Girls Turn RTI Advocates

Young women from different educational institutions took part in a bootcamp organized by MRDI to augment their knowledge on RTI and develop them as advocates for advancing right of access to information for women. Now they are applying their knowledge to the extent that they are holding their own educational institutions accountable.

Some glimpses from the participants' comments....
This was an amazing experience. We have become more knowledgeable about RTI and cautious about our rights.
—Rajoni Akter

My perception about RTI Act completely changed after coming to this boot camp. This act can work as a super power as it helps get any information we want, from anywhere, anytime.
—Faria Abdullah

The camp made us aware about our rights. By using this act many problems can be solved; transparency and accountability can be ensured.
—Jannatun Nahar

RTI bootcamp of MRDI made me very confident by creating a friendly learning environment. I feel very lucky to be a part of it and I am willing to continue this relation by applying my RTI knowledge.
—Israt Jahan

This program has provided me with knowledge of my right to know and its use to claim my rights. Now I am clear about the process of getting information.
—Shorna

Right to Information should be included in basic rights, which can decrease corruption. As a citizen or authority, getting and providing information are my right and
—Shamana Ahmed (Luna)

As a journalism student, I had basic knowledge about RTI but the bootcamp and the study circles provided me with knowledge on application process and demand creation.
—Zainab Khaton

I think corruption happens because of lack of openness. Most people don’t know that providing information is mandatory for authorities. Bootcamp can be an effective tool to spread the knowledge.
—Dina Alsama

This particular initiative of MRDI enhanced my knowledge of the RTI Act and how to actually implement the act in our daily lives; most importantly, to enjoy the process of learning through group works.
—Nalia Fahnim Rasha
After knowing about RTI Act 2009, I was not sure whether it would work. But once I received information and saw results, I became courageous. I want to take my country on the path to truth.
—Beauty Akter

My knowledge gained through RTI boot camp and study circles was very significant. I learned about my right to know and its use through the camp.
—Deshthi Gakima

This is a new experience for me. I did not know anything about RTI Act 2009 before but now I know how it works. If I see any wrong, using RTI comes to my mind before anything else.
—Sandia Mabha Mama

RTI boot camp was very important incident in my life. I got to know about RTI Act and my right through this. Thanks to MRDI, I will not be afraid anymore to seek any information.
—Afra Nawmi

By using RTI I know many things now. It is true that if we get information, we get freedom.
—Jhumur Rine

MRDI provided us with books, leaflets and posters on RTI which I distributed among other people so now they also know about RTI and I helped them in this process.
—Mahbuba Nasrin

Through the camp and study circle I came to know about the RTI Act 2009 and how to use the act.
—Khaleda Akter

This act can change people and help expedite country’s development process. By using this act, we can get information and can fight corruption. Thanks to the bootcamp organizers.
—Sweety Akter

As a participant of the bootcamp, I learned about RTI through fun and games. The study circles taught us the importance and use of this Act. I feel proud to be a part of this initiative.
—Mollika Hossain
If I see any wrong-doing, now I know how to deal with it. If I need any information from authorities I can get it by using RTI Act. The act can make a big change.

— Suborna

The bootcamp made me witness many stories. The stories of positive change and rights. I am grateful to be a part of these stories. It is my duty to use my knowledge.

— Syeda Nur-E-Junan

By using RTI Act we can get any information we want. Bootcamp gave the opportunity to meet and interact with different segments of women.

— Rojina Howlader

MRDI’s RTI project answered many queries of my mind. In my educational life and work life this knowledge will serve many purposes and hopefully I will have MRDI by my side.

— Marufa Akter

The boot camp and the overall experience was really educational. The camp enabled me to mix with people from various backgrounds, learn about their perspectives.

— Tiasa Idraak

Now a days if I see any problem I try to use RTI act. I never realized how effective this act is. The bootcamp gave me the knowledge and courage.

— Sanya Arefin Armi

MRDI brought all the possible resources to deliver their best in our 3-day bootcamp on Right to Information Act. It has produced a novel approach in an innovative way for all of us.

— Jannatun Tafreen

Bootcamp taught me about RTI Act which is very helpful. This kind of initiatives should be taken more frequently; specially for the youth.

— Farha Naz

The bootcamp made me familiar with RTI Act which enabled me to take actions regarding issues that I don’t usually talk about.

— Mufikha Bintle Mufazzal