

Fisherwomen hold the family wagon strongly

Mst. Nurzahan Begum said, “After being her husband paralyzed suffering began in the family. She has two daughters and one son. One of her daughter is a disable. She and her children with a disable daughter are passing a poor life. With a little income of wage in others house whatsoever day has been spent”.



Bangladesh is a riverine country. Every year floods and river erosion caused extensive damage to human lives and resources. Her house situated by the River. So, Nurzahan has to face those types of disaster, food insecurity and water born disease like Diarrhea and dysentery. After her husband was paralyzed a storm comes to her family. So she thought to be doing something. A lot of hard work to be done for bring solvency to the family. But per month she earns only two thousand taka by working at others home. The money be spends for her children. The income not enough sufficient for manage family cost bear. She always thinks to catch fish from nearby River. One day she heard by villagers that the cash for work will be started through RSFAF project and name list will prepared through PIC committee. She included her name to list in the meeting. After few days RDRS staff collected her information through house hold visit. Her name included to UP list on the basis of this information. RSFAF listed 325 female and male names to cash for works in Nurzahan’s village. Then it begins Cash for Works and at first she received 1000 taka from Cash for Works. With this money she bought two duck and some duck eggs. The eggs hatch by chicken for ducklings. Just after that she received rest amount 5000 taka as wage of cash for work and 3000 taka as livelihood grants. She total received 9000 (Nine thousand) taka from project. At last she is able to buy fishing net for income generating by the money of cash for work. She catches fish from river and sells to market. By this way fish business started. Thus it comes solvency to Nurzahan’s both family and fish business.

In conclusion, RDRS implemented and DCA aided Cash for works of RSFAF project bring success and solvency to Nurzahan’s family by omitting sufferings. A lot of rural road, ground of Schools, Colleges and Madrasas are developed by Cash for Works. The local people and elite’s gratitude and expressed satisfaction for the ECHO funded development works of RDRS and DCA. In the further they will contribute and assistance will continue to implementation development work.