

PROJECT CONCEPT PAPER – PCP

1. Name of the Organization:

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust- BDDT

2. Title of the Proposed Project:

“Rehabilitation of people with disabilities severely affected by COVID-19 pandemic through re-launching of their business in Bangladesh”.

3. Background of PCP (need of project):

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Persons With Disabilities-PWDs used to earn a living by doing some work. Some were shopkeepers, some were hawkers, someone used to do some other small business and Some might have done small jobs. But for COVID-19 pandemic Bangladesh Government declared a shut down for around 3 months. That is why all avenues of their income have been closed. So the small amount of capital that they had in this shut down they have been eaten up. Now the Government has given the opportunity to work in short range to open the shut down, but the PWDs are not able to resume their business due to lack of capital. And even those who had small jobs could not rejoin the job. This is because employers have started to exclude PWDs workers in order to start work on a short range. Also due to lack of money, none of them can use PPE, hand rub and mask which is very important in the situation of COVID-19. This situation has been created due to COVID-19 pandemic. Here’s how:

COVID-19 pandemic was confirmed to have spread to Bangladesh on March 2020. On 22 March, Bangladesh Government declared a 10-day shut down effective from 26 March to 4 April, 2020. This was later increased to 30 May 2020. A series of hotline numbers, e-mail address and the Facebook page of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) are provided for people to contact if they suspect Covid-19 infection or need more information.

It’s a big epidemic that has caused a lot of problems for all people, but Persons With Disabilities-PWDs are the most vulnerable. It is true that food is an important issue but PWDs are needed other services like regular medicines, therapy, special language support, Assistive devices support, technological support, special care and other special services. Some PWDs need regular therapeutic intervention for increasing their mobility. Due to shut down the pandemic situation they cannot go for therapeutic even service provider also cannot go to their home for providing therapeutic support. Almost all the PWDs are left out from the hygiene maintenance due this shut down. For lack of mobility the girls with disability are also at high risk of abuse including sexual abuse. There is no limit of suffering for people with disabilities for such shut down as they are the most vulnerable.

The situation is like that now no food, no medicine, no matches to light the fire, no way to burn, no cooking medium, no shops, no transport, PWDs are soliciting for food, regular treatment, Medical support to survive. Power is meaningless and nature mourns in resulting cataclysmic coronavirus affect.

After happing the COVID-19 pandemic and country wide shut down in Bangladesh, BDDT has become responsibility to meet the needs (Food, Medicine and Medical support) of disabled people associated with us across the country. BDDT has started offering their services. We started to distribute relief among PWDs but it is much less than the demand. BDDT has considerable experience working during disasters with persons with disabilities which is gained from working in cyclone SIDR, AILA and MAHASSEN through its team which is very helpful for us to do this. Our previous similar experiences and current response has created a well experience relief distribution channel for us. These are the services we provided for persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic: We delivered food to disabled people home, has provided cash support through bKash (online banking), Direct cash support, trained on what rules to follow at this time, distributed leaflets to create awareness.

In the meantime (up to 20th May 2020), We have already provided relief to the families of 482 PWDs, Cash supported through bKash(Online banking) across the country to 273 PWDs, 10000 leaflets distributed and training to 400PWDs. Activities links are as follows-

<http://www.bddt.org/>

http://www.bddt.org/covid_19.php

http://www.bddt.org/relief_receiver_list.pdf

This activity was very insignificant compared to their demand. Whatever it is, work has started again on a small range, so it is very important for those who used to do small business to start business again with capital. And to provide employment to those who used to work but are no longer employed.

As such BDDT proposes to implement the project in Bangladesh across the country.

Total direct beneficiaries will be 10,000 but indirect beneficiaries will be 40,000. Per beneficiaries cost will be BDT 3,030 which is justified in development aspect and indicate a good return on investment.

4. Approach and Method:

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, BDDT has distributed relief to people with disabilities in 64 districts across the country, involving Disabled People Organization-DPOs. By using this DPOs' channel, the project will be implemented.

5. Objectives:

Objective of the project is to resume small business and to create self-employed to people with disabilities affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Activities:

To rehabilitate very needy people with disabilities in Bangladesh those who have lost their business and job for COVID-19 outbreak. Following activities will perform of the project:

- Finalize list of PWDs for resume small business and self-employment through DPOs;
- Finalize list of PWDs small business and self-employment;
- Finalize the items that need to be done to restart the business;
- Finalize beneficiaries wise self-employment schedule;
- Procure items for small business, and self-employment;
- Procure PPE, Hand rub and Mask;
- Distribution items for small business through DPOs among PWDs;
- Distribution of items for self-employment through DPOs among PWDs;
- Report to Government and donor.

7. Expected Results:

The problem of regular income for livelihood will be solved. This will give them a way to survive.

8. Organizational Background:

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust (BDDT) was established by joint initiatives of some Person With Disabilities-PWDs with the aim to promote the human rights, equal opportunities and independent living of PWDs. The organization was started from a rural and costal district i.e. it's implementation office is at Barguna Sadar, Barguna which is most climate change vulnerable area. But head quarter is located in capital city Dhaka. It is a nongovernmental voluntary organization, has been working in line of its objective for developing the lives of persons with disabilities by Income Generating Activities (IGAs), providing training, promoting human rights and good governance, rehabilitation services, educational support, **emergency response** during disasters and generating employments. The organization is registered with NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) in 2009 of Bangladesh

Government and also registered by Trusts Act in 2007. The organization is managed by a board of trustees. This board is functioning as an apex policymaking body.

Further to this the majority members of the Trust are people with disabilities and have long working experience in disability field as well clear background idea and situation of PWDs in Bangladesh. BDDT always share with PWDs before design any project. It does always include PWDs to implement, monitoring and evaluating the project activities. Also BDDT has very good linkage with many NGOs who work in development field and Government. BDDT believes in its **Philosophy** that persons with disabilities are not sporadic being in the society.

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9. Estimated budget:

SL	Particular	Total Cost (BDT)	Total cost (US \$)
01.	Rehabilitation grant to 1 disabled person to resume their small business or Self-employed	12,000	140
02.	PPE, Hand rub and Mask for 1	500	6
03.	Personnel, Office and administrative cost	1,250	15
Total cost for one center		13,750	160

10. Bank Account details:

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Name of Branch: Hotel Sheraton Corporate Br, Dhaka, Bangladesh
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