

Kajoli ECL Centers for slum children

Eight Kajoli ECL centers have been set up recently for slum children at 8 points of Mirpur and Mohammadpur area in Dhaka city. Each center would assist 90 children who would be prepared for subsequent admission in primary schools. They would run in 3 shifts and follow the Fun and Game teaching method of Kajoli Model. The Model was developed by Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB).

Ekok, an organization working for slum children, has created this opportunity for the slum children. After in-depth discussions and following visits to the sites, RIB decided to extend cooperation to Ekok from a sense of commitment to help slum children to be interested to education. RIB will provide technical assistance to Ekok on condition that the latter will implement the Kajoli Model of teaching and community participation in full.

Already 8 teachers have been trained by RIB on Kajoli Teaching Methods in Bangla, English, and Math through a formal training session which was held in Mohammadpur and organized by Ekok. The organization is committed to follow the various requirements of the Model, including equal emphasis on learning component and community participation in the running of the centers.

Ekok has agreed to encourage mothers to be closely connected with the centers through participation in classroom activities once a month by rotation. It is hoped that participation of the teachers and mothers, along with cooperation from RIB and Ekok, would enhance a sense of community ownership and participation. This will in turn contribute to sustainability of the centers to continue supporting education of underprivileged slum-children.