

What has the done to educate older persons/or the general public about the Madrid Plan?

1. Resource Integration Centre (RIC) undertook the following works about the Madrid Plan:

- Translated MIPAA documents and published 50,000 copies for wider dissemination
- RIC conducted oriented session on MIPAA in three level:

First - OPA members and leaders

Second - leaders of local Elected bodies in rural level

Third- Fellow NGO at National and local level

Which of the 3 priority directions of Madrid Plan (older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; ensuring enabling and supportive environments) is the principal focus of the NGO?

2. RIC is implementing Older Citizen Monitoring Project (OCMP), which covers three major areas of MIPAA

2.1 **Older persons and development** – RIC include older persons in the development programme through its Project by forming committees of older people. These committees Monitor and do Advocacy to make aware the local governments and work jointly with them for older persons welfare.

Advancing health and well-being

2.2 RIC's existing programme of older persons Older Citizen Monitoring Project OCM is based on MIPA mandates.

This OCM Programme is mainly Monitoring on the three areas of governments safety net programme: i) Governments Old Age Allowance (OAA), ii) Governments Widow Allowance programme, iii) Governments Health Service programme

Old Age allowance and Widow Allowance: Mainly RIC's existing programme support older persons for doing the advocacy for increasing the numbers of OP as well as the amount and also for selecting the Eligible Older Person to the local governments

Health Access: Older people of OCM Project visit and monitor the governments existing health care services and discuss with the service provider for the direct provision of older people in the health care services.

RIC's works on ensuring enabling and supporting environment for OPs

- The older people of OCM project formed groups at the village, ward and union level.
- Capacity of older people of the OCM Project has been developed
- Inclusion in Micro-credit is growing up (RIC including other NGOs re including them in their Micro-Credit Programme)
- RIC is working for enabling the environment for older people and removing the barrier and raising awareness about OP's.
- Now the situation of older people of OCMP working area has been changed and OP can use their potentiality as required

3. Achievement: (Nationally)

- Following MIPAA's Mandates four organizations of Bangladesh who are working for older people are RIC, BWHC, BAAIGM and BRAC prepared a National policy on ageing. The concerned ministry of Bangladesh government did work on the submitted policy and disseminated draft policy document for comments.
- Older person of OCMP working area has developed a network with local government. The Socio-economic development and poverty alleviation specifically focusing vulnerable older people.
- RIC initiated targeted Micro-Credit programme for older people is taking strong role to improve income security for older people
- Electronics and Printing media is now more aware and focusing on Older people's issues regularly
- Older people's Associations are conducting dialogue session with the different stakeholder such as the representatives of local governments and community leaders, to ensure their participation in the decision making process. Pre-budget discussions with the special focus to the older people were conducted in every year since 2004. These sessions were jointly organized by Samunnay-a civil society organization and OCMP.

4. Achievement: (Internationally)

- Established Older people's leadership in RIC's working area. These OP leaders could participate media and advocating and lobbying with the policy makers to pursue the agenda mentioned in MIPAA document.
- RIC facilitated OPA is represented in different development forum.
- Civil society and NGO network at national level become responsive at the issue related with Older people issues.
- Improved the availability of the disaggregated information of the older people

Has your government begun or committed to undertake that review? If yes, has your NGO been invited to participate? If so, how?

5. No, Government has not yet taken any initiative to assess the progress of MIPAA in Bangladesh. Most of government actors are not being adequately informed about MIPAA. RIC is keeping touch with them to improve information level of these critical actors