adjourned the meeting.

5.6.1.4 FGD at Shibpur

Place: Jossore Union Office, Shibpur

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
23	21	02	Chairman:-01, UP member:-05, Teacher:-02, Emam:-01, Social Worker:-04 and Businessman:-10

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. Then every participant has introduced himself in the meeting. Project Manager has informed to the house that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.

Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, implementation partners, planning and implementation strategy, time span for planning, field work for planning and funding source of Project. He further informed the house that the project will prepare through Participatory Planning Approach (PPA). He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

Open Discussion: Mr. Toffazal Hossain, Chairman, Jossore Union, has explained the importance of proper planning. He has raised an example of old town of Dhaka City which has established in unplanned way that could not easily possible to bring in a planned city. We could not say what will be happened within 20 years. That's why we have need to establish or construction any infrastructure according to master plan.

The Chairman thanks to the planning team for conducting meeting with them and giving emphasise to their opinions which will be helpful in preparing the plan. He has stressed that local people including Jossore Union Parishad will provide their input in upcoming PRA and adjourned the meeting.

5.6.1.5 FGD at Shibpur

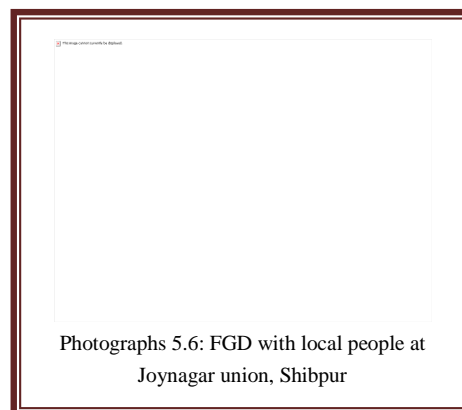
Place: Joynagar Union Office, Shibpur

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
23	21	02	Chairman:-01, Service:-02, Housewife:-03, Journalist:-02 and Businessman:-10

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, implementation partners, planning and implementation strategy, time span for planning, field work for planning and funding source of Project. He further informed to the house that the project will prepare as participatory Planning Approach (PPA). Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.



Open Discussion: Chairman, Joynagar Union, has explained the importance of proper planning. He has ensured to planning team that they will provide full cooperation during PRA. He gave thanks to all and adjourned the meeting.

5.6.1.6 FGD at Shibpur

Place: Sabuj Pahar Degree College, Shibpur

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
15	12	03	Teacher-03

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package#02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas. He has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. Then every participant has introduced himself in the meeting. Project Manager has informed to the house that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. He has also further informed the house project background, objectives, preparation period and time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He also informed that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA). He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

Open Discussion: The principal of the college thanks to the planning team for conducting meeting with them and giving emphasise to their opinions which will be helpful in preparing the plan. He has stressed that local teachers will provide their input in upcoming PRA and adjourned the meeting.

5.6.1.7 FGD at Raipura

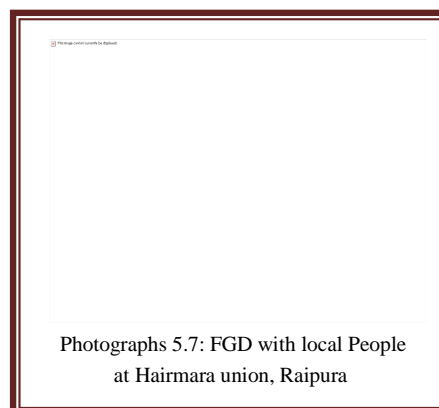
Place: Hairmara Union Office, Raipura

Date: 27 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
16	13	03	Chairman:-01, UP Member:-05, Social Worker:-03 and Businessman:-07.

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Abul Bashir, Urban Planner, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, highlighted the project background and objectives. Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has highlighted the preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He further informed the house that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA). Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.



After that Mr. Mostaque Ahamed, Chairman, Arc Bangladesh Limited has informed the house that different types of survey will be conducted in the project area. GIS technology will also be used for survey. Many experts like Socio Economic like Survey Expert, Photogrammetric Expert, GIS Expert, Agricultural Scientist, Economist, Transport Planning Expert and Urban Planner etc. will be involved in preparing the master plan. All experts will work under one Team leader who is the Professor of Geography Department under Dhaka University. Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert (Package # 02), has explained the people participation approach in project planning and has informed the house that it is a bottom up planning approach project where a huge scope to participation of local people in planning stage. In future, a Participatory Reflection and Action/Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) session will be arranged at each union in the rural areas and at each ward in the urban areas for collecting problems and possible solutions from the local people

Open Discussion: Chairman, Hairmara union has given thanks to all for visiting his union and made commitment for providing future any assistance. He gave thanks to all and adjourned the meeting.

5.4.1.8 FGD at Raipura

Place: Adiabab Eastpara Mosque, Raipura

Date: 27 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
07	07	0	Ex. Chairman:-01, Service:-02, Farmer:-02 and Businessman:-02

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, implementation partners, planning and implementation strategy, time span for planning, field work for planning and funding source of Project. He further informed the house that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA). Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

After that Mr. Mostaque Ahamed, Chairman, Arc Bangladesh Limited has informed the house that different types of survey will be conducted in the project area. GIS technology will also be used for survey.

Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert (Package # 02), has explained the people participation approach in project planning and has informed the house that it is a bottom up planning approach project where a huge scope to participation of local people in planning stage. In future, a Participatory Reflection and Action/Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) session will be arranged at each union in the rural areas and at each ward in the urban areas for collecting problems and possible solutions from the local people

Open Discussion: Ex, Chairman, Hairmara union has given thanks to all for visiting his union and made commitment for providing future any assistance. He gave thanks to all and adjourned the meeting.

5.6.2. Tea Stall meeting

5.6.2.1 Tea Stall meeting at Ishwarganj

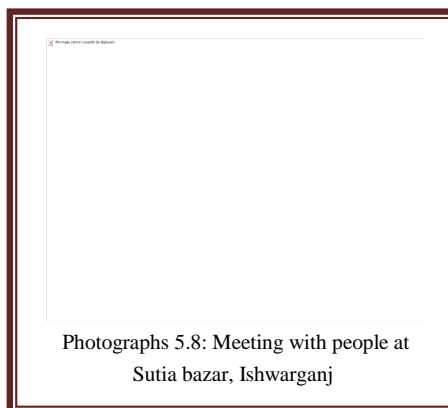
Place: Sutia Bazaar, Ishwarganj

Date: 24 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
87	86	01	UP Chairman:-01, UP member:-04, Businessman:-42, Farmer:-33, Teacher:-03, Service:-04

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Uday Sankar Das, Project Manager, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. Project Manager has informed to the participants that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He further informed to the house that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA).

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below:

Question/request: Chairman, Jatia Union Parishad has informed that the peoples are severely suffering from drinking water during dry season. Hand tubewell does not work during dry season due to underground water table goes to down. For this reason, he has requested to include the water supply provision for Jatia union in the Master plan. One UP member has requested to include all roads under Jatia union for better improvement. The chairman of Sutia Bazaar Committee has informed that all roads in the bazaar are herring bone bone/brick soling. No drain has constructed in the bazaar. So, he has requested to include road and drain in the plan.

Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. Chairman, Jatia union has given thanks to all for visiting his union and made commitment for providing future any assistance. He gave thanks to all and closed the meeting.

5.6.2.2 Tea Stall Meeting at Shibpur

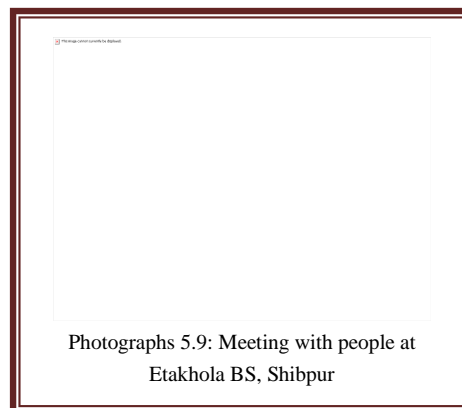
Place: Etakhola Bus Stand

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
12	12	0	Farmer:-08, Businessman:-04

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. He has informed the participants that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas. He has also informed the participants that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA).



Open Discussion: Socio Economic Expert has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below;

Question/request: One participant has asked that is it Govt. Program or NGO program? Socio Economic Expert has informed them this program is absolutely GoB program. One participant asked that this organization will collect subscription during PRA. Socio Economic Expert has informed that no subscription will collect from this organization. If anybody try to collect subscription on behalf of us, in that case you will inform to the concerned Chairman or Police Station. One participant has asked that this organization will implement the plan or not? Socio Economic Expert has informed them this organization will only prepare the plan and other organizations will implement the plan. He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. All participants spontaneously are agreed to provide future assistance. He gave thanks to all and adjourned the meeting.

5.6.2.3 Tea Stall Meeting at Raipura

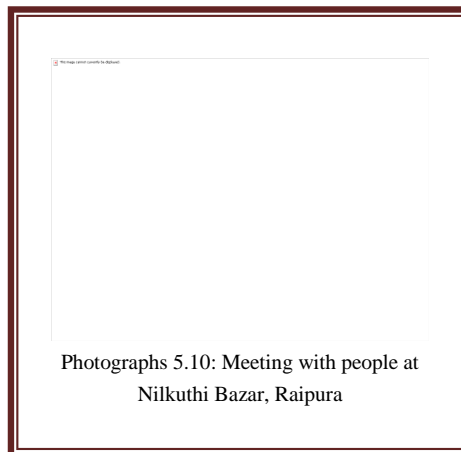
Place: Nilkuthi Bazaar (Rajur Bazaar)

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
11	11	0	Farmer:-03, Day Labour:-04, Ex. Chairman:-01, Businessman:-03

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. He has informed the participants that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas. He has also informed the participants that the project will prepare through participatory Planning Approach (PPA).



Photographs 5.10: Meeting with people at Nilkuthi Bazar, Raipura

Open Discussion: Socio Economic Expert has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below:

Question/request: One participant (Ex. Chairman) has expressed his opinion that many plans prepared by many organizations but could not implement due to lack of resources. He has also risen that many infrastructures have constructed in an unplanned way. He has informed that the area is agro based, that's why agro industry should be constructed in this area. Socio Economic Expert has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. All participants spontaneously are agreed to provide future assistance. He gave thanks to all and ended the meeting.

5.6.3. Courtyard session

5.6.3.1 Courtyard session at Ishwarganj

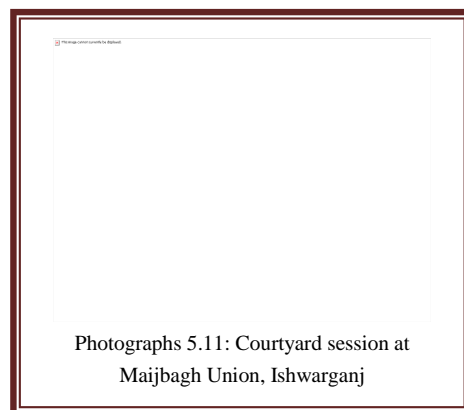
Place: Majibagh Union Office

Date: 25 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
32	8	32	UP member-:03, Farmer-:04, Housewife-:24, Service-:01

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. He has informed the participants that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Photographs 5.11: Courtyard session at Majibagh Union, Ishwarganj

Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background and objectives which will provide the scope of income

sources of distress men/women. He further informed the participants that the project will prepare as participatory Planning Approach (PPA).

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below:

Question/request: Most of the participants has expressed that they do not want relief but they want to work and earn money. Approximately 80% latrines are Kantcha in the area which need to be replaced by sanitary latrine. Most of the participants have reported that they do not get medicine from the Upazila Health Complex. In this connection, sufficient medicine should be arranged and distributed to the patient free of cost.

Project Director has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. All participants spontaneously are agreed to provide future assistance. He gave thanks to all and ended the meeting.

5.6.3.2 Courtyard session at Shibpur

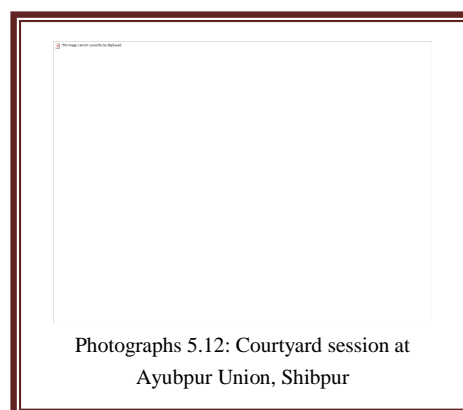
Place: Ayubpur Union Office

Date: 26 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
29	9	20	UP member-:05, Business-:02, Housewife-:17, Service-:05

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Abul Bashar, Urban Planner, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. He has informed to the participants that the preparation of development plan for 14 Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.



Photographs 5.12: Courtyard session at Ayubpur Union, Shibpur

Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert, Package#02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background and objectives which will be generated the income sources. As a result, relief will not be required in future. He further informed to the participants that the project will prepare as participatory Planning Approach (PPA).

Local elite land donor for union complex, has expressed his opinion that the preparation of master plan of their upazila is wonderful news for them and will get maximum benefit from this plan.

Open Discussion: Socio Economic Expert has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below:

Question/request: Most of the participants have expressed that they do not want relief but they want to work and earn money. Most of the participants have expressed their opinion that they have needed resources to establish Poultry firm or agro based cottage industries where they can work and earn money.

Socio Economic Expert has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time. All participants spontaneously are agreed to provide future assistance. He gave thanks to all and ended the meeting.

5.6.3.3 Courtyard session at Raipura

Place: Moheshpur Bazaar

Date: 27 February 2015

Participants:

Total Participants	Male	Female	Occupation
21	21	0	Chairman-:01, UP member-:02, Businessman-:05, Farmer-:13

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Azibar Rahman, Socio Economic Expert, Package # 02, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas has started the meeting through greetings to all participants from the Project part. All team members introduced him. He has informed the participants that the preparation of development plan for fourteen Upazilas is a government funded project which will be implemented by Urban Development Directorate under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. The main objective of the project is to prepare a master plan for the duration of 20 years of entire upazila which will improve the lifestyle of all peoples under Upazila and surroundings areas.

Photographs 5.13: Courtyard session at Maheshpur bazaar, Raipura

Mr. Shaheen Ahamed, Project Director, Preparation of Development Plan for Fourteen Upazilas, has highlighted the project background, objectives, preparation period, time span for planning, area under planning, implementation strategy and funding source of Project. He further informed the house that the project will prepare as participatory Planning Approach (PPA). He has requested to all for providing assistance in upcoming PRA session which will conduct within very short time.

Open Discussion: Project Director has asked to the participants whether they have any question or not. The summaries of open discussion are furnished below;

Question/request: Most of the participants has expressed that they have earthen road which is silty sand. That's why road could not sustained during monsoon. In this regard, carpeting road should be constructed with necessary protection measures. Most of the participants has expressed that their area is located at the right bank of the Meghna River and also adjacent to the river which is cause of frequent flood. There is no embankment and flood centre in the area. In this regard, kakon embankment and flood shelter should be included in the master plan and to be constructed as early as possible. Most of the participants has expressed that the area is vegetable production area but there is no vegetable processing system in area. So, vegetable processing industry should be included in the plan and to be constructed as early as possible.

Chairman, Mohespur union thanks to the planning team for visiting his union and has informed that the union setting is mostly charland and have no necessary infrastructure even union parishad bhabon. He has requested to the planning team to include all necessary infrastructure in the master plan. All participants are spontaneously agreed to assist in the upcoming PRA session. Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Summary of findings of FGD/Tea Stall Meeting/ Courtyard Session

The findings of FGD/Tea Stall Meeting/ Courtyard Session are same in some cases. The findings are as follows;

Ishwarganj Upazila: The entire Upazila is medium level flood plain and agro based setting. Most of the peoples are dependence on agriculture. Most of the lands are fit for 2-3 times cultivation. There have scope for women employment on agriculture only because no industry has established except few boiler rice mills. Gas distribution line is existence up to last border of neighbour (Gouripour) upazila which is only 3 Km far from the Ishwarganj Upazila H/Q. People both urban and rural areas have suffering from drinking water during dry season. Ground water table seriously falls during dry season which is the cause of Hand tube well disorder. The rural bazaars are established in unplanned way and internal road communication is still inadequate. There is one degree college in the Upazila town which has no scope for higher education except Bangla. As per local people, 70-80% latrines in the rural area are still kancha which is the of cause illness. Peoples are not getting health services from Upazila Health Complex due to lack of medicine and specialized doctor.

Shibpur Upazila: The entire Upazila is hilly land and agro based setting. Most of the peoples are dependence on agriculture. Most of the lands are fit for 2-3 times cultivation. There have scope for women employment on agriculture only because no industry has established. The entire upazila famous for vegetable and fruit production but no industry has established. Some roads are still katcha which becomes muddy and slippery during monsoon.

Raipura Upazila: The northern part of Upazila is medium level flood plain and the southern part of the upazila is char area and entire upazila is agro based setting. Most of the peoples are dependence on agriculture but once most of the peoples were dependent on handloom. Most of the lands are fit for 2 times cultivation. The northern part is famous for vegetable cultivation and no industry has established for vegetable/fruit processing. The roads could not sustain due to sandy soil and wash out by flood water. People of Moheshpur union are often suffering from flood water during monsoon due to lack of kakon embankment. The standing crops on the land and katcha houses are often damaged by the flood water. This is the real scenario of char area also. People stay in the educational institution during flooding due to lack of flood shelter.

Solutions: People demands will be emphasized and included in the master plan and implemented by different GoB and private agencies as priority basis. People will be involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation process.

Conclusion: A working environment has created with local peoples and institutions through conducting FGD, Tea Stall and Courtyard meeting which will be helpful for conducting upcoming PRA in the area.