

LRP Information

Name of the Organization: BNKS

LRP title: Organizing Ethnic Societies for Improving Their Social Safety (OESSS)

LRP #: 34

Topics	Description											
Location of LRP	Thanchi, Bandarba Hill Districts											
Duration (start date & phase out date)	1 July 2006- 31 December 2023											
Number of Sponsor Children	F	M	Total	Total children				F	M	Total		
	283	263	546					283	263	546		
LRP focus												
Group information (#s)	RAC		SBK	05	Youth	4	Girls		VAW		others	VDC Federation-1, CJG - 1 Women groups-02, Youth Federation-1.
Connection with other Strategic priorities	WR&GE / RJ&DG /Young People											
Major Achievements of LRP life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women Leadership & Representative of Local Government institute (Bolipara -2 & Tindu-1) • Women led emergency response team of Thanchi. • Regular Health Tremens of Government Representative (Doctor, Nurse, Health Worker) Thanchi Upazila Health Complex & Bolipara Union Health Complex. • Capacity development of Women Groups and Government Registration. • 100% Children's enroll in formal education Thanchi Upazila (Primary & High School Level). • Regular Practice with Word shova, Open Budget & Local Tax Collection (Bolipara Union). • Development of Income Generating activities (Goat, Pig & Mix Crops Gardening) with Project participants. • Project area Sponsors Child Family & Community Aware on Gender equality, VAW, Nutrition, Vaccination, Early Marriage issue. • BNKS organized sharing meeting on school governance and quality education for SMC Teacher and Upazila education Officer at Thanchi Upazilla. • BNKS has been provided nutrition food support for Sponsor & non sponsor children's at Project area. • BNKS Organized training on "Skill Development" for the AT facilitator's. • BNKS Organized training on "Leadership Development" for the Local youths and activists. • BNKS Organized training on "Disaster Awareness session" for the VDC's and youths groups. • BNKS successfully organized on day observed at the upzilla level such as The International Women's Day. • BNKS successfully organized on One Billion Rising program supported by ActionAid Bangladesh at Bandarban Districts level. The program whereas the Deputy Commissioner Mr. K. M. Tarekul Islam inaugurated the event by writing NO and sign and wrote "Projecting the violence against women and girls. • BNKS participated in the all partner meeting at Dhaka organized by ActionAid Bangladesh. • BNKS successfully organized on Global Action week program supported by ActionAid Bangladesh at Project area level. • BNKS has been supported seed money for agriculture and homestead gardening betting 											

Reflect Circle group members.

- BNKS successfully organized on health camp among the children and women at the union level of Thanchi upazila.
- BNKS successfully organized on SVAW Day and International Child Week program at project area level.
- BNKS Successfully published of Sponsorship Bulletin (Trinomial Shangbad).
- BNKS successfully distribution the Umbrella and school bag to the poor and marginalized hundred students.
- BNKS successfully new child link (536 persons) and new project location (Tindu union).
- BNKS successfully organized Tax Justice Campaign program supported by ActionAid Bangladesh at LRP program Area.
- BNKS organized on Community mobilization through reflection- action proses at village level.
- BNKS Organized dialogue on indigenous people's health issues and Building networking with the local NGOs & several stakeholders at Thanchi Upazilla.
- BNKS Organized dialogue and linkage the Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) with the Upazila Health Complex Authority and District Civil Surgeon Office, and Family Welfare Association at Thanchi Upazilla.
- BNKS successfully organized on health camp among the children and women at the Tindu union of Thanchiupazila.
- BNKS successfully organized on Joint monitoring visit at LRP area.
- BNKS successfully organized on 30 Anniversary of ActionAid Bangladesh at Local and Division level.
- BNKS organized Capacity development training on tax budget governance for grassroots activists (focusing on women and youth) at LRP levels.
- BNKS successfully organized on day observed at the upzilla level such as The International Women's Day.
- BNKS successfully organized on SVAW Day program at project area level.
- BNKS Organized training on PRA and Gender for the RA facilitator's.
- BNKS organized raise awareness on health and sanitation through performing 'Street Drama at Tindu union.
- BNKS successfully formation of VDC in new LRP locations of Tindu Union.
- BNKS organized the develop leadership and organizational capacity on Basic accounting, Market linkage, IGA etc for the VDC members.
- BNKS successfully formation of UPR monitoring fouram at district level.
- BNKS organized on capacity building for UPR monitoring fouram at districts level.
- BNKS successfully organized on day observed at the upzilla level such as The World indigenous Day.
- BNKS successfully celection on Information collection about education status in primary schools at LRP area.
- BNKS organized sharing meeting on school governance and quality education for SMC Teacher and Upazila education Officer at Thanchi Upazilla.
- BNKS situation analysis report publish and organizedthe public sharing meeting at Upazilla level.
- BNKS successfully formation of Youth Club in 3 villages.
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- BNKS successfully organized exposure and experience sharing visit for the youth groups in BITA program area at Chittagong's.
- BNKS organized on Orientation for VDC groups on Indigenous people right and Dignity to

	<p>aware them on Tax and its relevance to their entitlements from government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNKS organized on Union Parishad and Upazila level meeting for ensuring access to public services and village development issues as collective actions. • BNKS organized on Upazilla level Round Table Dialogues on peoples' access and allocation for public services. • BNKS successfully organized on Organize ward shobha to assess demand of local community. • BNKS successfully organized on Draft budget preparation as per finding of word shobha at Bolipara Union Parishad. • BNKS successfully organized on Open budget declaration & validation by community people. • BNKS successfully organized on Districts level Round Table Discussion on the indigenous peoples related UPR recommendations/public services. • BNKS organized Conduct meeting on School governance issues with Reflection Action circles, SMC's and VDC's. • BNKS organized on Develop school based participatory education plan in each selected school on two most crucial rights of PRS charter. • BNKS organized on Develop people's education plan of action- compile school based plans into a Union based education plan to mobilize local resources through influencing Union ADP. • BNKS organized on wall magazine in selected 5 government primary schools. • BNKS successfully organized on Orientation to LUCHIKLA groups on TAX-Budget. • BNKS organized on study circles on tax literacy at youth groups. • Consultation workshop on Food rights at Thanchi.
<p>Major Achievement in 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 9th August, the International Indigenous Day Discussion Meeting was organized in collaboration with Action Aid Bangladesh for organizing BNKS. Members of LRP team, VDC, Reflect Circle members and Youth team were involved in the program. • Adoption of this program is done to promote the rights of indigenous education, land and life, indigenous day. • On 30th August, 2017, in the BNKS project office, there were organized training programs with VDC members. In this training, Youth boys 2, Youth girl 5, older men -17 were present. • One day long training is given on why organizations need organization in training, organization of organization, organizational organization, organization development, organization of policies, various structure of the organization, and proceedings of the meeting, financial management and team management. As a result of this training, they were informed about how to organize the organization. • Scorecard is a community-based process of monitoring the public services sector. It is a tool composed of social audit, community monitoring and citizen report cards. Scorecard creates opportunities for discussions about the results of the scorecard among public service officials and government officials, by organizing comparative short-term meetings through a participatory process by leading the local level. • On Tuesday 25 April, 2017, the meeting was held on 10:00 am on Tuesday in the meeting of all the members of the Ballipara Union Parishad. The LRP focal and the LRP team were present in the meeting. The chairman of the meeting presided over the UP Chairman. He asked all to convene a ward meeting according to the Local Government (Union Parishad) Act, 2009. Before the budget provision of the Union Parishad under Section-57 of the Local Government Act, he also requested for the meeting of the demands and demand for the meeting of the wards. Accordingly, every ward member presented their index of time. • The place and date of the open budget is discussed in consultation with the UP Chairman and members. Individual communication and open budget schedules have been prepared especially for women voters. The materials have been collected and prepared at the meeting by the UP Secretary. The place to sit and convene for the meeting is well-arranged. In the ward, the Union Parishad Standing Committee has organized budget

planning meetings with prominent individuals and identified projects and included in the budget.

- After the declaration of open budget of Bolipara Union Parishad, follow-up to ensure that it is being implemented properly. On 19/11/2013, a meeting was held with all the members of Bolipara Union Parishad. They all said that the budget allocated in the budget will be implemented at the right time.
- The main philosophy of gender sensitive budget is to ensure full empowerment of women in a country. The impact of the government's income and expenditure policies is based on the details of how much the gender falls on the gender sensitive budget. A basic feature of this budget process is that it takes some socio-economic issues neglected in the current budget process. For example, the distribution of disparate work of women and their inadequate work contributes to socio-economic areas, how the expenditure of tax revenues and tax revenues affects the poor women and their dependent family members and how the resources are distributed among the same family. In the 90's, like many other countries, initiatives to formulate a gender sensitive budget, aiming at creating gender sensitive budget.
- RTI meeting was convened at BNKS Project Office during the time of 10.00 am on 26th November, 2017. The ideas about transparency and accountability tools are provided to ensure public participation in public service providers. BNKS Deputy Program Manager at the ceremony gave ideas on RTI tools after exchange of merchandise with everyone.
- The VDC federation has received checks from the project budget for the construction of their office rooms and received checks.
- On 24 June, 2017 in the morning, at 10:00 am, a discussion meeting were organized in Chittagong Hill Tracts in the context of the Bandarban UPR Monitoring Forum, especially in communal incidents in Longadu upazila of Rangamati district. It was decided to present a recommendation and submit it to the concerned government office for such a situation that Langadu incident was not conducted in such a meeting.
- Human Chain, literacy campaigns and discussion meetings on the occasion of National Public Service Day: On June 16, 2017, Sunday, at 11:15 am, a human chain and literacy campaign were organized for the purpose of Ballipara Youth party in front of Balapara Union Parishad at Ballipara. Instructions and tools have been collected from AAB.
- On November 5, 2017, in the company of Bandarban DBM District Committee, collaboration was organized in front of the Press Club with the help of BNKS and ActionAid Bangladesh. There were about one hundred people, including the people of different classes of the profession.
- On June 16, 2017, on Sunday, at 4:00 pm, a path play was made to ensure the quality of public funding of alternative funding by reducing the burden of VAT in the Bolipara market. The event was attended by President of Balipara Bazar, Mr. Khalek Ahmed and representatives of the public and non-government organizations.
- On 29 November, 2017, on Wednesday, at 11.00 am, cultural programs and seminars were organized on the occasion of the program organized by BNKS in Maunglun Headman Para, of Tindu union, Thanchi Upazila. Honorable Members of the Bandarban Hill District Council; Mr. Thawi Hla Mong Marma and District Assistant District Primary Education Officer, Mr. Parinoy Chakma; Mr. Mongbawang Manga, President of Thanchi Upazila Press Club; Ex headman of Tindu mouja 367, Mr. Nlum Khumi, Mr. Krani aung Marma no1 ward member, Mr. Renten Khumi karbari, and BNKS staffs were present.
- On Sunday, August 26, 2017, Saturday 10:00 am on Saturday, campaigning for 10 education rights activists was organized at Naikhong Para Government Primary School. The Art and composing competition for school students is organized on the occasion of campaign for 10 educational rights activists.
- On November 25, 2017, organized Rally and Discussion for Women's Suffering Researchers by organizing Youth and Reflection Action Circle members at the BNSC project office. Danking Marma, member of the Mongnei Para Reflection Action Circle, said that women should first be prevented from torturing women. After wards, to resist the society.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUCHIKLA Group has received checks from the project budget for building their office rooms and received checks from the BNKS office. At present they are working for building office houses themselves. The LRP team is looking after the construction work. • On 20 June, 2017, day-to-day capacities orientation was given to the Youth Team at the BNKS project office at Bolipara. The LRP and Youth team were involved with this program. Due to this work the Youth Team can include their problems or future plans. They got ideas on how a team or organization goes. Members of any religious or social Youth team support the area. • Organizing the awareness for youths of Thanchi upazila of the Bandarban district, organizing mass gathering programs were organized to prevent child marriage. Under the program, Mass Gathering Human Chain was held for the prevention of child marriage prevention of youth from Balibazar High School of Thanchi Upazila. Then a discussion meeting on the prevention of child marriage in the Bolibazar High School hall was organized. • On June, 25 and August, 23 2017, at 10:00 am a quarterly meeting with members of Thanchi Upazila grassroots journalist's forums was organized by BNKS. • On June 22, 2017, fundamental training was organized for grassroots journalism. A total of 20 people were present in the training. The deputy manager of the training in the training program manages the training. • Trinamool Sangbad was released twice every year by grassroots journalism group. This year also has been published twice through grassroots journalists. Trinamool journalists have written the script in different areas of the project. This plays a role in the development of the area. • The PRRP ActionAid is an important process of transparency, accountability, learning and planning. In this process, ActionAid and collaborative organizations work to change the standard of living of the beneficiaries, the activities of the year by taking part in the direct participation of the poor people, their organization, and other stakeholders of the project, and the changes that have been achieved due to this activity are elaborately analyzed. • Formation Women led emergency response team of Thanchi. • Emergency response to 318 Family and support to Cash Money for Nutrition food, Wash & Seed Purpose. • Supported to Women Groups Government Registration. • Establish of Youth Federation. • Implement to Local Government by road, Dirking Water supply & Food for work with the advocacy on LRP.
<p>Status of past & present interventions</p>	<p>Status of past intervention:</p> <p>The total population of Thanchi is over 20,000. Thanchi is characterized by its remoteness, isolation, hill settlements and it has been neglected by public and private development policies. It is located in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region, which has experienced 30 years of internal conflict. The CHT is a unique geographical and cultural area of Bangladesh, with a blend of indigenous people [1] and Bengalis [2] who have recently settled here from the plains. The area has been devoid of any significant development intervention for the past three decades and this has resulted in a general deterioration in the quality of life for the people there.</p> <p>The total population of Thanchi is around 20,000 (46% female) with 10% Bengali settlers who migrated mainly from Satkania, Lohagora and Sitakundu Upazilas of Chittagong district. Some people also came from Potuakhali and Barishal districts.</p> <p>Marma, Khumi, Chakma, Tripura, Khyang, Mro (Murong) and Bom are the indigenous communities living in different villages of Thanchi. Most of the populations are Buddhists followed by Christians, Hindus, and small amount of Muslims. Some people from the ethnic communities also follow animism. The amount of reserve forest is 82080 acres. Plain land in Thanchi is not more than 5%.</p>

As a result of these characteristics, there is a high level of poverty and marginalization. For example, while mortality resulting from water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, cholera has been significantly eliminated from the rest of the country; around 40 boys, girls, men and women have already died in Thanchi in the current year.

Major Problems:

- Absence of officials in the government offices. For example doctors in the hospital. Total government administration is inactive in Thanchi.
- Food Crisis. High price of essentials in the market.
- Communications system as whole is very poor and risky. This is one of the main barriers to the development of the area.
- Education (systems, quality and quantity are) very poor.
- Water crisis – a major problem.
- Sanitation – lack of facilities plus people's behavioral pattern

Now there is a road link from Bandarban district headquarters to Thanchi. In the dry season it takes about 5 hours to drive to Thanchi from the Bandarban district headquarter. But in monsoon it takes more than 7 hours.

Status of present intervention:

A space has been being created for the women and children to enjoy their rights holistically in the community and institution The women are getting opportunity gradually for taking decision in family level Through representing in VDC and reflect circle the women are being empowered and capacitated to raise their voice They are receiving various Rights Based training under the project intervention

The community people especially the people's organizations are now creating linkage and network with different types of service providers and other responsive stakeholders for promoting their rights and entitlement.

The women in the working area are getting training and financial support for promoting IGA and small business by pig rearing home stead gardening goat rearing etc The major issue of the intervention is to ensure the food security of the targeted households which will be resulting in the sustainable development of the community people Different people are given training in the goal of sustainable development of the community Although they do not get three time meals now they get two time meals In line with this aim the project intervention endeavored to facilitate the women to assure their dignified life in community and institutional level.

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Since the working areas are hilly and remote the crisis of pure drinking water and hygienic sanitation system has been being in alarming stipulation Despite through the project intervention the situation is improving day by day Earlier some GFS were established to address insufficiency of the pure drinking water but these GFSs could not be maintained properly In fact awareness of the community people would be intensified in this respect But nowadays the positive side of this issue is that an effective linkage could be taken place with the GO and other service providers for ensuring the pure drinking water and hygienic

sanitation system for the community VDC youth clubs and Women Reflection Action Circles are playing vital role to continue the linkage and network for this purpose Eventually it is to say that about 200 indigenous community members are getting the opportunity for using pure drinking water and hygienic sanitation system The VDCs are going to organize a public hearing in the upcoming time after doing a social audit on the satisfaction level of using safe water in the community.

During the implementation of the recent project two schools have been targeted to ensure at least two core educational objectives of 10 A plan of action has been completed in this plan and based on the plan of action the purpose of this project is to ensure the previous education Right The project is creating a network with press and media to encourage school authorities There is also a plan to jointly plan the project for the participation of rural level groups media SMCs teachers and student council members of community SMC teachers and student councils are regularly exercising 10 educational rights.

The project includes 8 communities including Marma, Bawm Mro, Tripura, Khumi, Chakma and Bangali Muslim and Hindus During this project intervention the children of this community are getting an opportunity to attend school Actually community level awareness is extremely important to get access On the other hand institutional improvement must definitely be here But now the primary education facility is increasing but parental consciousness is needed That is why the project is properly organizing parents awareness and organizing village level members of different levels 10 core rights practicing in selected two primary school at Thanchi upazila.

During the implementation of the project SMC was introduced to take necessary measures to ensure quality education among educational institutions However village based organizations are sensitive to play a role with responsibility for taking initiative for leading about their administrative responsibilities with LGGE Various types of organizations are working to improve the human rights situation the CR situation of the community Then the rate of admission in the project area has increased and the mentor is enrolling their children in the schools The children have been interested in education more than ever before.

In the working area increasing number of the children have completed primary education and admitted to the secondary education The project intervention created a mechanism for reducing the dropout rate through creating awareness amongst the parents with the active role of village level groups Up to the reporting period about 600 children especially girls children have completed primary education and transfer to and continue secondary education.

The project members along with the VDC reflect circle SMC are organizing various meetings with the LG representatives at UP and Upazila level for doing advocacy in order to allocate budget in ADP for local primary education The project team members are playing the role of mentors here The local groups especially SMC are being sensitized and proactive in this issue Initially the project targets 3 unions namely Bolipara Thanchi and Tindu for progressive tax policies and ADP allocation for primary education duly Every year the Union Parishad has allocated budget for quality education for primary schools.

The women of the community through receiving training on IGA and Rights based issue have been empowered to represent themselves as the active actors in family and society Traditionally the women of this area have a vital role in income generating process in family level but control over this income was very limited As they are creating space for family decision making process they are now more active for mobilizing their resources and establishing control over the income They are increasing the negotiating power within the household and community.

	<p>The eight of community members involved in public service and public service to provide public service to the Union Council At present LGIs of the workplace are taking opinions from the people especially VDC leaders and are taking the views of the leaders of the reflections to select the service receivers and involve them in the whole process of distribution Circle members now have their own opinions and decisions in their families. These changes are emerging by creating awareness through meeting mobilization training workshop seminar rally and day observance technical and financial support by AAB and BNKS.</p>
Project located in LRP and with other local NGO	<p>Graus- Thanchi Upazila -(Bolipara, Thanchi, Tindu & Remakri Union). Humanitarian Foundation- (Thanchi, Tindu & Remakri Union), Helen Keller international - (Bolipara, Thanchi, Tindu & Remakri Union). Green Hill - (Bolipara & Thanchi).</p>
Total budget for last 3 years	<p>2016-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT) 35,13,745.00 2017-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT) 26,59,622.00 2018-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT)25,59,622.00</p>
Special issues which will be link with social movement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Movement (DBM) 2. Indigenous Rights & Dignity (UPR Monitoring Forum) 3. Social Auditing Health Issue. 4. Day Observation on Women's Rights & Gender Equality.
Challenges if any	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural Disaster. 2. Delay to fund release approval from NGO Bureau. 3. Regional political unsteadiness. 4. Communication difficult on Geographical area.