

## LEGAL AID PROGRAM

PROSHIKA organized group members and community members are assisted through legal aid programs. Usually, in our country the implementation of law is delayed. As a result, people get into the trouble and face financial problems while prosecuting for a long time. Mutual social relations are deteriorated in litigation, enmity grows among the people, opponents are made, lots of resources are wasted and hostile attitudes are manifested. Poor people become victims of lawsuits, lose resources and become destitute. Human-to-human problems can occur, but they can be easily solved by following the easy-to-follow process.



PROSHIKA is working through its *samiti* to raise awareness so that people do not get involved in conflicts. PROSHIKA organizes discussion meeting to aware the people about difference branches of law. Those who have already been sued PROSHIKA helps them to give the legal assistance and advices. PROSHIKA has a panel of five legal advisers at its central office to provide legal assistance to the group members and community members as well. They are the permanent staff of PROSHIKA 's legal assistance program.

The activities implemented under this program during the year 2020-2021 are-

- To aware rural and urban poor people about their right as well as different laws.
- To assist the PROSHIKA group members and community members so that they become able to get legal aid from the village court and
- To aware and inform them about the activities of District Legal Aid Committee how to seek legal help.

As per the annual plan of the above activities, assistance has been provided to the PROSHIKA group members and community members in 23 legal matters in six districts. The districts are: *Faridpur, Gaibandha, Chapainawaganj, Chittagong, Dhaka, Madaripur, Natore and Munshiganj.*