SHOUHARDO III participants leading their own development in the newly formed groups
With facilitation by the program, community people continue in taking several initiatives for their own development. Men, women and adolescent boys and girls formed groups following self-selection process and proceeded in community development along with advocating for attaining rights entitlement from the duty bearers. Collaboration and coordination was being maintained among the members of a single group and members of other groups in the village. The group leaders maintained coordination in the time of performing any act for social development and together they shared goal, planned together and designated responsibilities.

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Collaboration in better service providers
Both service provider and recipients participated in assessing and improving services by facilitating the Community Score Card (CSC) tool. In Haor, the CSC was used for 16 Community Clinics. The CSC is composed of five steps: 1) planning preparation both at communities and service providers’ sides, 2) orientation for CSC participants-government service providers and citizens, 3) use the CSC with service providers, 4) interface (face-to-face) meeting between participants and identifying actions on the way forward and 5) monitoring on acting on the recommendations. The first four steps were done this qarter and is planned to finish by February 2020. The last step will be monitored by the program in the next six months (i.e. until August 2020).

The bamboo bridge of Chaturvuz village of Borodal union, Tahirpur, Sunamganj is one of the collaborative initiatives between Village Development Committee and Union Parishad that reconfirmed schooling by school students and necessary movements of inhabitants of Chaturvuz, Nolerband, Kamarkandi and Khalishajuri villages.

Collaboration for better Sanitation
In order to find innovative solution for sanitation SHOUHARDO III worked with Integrated Development Enterprise (IDE). The result was celebrated by the community.

In smiley face, Taslima Begum from Bordal Bagbari village of Tahirpur, Sunamganj shared, “the latrine brought honor to my family. Previously, when, people who came with my daughter’s marriage reverted as they addressed we had not hygiene latrine. While, within two months of setting the latrine by SHOUHARDO III I succeeded to arrange the marriage. What a relaxation it was for an widow like me can not be explained by words. I pray from my heart for the people who arranged the support”.

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