



Fig. 3: Village committee meeting

7.02.3 Union Coordination Committee

Union is envisaged as the focal point of rural development under this project. Akin to Upazila Development Coordination Committee, two UCCs have been formed with representatives from NBDs, all UP members and VC representatives at the project union through a gazette notification from the Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Co-operatives at Shahadebpur and Narandia Unions. NGOs representatives are also co opted in the committee for greater linkage, partnership development and net working.

7.02.4 Union Coordination Committee Meeting

UCC meeting is a forum for open dialogue , debate and discussion among the stakeholders. The committee holds meeting once a month on a particular day. Moreover UDO serve notice well ahead of the meeting day. The performance and the advance work schedule of NBDs' and NGOs personnel working in the union are presented, reviewed and verified by the chairman and members of the of the committee. Monthly time plan of the staff to visit the VC meeting are finalized in consultation with the VC representatives and UP members. Apart from these, problems related mainly to rural development are discussed and the committee try to resolve in the meeting. However unmet issues are forwarded to Upazila for information and action. In order to make all activities transparent all development plans and allotment in the Union are also discussed in the UCCM. 100 percent UCCM held in each union and the attendance in the meeting was more than 95 percent. 144 Numbers of UC meeting scheduled to be held during the project period out of which 44 numbers UCM was held up to June 2002.



Fig. 4: Union Co-ordination Committee Meeting at Shahadeb pur, Chaired by Mr. Sukur Mahmood.

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7.02.5 Micro Infrastructure Development

Micro credit and skill training were not considered under this project but provided some supports for self employment by way of building micro infrastructures such as improvement of village and union roads, culverts, bridges, repair schools, hat and bazar etc.

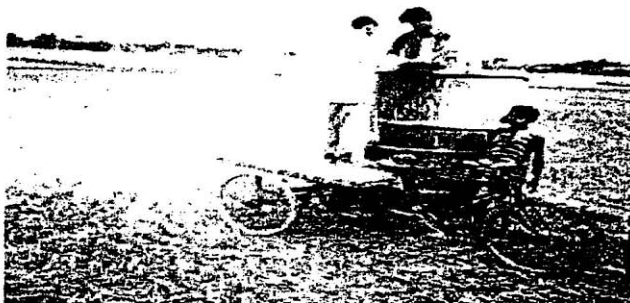


Fig. 5: Slab Latrines manufactured by community people with their Contribution and project supports.

Fifteen schemes; ten para roads, and three culverts have already been constructed and one primary school has been renovated by the community people with project support. Every household in the village contributed, at least, one days' voluntary labour or equivalent amount in cash as a substitute of labour. The villagers provided the land and earth free for construction work. In this way they contributed about 20% of the cost of each schemes. They also cleared their arrear and current union taxes of the villages before starting the work. The payment of union taxes is a unique achievement for strengthening union parishad resource base. During the project period 24 numbers small-scale infrastructures targeted to be constructed out of which 15 numbers small-scale infrastructures so far developed upto June'02.

7.02.6 Information Delivery with Notice Board

For information dissemination 70 notice boards had already been provided in the project unions from the project which were installed at the strategic corners of the villages. All important messages related to rural development which are discussed and recorded at the UCCM are summarized in the form of bulletin and disseminated among the people in the rural area through these notice boards by the PRDP field staff.



Fig. 6: A view of the Notice Board at Shahadebpur Union

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