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## Government and National Initiatives for ECD

### Training on ECCD Program Management



Mr. Tapon Kumar Das  
facilitating a session on story telling

A training course on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Program Management was organized by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) on 10-15 September 2008 at CAMPE Training Center. Twenty three representatives from thirteen NGOs participated in the course. The major contents of the course were rights of early aged children, areas of early childhood development, characteristics and behaviour of child, parenting for child development and steps of taking ECCD program. The sessions were facilitated by different ECCD programme implementers, facilitators and professionals from ICDDR, B, Save the Children-USA, Nayantara Communication, Bangladesh Shishu Academy and CAMPE. A special session titled "Story Telling for Child" was conducted by Mr. Tapon Kumar Das, Program Manager, CAMPE to develop capacity of participants in this area. CAMPE organises such training courses in a regular basis. Any organisation having ECCD or Pre-primary Education program can apply to participate in such courses.

On 15th July 2008 Angarpara Union Parishad of Khansama Upazilla, Dinajpur organised a programme to hand over a cheque of one Lac Taka to the Union Education Standing Committee that will be used for supporting ongoing ECCD activities which are being implementing by Plan Bangladesh and BRIF. The committee has already prepared a budget along with Plan Bangladesh and BRIF for the funds. Mr. Fazlul Kabir, Upazilla Nirbahi Officer, Khansama was present as the chief guest. Mr. Abdul Mannan Program Unit Manager, Plan Bangladesh-Khansama was present as

special guest. Mr. Abdul Zabbar Shah, Chairman Angarpara, Khansama presided over the event. About Sixty participants participated in the ceremony including the member of Union Parishad, president of CBOs, local elites, education resource persons, parents, local journalists, and staffs of Plan Bangladesh and BRIF.



A Speaker delivering his speech on the occasion

## Bangladesh ECD Network Initiative for ECD

### ECD Regional Seminar in Dhaka

Bangladesh ECD Network organized (BEN) its third ECD Regional Seminar on 11 August 2008 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Dhaka. A hard effort of BEN secretariat helped to organise the seminar successfully. The aim of the seminar

was to bring the network members closer to make the discussion more interactive and sharing and to make them raise their opinion about network activities.

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The objectives were the same as the first two seminars and they were to accumulate members' opinion in the following vital issues: i) Determine the expansion strategy of BEN, ii) Collect feedback on the formation of the Network Executive Committee, iii) Find out more active roles of Network Members, iv) Look for existing needs and decide a future direction for the Network. BEN members from Dhaka division participated in the seminar. Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Chairperson of BEN, Mr. Md. Nuruzzaman, Vice-Chairperson of BEN, Ms. Mahmuda Akhter, Member Secretary of BEN, Dr. Golam Mostafa and Mohammad Mohsin, members of BEN Executive Committee were present in the seminar.



One of the groups sharing their findings with the participants

### International Initiative for ECD

#### ELDS Writing and Validation workshop

A five-day long workshop on Early Learning Development Standard (ELDS) writing and validation was held from 22-27 September, 2008 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The workshop was organised by UNICEF-ROSA office. Forty two participants from seven South Asian country offices of UNICEF, Malaysia and UNICEF-HQ including resource persons from Colombia university and Yale University, participated in the workshop. The five days workshop contained (i) overview of the writing of ELDS (ii) use of values, domains, sub-domains and specific aspects using other country frameworks (iii) establishing provisional domains for home country (iv) writing standards, indicators and learning activities (v) drafting plan for writing ELDS document of each country (vi) understanding of ELDS validation model, age, content & predictive validation including design parameters of validation study and (vii) preparation of country plan. Participants in different groups have exercised and critiqued on other countries standards, indicators and learning activities, each country in a team worked on their own country domains, sub-domains, indicators, learning activities, drafted ELDS writing plan with time line and prepared country plan for

development of ELDS and validation. It was suggested that a follow up briefing meeting would be taken place between the ELDS team and the members of the working group formed for development of Comprehensive Early Childhood Care and Education (CECCE) policy by The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MWCA).



The participants of the workshop

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