

16.02.2 The schemes covers common interests of the villagers such as construction of para roads, culverts, and small bridges; repair of school, hat & bazar and post office, etc. that have been totally neglected by any government or nongovernmental organizations.

16.02.3 Matching contribution at the rate of about 20 percent and mutual supports from the beneficiaries concomitant with the clearance of union taxes has raised a hope of massive community resource mobilizations and their economic and efficient uses.

16.02.4 Average union tax and annual allocation under annual development plan (ADP) are around Tk.1.5 lakh and Tk. 4 lakh respectively. If PRDP mechanisms are followed in 4451 unions all over the country, it will ensure recovery of taxes to the tune of Tk.60 crore and mobilization of community contributions of Tk.34 crore with the ADP allocation, at the union level alone.

16.03 The Linkage

16.03.1 A network of horizontal and vertical linkage has been created among the stakeholders such as NBDs, NGOs, VC representatives and UP members and other institutions. Union Coordination Committee deems to be a mini parliament to the members of the UP. VC representatives and UP members enquire about the activities and performances of the staff of the NBDs and NGOs. Likewise NBDs and the NGOs staff have the opportunity to seek for supports to disseminate their information about their action plan and time plan and distribution of their inputs.

16.03.2 An atmosphere of good governances are being promoted through peoples participation, decision making, responsiveness, consensus, accountability and transparency in the project area. Open dialogue, debate and discussion unhide and expose everything and everybody in the UCC meeting. Generally discussions continue until they reach to a consensus.

16.03.3 Social responsibilities among the UP chairman and the members have significantly increased. The chairman does not miss the meeting and almost all the UP members make it convenient to present on the meeting day. The women members who were initially regular absentees are now not only regular but active and vocal participants.

NBDs field staff are absent only when they have important meetings outside the union. They accord utmost priority to attending the meeting. Upazila officers also consider UCCM as a suitable conduit to transfer information and to get feed back of the performance of their field staff.

16.03.4 All the stakeholders envisage information as power and power induces participation which is an important elements of good governance.

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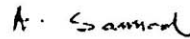
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2. Efforts may be made to overcome the problems/constraints of the model as identified in para-13 of the report.
3. A national committee may examine the components of the different models tested through CEP, CVDP , Kishorgang etc. in order to make a comparative analysis of all the models before it is considered for replication.
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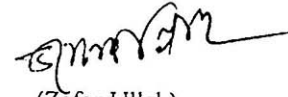
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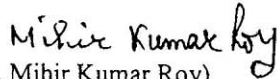
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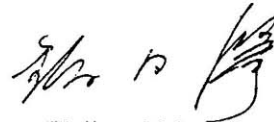
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