SHORT EVENT REPORT

Prevention of Child Labour, Early Marriage and Gender-Based Violence

Community Discussion Meeting on Child Rights, Safety, Education, and Protection

Date	24 October 2026	**Venue**	DDEF Office, Matikata, Dhaka
Organized by	Disable Development and Educational Foundation (DDEF)	**Supported by**	GlobalGiving Inc., USA

1. Introduction & Background

On 24 October 2026, the Disable Development and Educational Foundation (DDEF) organized a community discussion meeting on preventing child labour, early marriage, and gender-based violence at the DDEF Office in Matikata, Dhaka. Held with the support of GlobalGiving Inc., USA, the meeting brought together families, teachers, community leaders, women, and youth to work together for the safety and dignity of every child.

2. Key Discussion Areas

The session was conducted in an open and comfortable manner so that all participants could share their views freely:

- **Children's Rights & Education:** Highlighting that childhood is meant for learning and growth, not labour, marriage, or violence.
- **Community Challenges:** Identifying local risks that push vulnerable children into child labour or early marriage.
- **Safe Reporting Mechanisms:** Discussing clear, trustworthy ways for families and youth to report abuse or risk safely.
- **Practical Prevention:** Encouraging active collaboration among parents, teachers, community leaders, women, and youth to protect children.



Figure 1: Participants of the DDEF event titled "Prevention of Child Labour, Early Marriage and Gender-Based Violence"

3. Visual Highlights from the Discussion Meeting



Figure 2: A facilitator explaining practical preventive steps and safe reporting channels to attendees.



Figure 3: Women, youth, and children from the community listening attentively during the interactive session.

4. Meeting Objectives, Recommendations & Way Forward



Figure 4: Community members and DDEF representatives exchanging views on local child protection.

The meeting focused on turning awareness into practical action across the local community:

- **Raising Awareness:** Helping families understand the lasting harm of child labour, early marriage, and gender-based violence.
- **Community Recommendations:** Building local support networks where parents, teachers, and neighbours watch out for vulnerable children.
- **Collective Action:** Uniting women, youth, and community leaders to ensure a safe, inclusive, and violence-free environment for every child.

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