On 15 March 2016 Bandhu Social Welfare Society organized an orientation program with Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), at Conference Room, Chittagong City Corporation,. A total of 80 participants including ward counselors, Hijra representatives and Civil Society were present in the meeting. As a part of policy advocacy initiative under the project ‘Multi-Country South Asia Global Fund HIV Program’, BSWS believes City Corporation can play a vital role to protect this stigmatized group from

The aim of this program was to orient and sensitize the city corporation authority to attain different services by the community and to increase effectiveness of national response involving City Corporation through sharing knowledge and experiences by the community representatives.

At the beginning of this program Umme Farhana Zafif Kanta, Program Manager (PM), shared a brief overview of Bandhu and its achievement since its inception. Honorable City mayor Md. Azam Nasir, attended the program as chief guest and acknowledged the Bandhu's activities for ensuring Hijra Rights in Bangladesh. He praised that as Hijra already recognized as a third gender by the state, so there is no scope to conduct medical screening to identify Hijra biologically. He suggested that to increase collaboration between all city corporations and Bandhu and such programs in future. He was committed to extend all kinds of support within their territory and free education for hijra had been offered by the Mayor. There are some opportunities in the conservancy department and if anyone is interested they can be appointed.