

Shaping the future through Para Centre(scattered habitat) Approach



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Key Characteristics of CHT

- CHT Represents 10% of total area & 1% of total population (1.6 millions) of BD
- Approx. 50% tribal population, more than 13 different ethnic communities
- Most of the CHT population are engaged in subsistence agriculture.
- Topography: remoteness, inaccessibility, fragility. Most of the people live in scattered habitats known as 'Para'.
- Low human resource development- vocational & social skills
- Have different traditional & administrative setup with complex coordination mechanisms
- Post Conflict Area, Peace Accord was signed in 1997. Separate Ministry of CHT formed

Challenges in CHT

- **Poor physical & socio-economic infrastructure**
- **Limited non-farm employment opportunities**
- **Low livelihood diversification**
- **Lower income & non-income poverty**
- **Livelihoods: More susceptible & vulnerable**
- **Low carrying capacity**
- **Access and ensuring quality basic social services facing challenges due to remoteness, difficult terrain, inaccessibility, and fragility**



Para Center, hub of all basic services to the community

Para Center – Hub of Basic Services

Small house of 300-400 Sq. feet area, a venue for

- Early learning and pre-primary education
- Health and nutrition services for women (pregnant & lactating), children (6-23 months, U-5 children) and adolescent girls
- EPI outreach site & center for all other basic services
- Site for demonstration of sanitary latrines, safe water use, hand washing and other appropriate WASH technologies
- Statistical information Centre and meeting place for the community
- Run by a Para Worker from the same community and is managed by a PCMC



Coverage through Para Centre Network (till 2017)

Unit	Total in CHT	Covered through 4000 PCs till 2017	Plan to cover 5000 PC in 2018-2021
Para (Village)	4,734	4000 (74.3%)	1000
Union	121	119	121
House holds	319,849	177,520	206,000
Population	1,663,214	923,104 (55.50%)*	1,071,200
Total <5 children	189,225	83,079	96,300
Total Under 18 Population	696, 649	366,472	425,266

- 100% population of a para is not covered by a Para centre. Some para has two PCs owing its large size

*Municipal areas not widely covered by Para Centre services

Para Centre Service : WASH

- **Demonstration point of safe water facilities, hand washing System and improved latrine.**
- **Awareness Building Center about WASH (Hygiene Promotion)**
- **Gender and disability responsive WASH facility installation and renovation in catchment area.**



Para Centre Sustainability

- The GoB and UNICEF are moving towards sustainable Para Centers. UNICEF is engaged to enhance the capacity of para workers, health workers and NGO workers
- The strategy for advocacy through Para Centers utilizes the ECD package.
- GoB has allocated fund from revenue budget for smooth operation
- At the national level, the 7th Five Year Plan, NCP and ECD Policy reflect the commitment to make investment for the development and growth of children in their early years





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