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Re-opening Possibilities Through Mother-tongue Literacy

In 2019, we had the opportunity to visit the Usoi Tripura Community villages. It was quite an adventurous trip for me and my colleague. It was in the hilly areas of Bangladesh in Bandarban district. We had the opportunity to visit the villages at the top of the hills. We visited the villages on the steep hillsides. We had to go there by the local jeep on the steep hilly roads. I was filled with wonder that all the villagers are used to this life, and they have to walk the steep paths several times a day for their daily necessities on these steep hills. Children, men, women, even the pregnant women regularly get water at the foot of the hill and carry many heavy loads to meet their daily needs.

We visited the mother-tongue-based Adult Literacy groups conducted by the local trained volunteers. They were so happy and enthusiastic to have the opportunity of learning in their own mother tongue. And we met with some devoted volunteers who were very enthusiastic about teaching their community.

Special Comments



'You are chosen by God to work for the community people'.

**Cornelius Tudu,
Country Director, SIL BD**

Highlights



Learning Circle—Matindar, Naogaon started a saving group by being inspired from the lesson 'Savings'. Every week they are saving small amount to help any member of the group in any emergency. Later on the member will refund the amount. They are very happy with this new initiative.

Key Dates

November' 21: Orthography Training with Kurux Community.

November' 21 : Field activities Monitoring Visit to Oraon, Mahle, Kol communities.

November' 21: Community awareness with Usoi and Kurux Community.

November'21: Research Data Collection.

SIL Bangladesh helps communities achieve their development goals while retaining their Ethnolinguistic identities.

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Now two years later, we had the opportunity to train the volunteer for starting five more groups in the same community (Usoi Tripura). In our head office, we arranged two days of training for potential volunteers and their supervisor in October 2021. They received the full training with the practice session so that they could each start a group immediately after returning to their places.

We hope this will re-open the opportunity for this community to preserve their mother tongue by having literacy skills in their own language. Future generations can have the privilege of learning their own cultural traditions from their elders. The community will be enlightened through the light of literacy.

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Local Feeds of October

Staff Capacity Building



SIL BD staff capacity building program was held in October, 2021. All the field and head office staff have attended the event.

MTB-AL Tutor's Training



Mother Tongue Based Adult Literacy Tutor's Training has completed with Usoi Tripura Community at SIL Bangladesh head Office.

MTB-AL Group



5 Adult Literacy Groups with 100 members has started in five Usoi villages

Adolescent Health Care Group



Adolescent Health Care groups are running with Koch, Hajong, Kol, Mahle and Oraon Communities.

Gender Awareness



Gender awareness session is continuing with Koch, Hajong, Kol, Mahle and Oraon Communities.

Learning Center



Learning Center of Mahle, Hajong, Kol and Oraon Communities. Where Children get free tuition and practice the Mother Tongue learning activities.



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