

Moiful: Empowered in the Community

Participant Profile	
Name	Moiful Begum
Age	30
Date of Joining CLP	December 2011
District	Kurigram
Village	Char Boldia
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Implementing Organisation	Aid Comilla



"I'm now used to talking in meetings. My knowledge level is higher, and my financial status is higher. Group meetings have increased my confidence"

Prior to joining the CLP, Moiful felt that she had a low status in her community. Her confidence was low, and she did not feel that she could speak to

many community members, especially men. If she tried to give advice people would ignore her; she says that she didn't know how to speak to people. Regardless of her confidence, conditions were against her. As she was poor she was not invited to social occasions such as weddings, because she wore old clothes and she could not afford to provide the customary wedding gift.

Empowerment is a long-term process, but research shows that the CLP can have a fairly quick impact. Through a combination of an asset transfer and training, Moiful's position in the community completely changed. She is now invited to social occasions and local meetings. As a result of the CLP's social development training, she says she is now confident speaking in public, and the knowledge learnt has increased the respect other community members have for her. If there is conflict in the community, her opinion is valued. She says people in the community come to her for advice, and she speaks at local meetings. She is now a member of the local school committee - unlikely to have happened without this newfound social confidence.

