



Report on UZGP's Half Yearly Progress review Workshop



Date: October'29, 2014

Venue: Shahid Samsuddin Conference Room, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Sirajgonj.

Organized by: UZGP & Local Government Section Sirajganj.

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Introduction:

A day long Workshop on Half yearly progress review workshop of Upazila Governance Project (UZGP) was held on 29 October 2014 at Shahid Samsuddin Conference Room, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Sirajgonj, organized by Upazila Governance Project & Local Government section, Sirajganj.

The workshop was also aimed to review the last six monthly planned activities & achievements, identified the best example which performing by Upazila, challenges for implementing the project activities, areas identifies for better coordination, next six monthly project plans sharing etc.

Mr. Helaluddin Ahmed, Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi was present at the programme as chief guest, while **Mr. Md. Billal Hossain, Deputy Commissioner, Sirajganj** chaired the event.

Among others, Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG of Sirajganj, All the UzPs Chairman, Vice-chairman, UNO's from 09 Upazila Parishads, Vice-Chairs & Secretary of all the Zila & Upazilas WDF, District level Gov. Official, media person, total =65 out of 66 were present.

Speaking as chief guest, Divisional Commissioner, Mr. Helaluddin Ahmed said, Government try to ensuring good governance at Upazila Parishad through the implementation of "Upazila Governance Project (UZGP). It is the project of the Local Government Division that will help strengthen the Upazila Parishad as well as improving its capacity."

He urged to UzP Chairman, Vice-chairman, UNO and other government officials working for different line departments, to work unitedly to make the Upazila Parishad a real service providing hub and play an active role to make the Upazila Parishad a vibrant, functional, transparent and accountable local government institution through proper utilization UZGP's activities. He also said that the transferred departmental file will have to forward to UzP Chairman for approval. If it is no need for approval but it will have to forward UzP Chairman for information only. He asked all the UNO will ensure this.

Mr. Md. Bellal Hosain, Deputy Commissioner, Sirajganj, said the UZGP project is working for the empowerment of elected representatives of UzPs. He thanked to Kazipur & Ullpara Upazila for implementing some innovative projects, like Women driving & Midwives training. He asked all the Upazila to get experience form the piloting Upazila Kazipur & Ullapara. He also thanked WDF members for active role play to reducing early marriage.

Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG Sirajganj, conducted the programme as main facilitator, briefed the participants about project strategic goals, shared the six monthly plans, and how the project will help to strengthen the WDF as well as the Upazila Parishad system.

Mr. Md. Matiur Rahman, District Facilitator UZGP presented the last six monthly planned activities & achievements.

All the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Presented the planned activities & achievements for their respective Upazila Parishads.

Session wise main subject of discussion:

Session: 01-Innuguratuon.

Inauguration: Half yearly progress review workshop of UZGP was inaugurated by **Mr. Helaluddin Ahmed, Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi**, as a chief guest while Mr. Md. Billal Hossain, Deputy Commissioner Sirajganj was chaired the program. Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG gave welcoming speech in the workshop.

Participants' information: Upazila Parishad Chairman, Vice- Chairman, UNO, Vice-Chair & Secretary of District & Upazila level WDF, District level transferred department officials. Journalist etc total =65 out of 66.

Resource persons' information:

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2.	Mr. Md. Billal Hossain	Deputy Commissioner	Deputy Commissioners office Sirajganj	
3.	Mr. Tanmay das	DDLG	Deputy Commissioners office Sirajganj	
4.	Mr. Md. Matiur Rahman	Districtl Facilitator (UZGP)	Sirajganj	

Session: 02, Objectives of the workshop & UZGP Project

Session: 02. After inauguration & addressing of the participants the facilitator Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG presented the objectives of the workshop, strategic goals of UZGP through overhead projector.

Session: 03. Reviewed the last six monthly planned activities & achievements

Session: 03: This session conduct by District Facilitator Md. Matiur Rahman. He briefed about the UZGP six monthly planned activities, Progress. After presentation all the participants got clear ideas about UZGP's achievements & under achievement's activities.

Session-04: Present status of UFF progress of piloting UzP & other UzPs progress.

Session -04: This session facilitated by the piloting UzPs UNO. The UNOs presented the details about UFF grants project. They discussed main achievements, under achievements of the projects. They also assured all the schemes will complete by December'14. Rest of the UzPs progress presented by respected UNOs through overhead projector.

Session-05: Shared Next Six monthly plans

Session-06: The main objective of this session was to share next six monthly plans. The facilitator Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG facilitated the session. He detail discussed about the UZGPs six monthly plans & how the way to perform planned activities within stipulated time. He also shared the implementing challenges of project activities.

Open Discussion: This session also conducted by Divisional Commissioner. He answered all the question of the participants. Mr. Mohammed Ali, Chairman, Belkuchi UzP, Mr. Riaz Uddin, Chairman, UzP Sador, Mr. Md. Mozemmel Haque Sarker, Chairman, Kazipur UzP, Mr. Abdul Haque, Chairman Tarash UzP, Mr. Liakot ali, vice-Chair, Chouhali Uzp, Ms. Sabina Yesmin Hashi, vice-Chair (Femal) Sador UzP, Ms. Shampa Khatun, Vice-Chair (Femal), Kamarkhand UzP, Ms. Nurun Nahar Khanom, President District WDF, Ms. Farida Yesmin, Secretary District & Ullapara Upazila WDF took part in the open discussion session. They gave thank & Gratitude to UZGP for arranging this kind event. They also gave thanked to UZGP for arranged a training regarding Upzila activities & ACT. From the training, they have known about Upazila Parishads activities as they were new elected representatives. The WDF representative's gave gratitude to UZGP for raising their voice through different training, meeting etc. They also asked to Divisional commissioner to provide continues support from his sight.

Some decisions & Recommendations form the workshop:

1. UzPs will do their monthly meeting regularly & will fix-up a schedule date.
2. UzPs Chairman, Vice-Chairman & UNO will take necessary steps for conducting Standing committees meeting regularly
3. Rest of the UzPs will get experience from the piloting UzP(Kazipur & Ullapara)
4. Five Years plan of UzP will be completed by December'14.
5. All the files of line department will have to forward to UzP Chairman for approval. If it is no need for approval but it will have to forward him for information only. Every UNO will ensure this.
6. Continues support has to need for WDF. Like as financial support for awareness campaign, Capacity building Training, Office premises, Support for registration etc.
7. All the under achieved program will be completed by 15th December'14.

Some selected photos with caption:



Mr. Billal Hossain , deputy Commissioner giving his speech in the workshop.



Mr. Tanmaya Das, DDLG Sirajganj is giving his welcoming speech in the workshop.



DF UZGP is presenting the half yearly Progress in the Workshop



Participants of the Half Yearly Progress review meeting

Closing Session: The Divisional Commissioner Mr. Helaluddin Ahmed gave thanks & gratitude to the project authority to participate as chief guest in the workshop. He requested all the transferred department officers & UZP Chairman, Vice-Chairman, UNOs for work in a team. Finally, Mr. Md. Billal Hossain gave thanks & Gratitude all the participants for coming here & took part in the workshop & closed the meeting.

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