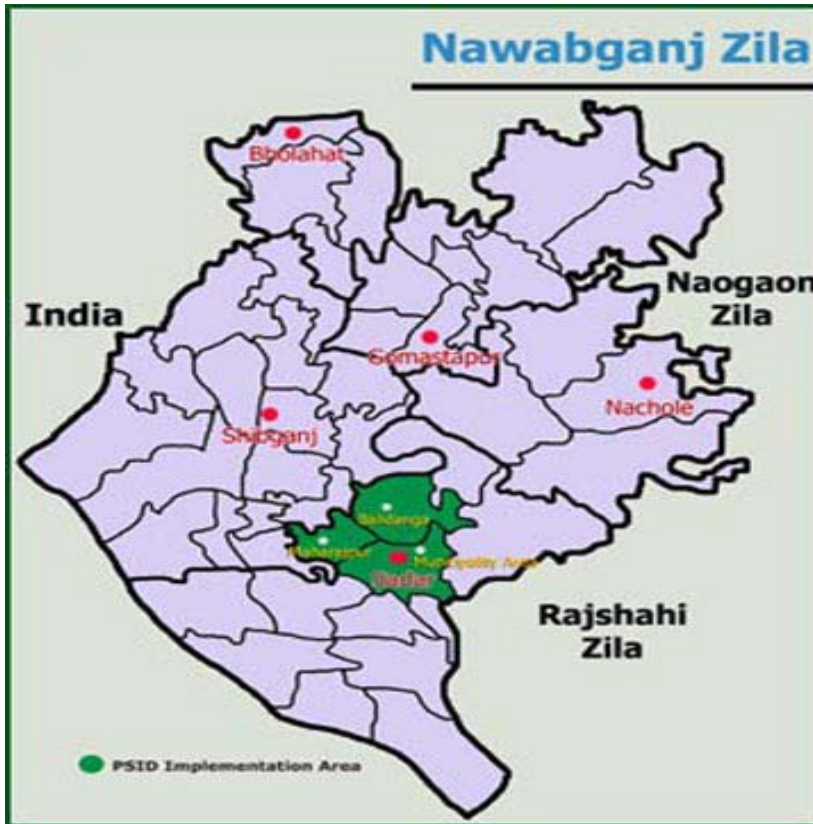




## CHAPAINAWABGANJ DISTRICT CAME UNDER PSID COVERAGE IN JANUARY '07



Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity (BPKS) with its Approach Persons with Disabilities Self-Initiatives to Development (PSID) which brings effective changes of disabled peoples' lives. BPKS has commenced PSID Project in [Chapainawabgonj](#) district on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. The project agreement has been initialled between BPKS and Cives Mundi in March 2007. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> district out of total 64 districts in Bangladesh where PSID is being implemented by BPKS. It has selected three Unions of Northern [Chapainawabgonj](#) district to implement its program.

In the initial stage, Chapainawabganj Municipal area and two Unions- **Baliadanga & Maharajpur** were selected for PSID. A two member team led by Delower Hossain, Assistant Director (Advocacy & Network) of BPKS, conducted several meetings with Government Officials, Local Government representatives and community leaders of the area to assess possibility for implementation of PSID.

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## Editorial...

*One For All, a regularly quarterly Newsletter of Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity (BPKS) that reflects organizational activities from grassroots to national level. It contains news of ongoing activities, features, articles and case studies of organizational programs in operation all year round. It is playing important role in highlighting the program achievements of BPKS on a quarterly basis.*

*It covers with updated quarterly news of ongoing activities and other significant issues of PSID implementation areas as well as headquarters' activities. BPKS has extended a new PSID project in Chapainowabgonj district this year which is funded by Cives Mundi, Spain. Besides, it includes into its contents the items with relevant events of PWDs - such as success stories, individual achievements and outcomes of PSID, DPODs and partner DPOs efforts through BPKS's sole PSID approach.*

*The quarterly also highlights Disability Understanding, Self-confidence, Localization power & Program, Leadership, Country Status, Accounts & Management, Lobbying & Advocacy. Through the trainings BPKS wants to transfer skills to PWDs as it is committed to establish human rights of the disabled people.*

*I would like to thank the editorial panel members and all concerns of BPKS Staff, Disabled People Staff Members from grassroots levels for their sincere cooperation for this publication. And I also thank all readers and well wishers for their positive feedback.*

BPKS has already recruited staff for Chapainowabgonj PSID Center. For this purpose seventy volunteer surveyors have been given orientation on Baseline Survey Format and related documents. The survey was conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 in 33 Wards

Following data found after conducting the baseline survey is given below:

Sl no	Area	Ward	Total surveyed house	Number of house	Number of disabled people		
					Male	Female	Total
1	Municipality	15	12,089	1279	788	555	1343
2	Baliadnga	09	4135	292	168	124	292
3	Maharajpur	09	4114	341	203	168	371
Total		33	20,338	1912	1159	847	2006



Door to door survey in being conducted

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN CIVES MUNDI AND BPKS

A bilateral Agreement Signing Ceremony between Cives Mundi, (Spain) and Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity (BPKS) was held on March 20, 2007 at BPKS Head Office in Dhaka. Mr Abdus Sattar Dulal, Founder & Executive Director signed the agreement on behalf BPKS and Ms Maria Teresa Vicente, President of Cives Mundi on behalf of Cives Mundi. Under the agreement PSID Project will be implemented in Chapai Nowabganj district by BPKS. Cives Mundi is funding for BPKS to expand ChapaNowabganj project.

Mr Antonio Lopez, Responsible for Campaign and Ms Maria Teresa Gerena, In-Charge of Asia & Africa from Cives Mundi and BPKS staff members were present on the occasion.

Signing of the agreement is a symbol of mutual partnership and friendly relationship between Cives Mundi and BPKS. It also reflects the commitment of both the parties for the establishment of right-based society for all through PSID Endeavours



President of Cives Mundi & Executive Director of BPKS after completion of signing agreement

### Cives Mundi's representatives visits grassroots level:

Maria Teresa Vicente,, President; Maria Teresa Gerena, In-Charge of Asia & Africa and Antonio Lopez, Responsible for Campaign of Cives Mundi visited Chapainowabganj PSID Project on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007. They met with the local Government Officials, Community Leaders and disabled people there. Besides, they visited Bogra Disabled Peoples' Organization to Development (Bogra-DPOD) to see for themselves the activities of disabled people. During the visit Cives Mundi representatives were highly impressed to see the overall programs of BPKS for disabled people. at grassroots levels.



Cives Mundi representative are at grassroots level

BPKS is grateful to Cives Mundi for their financial assistance and cooperation.

## ORIENTATION ON CENTER MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

BPKS Training Cell conducted the basic training & orientation on **Center Management & Development** for 4 PSID Centers during the first quarter (January-March 2007) of the year 2007. The objective of this orientation is smooth implementation of PSID. About 104 GDPOD leaders including 71 female from 4 PSID Centers received the orientation.

The orientation on Center Management & Development of Volume-01 and Volume-02 were conducted in Dhaka-PSID, Narail-PSID, Nilphamari-PSID and Companygonj-PSID Centers in February 2007. The Volume-03 was conducted in March 2007 at Dhaka-PSID, Narail-PSID, Nilphamari-PSID and Companygonj-PSID Centers. In addition, the Volume-04 of orientation was conducted in March 2007 at Manikganj Disabled Peoples' Organization to Development (MDPOD). Twenty seven GDPOD leaders of each PSID Center took part in the orientation.

## WARM CLOTHES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A severe cold spell swept over some parts of Bangladesh during winter season every year. Some project areas of BPKS became victim of cold wave. Being the poorest of the poor disabled people was affected more than the others. Flood, cyclone, severe cold wave and tidal wave are the common phenomena of Bangladesh.

This year BPKS distributed warm clothes and other necessary materials for disabled people and their family members in PSID Centers. Narail, Rangamati and Nilphamari PSID Centers were brought under this program. Under this program about 1500 disabled people received warm clothes.

Md. Moshir Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner ([Revenue](#)) of Narail was present as Chief Guest at the clothes distribution program. [Homaira Begum](#), Thana Nirbahi Officer of Narail and [journalists of the Purbanchol](#), the [Daily Prothom Alo](#), and the [Daily Ittefaq](#) were present as Special Guest on this occasion.

BPKS acknowledges to valued partners and associate partners- Assistance for Slum Dwellers ([ASD](#)), [Nobolok](#), [Prodipon](#), [Nagorik Uddayog](#), [BUK](#), [BASSA](#), [Samata](#) and [Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnyan Songstha](#) for the supports during the cold wave victims. The contribution of the valued partners was helpful for the victims.



## GET TOGETHER OF BPKS STAFF

Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity (BPKS) organized a get together program on 26 March 2007, on the occasion of the National Independence Day. On this occasion, sharing and cultural program was organized by the initiative of BPKS staff members. Mr Abdus Sattar Dulal, Founder & Executive Director of BPKS inaugurated and opened the program. Mr Dulal delivered his speech on this occasion. He shared his experience of the Liberation War in 1971.

Besides, Mr Mozammel Kabir, Assistant Director (Training) and Mr Abdul Karim, Assistant Coordinator (Training) shared their experiences liberation war as freedom fighters of 1971. They expressed their close observation of terrible moments the war.

The cultural program was held after the discussion on Independence Day. A cultural team of BPKS staff members performed the program which led by Mr Monirul Islam Mukul and Mr Animesh Toju. The ceremony was coordinated by Mr Mozammel Kabir, Assistant Director of BPKS.

