

*An essential part of Plan's work is to help create spaces for children and young people to discuss together the issues which affect their lives, then ensure adults respect their views so that children may be involved in community decision-making. This communication has been prepared with and by children directly and is intended to give a general sense of the kinds of issues children discuss and how they work together.*

## See Our World

### Our achievement to protect children from "Eve teasing"

#### Dear Sponsor,

We are the children of Hatibandha sub-district under Lalmonirhat District where Plan Bangladesh works. We are happy to share the experiences we gained by participating in activities to prevent "Eve teasing". You will understand how we worked hard to stop this. We believe you will enjoy reading our experience. First, we agreed on a date and venue to discuss the preparation of this document. Around 30 children and 8 adults participated in the discussion which was facilitated by Safiul Azam, Development Education Officer, Plan staff. We were divided into 5 groups for discussion on the selected topic. We shared our group outcome with the audience. Then we finalized this document.



Children group performing a drama on Eve teasing

#### The problem

The situation was very alarming for us. Typically, the eve teasers are young men who make open, bad comments and propositions to young females, mostly school and college going girls. The teasers wait in front of schools, colleges or outside the entrance of the girls' houses and as soon as the girls come out, the teasers start teasing, making bad comments and sly whistles. This also includes stalking and harassing over the phone. Few girls committed suicide to be saved from the teasers. Many of the girls felt insecure to go to the schools. Most of the families of our area feel hopeless and helpless, even it created psychological problem which resulted in negative consequences like some families decided to give their daughters an early marriage. Girl students and female teachers were not safe on the streets or in schools, a situation leading to an increased dropout of female students in many schools and underage marriages.



Signing session to protect Eve-teasing

#### What we did

To raise awareness against Eve teasing, we took initiatives through various activities. Accordingly we organized a rally to say 'no to Eve teasing'. We observed Education Day and Anti Stalking Day in all areas through rallies, oath and discussion sessions. Plan helped us to do these activities. It was our pleasure that the administrative head of our sub-district read out the written oath to the students to stop Eve teasing at educational institutions and elsewhere. The vice chairman of our area also co-operated with us very much.



**Ruma, Student-  
Class IX**

*Ruma says....."We are committed against the Eve teasing. This joint initiative made more confident among us. I believe that we can do more for our area.*

*Amzad Hossain Taju Sub-district Vice Chairman says.... I am highly pleased with this initiative and encourage children to participate in such event for getting awareness to protect girls from "Eve teasing". We are always with the children for ensuring tension free life.*

### Other events

We organized a debate competition during Child Rights week and National Youth day where Eve teasing was selected as the main topic. Different children groups and students participated in the events such as cultural event, children gathering, essay writing and drama show which were organized by the children groups.



**Rally on protecting girls from Eve-teasing**

Also we organized dialogue competition on Eve teasing for the students. A big rally went through the selected places with placards and slogan on the rights for girl child. Around 800 students from different educational institutions of the area attended the rally. During the discussion session the Government high officials and the representatives of our area expressed their opinions with great enthusiasm and focused on the opportunities for the children.

### Formation of Eve teasing prevent committee

The sub-district administration formed a committee to protest against Eve teasing. Plan Bangladesh, Lalmonirhat Program Unit is also a member of this committee. A 7-member committee was formed headed by sub-district administration head. The other members were sub-district education officer,

teachers of high school and colleges.

*Masuda, student, class IX says....." The teasers' comments are really unexpected which we do not like at all. If we do not response, they threat us. We want to keep our area as Eve teasing free area.*

### Our present situation

We have created a social movement against Eve teasing among the people of our area. The Local Government Institutions & law enforcement agencies have designated people who are always alert to get hold of the eve teasers at the market places and educational institution areas. We now have a positive environment in our area and bad occurrences have reduced a lot. The people, especially the girls are a lot more aware of this issue and we are raising strong voices for stamping out Eve teasing from our society. Girls are going to school without any obstacles. Now we feel free to move anywhere in the area.