

FGD No. 1: Chikajani (Chor Magurai)

Relief and rehabilitation for flood victim in Jamalpur project

All beneficiary have already received 12 roosters and 4 types of grain-seeds from SAJIDA Foundation. Due to cold and other diseases, some roosters have died; and now, among the 8 members, 3 have around 10 roosters and rest of the 5 members have 6 roosters.

Beneficiaries purchase poultry feeds from the nearby markets and also give household foods (like- rice, paddy, and corn particles, etc.) to feed the poultry. They usually buy the feeds from one of the dealers of the Upazila. These roosters need 2-2.5 kg poultry products per day, which is BDT 35/kg. In total, they spend about BDT 2000-2500 /month to feed these roosters. They usually manage the feeding expenses from their own income.

Majority of the beneficiaries keep their roosters in cages in their own houses. However, their households get dirty for keeping roosters in the house. A few have built separate nests for the roosters and according to them, such protection system is fully safe for the roosters and no problem has been observed so far. When roosters roam around in search of foods, predators catch them, hence cages or human-built nests are necessary. It usually takes about BDT 5000-6000 to build a good quality nest for roosters. One of the participants had spent BDT 11,500 to build such nests.

Roosters suffer from different types of diseases, such as – cold and chillness, small poxes, eye damage, etc. Roosters can be dead due to the aforementioned diseases at most of the time, even after feeding medicines. However, beneficiaries purchase medicine drops and paracetamol tablets from markets and mix them with the foods to feed roosters. It takes BDT 100-150 taka to purchase good quality medicines which is very costly for the beneficiaries hence they opt for low quality which costs around BDT 15-25 .

Since chicken eggs can be sold for BDT 80-85/dozen in their area, monthly they will earn about 1000 taka by selling per egg at 5 taka.

All the beneficiaries have vegetable garden around the house however none have tried gardening for commercial purpose yet. If the harvest is well enough, they would be able to sell the vegetables worth BDT 1500-2000 even after meeting the family needs.

The beneficiaries are mainly day labourer and their monthly income ranges from BDT4,000 to 6,000. They do not have any external sources of income and savings. Their mean annual deficiency is about BDT 40,000 – 50,000. According to the participants they can live a decent living if they have monthly income of BDT 10,000.

All the beneficiaries are eager to rear cattle domestically. Majority of them are interested in heifer. Though they do not have separate rooms for cattle, they will manage (either in their own room or in kitchen) if needed. Overall, it will require BDT 10 thousand for 3 months to rear a cow.

FGD No. 2: Chikajani

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All beneficiaries have already received 12 roosters and 4 types of grain-seeds from SAJIDA Foundation. Due to the cold and other diseases, some roosters have died; and now, among the 8 members, 3 have around 7-9 roosters and rest of the 5 members have 6 roosters.

Beneficiaries purchase poultry feeds from the nearby markets and also feed household foods (like- rice, paddy, and corn particles, etc.). For 12 roosters, it usually needs 1-1.5 kg poultry products per day, which is 35 taka per kg. In total, it takes about BDT 2,000-2,500 taka per month to feed these roosters. They usually manage this feeding expense from their own income, external support for bearing the expense would be very beneficial for the participants.

Majority of the beneficiaries keep their roosters in cages in their own houses. A few have built separate nests for their roosters. Participants expressed similar view on protection. According to them, cages or human-built nests are necessary otherwise there is risk of theft. It usually takes about BDT 5,000 to build a good quality nest for roosters.

Roosters suffer from different types of diseases, such as – cold, chillness, and small poxes, etc. Roosters can be dead due to the aforementioned diseases at most of the time, even after feeding medicines. However, beneficiaries purchase BDT 35-50 taka medicine drops from markets and mix them with the foods before feeding roosters. But it takes 100-150 taka per month to provide medicine continuously to the roosters.

Since chicken eggs can be sold by 80-85 taka per dozen in their area, monthly they will earn about 1000 taka by selling per egg at 5 taka daily.

All the beneficiaries have vegetable garden, but not for commercial purpose yet. If the harvest is well enough, they would be able to sell the vegetables at 1000-1500 taka even after meeting their family needs.

The monthly income of all these day laborer beneficiaries ranges from BDT 5,000 to 7,000 and they do not have any external sources of income. Again, due to the equal income-expenditure nature, they do not have any savings and their mean annual deficiency is about BDT 30,000 – 35,000. Monthly income of BDT 10,000 can provide a decent living.

All the beneficiaries are eager to rear cattle domestically. Majority of them (80%) are interested in bull calf. Though they do not have separate rooms for cattle, they will manage (either in their own room or in kitchen) if needed. Overall, it will require BDT 10,000 for the 3 months to rear a cow.