**Justice Reform and Corruption Prevention (JRCP) Project**

**Village Court (VC) Data Analysis**

**Key Statistics**

**Table 1: Basic Information According to the District**

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| **District Name** | **Number of Union Parishad** | **VC[[1]](#footnote-1)s established after 2006** | **Supported by NGO[[2]](#footnote-2)s** | **Number of VC Which Has Assistant** |
| Comilla | 179 | 19 | 2 | 0 |
| Gopalgonj | 68 | 31 | 40 | 37 |
| Madaripur | 59 | 7 | 38 | 39 |
| Rangpur | 76 | 35 | 34 | 33 |
| **Total** | **382** | **92** | **114** | **109** |

**Table 2: Information about VC Sessions per Week (At Least one session in a week)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Topic** | **Comilla** | **%** | **Gopalganj** | **%** | **Madaripur** | **%** | **Rangpur** | **%** | **Total** | **%** |
| Number of Union Parishad | 179 | **-** | 68 |  | 59 |  | 76 |  | 382 |  |
| Session at Least one Per Week | 163 | **91%** | 37 | **54%** | 40 | **68%** | 75 | **99%** | 315 | **82%** |

**Table 3: Sessions Break Down according support/not Support**

**Table 3.1 Comilla & Gopalganj**

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| Sessions Per Week | **Comilla** | **Gopalganj** |
| Ngo Supported | Percent | No Support | Percent | Total | Percent | Ngo Supported | Percent | No Support | Percent | Total | Percent |
| 1 Day | 2 | 1% | 132 | 99% | 134 | 82% | 15 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 15 | 41% |
| 2 Days | 0 | 0% | 28 | 100% | 28 | 17% | 22 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 22 | 59% |
| 3 Days | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Days | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| ***Total*** | 2 | 1% | 161 | 99% | 163 |  - | 37 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 37 |  - |

**Table 3.2 Madaripur & Rangpur**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Sessions Per Week | **Madaripur** | **Rangpur** |
| Ngo Supported | Percent | No Support | Percent | Total | Percent | Ngo Supported | Percent | No Support | Percent | Total | Percent |
| 1 Day | 33 | 94% | 2 | 6% | 35 | 88% | 25 | 40% | 38 | 60% | 63 | 84% |
| 2 Days | 5 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 5 | 13% | 9 | 75% | 3 | 25% | 12 | 16% |
| 3 Days | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Days | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| ***Total*** | 38 | 95% | 2 | 5% | 40 | -  | 34 | 45% | 41 | 55% | 75 |  - |

**Table 3.3 Grand Total**

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| --- | --- |
| Sessions Per Week | **Grand Total** |
| Ngo Supported | Percent | No Support | Percent | Total | Percent |
| 1 Day | 75 | 30% | 172 | 70% | 247 | 78% |
| 2 Days | 36 | 54% | 31 | 46% | 67 | 21% |
| 3 Days | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 4 Days | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% | 1 | 0% |
| ***Total*** | 111 | 35% | 204 | 65% | 315 |  - |

**Table 4: Case Inflow and Outflow Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| District Name | 2013 | 2014 | Inflow Rate comapre to 2013 | Outflow Rate comapre to 2013 |
| Received | Resolved | Disposal Rate | Received | Resolved | Disposal Rate |
| Comilla | 4116 | 3494 | 85% | 3996 | 3266 | 82% | -3% | -4% |
| Gopalganj | 1650 | 1470 | 89% | 1763 | 1675 | 95% | 7% | 7% |
| Madaripur | 1174 | 1086 | 93% | 987 | 911 | 92% | -16% | 0% |
| Rangpur | 4410 | 3576 | 81% | 6129 | 4095 | 67% | 39% | 18% |
| *Total* | 11350 | 9626 | 85% | 12875 | 9947 | 77% | 12% | 3% |

**Major findings:**

1. **Establishment under Village Court Act 2006:**

In four districts, among 373 Union Parishad only 92 VCs have been established under the VC Act 2006.

1. **Case inflow and Disposal**

**Comilla:**

* 155 VCs received total 4,116 Cases in 2013 and 3,996 cases in 2014. The received rate as has decreased by 3% in 2014 than in 2013. On the other hand, the VCs have disposed 3,494 cases in 2013 and 3,266 cases in 2014. The disposal rate has also decreased by 4% in 2014 than in 2013.
* The average rate of case received per year was 24.2 in 2013 and 23.5 in 2014, and the average rate case disposal per year was 23.5 in 2013 and 19.2 in 2014

**Gopalgonj:**

* The rate of cases received and disposal both increased 7% in 2014 than in 2013.
* The average case received rate per year was 24.3 in 2013 and 21.6 in 2014, and the average case disposal rate per year was 25.9 in 2013 and 24.6 in 2014

**Madaripur:**

* Case received rate has decreased 16% in 2014 than in 2013, and the disposal rate was the same both in 2014 and 2013.
* The average case received rate per year was 19.9 in 2013 and 18.4 in 2014, and the average case disposal rate per year was 16.7 in 2013 and 15.4 in 2014

**Rangpur**

* Compare to other districts, 75 VCs of this district has received 4,410 cases in 2013 and 6,129 cases in 2014. They disposed 3,576 cases in 2013 and 4,095 cases in 2014. Case received has increased by 39% in 2014 than in 2013 and cases disposal rate increased by 18% in 2014 than in 2013.
* The average case received and disposal rate per year was mentionably higher than other districts. In Rangpur, the average case received rate per year was 58 in 2013 and 80.6 in 2014, and the average case disposal rate per year was 47.1 in 2013 and 53.9 in 2014
1. **Impact of NGO Support**

Only financial support has found no impact in the effectiveness of the VCs. For example, in Madaripur total 40 VCs are assumed as ‘active’, among those 38 have been supported by GIZ[[3]](#footnote-3) and MLAA[[4]](#footnote-4). The average case received rate per year of these 38 VCs was 29.3 in 2013 and 24.7 in 2014, and the average case disposed rate was 27.1 and 23. Cases received and disposed rate both have decreased in next year than the previous year.

On the other hand, in Madaripur, 2 VCs have no NGO support. But the average case received and disposed rate per year was almost same as those VCs that have NGO support. In these 2 VCs, the average case received rate per year was 30.5 in 2013 and 25 in 2014, and the disposal rate per year was 22 in 2013 and 19 in 2014.

But the VCs that have technical support along with the financial support has impact in a great extent in effecting the VCs. For example, in Rangpur ESDO[[5]](#footnote-5), EU[[6]](#footnote-6) and UNDP[[7]](#footnote-7) are providing both financial and technical support to 34 VCs and they are getting a good impact in the effectiveness of those VCs. The average case received rate of these 34 VCs was per year 73.7 in 2013 and 97.6 in 2014, and the disposed rate per year was 71.9 in 2013 and 94.4 in 2014. On the other hand, in Rangpur, the VCs that have no support, the average case received rate of such VCs was per year 46.6 in 2013 and 68.9 in 2014, and the case disposed rate was per year 27.1 in 2013 and 20.5 in 2014.

1. **Impact of Village Court Assistant**

This is difficult to say whether the Village Court Assistants has any impact to make effective the VSs or not. It needs more research. For example, in Madaripur, 38 VCs have Assistant but their average case received and disposal rate is very low compare to 41 VCs of Rangpur that has no Assistant.

In Madaripur, the VCs that have Assistant, the average case received rate per year of such VCs was 29.3 in 2013 and 24.7 in 2014, and the average case disposed rate was 27.1 in 2013 and 23 in 2014. On the other hand, in Rangpur, the VCs that have no NGO support and no Assistant, the average case received rate of such VCs was per year 46.6 in 2013 and 68.9 in 2014, and the case disposed rate was per year 27.1 in 2013 and 20.5 in 2014. If we look into the case received rate of these two districts, the rate of those VCs (in Rangpur) which have no Assistant is much higher than the rate of those VCs (in Madaripur) which have Assistant, but the case disposal rate per year per VC is almost same in both the districts.

In Rangpur, 34 VCs have NGO support and Court Assistant. The average case received rate of these 34 VCs was per year 73.7 in 2013 and 97.6 in 2014, and the disposed rate per year was 71.9 in 2013 and 94.4 in 2014. This might happened due to close monitoring of those NGOs that are providing support since they are providing both financial and technical support.

1. VC = Village Court [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. NGO = Non-Government Organization [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit- GmbH  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Madaripur Lagal Aid Association [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Eco Social Development Organization [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. European Union [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. United Nations Development Programme [↑](#footnote-ref-7)