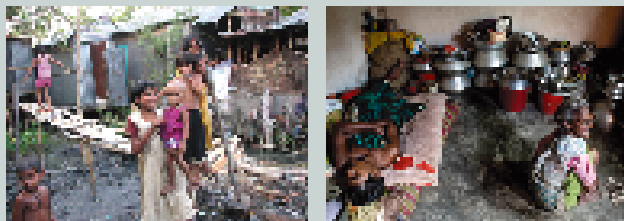


A SHORT PROFILE OF BDERM



Around 5.5 million Dalit and excluded community people continue to experience the dehumanizing practices linked to untouchability, chronic poverty, Socio-cultural deprivation and discrimination based on work and descent in Bangladesh. The constitution of Bangladesh admits citizen's equal rights regardless of their caste, race, ethnicity and religion but the rights of Dalit and excluded community people in Bangladesh always ignored or denied or not recognized and consequently that resulted into segregation, exclusion, exploitation and violence over these people. Dalit peoples are working for the society but peoples of the society treat them as untouchable and 'lower'. In these circumstances Nagorik Uddyog and Bangladesh Dalit Human Rights (BDHR) jointly organized a consultation meeting on April 20-22 in 2008 at Dhaka. As an outcome of this Consultation meeting **Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM)** has been formed as a national platform of Dalit community.

GOAL

Building an equal society by eliminating all forms of discrimination against Dalit and Excluded Community on the basis of equality, dignity, prosperity and security.

OBJECTIVES

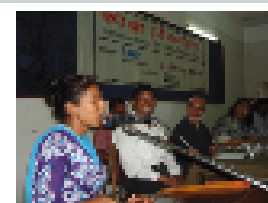
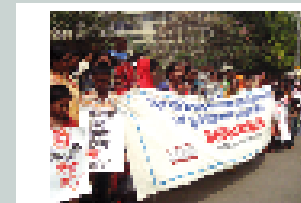
- To build awareness among Dalit and Excluded community people on socio-economic, cultural, education and political rights.
- To build public awareness against discrimination based on work and descent.
- To make the policy makers sensitive and responsible both government and non-government level to the rights of Dalit and Excluded community people and take initiative.
- To ensure access of Dalit and Excluded to development process and basic service provision.



- To establish network harmony and communication in regional and international level.
- To strengthening capacity of Dalit run organizations and play a catalytic role for internal communication among dalit groups.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

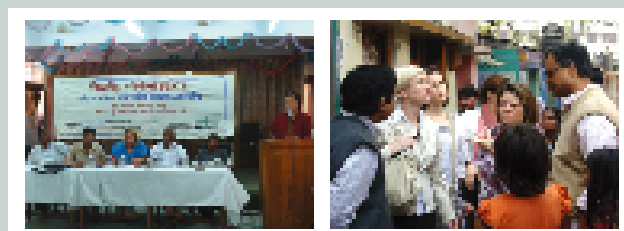
- ◆ **Dalit Issue in Political parties manifesto:** Eight major political parties in Bangladesh included Dalit issue in their election manifestos in last general election in response to BDERM demand.
- ◆ **Dalit Issue in PRSP:** Bangladesh government has committed to ensure housing for all disadvantaged people in Poverty Reduction Strategic Papers (PRSP) as policy agenda (FY-2009-11).





- ◆ **First-ever Dalit HR conference:** First Dalit Human Rights Conference held on January, 2009. The conference able to sensitize the different stakeholders on the issue.
- ◆ **Membership of IDSN:** BDERM become a member of International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) in March, 2009.
- ◆ **Report Submission in the UN HR council:** BDERM had submitted the Human Rights Report of Dalit at the UN Human Rights Council under the UPR in 2008 with the assistance of Nagorik Uddyog and IDSN. Moreover BDERM become a member of UPR Human Rights Forum- Bangladesh in October 2008.
- ◆ **BDERM in UPR session:** BDERM actively participated in the UPR session at UN HRC on April, 2009 and represent in Bangladesh civil society delegations in Geneva.
- ◆ **BDERM in DRC:** Representative of BDERM participated in the Durban Review Conference (DRC) held on April, 2009 at Geneva.

- ◆ **Dalit Issue in National Budget:** Finance Minister mentioned the allocation for development of extremely marginalized people in his budget speech in current fiscal year. BDERM has organized a seminar and submitted a memorandum with demand for specific allocation demand on behalf of Dalit Community to the finance ministry.



- ◆ BDERM had participated lobbying activities for formal approve and properly implementation of Draft UN principles and guidelines for effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent in September 2009 UNHRC session in Geneva.
- ◆ **Publications:** A good number of research reports have already been published and news bulletin including booklet are publishing regularly.



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