



Interim Report of
Non-Formal Primary Education Programme (NFPE)
July 1987 to December '87

This is an report covering a period of one year (July '87 - Dec. '87) of Non-Formal Primary Education Programme (NFPE) of BRAC initiated in October, 1984.

In March, 1985 NFPE opened 20 Non-Formal Primary Schools and 3 Pre-Primary Schools in two BRAC and one non BRAC area.

In 1986, NFPE expanded its programme by opening 57 new schools in the 3 project areas where NFPE was in operation from 1985 but all the schools were in new villages.

In 1987 NFPE has further expanded its programme by opening 50 new primary schools and 10 pre-primary schools. In total 140 NFPE schools are in operation. The total enrolment in these schools is 4300.

NFPE has completed its activities as per schedule. The summary of these activities are given below:

I. Production of materials:

NFPE has completed the production of materials of grade III. With this the development and production of three years course materials is now complete. The description of books, charts and manuals produced and printed by NFPE is listed below:

A. Materials for grade - I

1. Preparatory Course Manual (for teachers)
2. Picture-card sets
3. Pre-writing exercise book
4. Bengali primer (Book-I)
5. Mathematics (Book - I, part - I)
(Book -II, part -II)
6. Social study (teachers manual)
7. Chart (teaching aid for social study)
8. Chart (teaching aid for Bengali primer).

B. Materials for grade - II

1. Bengali primer (Book - II)
2. Mathematics (Book - II)
3. Social study (Book - II)

C. Materials for grade - III

1. Bengali primer (Book - III)
2. Mathematics (Book - III)
3. Social study (Book - III)

D. Materials produced and printed for teachers and trainers:

1. Trainers manual
2. Teachers training manual
3. Supervisors manual.

NFPE has started revising existing materials of grade I and grade II from September, 1987. Before revision the materials were reviewed by a review committee based on the feedback of field based staff and teachers of NFPE centre.

II. Staff Development

NFPE has recruited 6 new programme organisers (P.O) in January, 1987. All these POs have completed an orientation course before their deployment.

A 15 days' intensive trainers' training workshop was held in January, 1987. All the POs with one years experience in school programme and regular trainers of the Training and Resource Centre (TARC) of BRAC attended this workshop. Out of these, eight has been selected to conduct the teachers training of 1987. This workshop was jointly conducted by NFPE and TARC.

III. Supply of supplementary materials:

NFPE has supplied supplementary reading materials to 57 schools (grade-II). Each school is now stocked with 30 books.

IV. Teachers Training:

NFPE has completed teachers training of 60 new teachers and refresher course of 80 teachers of grade II and grade III.

V. The other project activities completed before June 1987 are:

- A. Selection of sites before opening new schools in 1987
- B. Formation of village level committee
- C. Renting and renovation of 60 new school houses
- D. Renovation of 80 old school house
- E. Recruitment of teachers
- F. Providing logistic support to both new and old school(140 schools)
- G. Selection of pupils for 1987
- H. Opening of 60 schools in April 1987.

The Students:

The students of grade I and grade II have been promoted to grade II and III respectively in March - April, 1987. The average attendance rate in NFPE schools is more than 90%. The drop-out rate from March 1985-Dec. 1987 is 1.30%. The average performance of pupils is more than satisfactory

More than 96% pupils of grade III (batch 1985) have successfully completed the three year course and 85% course completed students have got themselves admitted in government Primary Schools in class IV and continuing education. The NFPE course has generated an interest both in parents and pupils as it has been able to fulfill their felt needs.

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Average attendance in Primary Schools

Name of camp	No. of Schools	Total enrolment	Average enrolment	Average attendance	
				No.	%
Manikgonj	32	960	30	27.90	93
Betila	25	750	30	28.20	94
Garpara	16	480	30	27.30	91
Total	73	2190	30	27.80	92.67

Average attendance in Pre-primary Schools

Manikgonj	4	100	25	23	93
Betila	4	100	25	22	88
Garpara	2	50	25	22.50	90
Total	10	250	25	22.50	90

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Teachers in Primary Schools

Name of Camp	Schools opened	Male teachers		Female teachers		Total teachers	Academic Qualification		Remarks
		No.	%	No.	%		S.S.C. & above	Below S.S.C.	
Manikgonj	32	7	26.92	19	73.08	26	11	15	11 teachers conducting two schools each
Betila	25	7	30.43	16	69.57	23	5	18	
Garpara	16	4	30.77	9	69.23	13	8	5	
Total	73	18	29.03	44	70.97	62	24	38	

Teachers in Pre-primary Schools

Manikgonj	4	-	-	4	100	4	2	2
Betila	4	-	-	4	100	4	1	3
Garpara	2	-	-	2	100	2	2	-
Total	10			10	100	10	5	5

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Students in Primary Schools

Name of Camp	No. of School	Boys		Girls		Total Students
		No.	%	No.	%	
Manikgonj	32	286	29.79	674	70.21	960
Betila	25	294	39.20	456	60.80	750
Garpara	16	133	27.70	347	72.30	480
Total	73*	713	32.55	1477	67.45	2190

Students in Pre-primary Schools

Manikgonj	4	44	44	56	56	100
Betila	4	56	56	44	44	100
Garpara	2	23	46.00	27	54.00	50
Total	10	123	49.20	127	50.80	250

* Budget for extra 23 centres came from other sources.