

Child Rights Among Ethnic Minorities

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“What is your favorite food?” This question was asked to children aged 4 to 10. “I love sweets”, “I like chicken”, “I like fruit”, answered the children very shyly. Most of the children’s expectations were not very high; they only hoped for small things.

SIL Bangladesh conducted a short survey among the Kol and Koch language groups to identify the children’s favorite food, expectations from parents, leisure time activities and dreams. The information from this survey information helped us to understand their needs.

Most Kol and Koch people work in the fields as day laborers. They are busy all day with planting, harvesting and other household responsibilities. They leave the house early in the morning and come back in the evening, so the children are often at home alone. They play unsupervised and can be at risk. It is often difficult for them to attend school regularly if there is no school nearby. Sometimes parents are unaware of their children’s needs. Many children suffer from illnesses such as diarrhea, typhoid, scabies, pneumonia and worms. They also tend to be lacking in confidence.



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May 13-17, 2018: Animators Orientation and basic training among Kol, Koda, Koch, Mahle, Kurux and Hajong communities.

May 22-24, 2018: Health Screening among Children.

May 20-21, 2018: Gender Equality Training with Mahle community.

May 22, 2018: Seminar with Govt. Officials on Youth Development with Mahle community.

May 23-24, 2018: GNG visit, Awareness raising and cultural show.

May 20-24, 2018: GNG Mentors Seminar and Training with Kurux community.

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To help meet the children's rights to health, education and family life, SIL International Bangladesh, has started a new project called 'Child Rights Ethnic Minorities (CREM)' among the Kol, Koda, Koch, Hajong, Mahle and Kurux ethnic groups.

The project aims to create forums where children can share their expectations, opinions and dreams. There will be competitions to build their self confidence and opportunities to learn to respect one another and each other's culture and language.

There will also be awareness raising events for parents and other community members to empower them to teach children about health issues, to support the children's mental health and to develop greater intimacy with their children. Parents will learn about cooking nutritious food, how to rear hens and ducks to help feed their families and the importance of spending time with their children. SIL Bangladesh hopes that as children get more support, they will develop mental resilience and confidence, as well as enjoying better physical health.

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