

Report of Area 02 during January-March 2017 Six clubs in Bangladesh and one in Kathmandu

Advocacy : All the clubs in Area 02 did advocacy programs on prevention of early marriage protection from cyber crime, dowry, eve teasing, sexual harassment etc.

Zonta club of Chittagong organized IT specialist & lawyers to speak on cyber crime & Laws & Order on Girls and Women's Rights in Bangladesh. The advocacy program has reached 1800 women.

The booklet on information related to Women's Entitlement (Katmandu) is disseminated among youths, homemakers and organizations. Every quarter it will reach these groups. Katmandu decides to use the Golden Z in the dissemination process reaching out to young college groups and their peers.

In Greater Dhaka, 10 Women who have been afflicted with Leprosy and are cured now have been trained in sewing skills by Singer Sewing Academy for a course of 3 months. In the same club 2 girls who have been victims of trafficking have now been reunited with their families after being given shelter, food and schooling. One of the girls is now going to school again and the other girl has been given a job and has also just got married. Both are now being sent to school to pursue their studies. Greater Dhaka gave a talk to teenage boys and girls on Say No To Violence at a Saadat College. Importance of bringing about change in attitudes of young men towards women to prevent and end violence against women and girls in their local communities.

Two clubs celebrated Language Day and had talks on women's rights, gender equality and freedom of expression and how to empower all women and girls.

On the occasion of International Women's Day Zonta club of Greater Dhaka jointly organized a panel discussion with "Sheva Nari o Shishu Kalyan Kendra" on

"No marriage before 18" on March 4th to end child marriage and help realize their full potential with NGO heads & lawyers.

Club III organized one CEO of a Bangladeshi Bank and President of Rotary club to speak on awareness programs on dowry, child marriage at the grass root level.

Service : All clubs have service projects relating to education skills development like nursing, sewing, embroidery, mat making, giving loans for small

business like seller of fruits, tea, filter & sweets. During this period the service is being reached to 200 beneficiaries.

Club II has Fistula program & one girl was operated during this period.

Club III of Dhaka has launched Mobile Female Toilets in urban Dhaka under the city corporation near Kuril Railway gate. This will help women from urinary tract infections.

One trafficked girl was added under Club IV for rehabilitation under Bangladesh National Women's Lawyers Association (BNWLA). The Rohenga girl was trafficked from Teknaf (border of Burma) and was brought to Dhaka through BNWLA & Club IV has managed to get in touch with her family in Malaysia. She will stay in the Rehab center of BNWLA till the family comes to take her.

The President of Kathmandu club Zn. Shreejana Rana initiated an Award titled "The princess Helen Inspirational Award" which comprised of a financial amount of Nepalese Rupees One Lakh (Rs.1,00,000.00/-) on the day of the Movie fundraiser based on the true life story of Dr. Jhamak.

Financial Support was provided to an NGO. Ujyalo Foundation for the Women Leadership Summit 2017. Women Leadership Summit 2017 is a collaborative initiative between Ujyalo Foundation, Hamro Chahana Nepal, and Sodh: all three organizations working towards women empowerment in Nepal. Three young girls were sponsored for the summit during the reporting period.

**Education
Scholarship
Programs**

: Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The District has received many applications for this award which are competent enough to fight for this award. The women who have applied demonstrate skills and commitment to public service and civic causes and encourage them to continue their participation in public and political life.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

The club has started receiving application forms from various colleges and the selection process will soon be initiated.

**Z and Golden Z
clubs**

: In Katmandu young students from the British School have shown a keen interest to join in. The Committee Director is looking into identifying more active members from the other educational institutions that have shown a keen interest to involve their young students.

It was decided by Club III & Katmandu that, the members of the Golden

Z will be involved with every activity in their different capacities.

Membership : Total 20 new members were added & 3 members were reinstated during the period.

Club I – 6

Club III – 4

Club IV – 4 & 3 reinstated

Greater Dhaka – 6

UN : Continuous Advocacy programs on “Zonta says NO”. It is a continuous effort of all clubs.



Club Officers orientation



Celebration of Zonta Rose Day & International Women's Day



Trafficked girl
(Club IV)



Inauguration of mobile toilets
(Club III)



Awareness program of Zonta Club of Chittagong



Others

: All Clubs in Bangladesh Area 02 participated on Club Offices orientation & Celebration of Zonta Rose Day and Int. Women's Day on 11th March, 2017 in a local hotel in Dhaka. The orientation program led to an action plan for each club regarding Service, Advocacy, Use of IT, Membership & Building leadership skills strengthening committees etc. The Club Presidents are supposed to disseminate the issues among the members. It is noteworthy to mention that all clubs are capable to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the members. Most of the clubs have set ground rules, to revitalize each club. To celebrate Int. Women's Day a short documentary film on the work of Mrs. Suraiya Rahman, a pioneer of Nakshi Katha craft empowering rural women was shown at the program too.