



## **PROSHIKA Manobik Unnayan Kendra**

### **PROSHIKA Legal Aid Program**

To live in a society, everyone must follow certain rules and laws. Laws are created and implemented by people across the world to protect rights and resources, and to eliminate oppression, injustice, and exploitation. In Bangladesh, the government has enacted laws to prevent violence against women and children, eliminate domestic violence and assist individuals who are financially unable to access justice due to various socio-economic reasons. Since 2009, the government has been providing legal support through the Legal Aid program. In coordination with this government initiative, PROSHIKA has also been offering legal assistance throughout the country.

#### **Goal:**

To establish a just society by ensuring legal rights for the poor and marginalized communities.

#### **Objectives of the Legal Aid Program:**

- Prevent child marriage
- Eliminate domestic violence
- Combat eve-teasing and dowry practices
- Prevent violence against women and children
- Raise legal awareness among poor men and women in rural and urban areas
- Provide legal assistance to victims seeking justice

#### **Program Coverage:**

- **Districts:** 50
- **Upazilas:** 222
- **Development Areas:** 283

#### **Legal Aid Activities:**

Among PROSHIKA's many social initiatives, the Legal Aid Program is one of the most significant. Awareness campaigns and discussion meetings are regularly held in various development areas to educate communities about their legal rights. These meetings help residents and group members become more informed, enabling them to benefit from legal knowledge. Poor, distressed, and financially struggling individuals are able to receive free legal services with PROSHIKA's support.

#### **Beneficiaries of Legal Aid:**

1. Women and children
2. Individuals imprisoned without proven guilt
3. People unable to afford legal proceedings
4. PROSHIKA group members
5. Individuals seeking justice in village courts