NEW IDEAS THROUGH LEARNING CIRCLE

'Wow! The community people are discovering new ideas through SIL’s programs!' This was the author of the story’s first impression after hearing the change story resulting from the initiatives of the Learning Circle group members of Baldipukur (Biglupara) village. This village is located in Ranipukur Union, Mithpukur Upazila, Rangpur District in the northern part of Bangladesh.

This group consists of fifteen women. While they were still holding the Learning Circle, Covid-19 was spreading all over the world. At that time, Bangladesh was also infected by the virus. People received instructions from different sources to keep them safe. One of the instructions was to wash one’s hands frequently. But it was so difficult for small children. In the village, they usually get water from a tube-well for drinking and sanitation by means of a hand pump. Small children are unable to use the pump to get water from the tube-well. They always need help from others to get the water, and others are not always available, so it is difficult for them. In the Learning Circle group, the members raised this issue and tried to find a solution.

Key Dates

Feb’22: Research Road Map Design Workshop.
Feb’22: MTBAL Teacher’s Refresher’s Training with the Usoi Community.
Feb’22: International Mother Language Day celebration.

Highlights

Multilingual Education Materials Development Workshop-2 for the Kurux Community was held for 5 days with 10 participants.

Kurux Material Development Workshop-2

SIL Bangladesh helps communities achieve their development goals while retaining their Ethnolinguistic identities.
At last, they reached a solution that children will be provided with easy hand-washing facilities by providing a child-friendly water source. With that thought in mind, they decided to set up a water drum with a tap, the best solution for children washing their hands. But it is very difficult for them to buy a drum for everyone at the same time. They decided to raise money for this purpose. Every week they will deposit a minimum of 5 taka (BDT) each and will collect the amount of 250/-taka (BDT) and buy an 80-liter drum and will hand it over to one member. It will continue one by one until the 15 members all had drums. So far they have distributed 5 drums to 5 members. They find that now kids are washing their hands easily and rarely get sick. The Learning Circle group members have promised to work together on all such issues and will together build a safe and united community.

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