

Racial Justice Programme

Dalit Women's Rights Programme



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Project name:
**Awareness with
Human Action (AHA)**

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Overview:

Our Dalit women groups' leaders are working together with youths to combat hate speech and stigma against them. This pandemic covid-19 has made the discrimination even worse- particularly barbers, shoemakers, cleaners, plumbers are stigmatized that they are the carrier of the covid-19 virus. Necessarily they are working as front liners to keep the health centers clean during this pandemic. In the panic of stigma, at times these peoples are not even disclosing their covid positive status. And if anyone of them disclose the covid positive status, then the entire community would start avoiding the entire Dalit locality.

Given the situation, the groups are working together to raise awareness with constructive messages to prevent the stigma, misinformation, and hate speech against Dalit women. Badabon Sangho is implementing a community-driven participatory platform by engaging youths, women leaders, religious leaders, local elected bodies, and progressive citizens.



Targeted groups:

Dalit women, civil society members, local elected bodies of union council, youths, religious leaders, and journalists

Key Strategies:

to mobilize members and stakeholders into a citizen platform to combat racial hate speech, stigma, and misinformation as well as foster dialogues, consultation for peacebuilding between Dalit and mainstream communities.

Achieved Outputs:

- A total of 451 Dalit women and girls become aware of human rights by attending courtyard sessions
- A total of 5,926 wider population are aware of negative consequences of racial hate speech, stigma, and misinformation
- Three (3) citizen platforms (21 members in each) in Betaga and Rajnagar union and Mongla port municipalities areas functional.
- Two (2) youth clubs with a total of 42 members in Betaga and Shyampur village are functional on peacebuilding
- Peacebuilding meetings between police officials and Dalit women are conducted and shared experiences
- 42 civil society members including local elected bodies, women leaders, youths, and religious leaders working together for peacebuilding.

Ongoing works:

Dalit Women's Rights is one of the key programmes of Badabon Sangho. It is being implemented in three working areas. Dalit women groups, citizen-led platforms, and youth's clubs are functional and facilitating meetings, dialogue, awareness activities, and social actions to uphold peace against racial stigma, hate speech, and misinformation.

