Bandhu is implementing a project titled "Rights for Gender Diverse Population" focusing promoting social justice for the Gender Diverse population in Bangladesh through establishment of dignity and accessing the state and non-state opportunities with the support of USAID. The main purpose of this project is to uphold the human rights situation of Gender Diverse Population in Bangladesh ensuring better life.

Mojibul Kamal Rana, a resident of Cumilla who belongs to community was dealing serious legal problem. He filed a written complaint to Ain Alap (a legal help line of Bandhu) with the support of RGDP project in late 2019.

According to Rana’s statement, he was married to Delowara Begum 12 year back who was well informed about his identity from the very beginning. However, after few years of their marriage Delowara started maltreatment and putting mental pressure on Rana due to his orientation and identity. By the time they had a child and Rana tolerated all kind of behavior for the sake of their child only.

In June 2019 Rana decided to dissolve their marriage and sent a divorce notice to his wife accordingly. This divorce letter made Delowara and her family upset and they filed a false case under the act ‘Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Ain’. They have forged the date to proof that the case was filed before Rana sent divorce notice to Delowara. Moreover, they also seized 1.5 decimal of land and collecting money from Rana by creating pressure upon him. Finding no other way, Rana finally communicated with Ain Alap for legal assistance.
He was asked to provide relevant documents to assess the merit of the case. Later on, with an intent to resolve the matter amicably Ain Alap referred the matter to District Legal Aid Committee (DLAC), Cumilla. There, the DLAC officer verified the whole matter and proposed to sit for mediation session. On the due date, Ain Alap representative attended the session where both the parties presented their arguments and facts. After a long discussion, both the parties agreed to come into a resolution with certain terms and conditions. Most importantly, Rana directed to provide the kabin (dower money) and maintenance amount to his wife that is worth BDT 290,000, and following Rana paid the same from his all life savings.

After resolving the case though Rana became happy and mentally satisfied but he lost his financial strength. He was madly searching for a job to survive and communicated with RGDP project focal again after hearing the job opportunity provided by Bandhu through RGDP project. However, RGDP project communicated with relevant stakeholders and submitted his CV for a suitable job of Rana. In April 2020, an opportunity came through Bandhu media fellow in SWOPNO (the chain shop of ACI Limited). Now Rana is working as Sales Representative at SWOPNO Uttara chain shop and getting salary BDT 8,000 per month.

“I love being on the workplace and having fun with my colleagues!”