

LRP Information

Name of the Organization: Voluntary Association for Rural Development (VARD)

LRP title: Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Practices to Strengthen Food Security of the Poor and Marginalized through accessing rights

LRP #: 43

Topics	Description											
Location of LRP	Bishwamberpur Upazila under Sunamgonj District											
Duration (start date & phase out date)	Start :01-01-2012 & Phase out date:31-12-2023											
Number of Sponsor Children	F	M	Total	Total children				F	M	Total		
	392	301	693					478	356	834		
LRP focus	Poverty alleviation and establish of human rights for poor and marginalized through voice raising and promoting sustainable agriculture practices to strengthen food security accessing rights in the project area.											
Group information (#s)	RAC	13	SBK	10	Youth	0	Girls	0	VAW	0	others	4
Connection with other Strategic priorities	WR&GE / R&CJ/ RJ&DG /Young People											
Major Achievements of LRP life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the RAC member has elected as a women member of last local Govt. election 2017. RAC member are actively participate in UP standing Committee, SMC,PTA and CC management committee and one RAC member has elected SMC president. • Two RAC members has received “Joyita” Padak and One RAC members has received recognition from Upazila administration for CRSA and involvement of community development. • 5 Government primary schools have taken initiatives to implement 10 core educational rights and 7 communities are mobilized for promoting RBS. • WDB has taken initiatives to protect embankment of Old Jadukata River and UP has repair “ Shaktiar Kola to Ulashnagar Road’ & in Jamalpur the UP has reconstructed the bridge by soil as a result of movement led by women. Total 22 movement/initiative led by women contributed to local development. • 207 women’s has reported increased their food security both of sustainable livelihood and CRSA. • 339 people living in poverty has received public service like “ Krishi Card, VGD,VGF, Old Age Allowance, Disability Allowance etc. • 107 landless people applied for Kashland among the 107. • Increase participation of women in community decision making process and 23 women have report they are participate in community decision making process and 226 women have increased control over their income and family decision making process. • One women led emergency response has successfully completed. Where all the process (selection, invitation & distribution) of cash amount distribution were completed by women. • 145 Farmer’s are practices CRSA and 136 Families are benefitting from CRSA. • Approximately BDT 9 Lac saving has accumulated by 13 RAC and they operated “Community Credit” for provide capital support shortly to the Circle members families increasing family income and that can led to increase acceptance of women in their family • 35 Women farmer’s received training from Agriculture dept and 30 women received training from Youth dept. • 184 families are received 											

Major Achievement in 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One RAC member has elected as a SMC president and 9 SMC members. • One RAC members are received “Joyita” Padak and One RAC members has received recognition from Upazila administration for CRSA and involvement of community development. • WDB has taken initiatives to protect embankment of Old Jadukata River and UP has repair “ Shaktiar Kola to Ulashnagar Road’, in Jamalpur the UP has reconstructed the bridge by soil as a result of movement led by women. Total 18 movement/initiative led by women contributed to local development. • 38 landless people applied for Kashland and 38 applications are under process. • 208 people living in poverty has received public service like “ Krishi Card, and VGD,VGF, Age Allowance, Disability Allowance etc. • 35 Women farmer’s received training from Agriculture dept and 30 women received training from Youth dept. • All of the RAC member’s 380 families have received humanitarians’ assistance after flash flood and crop’s damage in 2017 as a result of advocacy.
Status of past & present interventions	<p>Status of past intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRSA promotion -145 family • Provide support to landless people’s for processing kashland-107 families • Promoting rights based school-5 school • Women led emergency response-1 • Awareness rising on harmful traditional practices (Child Marriage) and VAW. • Training on Floating vegetable garden • Advocacy with Social welfare dept to Ensure Disability certificate -183 • Advocacy with UP and duty bearers to increase access of RA group member’s to pro-poor allocation. • Community risk assessment and networking RA circle and others stakeholders-3 • Awareness rising of R-A group member’s to increase access public service <p>Status of present intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership development of R-A group leaders-39 Leaders • Awareness rising on harmful traditional practices (Child Marriage) and VAW • Provide support to R-A group members for CRSA model development and promotion-75 families • Provide support to landless people’s for processing kashland-35 • Capacity development of Land rights group leaders-1 • Advocacy with UP and duty bearers to increase access of RA group member’s to pro-poor allocation-1 • Establish Seed Bank-1 • Promoting rights based school-5 school • Advocacy Meeting with Kash land Management committee -1
Project located in LRP and with other local NGO	Brac, CARE, SIMANTIK,FIVDB
Total budget for last 3 years	2016-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT)-2526788.00 2017-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT)-2337486.00 2018-BDT (Regular giving-BDT + Project-BDT)-2537486.00
Special issues which will be link with social movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Child Marriage • Stop VAW • Promoting organic vegetable markets

Challenges if any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge gap of project staff on Strategic priority• Political influence
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