

Out of suffering I have emerged the strongest

Kurigram Sadar is situated just beside the river Dharla, the river which is the life line of many inhabitants of the area. Bhogdanga is a union that is lying just beside the river. During monsoon period the river water rises and flood the villages in the Union. Mst. Fatema Begum is one of the inhabitants living in the Vashur Vita, Chilkir Par. She was saying, "After my husband became paralyzed suffering began in my family. We were passing our life in despair with few meals." To meet the needs of the family Fatema took a work at a house for two thousand taka



only. After the flood he lost her job. With that money she could make some savings and open to set up a small business for her eldest son. "Due to the flood in the August 2014 we lost everything. Our savings have been spent for food and medicine. We were nowhere in the middle of the ocean called poverty" says Fatema.

One day, in March she heard by villagers that the cash for work will be started through project and name list will prepared through community consultation. She included her name to list in the consultation meeting. After few days RDRS staff collected her information through house hold visit. Her name included to beneficiary list on the basis of the survey and was hung in the Union Parishad office. After that the Cash for Work started and at first she received one thousand taka from Cash for Works as 1st installment. With this money she bought two duck and some duck eggs. The eggs hatch by chicken for baby/calf duck. Then she received 5000 taka as rest wage of cash for work and 3000 taka as livelihood grants. She total received 9000 (Nine thousand) taka from RSFAF. She bought 2 (Two) sheep for income generating and some goods for expands her son's small business by this money. Thus it comes solvency to Fatema's both family and business.

In conclusion, RDRS implemented and ECHO/DCA aided Cash for works of RSFAF project bring success and solvency to Fatema's family by omitting sufferings. A lot of rural road, ground of Schools, Colleges and Madrasas are developed by Cash for Works. After completing cash for work, tree plantation under social forestation start by the support of UP Chairman. 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.