



BRBL Reflection and Planning Meeting Strengthens Learning, Collaboration and Project Impact | Nilphamari | 2-3 August 2026

The Advocacy Programme of The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMI-B) successfully organized a two-day Reflection and Planning Meeting of the Building Resilience for a Better Life (BRBL) project at the DBLM Training Centre, Nilphamari. The event brought together 23 participants, including Project Managers and staff from eight BRBL-supported projects, PMU team members, the Head of Operations (HO), and the National Lead of Advocacy & Health. The meeting achieved 100% participation, reflecting the commitment of partner organizations to strengthening project implementation, enhancing learning, and improving outcomes for people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

Reflecting on Progress and Planning for Greater Impact

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review project progress during the first half of 2026, celebrate achievements, identify implementation challenges, and jointly develop practical solutions for the months ahead. The event also focused on strengthening participants' knowledge and skills in community engagement, stigma reduction, supportive monitoring and supervision, documentation, and the application of the TLM Advocacy Toolkit. Learning sessions were designed based on needs identified through participant assessments and creating a dynamic environment for peer learning and professional development.

Key Areas of Discussion

Participants engaged in interactive discussions and learning sessions on:

- Project planning and implementation effectiveness
- Reporting, monitoring, documentation, and data management
- Technical leprosy and complication management
- Most Significant Change (MSC) story writing and evidence generation
- Supportive Monitoring and Supervision
- Community engagement, stigma reduction, and orientation on the TLM Advocacy Toolkit

Project Managers from all eight partner projects presented their half-yearly achievements, lessons learned, innovations, and implementation challenges. These presentations encouraged constructive dialogue, problem-solving, and collaborative planning to enhance project performance.

Building Stronger Projects Through Shared Learning

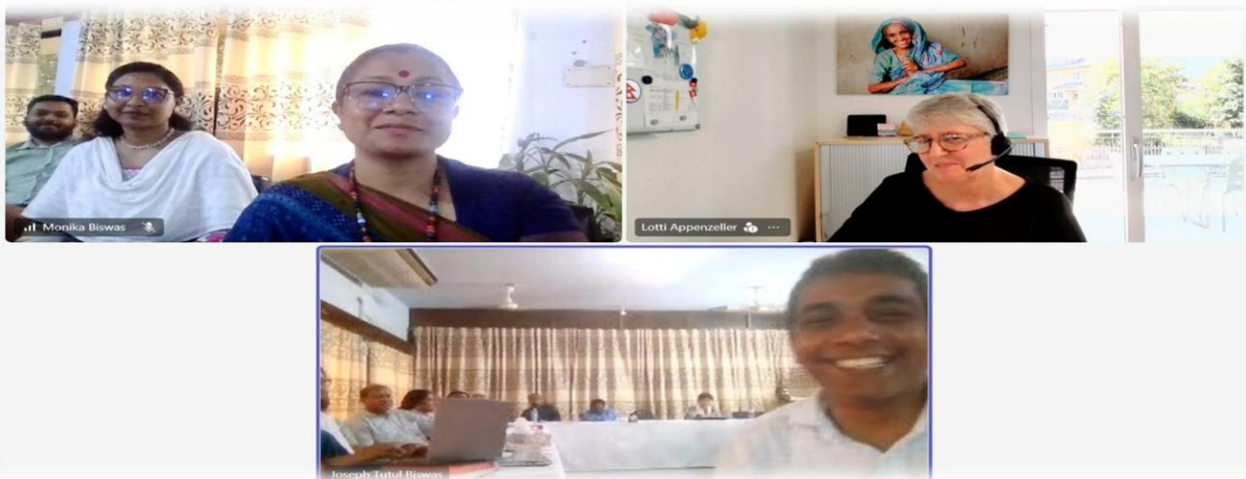
The meeting provided a valuable platform for cross-project learning, enabling participants to share good practices, lessons learned, and practical solutions. It strengthened technical knowledge, monitoring and documentation skills, and promoted community-centered approaches to advocacy and stigma reduction. By leading learning sessions, participants also enhanced their confidence, leadership, and collaboration skills, fostering a culture of continuous improvement across all partner organizations. Reflecting on the value of the event, **Mr. Sariful Islam**, Area Development Officer (BRBL Gaibandha and Joypurhat Area), shared: ***“This reflection and planning meeting has been highly effective for us. It helped us better understand the overall effectiveness of the programme as well as our individual roles and responsibilities in achieving project outcomes.”***

Similarly, **Lovely Probhati Mrong**, Project Manager of the Dhaka CBR Project, highlighted the practical benefits of the discussions: ***“The meeting helped us clearly identify our challenges and provided a valuable opportunity to discuss realistic mitigation strategies together.”***

Guidance, Encouragement and a Shared Commitment

The meeting benefited greatly from the guidance and recommendations provided by the National Leads and the Head of Operations. Their strategic insights supported participants in identifying priority actions for improving programme quality, accountability, and overall project management.

A key highlight of this Meeting was an online session with **Lotti Appenzeller** from Leprosy Mission Schweiz. Through her encouraging message and valuable insights on impact, learning, and future collaboration, she inspired participants to enhance project implementation and continue creating positive change for people affected by leprosy and disabilities.



Looking Ahead

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all participants to apply key learnings, strengthen coordination, and address implementation challenges through practical actions. The insights gained and partnerships strengthened during the event will contribute to more effective project implementation, stronger community engagement, and greater impact for people affected by leprosy and disabilities across Bangladesh.