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Seminar on National Youth Policy YES Bangladesh Country Network in collaboration with National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh organized a seminar on the National Youth Day on 30th December 2004. The theme of the seminar was “Role of Youth in Implementing the National Youth Policy”. The theme paper was presented by Mr. Dulal Biswas, Secretary General, NFYOB. Mr. Biswas mentioned in the paper that most of the youth today suffer from multidimensional problems, which render them incapable of contributing their very best in the process of national development. He also mentioned that a National Youth Policy is an essential instrument for promoting full and effective participation and empowerment of youth in our society now and in the future. A youth policy represents the philosophy, vision, formula, framework, priority areas and approaches complete with a plan of action and guidelines for implementation.

He mentioned that the National Youth Policy of Bangladesh would be implemented through following programmes:

1. Training programmes on various multipurpose technical and vocational trades will be drawn up in accordance with the internal and external requirements of manpower.
2. Employment opportunities for the educated and half educated youths will be created through registration of trained youths at Upazila level in order to ensure their participation in developmental and production oriented programmes.
3. Trained youths will be motivated for self-employment and be assisted in production oriented programmes through supply of inputs, short term credit, marketing facilities and expansion of appropriate technology.
4. Proper mentality and atmosphere will be created for utilization of skill of the youths in their respective locality and if required in other areas of the country or abroad, by providing appropriate counseling and guidance to the trained youths.
5. Youth Co-operatives will be encouraged under the existing cooperative rules.
6. Non-governmental youth organizations will be recognized, patronized and aided for their overall development, unemployed and under employed youths will be encouraged for productive and community developmental works through youth cooperatives, youth societies, clubs, organizations and similar organizations.

In the conclusion Mr. Biswas mentioned that the participation and involvement of young people in the aforesaid programmes would play a vital role in implementing the national youth policy

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