

7.02.7 Union Development Center

UDC is like the mini secretariat house of the union parishad . Two UDCs have been built at Shahadebpur and Narandia in the UP compound. The project provided the fund and the UP the necessary land for construction of Union Development Center (UDC). The upstairs of the center are used for holding monthly meeting of the UCC and the ground floor have been rented out to Grameen Bank and SSS (NGO). The income will be utilized for maintenance of the center. UDO holds his office in the center . Nation building department staff also use this center as their contact point. Adequate furniture were provided from the project to hold meetings and office of the project staff. NBDs are given file cabinets to keep their official documents and papers.



Fig. 7: Union Development Center, Shadabpur

7.02.8 Training, Workshop and Orientation

A series of short training courses and orientation were arranged under the auspices of PRDP at the Upazila and Union levels. All officers - Upazila and union levels and union parishad members ,chairman and village committee representatives attended the training.



Fig. 8: A view of training of Union level staff engaged in rural development of different agencies conducted by BARD, Comilla.

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Apart from this while forming the village committee a series of meeting were convened gathering all the people of the villages. In addition to this para based meetings were also convened to give them message of the project and information about participatory rural development .More than 10000 families in the project areas were mobilized under the project through several meeting while forming village committees.



Fig. 9: A view of the workshop attended by VC representatives held on 17-18 September 2001 at Shadebpur Union Development Centre.

Upazila Development Co-ordination Committee (UDCC) is considered an important support committee to accelerate horizontal and vertical , upward and downward linkage. Regular meetings , group and individual contacts were made with the Districts and Upazila level officials to keep them aware of the activities of the projects.

Under the JICA Counterpart training Programme, two BRDB Personnel, i.e. Director Planning and PD of PRDP, have so far taken part in Counterpart Training Courses in Japan. In addition, six PRDP concerned personnel, i.e. AD of PREP, UPC of BRDB in Kalihati upazila, 2 UDOs of PRDP and 2 UP Chairmen participated in JICA Financed Study and Policy Dialogue Tour observing the local government system in West Bengal.

7.02.9 National Seminar

Two National Seminar one under the title "PRDP INITIATION" was held on 10th August, 2000, and the other under the title Linkage and Common Interests : Experiences of PRDP held on 3-4 July,2002. In the PRDP initiation seminar around 100 top and mid-level executives from different NGOs and GOs and development partner organizations, policy planners, academicians and researchers from different institutions and academy participated in the seminar.

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