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Abbreviation

BPM	Bangladesh Police Medal
CAMPE	Campaign for Popular Education
CBCPC	Community Based Child Protection committee
CMM	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DIG	Deputy Inspector General
DSS	Department of social services
JJS	Jagrata Juba Shangha
KCC	Khulna City Corporation
KMP	Khulna Metropolitan Police
KUK	Kishore Unnyan Kendro
NGO	Non-Government Organization
PCIJFC	Promoting Community Initiatives for Establishing Justice for Children
UNCRC	United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emagenary Fund

Executive Summary

Child protection is a very important issue for Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world. Bangladesh government is working to ensure a positive environment for children. The United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Children Act 2013 emphasize on best protection of all children. But it is regretful that many of our children are found to be involved in unlawful activities.

Children who are involved in unlawful activities are not matured enough. Most of the cases they are influenced by someone. Furthermore, Children who come in conflict with the law are often from the most vulnerable and marginalized segments of society. According to UNCRC and Children Act 2013, children who commit minor offences can be relieved from judicial procedure through diversion and get back to the family. Diversion is very new concept in Bangladesh, which is acknowledged at UNCRC and Children Act 2013. Jagrata Juba Shangha (JJS) is a pioneer to develop a diversion mechanism in Khulna and Jessore. With the support of UNICEF, JJS has implemented "Promoting Community Initiatives for Establishing Justice for Children" project in Khulna and Jessore to develop a diversion model in the country. The project worked closely with the judiciary, police department, DSS, local administration, local elected bodies, parents, community and adolescents to develop a child protection and diversion mechanism in the area. The project was able to inspire the stakeholders that the family is the best place for the children for their development and institutionalization should be the last resort. JJS has taken many advocacy and capacity building initiatives for Judiciary, Police department and DSS to apply Children Act 2013 especially diversion for the protection of the children in conflict with the law. To share the experience of diversion activities of Khulna and Jessore at national level, JJS arranged National Level Sharing Meeting on Diversion under Children Act 2013 at Daily Star A S Mahmud Conference Hall, Dhaka on 24 October, 2016. Children Justice Actors like Judges of Children Court, Child Affairs Police Officers, Probation Officers and Community Representatives of Khulna Metropolitan Area and Jessore shared their experience of diversion with National level High Officials. Honorable Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division was the Chief Guest. Furthermore, Nasreen Begum, Additional Secretary, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, Additional DIG (Training and Sports) Police Head Quarter, Dhaka and Jean Lieby, Chief, Child Protection Section, Unicef Bangladesh were also present as special guest. Besides that, Judges, Police officers, Probation officer, Councilor, CBCPC members from Khulna and Jessore, Media representatives, national and international NGO representatives were also present and they shared their views on diversion.

Objectives of the Sharing Meeting

The objectives of the sharing meeting were to share the experiences of diversion under Children Act 2013 practiced in Khulna and Jessore, to inspire the Children Justice Actors for diversion and inspire the Policy influential Officials at national level for the protection of children in conflict or contact with law.

Participants

A total number of 55 (Male 41 and Female 14) participants including Honorable Justice, Honorable Judges, Additional DIG, Ward Councilor, Probation Officers, Child Affairs Police Officers, UNICEF Representatives, Representatives from National and International NGOs, Media Personnel and Members of Community Based Child Protection Committee participated in the meeting.

The Event

The National Level Sharing Meeting on Diversion under Children Act 2013: Experiences of Khulna and Jessore held at Daily Star A S Mahmud Conference Hall, 64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka on 24 October 2016. Honorable Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division was the Chief Guest of the meeting. Furthermore, Nasreen Begum, Additional Secretary, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, Additional DIG (Training and Sports) Police Head Quarter, Dhaka and Jean Lieby, Chief, Child Protection Section, Unicef Bangladesh were also present as special guest. Besides that, Judges, Police officers, Probation officers, Councilor, CBCPC members from Khulna and Jessore, Media representatives, national and international NGO representatives were also present in this meeting.

Introducing, Welcome and Background presented by ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS

With the consent of Honorable Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division the national sharing meeting started by the Executive Director of JJS ATM Zakir Hossain.

After introduction session, ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS delivered his welcome speech conveying thanks to all participants for joining the meeting. He provided special thanks to the chief guest and special guests for effective cooperation in arranging the program.

He also emphasized on the support of related government departments as without their cooperation it wouldn't be possible to organize the program.



He also shared his cordial acknowledgement to all participants for their cooperation in organizing the meeting. Afterward, he presented the background of the project. He particularly pointed out that, when the project has been designed, they thought it would be very difficult to complete the tasks. But now, they gained a number of achievements and this is because of the dedication of different stakeholders of the project. He pointed out that the main objective of the meeting was to share the project diversion experiences. At the same time, he also shared that "Promoting Community Initiatives for Establishing Justice for Children" program has been conducted through 55 developed community-based child protection committee at Khulna and Jessore. JJS conducted the project in partnership with UNICEF. The objective of the project was to contribute in strengthening the child protection mechanism for ensuring better service delivery for the children. The project mainly focused on child protection through prevention, diversion, restorative justice and reintegration services. The Project worked with Judiciary, Police Department, Social Service Department, and Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) under, Local Government Bodies, Children, Parents and Civil Society. He mentioned that all the activities led by the related departments, not by project and JJS supported them. He further mentioned, JJS conducted some initiatives for promoting diversion in Khulna and Jessore. Major interventions for promoting diversion were District Coordination Meeting involving Judiciary, Police Department and Social Service Department led by Judiciary, Thana based Meeting with Police Officers led by Thana Officer in Charge and Probation Officer, Training/ Workshop with Judiciary, Police Department and Social Service Department on UNCRC and

Children Act 2013 led by Judiciary and Police Department, Formation and Capacity building of Community Based Child Protection Committee. A total number of 168 children got diversion during project period for the offences of Stealing, Fighting, Drug Carrying, Drug Use, Suspicious Movement, Snatching and Eve Teasing from Khulna and Jessore.



In most cases it was seen that highest number of children has got diversion for Stealing, Suspicious Movement and Snatching. But the better news is most of the children are now in better position and they are leading a normal life. He thinks the major opportunities of diversion are

- Minimize work-load of police
- Minimize work-load of Judiciary
- Development scope for children in conflict with the law
- Uphold Government commitment on UNCRC
- Contribute to peaceful livelihood in family with parents
- Contribute to healthy social environment
- Encourage community social environment
- Contribute to education for all policy of Government

At the same time, the challenges that were faced

- Lack of coordination among related departments
- Low level of commitment of Social Workers
- Sometimes people don't realize the benefits of diversion procedures, rather feel that as an extra burden
- Replacement of responsible personnel in related departments
- Societal negative attitudes towards children under diversion
- Lack of parent's motivation and sensitivity
- Some actor's perception: diversion promote offences and Absence of rules for implementation of Children Act 2013

Way forward :

- Involvement of child sensitive committed agencies for promotion of protection for children at risk
- Compulsory quality effective training for all staffs of related departments
- Recruitment of necessary personnel with adequate capabilities for child protection activities
- Community sensitization on protection of all children
- Media, NGOs, CSOs sensitization on protection of all children
- Scaling-Up the initiatives for all over the country.

Afterward, he emphasized to promote diversion which will eventually create an enabling environment for all children and keep the best interest of the child. After his presentation, he invited for experience sharing from the community.

Community Involvement in Diversion –Anjira Khatun, Member, Child Protection Committee, Khulna

Anjira Khatun, Councilor, ward no 9, 14, 15 KCC and Member, Child Protection Committee, Khulna shared about the community involvement process in diversion. She mentioned that as a member of child protection committee, they get information from probation officer and JJS when children are brought to Police station. Then they come to the police station, where they assess about the children should get diversion or not through conversation with victim and offender as well as with the family members. Based on group discussion they usually come to a common decision about diversion through family conferencing in the presence of probation officer and child affairs police officer. She also mentioned that, after diversion CBCPC regularly follow-up. She shared happily that the diverted children under her jurisdiction are leading a normal life without committing further offence. As a ward councilor, she appreciated diversion, because diversion give second opportunity to back in normal life and it's a child-friendly approach. Finally, she appreciated the activities of JJS for this noble task and she expects diversion should get promoted all over the country.



Experience on Diversion Practices in Khulna and Jessore

Two Child Affairs Police Officer, Khadija Khatun, Sub-Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Kotwali Thana, Jessore and Farzana Bobby, Sub-Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Sonadanga Model Thana, KMP, Khulna shared experiences of diversion in perspective of Khulna and Jessore. Khadija Khatun explained the mechanism of how they treat a child when he/she commit an offence and brought to the police station, In past, they used to take him/her in safe place, then they informed probation officer and family member of victims and offender. But nowadays, they provide food and counseling for the children, because at that time child offender feels nervous. She added that they have already started family conferencing when probation officer and family members of victims and offender come into the police station. She thanked JJS for playing a facilitation role in all stages of diversion procedure. She further added, when she started her job as a police officer, she did not know about diversion. She received many training on diversion from this project. In the past, there was no diversion in Jessore but after initiation of the project, they are trying their best for diversion of the children. She said that it is a matter of pleasure that they did not hear any complexity about diversion till now. She said that diversion is the best alternative for children. Besides, that diversion reduces their workload.



Child Affairs Police Officer, Farzana Bobby, Sub-Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Sonadanga Model Thana, KMP, Khulna shared the same kind of experiences like Khadija Khatun. She added that they consider diversions as soon as possible considering the best interest of children. She mentioned that Probation Officer, JJS and Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) all together are playing an active role to assist in diversion. After feasibility analysis through discussion with parents, child and CBCPC whether the child has the possibility to turn in normal life from the offence in future, they usually take steps for diversion. After diversion, when child back into the community, CBCPC take the responsibility to turn the children in normal life through follow-up, monitoring and linking with services. We get regular update from JJS. Lastly, she appreciated the initiatives of JJS regarding diversion.

VIDEO Documentary presentation on Diversion

In collaboration of JJS, UNICEF has developed a video document on diversion and shared in the meeting. The documentary was prepared based on a 15 years old diversion child. He was caught for stealing, brought to police station and got diversion. He is now regular in school, living with parents. He is expecting a better future. In this video documentation, Dilruba Sultana,



Judge, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Khulna, Md. Shafiqul Islam, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, CMM Court, Khulna, Farzana Boby, Sub-Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Sonadanga Model Thana, KMP, Khulna and Jamil Hassan, Child Protection Officer, Unicef present their diversion experiences.

Why Promotion of Diversion is Important?

Md. Shahabuddin, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, Jessore and Md. Shafiqul Islam, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, CMM Court, Khulna explained the importance of diversion that should be promoted all over the country.

Md. Shahabuddin, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, Jessore added that as a probation officer, he has lots of liabilities for diversion procedures. Till the meeting date, a total

number of 39 children got diversion from Jessore police station and he acknowledged that, CBCPC follow-up the diversion children regularly. He thinks that the diversion should conduct at Police Station because this is much easier than the diversion from the court. He said that, due to intensive work of JJS, Khulna and Jessore showed better progress in diversion and he suggested UNICEF to take more initiatives to spread this work throughout the country. Furthermore, he added KUK isn't the solution in this process because a child gets into contacts with a matured offender in KUK.



Md. Shafiqul Islam, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, CMM Court, Khulna completely agreed with his colleague from Jessore. He shared that in the past probation officer were not so active about diversion, but recent Children Act 2013 assign fixed role for probation officers. He also shared that Khulna showed better diversion scenario due to intensive work of JJS and when it JJS started working on the issue in all wards of Khulna City Corporation, diversion rate was tremendously increasing and Khulna is the model to all over the country. He gladly mentioned that he got recognition as the best probation officer due to great progress in diversion. At the same point he said, due to various reasons they cannot work properly. He also mentioned if diversion is not in place for a child, the child will lose at least one year from his/ her life. He emphasized diversion procedure more so that the children can come into mainstream life. Finally, he argued to continue the project, neither all the achievements will be lost out.

Diversion and Children Act-2013: Success and Obstacles

According to Children Act 2013, diversion takes place to ensure the best interest of children with conflict with the law. Though in most of the cases, the higher authority tries for diversion, but in few cases, it becomes difficult due to various reasons. This experience was shared by two honorable judges Md. Monjurul Imam, Judge, Additional District and Sessions Court, Jessore and Dilruba Sultana, Judge, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Khulna.



Md. Monjurul Imam, Judge, Additional District and Sessions Court, Jessore said that Children Act 2013 is a very significant act in Bangladesh to keep the best interest of child. But for proper implementation of the act a good environment is essential where everyone would obey their assigned duties and responsibilities. He commented that in most of the cases police are not cooperative for diversion. Due to intensive work of JJS, they get good results in Khulna and Jessore but he knows nothing about the others district of Bangladesh. He also shared that, he always said in every seminar and meeting that child should come to court as a last resort. Diversion should be the first priority. He proposed that they should discuss at the policy level for promote diversion. Furthermore, relevant authority should create mass awareness as so that nobody can misuse the diversion concept. He requested to everyone to come forward and perform their responsibility according to the assigned responsibilities. He also added, it is time to protect children from any kind of violence. Dilruba Sultana, Judge, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Khulna said that according to Children Act 2013, one should not use the word "Child offender", it should be said as "Children in Conflict with the law". Children Act 2013 is a significant law to protect child from offense and violence. The relevant departments should first consider diversion. If there is no way for diversion only then child should bring on the court. Now a days, Child Affairs Police Officer of Khulna Metropolitan City knows about children Act 2013 and diversion. This is the result of JJS activities. In Khulna, Judges, Police, Probation Officer are very friendly about child interest. She shared with glad that this is an amazing change in Khulna and JJS is responsible for the success. She added because of JJS regular activities such as several meetings, trainings and advocacy initiatives with Judges, Polices and social workers that motivated us for working with children. She mentioned that the implementation of Children Act- 2013 is sometimes challenging. There is some limitation in Children Act 2013. If the lower court gets extra power, then they can settle the case at this level and children have not to come at the high court. At last, she emphasized for continuing the initiatives of JJS. She also thanked JJS for organizing the national level sharing meeting, because it will promote diversion in future throughout the country.

Open Discussion

After sharing the experiences of diversion, the floor was open to all of the participants for sharing experiences. ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS requested everyone to share their experiences regarding on diversion issues. He also expected some questions from the participants.



Md. Nazrul Islam, CBCPC member, Khulna suggested for more involvement of community people in the follow up of diverted children which he thinks will contribute to the sustainability of the project. Momtaz Begum, CBCPC member, Jessore said about strengthening the CBCPC committee for more success. Because CBCPC is involved in turning the converted child into normal life.

Mizanur Rahman Akond, representatives of CAMPE said that we need more people involvement and create mass awareness to spread out the noble task. Like JJS, many government and non-government institutes with civil society should come forward. Another participant Mostafa Kamal, Deputy Director, Aparajeyo Bangladesh agreed with Mr. Akond speech and he also added that no good initiatives cannot sustain without the mass people involvement. So, government higher authority should work at policy level, where UNICEF can influence. He also wanted to know about UNICEF's future plan about child protection activities. A.F.M. Saiful Islam from Shapla Neer said that there should have complain management system, otherwise victims interest will be lost. He also emphasized in keeping victims interest first before diversion. He implied to have a root cause analysis system for identifying the reason behind offence occurrences. He wanted to have a clear idea about the three conditions of referral form. Dilruba Sultana, Judge, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Khulna explained in this regard that if any child wants to get diversion, he/she must fulfill the condition of diversion. Otherwise, diversion is not possible.



After ending the longtime open discussion session, Executive Director of JJS ATM Zakir Hossain conveyed thanks again to all of the participants for providing their precious opinion regarding diversion and he commented that those valuable comments will contribute in improving diversion program in future.

Speech by special Guests

Speech of Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, Addl. DIG, (Training & Sports), Bangladesh Police

Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, BPM, Additional DIG (Training and Sports) Police Head Quarter thanked all at the beginning of his speech. He expects earnest cooperation from all the police forces in Bangladesh. In his speech, he disclosed that establishment of rule of law is essential and it is obligatory for the police department to pay for the orders given by the learned court and directed by the constitution as well as other laws and provisions for proper maintenance of homeland. He also mentioned that a lot of troubles could endanger their way of success but they have to overcome all the troubles. In his speech, he also mentioned referring the quote of Kofi Annan-Former Secretary General of United Nations, "We will not enjoy the security of development and we cannot enjoy without development". He also said that Police job is very difficult to put on uniform and to work for the country. He also thanked and encouraged print and electronic media for broadcasting their successful stories and critics which is so much important for police department.

He also thanked JJS for organizing this effective workshop on Diversion under Children Act 2013. He requested JJS to organize a day-long program and should provide more focus on the selection of effective stakeholder and try to get sufficient feedback for their future works on child protection issues. He also informed that human rights, women, and children issues are getting



more attention in the police department training module and police department must try from their best level for proper implementation of children act 2013.

Speech of Nasreen Begum, Additional Secretary, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

Nasreen Begum, Additional Secretary, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs said that cooperation from mass people is essential to implement rules and regulations.



She commented that JJS is playing a pivotal role for the proper implementation of Children act in Khulna and Jessore. She is also thankful to JJS for sending the message of Children Act at the grass-root level. She also mentioned that involvement of lawyer would be making this meeting more benefitted and successful. She also mentioned that Children Act has been designed as child-friendly. Use of projector in the court would be an effective solution for continuing children justice in the court.

She also mentioned that adolescent club played a proactive role for the implementation of Diversion under children act 2013 both in Khulna and Jessore. She was thankful to JJS and UNICEF for establishing adolescent club both in Khulna and Jessore. Now children spent their leisure period in this adolescent club and engaging them in productive and educative works. This club is protecting children for occurring offensive and harmful acts. She also requested to JJS and UNICEF for continuing their development works on child protection issues and organizing meetings for sensitizing related stakeholders.

Speech of Jean Lieby, Chief, Child Protection Section, Unicef, Bangladesh

Jean Lieby, Chief, Child Protection Section, Unicef Bangladesh thanked to Honorable Justice of supreme court, Bangladesh, High Court Division, Additional Secretary-Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Additional DIG (Training and Sports), Police Head Quarter, Dhaka, Learned Judge of Additional Metropolitan Sessions Court Khulna and Learned Judge of Additional District and Sessions Court Jessore, Probation Officers



(Khulna and Jessore), Sub-inspector-Child Affairs Police Officer (Khulna and Jessore), and CBCPC members at the beginning of his speech. He started his speech saying that it is a pleas

ure for him to see the deprived children nearly. These two locations (Khulna and Jessore) have shown the weakness and opportunities of working on this child protection field or issues. He mentioned that the actors, judge, police officers, local associations, CBCPC members should work hand with hand for child protection issues. Diversion under Children Act, 2013 provide many scope and opportunities for child protection in Bangladesh. He also mentioned that adolescent clubs are playing a pro-active role for child protection issues in Bangladesh. The main purpose of "Promoting Community Initiatives for Establishing Justice for Children (PCIJFC)" project was looking for a better life for the children who engaged in bad or evil deeds/works, unfortunately. Because of extreme poverty, families have not so much time to look after them. In addition, most of the parents of these children are not aware and sensitized about the Diversion mechanism for protecting their children. He also added that case management at police station would be effective on this issue.

Speech by Chief Guest

Honorable Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Supreme Court of Bangladesh said that everyone should prioritize children interest. Probation Officer and Social worker especially who's working at field level are the key actors and their earnest motivation is essential for preserving children interest.

He also said that under the Children Act 2013, police officer can directly provide bail for any child which is not possible for any other law in Bangladesh. He also mentioned some limitations of children act which creates problems for decision making. He encouraged all saying that law amendment is also starting for wiped out the loopholes of children act.



He also added that he is engaged in several child protection committees in Bangladesh. He shared that JJS and UNICEF have given him the opportunity for working more closely on this issue. He also said that delaying in the presence of witness are also responsible for taking too long time to get the result from the court. He further added government has already initiated A21 internet project for solving this problem. Under this project, video conferencing mechanism will be used for collecting statement from the witness.

He was thankful to JJS and UNICEF for working on Child Protection issues in Bangladesh.

He also said that government stakeholders are lucky enough to work with the child protection issues through the help of JJS and UNICEF. He also requested to JJS and UNICEF for continuing their development works for the betterment of children in Bangladesh.

Closing Speech by the Chair

In the closing speech ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS said if we want to protect our country, we need to protect the children because children are the future of our nation. We need to promote diversion for the best interest of children in conflict with the law. He expects that experiences of the meeting will be utilized to the whole country that will benefit our children. He also urged to the related government officials for taking necessary initiatives to promote diversion. At last, the chair thanked all for their cordial cooperation to organize the program.

Recommendations

The daylong meeting has brought some suggestions what may consider for sustainability of the project.

- Diversion should conduct at Police Station because this is much easier than the diversion from the court.
- Children Act 2013 is very significant law in Bangladesh to keep the best interest of child. But for proper implementation of the law, everyone should obey their assigned duties and responsibilities. Should advocate each policy level to promote diversion. Furthermore, should create mass awareness as nobody can misuse the diversion concept.
- According to Children Act 2013, one should not use the word "Child Offender", it should be said as "Children in Conflict with the law".
- If the lower court gets extra power to practice Children Act, then they can settle the case at their level and children need not go to high court.
- The community should be involved in diversion works as we are working to make a good result from diversion. Community Based Child Protection Committee should be strengthened.
- Need more peoples' involvement and create mass awareness to spread out the noble task. Like JJS, many governments and non-government institutes with civil society should come forward.



- Should have complain management system in diversion procedures, otherwise victims interest will be lost. Need a root-causes analysis system for identifying the reason behind offence occurrences.
- Should provide more focus on the selection of effective stakeholder and try to get sufficient feedback for their future works on child protection issues.

Program Schedule

Time	Subject	Facilitator
09.30-09.45	Registration	JJS Staff
09.45-10.15	Introducing, Welcome and Background	ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS
10.15-10.20	Community Involvement in Diversion	Anjira Khatun, Member, Child Protection Committee, Khulna
10.20-10.30	Experience on Diversion Practices in Khulna and Jessore	Farzana Bobby, Sub -Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Sonadanga Model Thana, KMP, Khulna Khadija Khatun, Sub Inspector (Child Affairs Police Officer), Kotwali Thana, Jessore
10.30-11.00	Refreshment	Conference Hall Authority
11.00-11.15	Diversion VIDEO Show	UNICEF-Bangladesh
11.15-11.35	Why Promotion of Diversion is Important	Md. Shafiqul Islam, Probation Officer, DSS, CMM Court, Khulna Md. Shahabuddin, Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, Jessore
11.35-11.55	Diversion and Children Act-2013: Success and Obstacles	Md. Monjurul Imam, Judge, Additional District and Sessions Court, Jessore Dilruba Sultana, Judge, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Khulna
11.55-12.25	Discussion by the Guests	ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS
12.25-1.00	Speech by special Guests	Jean Lieby, Chief, Child Protection Section, UNICEF – Bangladesh Abu Muhammad Yousuf, Director Program, Department of Social Service, Dhaka Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, Addl. DIG, (Training & Sports), Bangladesh Police Nasreen Begum, Additional Secretary, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
1.00-1.15	Speech by Chief Guest	Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Honorable Justice, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
1.15-1.20	Closing Speech by Chair	ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS
1.20-	Lunch	Conference Hall Authority

Participants of the Meeting

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3	Dr. Kh. Mahid Uddin, BPM Special Guest	Additional DIG (Training and Sports) Police Head Quarter, Dhaka
4	Jean Lieby Special Guest	Chief, Child Protection Section, UNICEF Bangladesh.
5	Dilruba Sultana	Additional Metropolitan Session Judge, Khulna and Learned Judge of Children Court Khulna
6	Md. Monjurul Imam	Additional District and Sessions Judge Jessore and Learned Judge of Children Court Jessore
7	Md. Shofiqul Islam	Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, Khulna, CMM Court, Khulna
8	Md. Shahabuddin Ahmed	Probation Officer, Department of Social Service, Jessore
9	Md. Shazzadur Rahman	Sub-Inspector, (Child Affairs Police Officer) Daulatpur Thana, KMP, Khulna
10	FarzanaBoby	Sub-Inspector, (Child Affairs Police Officer) Sonadanga Model Thana, KMP, Khulna
11	Khadeja Khatun	Sub-Inspector, (Child Affairs Police Officer) Jessore, Kotwali Thana, Jessore
12	Anjira Khatun	Councillor, Member, Child Protection Committee, Khulna
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14	Jahidul Islam	Member, Child Protection Committee, Khulna
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