Humanitarian Initiatives (Beyond the Project Allocation)
- Several awareness activities against SSO were organized in Dhaka’s suburbs and at spots related to selling and using drugs in order to reach poor vulnerable people, who had been imprisoned. Information on BSIP project services were disseminated.
- Networking and collaboration with NGOs were established, thus expanding BSIP project services.
- Special antiretroviral (ARV) medications were provided to HIV/AIDS infected prisoners through responsible organizations.

Stakeholders
- Police authority
- Department of Narcotics Control (DNC)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Directorate of Youth Development ( DYD)
- BECCE, JAISO, and ASAF
- Department of Agriculture Extension, Livestock, Fisheries
- NGOs working in the field of SUD treatment and skill development training
- Bureau, Manpower, Employment and Training
- Civil Surgeon’s Office and Government Hospital.
- Private service providers, both in SUD treatment and skill training

S U C C E S S S T O R I E S

Self-reliant Razu
Razu (pseudonym) was a youthful, excited, honest and fearless young man. When he was 17 years old, with a teenager’s curiosity, he went for the interview of Bangladesh Rifles Battalion for the position of soldier. Fortunately, Razahad been selected and then he started his professional life at Syphit in 2006. He came to Dhaka as BIR headquarters to join IDIOVEEEK as a representative from his battalion in 2009. However, after the fatal 2009 rebellion, Razu was charged and dismiss, which was accused of being involved with the tragedy of Rifles Rebellion. Finally, he was sent to jail and sentenced for four years’ consecutive imprisonment.

During his imprisonment, Razu was introduced with Rehabilitation Supervisor (RS) of BSIP project, RS informed him about BSIP project activities, Razahad, being inspired to attend vocational skill development training, received electrical and house wiring training. After successful completion; he received certificate. During his training period, he impressed the prison authority with his skills and the quality of his work; so they assigned Razahad to all electrical works inside prison.

After completing his sentence, Razu got a job in a textile mill and another job in a company as Electrical- in-Charge, he started earning 50000/- taka monthly, how he has been working in that company and earning 60000/- taka per month. He has also attained a license permit on electrical works from the Ministry of Power and Energy, now Razahad is a legal electrician. Razu has been trying to forget the traumatic memories of his past and he is looking forward with new spirit. He has a plan to establish an electrical equipment shop in his village besides his regular electrical work. He is thankful to the prison authority, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and BSIP project for helping him to walk the new lightened path of life.

Jamila’s Struggle
Jamila (pseudonym), 48 years old woman, came from a large and poor family. She had struggled throughout her whole life. When she was only seven years old, she came to Dhaka to reduce her family’s extreme poverty by providing financial assistance by working as a maid-servant.

She grew up and got married, but her husband was a drug addict, and he also involved in drug dealing. He used to brutally torture Jamila. She, at one point, had left her husband’s house and gave birth to her daughter. Jamila started to work as Dhaka City Corporation sweeper. But after few days, she went back to live with her husband.

One day, the police had come to Jamila’s house and they searched for drugs. They found a huge amount of heroine, and at the absence of Jamila’s husband, police arrested Jamila.

During Jamila’s imprisonment, she was introduced with Rehabilitation Supervisor cum Counselor (RSCC) of BSIP project at Kashimpur Female Central Jail, RSCC informed her about BSIP project activities, provided peer volunteer training to Jamila and also conducted family counseling with her family. After six years of imprisonment, she got bail from prison.

Jamila found out at her release that she had lost her previous and her daughter had also become a drug addict. But she did not give in to the odds. She was determined to start her new life, so Jamila contacted with BSIP project staff, RSCC asked her to contact the Ahsania Mission Female Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. Jamila was offered the job of the center cleaner. She has been earning 6000/- taka per month now, this new job has made Jamila to see a brighter future. She is grateful to the BSIP project and Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

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DAM Activities in IRSP Project

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)
DAM Activities in IRSOP Project

**Objective of Out-Post 3**

**Rehabilitation/Reduce Recidivism**

To reduce reoffending or recidivism through providing support to persons with drug and alcohol problems and through the provision of drug treatment services. This will help reduce the number of people who are currently imprisoned, thereby reducing the burden on the prison system and the community.

**DAM In IRSOP Project**

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  - Project Coordinators: Mr. A. Hossain, Mr. A. A. Hossain

**Kashimpur Central Jail**

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**Sustainable Initiatives**

- A total of 500 prisoners have been involved in income-generating activities.
- Establishment of "DAM" (Drug Avoidance Management) activities.

**Networking, Coordination, and Collaboration Initiatives**

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- Facilitated coordination among different stakeholders to improve drug treatment and rehabilitation services.

**Best Practice**

- Two female and one male prisoner received instruments from the Department of Social Services through joint initiatives among the department, DAM, and the relevant authorities.

**DAM In IRSOP Project**

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- Music Band
- Furniture Making (Cane)
- Jute Handicrafts

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**Mymensingh Central Jail**

- Blackbird
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**Jamshor Central Jail**

- Awareness Programs
- Day Observation

- "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" observed to create awareness among prisoners. The "National Recovery Day" was also observed to promote reintegration and rehabilitation.

**Anti-drug Campaign**

- To promote the service of IRSOP project through the community, especially in drug-prone areas. Anti-drug campaign initiatives were undertaken through the project.

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