

## A Successful Story of Monowara Begum

“Going to Circle I have learnt reading and writing and taking decision to my family. My decision is valuable to my family. I can account in my family. I am aware about our rights. We take decision collectively to get the services from duty bearer. I encourage my children to go to school” said Monowara Begum (44), member of Meghna Reflect Circle. With the technical assistance of AAB and USS the marginalized poor women opened a public platform named Reflect Circle to get the better services from the service providers and make them self dependent through the cooperative sense. In the reflect circle the members tried to build up their capacity like sign exercise discussed about the human rights. Monowara Begum is not exceptional in these activities. Monowara Begum (44) lives at Kalinagar



village in Kamarkhola Union. She has two sons and one daughter with her husband who is a day laborer. Monowara begum said that at first they jointly took the decision to cultivate sunflower after receiving the training on sunflower cultivation provided by USS & AAB. Then individually she took 66 decimal land for sun flower cultivation from the land owner through the returning one third contract to the land owner. She gets the seeds of sunflower from USS office and she cultivates sunflower with the cost of 5,700 taka including fertilizer, pesticides etc. Now she gets 400 KG sunflower seeds which market value is approximately 12000 taka. She also said that if I make oil from the seeds, I get 18000 taka because we get 14-15 kg oil from each 40 kg seeds. So, the market value of per kg is 130 taka. She is very happy to get the bumper crops in the unseasonal time. It is possible to be a member of reflect circle.