

Hello every body, very good morning from Bangladesh.

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**I appreciate JICA and the World Bank for arranging this TV conference
and**

I hope you all will enjoy my presentation about what we are doing here.

BPKS Background

- **BPKS** : Established in 1985, as a non-government, voluntary organization
- **BPKS**: Organisation of Disabled People including all types of disability, is formed, owned and managed by disabled people and working for development of all.
- **BPKS** : BPKS maintain an integrated three-tier management system as follows:
 - National Council
 - NEC, and
 - BPKS Headquarter
- **BPKS** : BPKS is managing yearly budget of TK. 100 million, approximately US\$1.4 million which is increasing every year.



BPKS Strength

- 84 Professionally skilled and dedicated staff & volunteers at headquarter
- 13000 PWDs Members and millions of beneficiaries with or without disabilities Have trust and confidence on BPKS as a self –help organization of PWDs
- Permanent structure and policy
- Network from grassroots to international levels (NADPO & DPI).
- Donors’ confidence and long-term commitment
- Democratic & participatory management structure
- Relations with the government
- 10 years’ organizational strategic plan
- Internationally recognized Approach, “Persons with Disabilities’ Self-Initiative to Development (PSID)”.



The chairman of BPKS Md. Saiful Islam Chair the National Council Meeting of BPKS



BPKS Beliefs

Organizations :

Independent disabled people's organization, a role model institution that is easily able to spread out power and knowledge in the society and is managed through a systematic democratic process for all.

Localization:

- Acceptance of disabled people and participation improved recognition of abilities, status of disabled people, thus accelerating disability movement and development initiatives from grassroots to national level of the country.
- 3 year initial PSID development process where the ownership of power and policy are transferred to the grassroots level.

Actualization:

By reducing the discrimination and disadvantage experienced by disabled people and their organizations through more appropriate development plans and activities.

Decision Making Structure



Grassroots Disabled Peoples' Organisation

Operational activities and support



2 people (1 fem) from the grassroots level are elected to the GC

District level General Council (GC)

District DPOD



BPKS Headquarter

2 people (1 female) from the GC are elected to the NC

National Council



HQ Activities



11 members elected by the NC to the NEC

National Executive Council



BPKS Approach

**Persons with
Disabilities'
Self-Initiatives
to
Development
(PSID)**



What is PSID

- PSID is a consumer-driven-Rights-based and holistic development approach.
- PSID ensures freedom of thought, opinion, sharing information and opportunity, facilitates to enjoy non discriminatory process, promote citizenship, good governance and justice for all.
- PSID is a grantee- PWDs democratic involvement in the planning, decision-making, implementation and on-going management of their own programs and organizations from the grassroots to national level.
- PSID facilitates an accessible service system for PWDs to contribute to their development through their own initiative in the process, and improve and strengthen respective countries.
- PSID localizes- ownership of power and democratic structure to disabled people.
- PSID is cost effective and accessible for all.
- PSID focus- all types of disabled people and the poorest.

(Please visit our website for the concept paper of the PSID approach)



A small group all member woman with disability jointly manage this business by making bamboo mate that supplied to marketer

Disabled villagers' awareness of human rights, increased through PSID: Advocacy and Awareness

Example:

- Meetings with youth clubs, government and non-government organizations, community elites, religious leaders and schools
- Orientation workshop with media and professionals
- Observance of National & international days and organize rally and campaign
- Production and distribution of community education materials.
- Organize workshop, seminar and dialogues etc.
- Install Billboard at the public places
- Provide orientation on disability understanding to institutions and leaders about their role.



Continue: disabled people's voice at national level

A banner for the National Alliance of Disabled People's Organizations (NADPO) National Congregation 2006. The background is a light purple gradient. At the top, the acronym 'NADPO' is written in large, faint, light blue letters. Below it, the text 'National Congregation 2006' is written in a bold, blue, serif font with a slight drop shadow. At the bottom, the text 'Towards a society free from poverty and disc' is written in a smaller, blue, serif font, partially cut off on the right side.

NADPO
National Congregation 2006
Towards a society free from poverty and disc

Strengthening disabled peoples under the umbrella organization, a national network, "National Alliance of Disabled People's Organizations (NADPO)"

Activities of PSID center for promotion of human rights : Coordination and Management

Example:

- Conduct needs assessment of PWDs
- Research at grassroots level to know the incidence of disability
- Identification of community resources and facilities
- Identification of disadvantages and remoteness of PWDs at grassroots level
- Staffs training on disability, development and service management
- Coordination, Internal follow-up, monitoring and evaluation.



Health and Accessible Sanitation

Example:

- Grassroots therapy provider development
- Home-based therapy
- Assistive devices support
- Referral service for treatment and curative surgery etc.
- Health camps for detection and prevention
- Installation of accessible sanitary latrines
- Installation of accessible tube wells



Australian volunteer work at BPKS as physiotherapist trainer and in total 32 local people trained with 3 month training to work in community as home based therapy provider



Accessible latrine enjoyed by a wheelchair persons



Woman With Disabled Person Receive a Wheelchair Dyputy Commissioner



One of the train home based therapy provider with visual disability providing service at community



After eyes operation

Organization Development

Example:

- Formation of grassroots disabled people's organizations to development (GDPOD) at ward level
- Formation of disabled people's organization to development (DPOD) at district level
- Formation of grassroots women with disabilities committee within DPOD framework
- Disability training & resource center (DTRC) construction and development



Intellectual Capacity Building Training

Example:

- Disability understanding
- Self-confidence building
- Grassroots DPOD management and development
- District DPOD management and development
- Program accelerating
- PWDs Leadership
- PSID orientation
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Localization of power
- Gender
- Country status
- Accessible sanitary latrine and tube-well facilities



Education

Example:

- **Counselling of CWDs and their parents** to motivate them to integrate into regular schools
- **Community campaign for CWDs' education**
- **Promote accessible facilities in local schools and orientation training to teachers on teaching of CWDs**
- **Enroll school age CWDs into schools'**
- **Encouraging support with education materials and equipment for CWDs**
- **Tuition & nutrition allowances for extremely disadvantage children with disabilities**
- **Stipend for talent student with disabilities**
- **Refer CWDs for special education**

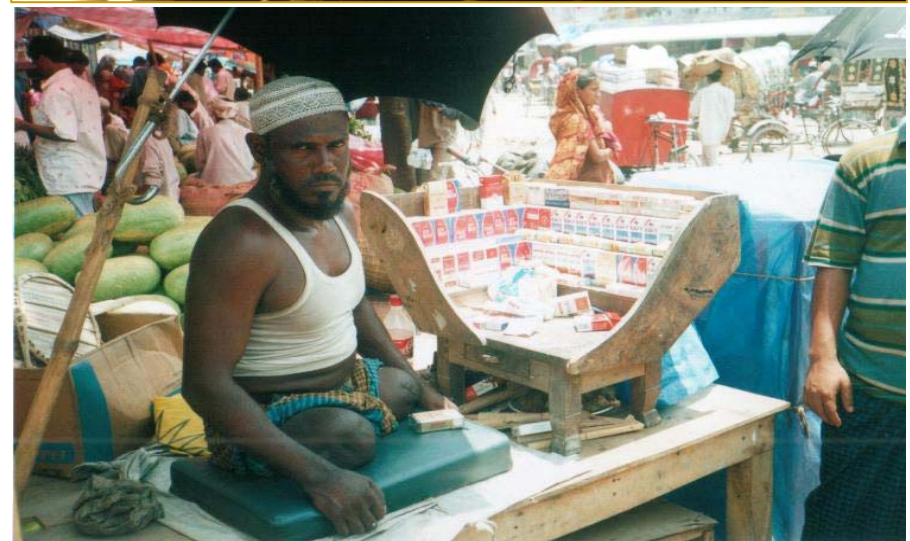


Photo: A CWD in her class room 14

Economic

Example:

- Develop Entrepreneurship
- Establish PWDs savings on weekly basis to ensure financial security
- PWDs' skill training and initiate income generating activities with GDPOD
- Provide tree saplings to support future economic strength
- Facilitate for job placement of PWDs
- Develop DPODs financial capacity and management abilities
- Execute program accelerating fund for sustainability of DPODs
- Resource mobilizations and fund raising



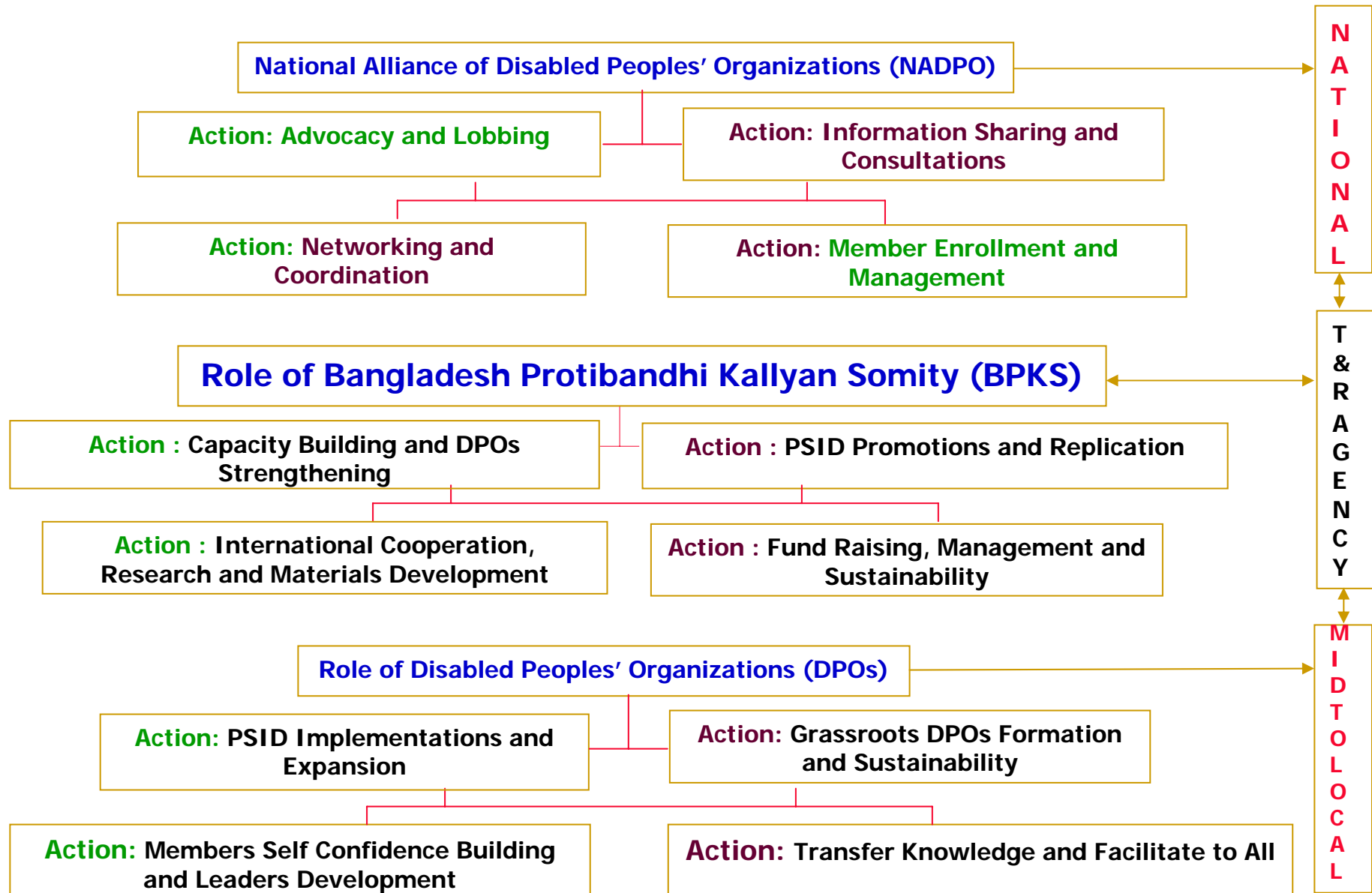
A small grocery shop manage by PWDs at community bazaar that support his family

PSID Achievements

- BPKS is working in 49 sub-districts of 32 districts of Bangladesh
 - 14 localised DPODs
 - 14 PSID centre running
 - 28 DPOs partnership program
 - 1 National network with 78 DPOs (NADPO)
- PWDs members saving tk. 7 million and DPODs fund Tk. 15 million;
- Permanent structure at all level.



STRUCTURE OF THE DISABILITY MOVEMENT IN BANGLADESH



PSID worldwide 4 Strategic Goal

1. To transfer PSID theory, understanding and methodologies to ensure that PSID is established appropriately and functions effectively in selected countries.

2. To establish PSID Worldwide as a strong branch of BPKS responsible for facilitating the implementation of PSID outside Bangladesh

3. To create acceptance of PSID as a premier development system among the appropriate leading bodies of the world and to build a network of PSID implementing organizations

4. To develop a body of evidence that demonstrates the Band of PSID's effectiveness and results, and the potential impact it has on development.



Comment from beneficiaries

“Before BPKS I wanted my life to end; now I fear I will not have enough time left in life to do all I want to do”

So, we all should work to achieve this types of comment more and more.

