There was a workshop on HIV/AIDS, a major concern in the current world, specifically for people in the third world countries. I've acquired knowledge of the World situation of HIV/AIDS, vulnerability issues, the cause of HIV/AIDS, preventive measures, treatment and rehabilitation etc. This course also had an informative visual presentation, which assisted me a lot to understand clearly on this serious issue. We all know Disaster and Emergency management is another key issue that cannot be circumvented. Comprehending this reality, we were given three-day training on the topic. The course contained cause of disaster, disaster cycle, disaster management and many more such issues. As the current world is often falling victim to various disasters such as earthquake, Tsunami, floods, cyclones, drought and many other environmental disasters, this training helped me learn many critical things that I'll be able to implement in case of an emergency. I've also been enlightened with Human Right (HR) policy training course, from which I learnt different things like appointment, benefits, separation and long term benefits, office rules, traveling policy, performance management process, grievance policy and code of conduct etc. I deem this course helpful for anyone who wants to work in any corporate office.

Again, as we all know, to ensure human right and realize legal demand, advocacy is very essential. Thus, this major issue was included in this training program. The training course involved regular computer practice on various fields such as Internet, email and the web searching, Operating Systems, Applications and Databases along with learning how to use a specialized software JAWS (Job Access With Speech) for the visually challenged.

There were some exciting recreational and educational tours to historical sites such as Ethnological museum, Foy's Lake, Shrine of Bayejid Bostami, Eco-park and Botanical Garden, Potenga Sea Beach, Mini Bangladesh, YPSA HRDC etc. My personal view is that the overall quality of this four-month training was good but it suffered from time constraint. If I had some more time, I could bolster myself more from this training. Now that the training has been completed fruitfully, I'm ready to face any challenge of the contemporary job market.

There was media coverage from Channel I, Prothom-Alo, Vorer Kagoj, Ittefaq, Jai Jai Din and Weekly 2000 that highlighted the activities and significance of the training program. The coordinator of this training program was Mr Vashkar vattacharya-Program officer, YPSA and Focal Person of DAISY for all projects in Bangladesh. Interestingly, he is also visually challenged.

Though the training has finished, the entire process of the project is yet to be finished. As mentioned earlier, right after completion of training, all trainees were to do internships in various organizations. Although this process is still going on, it seems AAB has been successful in implementing the project, as the majority of the participants have already got jobs in various organizations. Despite this fact, it is apparent that AAB is facing some difficulty with other NGO or organizations for internship and job placement. The main reason behind this might be their (other NGOs or organizations) negative attitude towards PWDs. We, the trainee, sincerely hope that all Government, Non-government organizations, autonomous body or institutions and individuals will come forward to help make this truly humanitarian effort a success for the greater interest of the educated PWDs in the country.







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