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Good Governance And Social Accountability



622 Village Development Committees



11,818 Committee members



520 Union Parishad Standing Committees



Social Accountability through Citizen Voice and Action



NOBO JATRA - NEW BEGINNING

USAID'S Development Food Security Activity

INTRODUCTION

Nobo Jatra-New Beginning' is a five-year USAID Food for Peace Title II Development Food Security Activity implemented by World Vision Bangladesh, together with the World Food Programme and Winrock International, in partnership with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB).



200,495

Households



856,116

Participants

4

Sub-districts

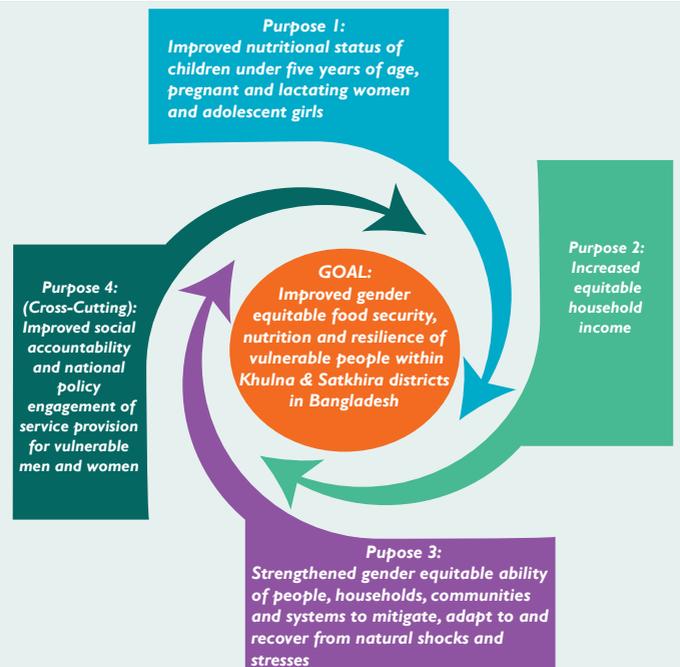
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Unions

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Years

NOBO JATRA'S GOAL AND PURPOSES



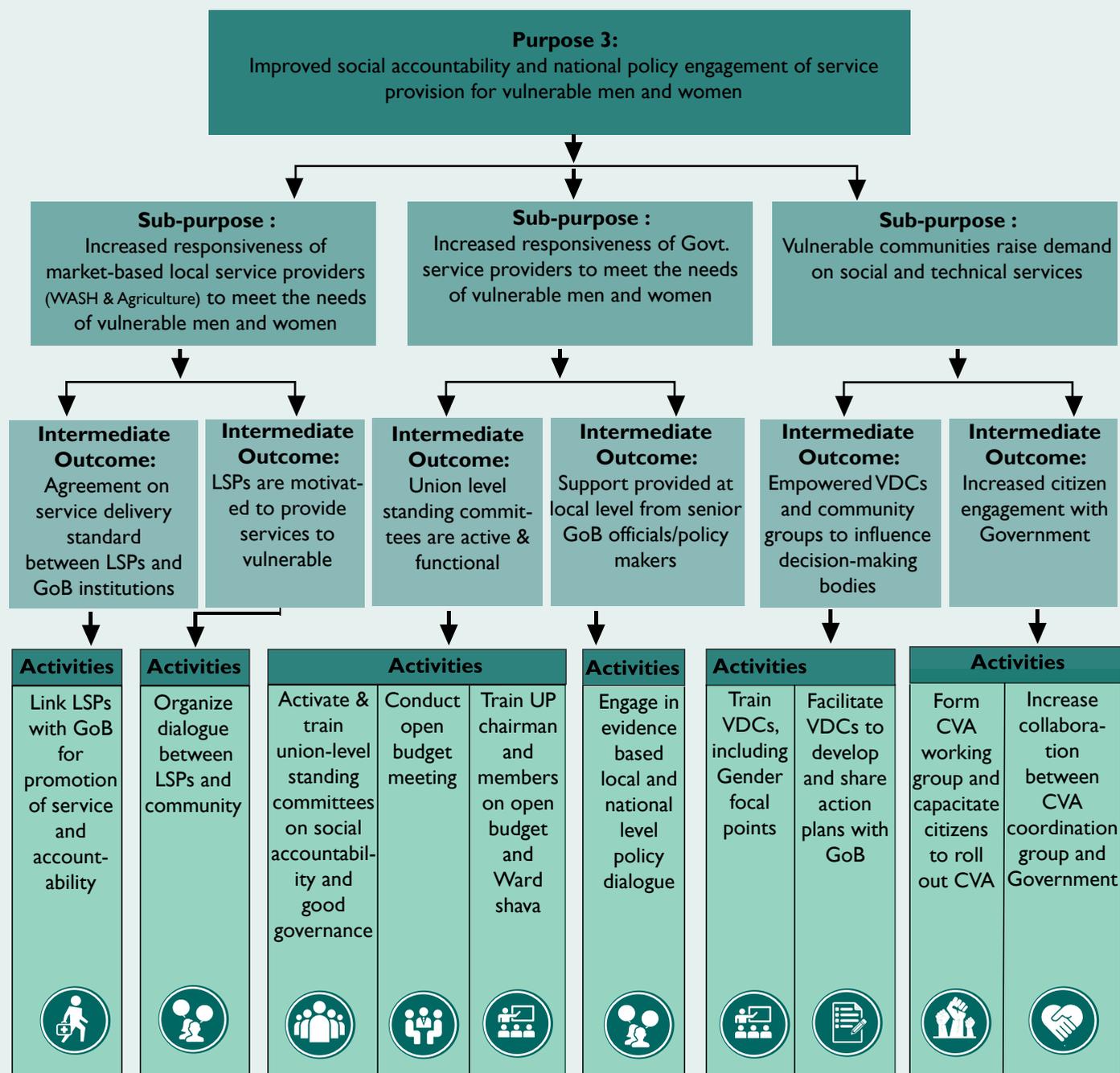
GOOD GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY OVERVIEW IN SOUTHWEST BANGLADESH



Social accountability refers to a broad range of actions that citizens, communities and civil society organizations can use to hold government accountable. The way in which local government is administered, supported and managed is crucial. This is the level of administration closest to the people and through established legal covenants, this is positioned as a platform for citizen engagement. The Union Parishad Act of 2009, for example states that each Union Parishad (UP) should form Standing Committees to support decision making.

However, results from a Nobo Jatra led resource mapping survey indicate that Standing Committees in project locations are not consistently active and where they are, the majority are administered by poor governance and documentation. Similarly, although a number of Village Development Committees (VDCs) were found to be active, the majority did not comply with the required criteria. As such, weak accountability and incompetent administrations remain major challenges for the state. This is compounded by the reliance on a centralized model of governance, in which the most important decisions related to resource allocation are taken at the central level, with limited collaboration across different ministries and sectors.

NOBO JATRA'S GOOD GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY STRATEGY



NOBO JATRA'S INTERVENTIONS



Linkages between Local Service Providers (LSP) and Local Government Service Providers

Nobo Jatra facilitates linkages between LSPs and government service institutes creating opportunities for LSPs to meet government officials on a regular basis to seek their support and promote accountability for service delivery.



Strengthening Village Development Committee (VDC)

VDCs are the central mechanism for community development planning and implementation in Nobo Jatra and their purpose is to ensure continuation of the project's mandate after the project is phased out. Nobo Jatra facilitates the reactivation of over 600 VDCs in its working areas and strengthens the capacity of VDC members, enabling them to carry out their roles and responsibilities more effectively.



Citizen Voice and Action (CVA)

As part of concerted efforts to strengthen VDCs, Nobo Jatra builds on the success of World Vision's global and rigorously tested social accountability approach, Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) to form and undertake capacity building for VDCs. CVA mobilizes and equips citizens to monitor government services and facilitates a local level advocacy methodology that results in the improvement of inadequate government-provided services. CVA utilizing as an advocacy tool by VDCs to raise community voice to improve the quality of service delivery by service providers.



National Level Policy Dialogue

Nobo Jatra's strategy includes provision for policy interface with the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) to ensure that central level policy engagement takes place in a formal and structured manner both bi-laterally and multi-laterally.

CROSS-CUTTING

Gender Integration

Underpinning Nobo Jatra's good governance and social accountability strategy is a clear commitment to facilitate women's access to leadership positions and strengthening their role in decision making. This includes creating an enabling environment for women's participation, ensuring government quotas on women's representations are fulfilled using CVA audit tools, and ensuring that the process to identify community needs are inclusive of women.

Policy and Advocacy

Nobo Jatra aims to improve and influence the policy and practices for good governance and social accountability by working in partnership with relevant ministries, government departments such as Local Government Division, academia, community-based non-governmental organizations, service providers and others.

NOBO JATRA'S CONTRIBUTION TO SDGs

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

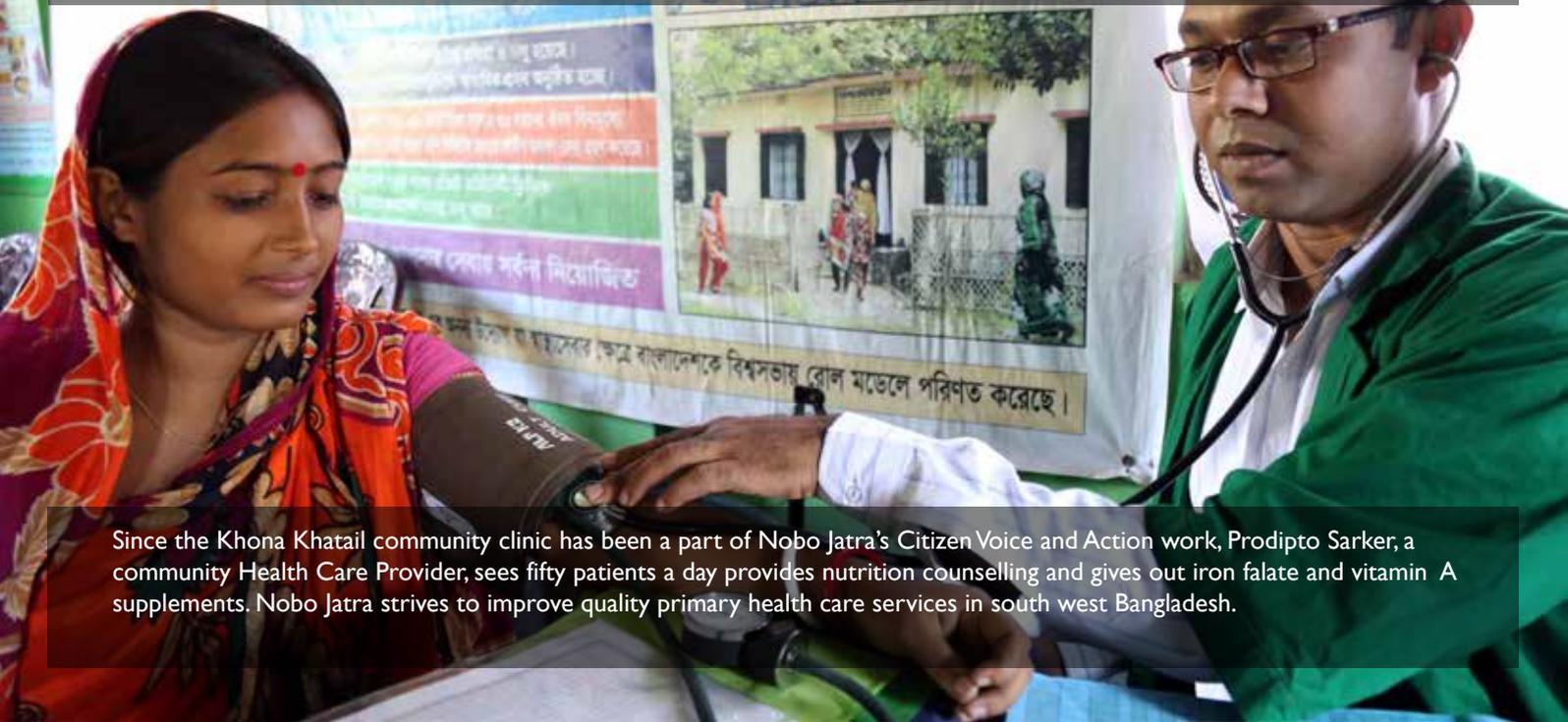


Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

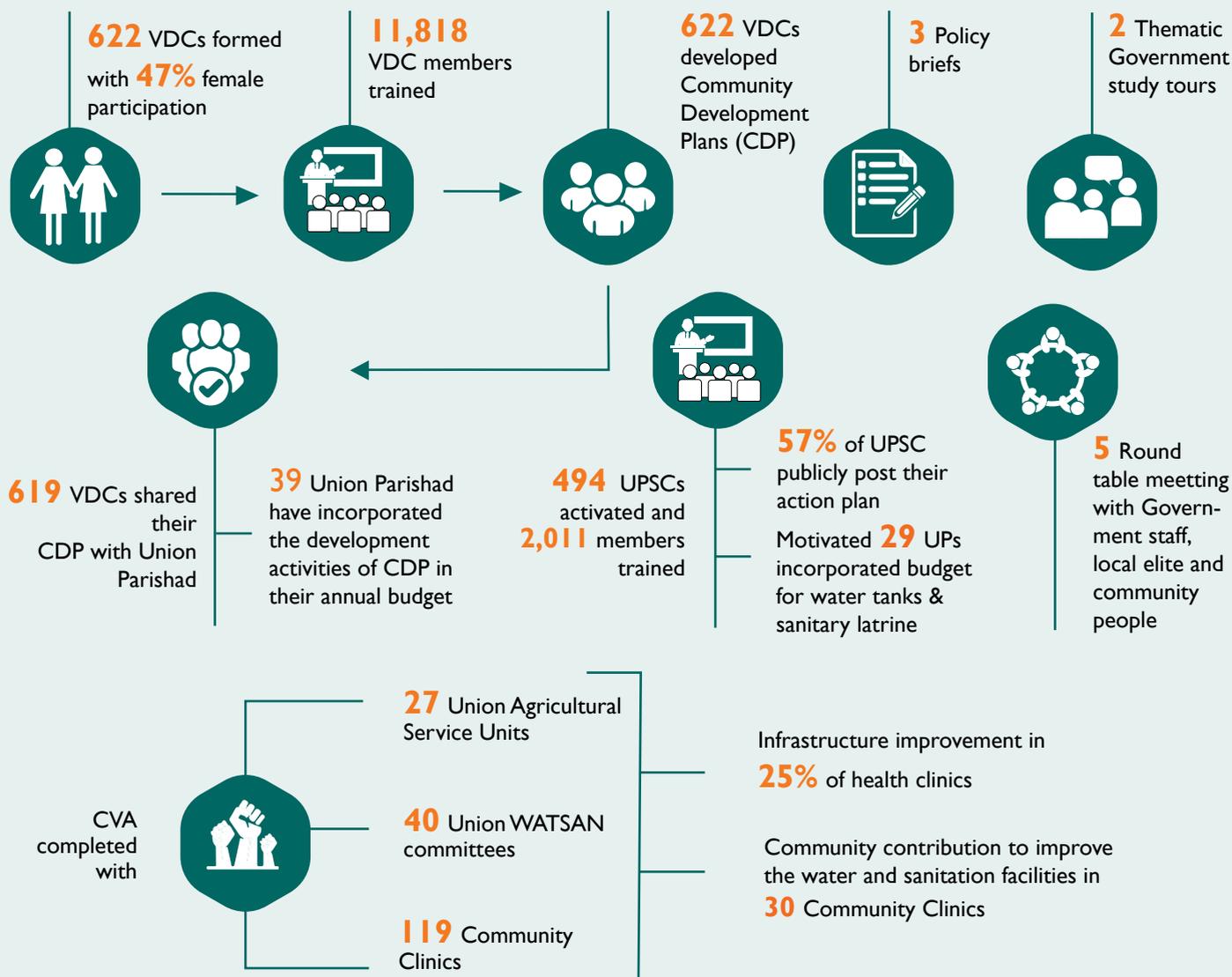


Since the Khona Khatail community clinic has been a part of Nobo Jatra's Citizen Voice and Action work, Prodipto Sarker, a community Health Care Provider, sees fifty patients a day provides nutrition counselling and gives out iron folate and vitamin A supplements. Nobo Jatra strives to improve quality primary health care services in south west Bangladesh.



A CVA scorecard session where community members rank quality of service provision in community clinics.

OUR IMPACT



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