

# ASIA REGIONAL WORKSHOP Mainstreaming Social Accountability

July 16-24, 2018, Bangladesh



## Participants:

Representatives from Civil Society, Government, Think Tank, Network, Academia, Elected Representatives, and NGOs

## From:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

Organized by CARE Bangladesh in partnership with Local Governance Initiative & Network (LOGIN) Asia, a knowledge network connecting state and non-state actors on the issues of governance in the Asia region





**Women are at the center  
of  
CARE Bangladesh's Social  
Accountability and  
Governance initiatives!**

## Workshop Objectives

The **objectives** were to **enable a better and shared understanding** of:

- Approaches and methodologies to mobilise communities to occupy spaces for community engagement on accountability issues
- Adaptation of social accountability tools and potential for their application in different contexts and vis-à-vis different stakeholder needs

In addition, it was also intended to **foster discussions** on

- Strategies to develop and enable linkages across local, sub-national and national actors and
- Scope and quality of adaptation/ implementation of social accountability mechanisms when the State co-opts or mainstreams this agenda

Why power analysis is important in social accountability?



Tested Tools and models are critical to our work





## Few Reflections on the Regional Workshop!

*My sincere appreciation for the well consolidated knowledge that you shared with us. It helped us draw a lot of insights which will be helpful in our Social Accountability efforts. I assure that we are already working towards propagating the JATRA in Bhutan.*

Pema Lhamo, Executive Director, Bhutan Transparency Initiative

*The regional event has been an outstanding experience for us in bringing together South and South East Asian perspectives and collective solidarity actions on Governance and Social Accountability issues in the Asia region.*

Prabodh Devkota, Assistant Country Director  
CARE Bangladesh

*Care Bangladesh organized such a great study visit/workshop for us. We learnt a lot-particularly social accountability, civic engagement and amazing community mobilizing approaches through CARE's initiatives.*

Sek Ratha, Governance Coordinator, Pact Cambodia

*The learning engagement has been very successful in seeding new ideas and there is potential for further collaborative learning!*

Preeta Lall, Team leader, LOGIN Asia

## Key Elements of the Workshop

- Revisiting principles, constructs and frameworks that enable Social Accountability in local, national and regional contexts
- Understanding of local power structure and adopting approaches embracing local political economy analysis
- Citizen's engagement in social accountability
- Interaction on tools and tested models and field visits focusing on heavily built on the experiences and learning of Journey for Advancement in Transparency, Representation and Accountability (JATRA) initiative implemented by CARE
- Collective learning and reflections on- various aspects of social accountability works



Social audit in community clinic

## Field reflection in Union Parishad

### CARE Bangladesh's Expertise on Social Accountability & Governance

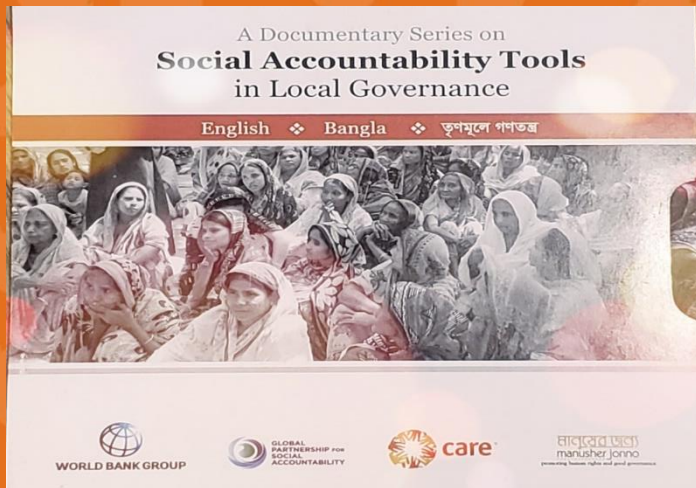
CARE Bangladesh is well known for its strong work on Governance and Social Accountability in the Asia Region. CARE Bangladesh has developed well tested models and tools such as : Political Economy Analysis, Power and Poverty Analysis, Participatory Budgeting, Citizen's Participation in Local Governance, Social Contexts and Resource Mapping, Community Score Card, Local Government Self- Assessment and Social Audit.

These models and tools can be replicated in any relevant contexts within the region and around the world!



Presentation on social accountability approaches





*“CARE Bangladesh has proven expertise on Social Accountability and Governance initiatives. We have capacity in providing Technical Assistance to the Government, Civil Society and NGOs within Bangladesh, Asia Region and beyond”. - Zia Choudhury, Country Director, CARE Bangladesh*





## You can help us by:

- Funding CARE Bangladesh's Governance and Social Accountability work
- Partnering with CARE Bangladesh to organize national, regional and global level capacity building events
  - Using our well tested models and tools
  - Exploring various other practical partnership opportunities
  - Mainstreaming social accountability and governance in your current work