

CBR and DPOs from point of view of a DPO Context of Bangladesh

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Concept of CBR:

- CBR is a strategy within general community development for
 - i) the rehabilitation
 - ii) equalization of opportunities and
 - iii) social inclusion of all people with disabilities.

Who Are benefited from CBR?

- People with disabilities themselves
- Their families
- Organizations and communities

Factors of CBR:

- Health
- Education
- Vocational i.e. Economical Opportunities &
- Social and other services

**** The Empowerment of PWD.**

Major Objectives:

- A) To ensure that people with disabilities are able to maximize their physical and intellectual abilities:
 - i. To access regular services and opportunities
 - ii. To become active contributors to the communities and society at large.
- B) To activate communities to promote and protect the human rights of people with disabilities through changes within the community.

About DPOs: (Disabled Peoples Organizations)

Types of DPOs:

2 major types of DPOs have become active participants:

- a) Cross Disability Organizations
- b) Single Disability Organizations

** The Single Disability Organizations make an important contribution at all levels by advising on the needs of people with specific needs.

** The Cross Disability Organizations are playing an important role in Disability Movement that is sensitizing people from grass-roots to policy makers' level.

DPO Formation Process:

- Formation of ***Self Help Groups (SHG)***
- ***Scaling up their leadership*** (through different trainings that make them aware about Human Rights)
- Formation of ***Federations***
- Formation of ***DPOs.***

SHGs and DPOs of PWDs in Bangladesh:

- SHG and DPOs of PWDs are outcomes of some self-help initiatives.
- Such initiatives comes from group solidarity which enables them to support their own through sharing of experience, exchange practical information, insight and knowledge.
- Those solidarity and mutual support serve as the basis of a collective action towards changing the situation of PWDs.

Photograph of SHG:



Achievements of DPO Activities in Bangladesh:

- Ensuring participation.
- Involving civil society
- Ensuring active participation of women within the DPOs.

Photographs

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As a Result: Social benefits, transportation facilities, employment opportunities are improving but of course these are too inadequate.





















Education as a Factor of CBR as well as rights:

- Early Intervention Program
- Involvement of Community People
- Inclusive Schools
- Teacher Awareness Program.
- Friendly Infrastructure and Curriculum as per the needs of Types of Children with Disability.