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Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah(R) 1873-1965

Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah was one of those 20th century philosophers, educationists, sufis and saints who enlightened the society with their matchless knowledge and wisdom. His love for education was unparallel. Having had his Masters degree in Philosophy from Calcutta University in 1896, he started his career as a low-paid school teacher regretting an offer from a company with high salary. He was awarded Khan Bahadur title by British government in 1911 for his outstanding contributions in the field of education. He held the post of DPI which never existed before him and was abolished after his retirement.

Because of his zeal for education, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah founded more than two dozens of educational institutions – both for the boys and the girls. His contribution to the establishment of Dhaka University as a Senate Member of Calcutta University will go down in the annals of university history. He has authored more than 70 books and encouraged young writers by publishing their literary works from his own printing house.

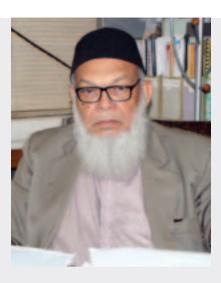
The essence of religion – truthfulness and righteousness - was built-in in his thoughts and deeds. He was a non-communal, liberal man and a devoted Muslim who believed in the welfare of the downtrodden.

After his retirement Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah returned to his village home at Nalta and founded the Ahsania Mission in 1935 with the motto of Divine and Humanitarian Service. He then started to spread out the network of the Mission throughout the country and subsequently established the Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) in 1958. DAM is now one of the largest non-governmental organizations in the country.

A man of vision and mission, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R), still lives on when he treads no more.

DHAKA AHSANIA MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019-2020

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The last quarter of the reporting year was full of scare, stress and strife. Covid -19 pandemic had played havoc and accounted for hundreds of thousands of human lives all over the world. No country – developed or developing – was spared of its onslaughts.

National Health bulletins every day asked people to stay home, wash their hands and wear masks. Normal life was forced to a halt. Educational institutions were closed sine die. Mills and factories locked their doors to their employees. Offices and business entities pulled down their shutters. People had no choice but to surrender to the whims of the Pandemic. In a word, human race suffered a huge trauma that was never felt before in a century.

However, before and after this unprecedented phenomenon took place, Dhaka Ahsania Mission strived to keep its work ongoing in full swing: education and health sectors were highly vibrant, economic development sector forged its activities despite challenges and WASH, human rights and disaster risk reduction sectors were up and doing. Displaced Rohingya population received health and sanitation services. educational institutions put their best efforts to impart quality education adapting to the neo-normal way of life. These and many other activities were possible due mainly to the deep loyalty, unflinching commitment and unparallel dedication of the Mission staff.

I take this opportunity to thank all our donors and stakeholders – government and non-government, individual or organization – from home and abroad for their support in carrying out our activities. And I firmly believe they will continue to put their trust in all our future endeavours.

Before I conclude I would like to assure all our beneficiaries that DAM will never fall short of discharging its responsibilities in times of their needs.

Let Almighty keep us safe and healthy.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam President

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The inequalities between the rich and poor, haves and have-nots are a universal phenomenon. The exploitative nature of the systems, currently in vogue world-wide, are adding fuel to the fire. The synthetic and natural calamities like war, famine, conflict, extremism, terrorism, desertification, drought, cyclone, tornado, flood, fresh water scarcity, depletion of natural resources and river erosion cause havoc to the have-nots. Committed and proactive efforts are seldom seen to redress the sufferings of the underprivileged.

Since its founding in 1958, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has been trying relentlessly to alleviate the sufferings of common people. It has spread its frontiers of work in the fields of poverty and hunger, education, health, climate change, human rights and peace. The target groups of DAM are primarily the hard-core poor living under the poverty line, minority groups, environmental migrants, new migrants in urban areas and people with disabilities. Women, destitute, children, vouths and adolescents across different income groups are also within the orbit of DAM's priorities. Displaced Myanmar Refugees, popularly known as Rohynga refugees, also receive humanitarian assistance from DAM.

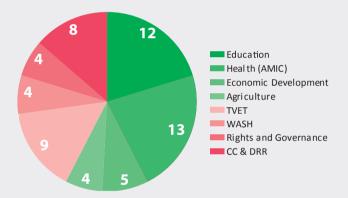
Dam has wide-ranging geographical coverage with multidimensional activities for all classes of population in Bangladesh. However, top priority and great attention are being given to those suffering populations who are the poorest of the poor, living in the hard-to-reach locations.

DAM takes its activities down to all corners of the country. To facilitate its works, DAM's network of activities are spread over to eight Divisions, covering char, haor, coastal belt, hills, urban slums and saline-prone areas. Field-based programme activities are spread over

to 32 districts, reaching 153 upzilas and 828 unions; having 198 field and 52 institution offices.

During the reporting period, DAM implemented 59 projects grouping them into eight different programme clusters (three core, three complementary and the remaining cross-cutting sectors): Education, Health, Economic Development, TVET, WASH, Agriculture, Rights and Governance, and

59 projects have been implemented under following 8 programme clusters



Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Education is one of the most vibrant sectors of DAM. Through its works, it strives to bridge the gaps between the Creator and His Creation. It undertakes its projects to address the issues of early childhood development, access for education to dropout and out-of-school children, child protection and adult literacy. Teachers' professional development, community engagement and competency based inclusive education are also its priorities. The sector works through five distinct components: early childhood development, primary education, secondary education, literacy and continuing education and emergency in education.

Sub Sectors	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
Education	2,363	483	191,157	172,128	366,131
Health (AMIC)	466,765	283,015	167,199	86,761	1,003,740
Economic Development	155,354	48,500	21,716	22,747	248,317
Agriculture	30,104	18,264	-	-	7,440
TVET	4,423	3,017	-	-	220,130
WASH	96,712	94,522	14,262	14,634	48,368
Rights and Governance	1,076	525	19	266	1,886
Climate Change & DRR	7,712	8,908	2,423	3,947	22,990
Total	764,509 (40%)	457,234 (24%)	396,776 (21%)	300,483 (15%)	1,919,002

It not only served the disadvantaged and the drop-out children of poorer section of the society, but also contributed significantly to ensure quality education through setting up of schools, colleges, teachers training institutes and universities. A total of 814,726 students were benefited from the Education sector through its 12 institutions/projects during the reporting period.

Health sector is an ever growing one. It delivers services for primary health care, non-communicable communicable and diseases, drug addicts, HIV/AIDS, health and nutrition issues. Tobacco control and Tuberculosis also receive sufficient attention of the sector. It offers its services to the sick and unwell in a variety of ways: establishing medical facilities for physical sickness, counselling for mental sickness and treatment and counselling facilities for drug addicts/substance abusers. During the reporting period the Health sector has served around 1753,836 people through its 12 such facilities/institutions.

Poorest of the poor are the primary focus of the **Economic Development** sector. It offers financial services to enhance the socioeconomic conditions of the poor people creating employment opportunities, raising income and increasing assets. The poverty alleviation efforts of the Mission are being supplemented by setting up of a specialized microfinance institution called Foundation for Economic Development (DFED). It provides

microfinance to the marginalized farmers and the ultra-poor to improve their quality of livelihood. DFED has been implementing its field programmes and projects in 74 upzilas of 18 districts covering 267 unions and 1240 villages through its 106 branches; and serving 124,946 members of 7,142 groups. Economic Development sector served 570,863 through its seven institutions during the reporting period.

To cope with ever increasing demand of skilled manpower for the development of the country, DAM founded the technical and vocational education and training institute – **TVET** -back in 1995. It offers diploma in engineering and textile to enhance technical knowledge and raise the quality and quantity of industrial production. During the reporting period TVET offered training to 7440 trainees.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector contributes ensuring safe drinking water, safe sanitation and hygiene practices to the poor and disadvantaged communities in coastal belts, haors, barind, urban, semi-urban and emergency response areas including schools, madrashas and colleges. WASH sector has implemented five projects in eight sub-districts and in one municipality during the reporting period, serving 249,923 beneficiaries.

Agriculture is a complementary sector of Economic Development sector. Improvement and sustenance of food and nutrition security

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of the farmers, especially the women and marginalized farmers, are the primary objectives of this sector. It facilitates access to marketing and promote value chains. The total number of beneficiaries of this sector during the reporting period was 31,766.

As a cross-cutting sector, **Rights and Governance** attach priority to improved governance, increased community engagement and greater access to information. It works to reduce violence against women and children. Creation of awareness against child marriage, human trafficking and promotion of safe migration are also its focus. The number of beneficiaries of this sector during the reporting period was 1906.

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction sector focuses the on disproportionate vulnerabilities of the peoples of Bangladesh due to adverse impacts of climate change viz.frequent floods, tropical cyclones, storm surge and drought. It tries to redress the sufferings of the peoples through climate change adoption, disaster preparedness, mitigation measures, and conserving bio-diversity and eco-system; and through emergency response and recovery. The number of beneficiaries of this sector this year was 23,420.

The grand total of all the beneficiaries during the year stood at 3,739,782. Among them, the number of direct beneficiaries was 1,919,002, of which 40 per cent were women, 24 percent men, 21 per cent girls and 15 per cent were boys.

RESPONSE TO COVID – 19

In order to cope with the COVID-19 challenges the Disaster Risk Reduction and Health sector of DAM shouldered additional responsibilities. Through their awareness building campaign using print, electronic and social media, the sectors could reach 302,793 individuals in its target communities including Rohingya camps in Cox's Baza. Safety items including sanitizers, masks, gown and PPEs were provided to all their full-time staff

members and front-liners. They developed IEC materials, operational guidelines, training modules and set up 40 static health centres to carry out COVID fighting activities. Food and WASH/Hygiene package worth Taka 2 million was provided to 1201 beggars and the same amount worth of food items were distributed among the HH of North and South City Corporations, Oxfam, Care Bangladesh and Coca Cola foundation also came forward to lend their help. Immediate food security support was launched for the poorer sections of the society. Supporting government health system by providing protective medical items to doctors, nurses and front line government health workers was worthy of noting. However, the overwhelming challenge of facing COVID - 19 remains a daunting task.

INSTITUTIONS

The number of institutions under the umbrella of DAM is 36. The prominent ones include, among many others, one university - Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, one Teachers' Training College, two pro-people Cancer and General Hospitals – Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital (Uttara) and AMCGH at Mirpur, Ahsania Mission College (Mirpur), Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC), Ahsanullah Institute of Technology and Vocational Training, DAM Foundation for Economic Development and Ahsania Mission Children City at Panchagar.

AWARDS

DAM has so far received 28 National Awards with the latest - the Best NGO Award from Family Planning (Cumilla) in 2020. It has to its credit 16 International Awards with the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director's Special Recognition Award - 2020 being the latest. DAM's development partners, both national and international, are 32.

ABBREVIATIONS

ADF	Adolescent Development Forum
AESA	Agricultural Extension Support Activity
AIRP	Arsenic Iron Removal Plant
AMCGH	Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital
AMIC	Addiction Management and Integrated Care
AUST	Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology
BCTIP	Bangladesh Counter Trafficking in Action Program
CBO	Bangladesh Technical Education Board
CCA	Community Based Organization
CINED	Climate Change Adaptation Centre for International Education and Development
CLTS	Community Led Total Sanitation
CRA	Community Risk Assessment
CRHCC	Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Center
DAM	Dhaka Ahsania Mission
DDM	Department of Disaster Management
DFED	DAM Foundation for Economic Development
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
ECD	Early Child Development
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunisation
FDTC	Female Drug Treatment Center
FLE	Family Life Education
FSCD	Fire Service and Civil Defense
HH	Household
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IRSOP	Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons in Bangladesh
JCCI	Jamalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industries
JSE	Junior Secondary Education
KACACDW	KNH-Ahsania Center for Abandoned Children Destitute Women
LGI	Local Government Institute
LRC	Learning Resource Centre
MFP	Micro-Finance Programme
MGTLA	Multi-grade Teaching Learning Approach
MVDSC	Most Vulnerable & Disadvantaged Street Children
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NID	National Identity
PACE	Promoting Agricultural Commercialization and Enterprises
PHCC	Primary Health Care Center
PRISM	Poverty Reduction through Inclusive and Sustainable Market
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan
RO	Reverse Osmosis
RTI	Reproductive Tract Infection
SBK	Shishu Bikash Kendra
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SHAMERTO	Sustainable Skill and Employment in Small Scale Agro-Food Processing
SHOUHARDO III	Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunitites
SMC	School Management Committee
SMCE	Small Mircro and Cottage Enterprises
STI	Sexual Tract Infection
TVET	Technical Vocational Education & Training
UCLC	Urban Community Learning Centre
VGF	Vulnerable Group Feeding
WA	Women in Agriculture
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WEA	Woman Empowerment Activity

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



01

National Professor Dr Anisuzzaman is receiving Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Gold Medal 2018 from Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology.



02

Dhaka Ahsania Mission is celebrating New Year 2020 at its head office.



03

During the worldwide Covid-19 crisis, Dhaka Ahsania Mission conducted humanitarian service for the helpless people. The organization provided food and daily necessaries to them.



04

The year-long events for celebrating 30 years of anti-drug activities of Dhaka Ahsania Mission were inaugurated at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology in Dhaka.



05

Dhaka Ahsania Mission observed the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Childrens' Day through various events including tree-plantation.

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DAM AT A GLANCE

Founder: Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) Date of Establishment: 9 February 1958

Founding Motto

Divine & Humanitarian service

Founding Aims

- To develop the social and spiritual life of the entire human community
- ♦ To annihilate the distinction between human beings
- To cultivate unity and brotherhood and inspire divine love
- To teach one one's insignificance and shun one's pride

- To enable one to recognize and realize the relation between the Creator and the Creation
- ♦ To enable one to realize the duty of man to his Creator and his fellow beings
- To render all possible help to the suffering humanity at large

DAM distinctiveness

- Founding divinity values that combine service to humanity and service to the Creator
- Humanitarian services through both field based and institutional interventions
- Works for unlocking human potential
- Unique 4-stroke Programme strategy
- Unity in Diversity

Vision

DAM visualizes a society that fosters humanity, spirituality, humility, equality and caring the nature; thereby realizing the duty of mankind to his Creator and his fellow beings.

Mission

DAM provides high quality services towards unity, peace and development of social and spiritual life for the human community in general, and for the disadvantaged and suffering humanity, in particular.

Core values

Humanity, Spirituality, Humility, Equality and equity, Caring nature, Honesty and morality.

Operating Principles

Excellence and quality, research and Innovation, transparency and accountability, sustainability

Institutional standing Legal status

Department of Social Welfare Registration number: 316/1963 Registered under the Societies Act Registration no. S5682 (799)/06 Registered with the NGO Affairs

Registered with the NGO Affair Bureau Registration no. 246 09/12/1987 **Affiliations**

Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC Consultative Status with UNESCO National Affiliate: HelpAge International

Programmatic Sector Focus

Core sectors

- ♦ Education
- ♦ Health
- ♦ Economic development.

Complementary sectors

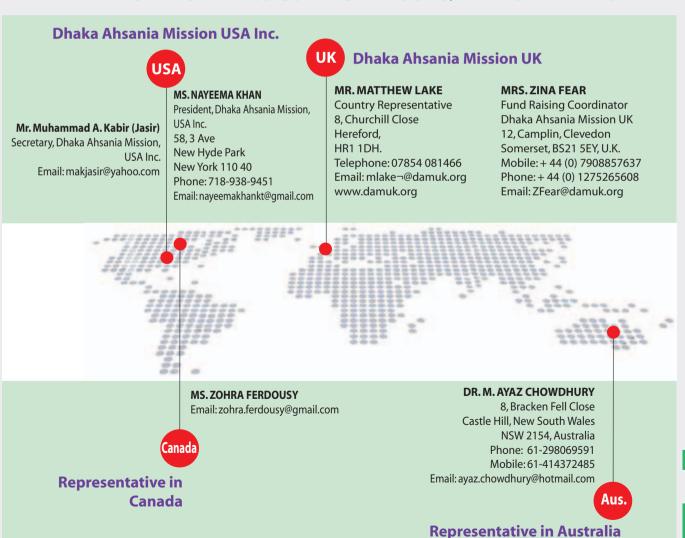
- ◆ TVET
- ♦ WASH
- ♦ Agriculture

Cross-cutting sectors

- ♦ Rights and Governance
- Climate change and DRR



INTERNATIONAL SETTINGS CONTACT PERSONS/REPRESENTATIVES



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Human Resource Information of DAM (As on June 2020)

Total regular Staff Member of Dhaka Ahsania Mission is 5,939 of which 4,581 employees are ful time and 1,358 employees are parttime (volunteer tutor, community worker) Apart from this, 2715 (46%) are females and 3,224 (54%) are males.

Human Resource Information of DAM

(As on June 2020)



DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS (2019-2020)

ADB LGED

ALOKON Trust Max Foundation

ASPBAE OUTDOOR CAP Ins, USA

Bank Asia OXFAM GB

BRAC/GFATM Penny Appeal

BSRM PKSF

Campaign For Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK) Plan International Bangladesh

CARE- Bangladesh Reach Out To Asia (ROTA)

Colombo Plan-ICCE Read Foundation

DAM-UK Charity Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

DDFI UK Aid

DPE/GOV & WFP (Through Chsristain Aid)

European Union UNICEF Bangladesh

German Development Cooperation (GIZ) USAID

HAKS/EPER WaterAid Bangladesh

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation Winkrock International

Kindernothilfe/(KNH- Germany) World Bank DTE



YEAR NATIONAL AWARDS

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



BEST NGO Award from Family Planning (Comilla) 2018 Tobacco Control Award by National Tobacco Control Platform 2018 13th Citi Microentrepreneurship Award in the category of "Best Microentrepreneur of the Year in Agriculture" 2016 1st Prize for Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation by Department of Narcotics Control, Ministry of Home Affairs

2015 1st Prize for Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation by Department Narcotics Control, Ministry of Home Affairs

2015 1st Prize on Tobacco Control by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

2014 2nd Prize for Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation by Department Narcotics Control, Ministry of Home

2014 **ICMAB Best Corporate Award**

2013 Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance award (1st Prize for Research on Drug by

Department Narcotics Control, Ministry of Home Affairs)

2012 Department of Narcotics Control Prize (Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation award by

Department of Narcotics Control)

2011 7th National Club Campuri Award

2010 Kazi Azjar Ali Gold Medal

2009 Respectful Felicitation of Education Watch

2008 Peace Prize by Tomuddun Majlish

2007 **Bankers Forum Award**

2006 Dr. Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal

2006 National Book Centre Award (2004 & 2006)

2005 Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Award

2004 Dhaka Nagar Padak

2004 Anjumane Mufidul Islam Award

2003 National Anti-Drug Award

2002 Independence Award (Highest State Award in Bangladesh)

2002 Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance Award

1998 National Literacy Award

1997 Prize for innovative literacy follow-up material

1995 National Prize for newsletter and wall magazine publication 1991 First Prize from National Academy for Primary Education

1987 Shahid Altaf Mahmud Award

YEAR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

2020	World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director's Special Recognition Award
2018	Commonwealth Education and Good Practice Award
2017	Energy Globe Award
2016	Honorable commendation on Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation
2015	AGFUND International Prize on TVET (Arab Gulf)
2015	Global Prize on Education for Sustainable Development-(ESD) Okayama Award
2013	UNESCO International Literacy Prize (Confucius)
2012	ISESCO Prize for Literacy
2004	AGFUND International Prize on Environment
2003	UNESCO International Literacy Prize
2003	Global Development Network Award

ACCU Grand Prize for innovative material 1996

1995 ACCU Honorable Mention for motivational video on literacy

1994 **UN ESCAP HRD Award**

1994 ACCU Prize for environment video

1992 ACCU Hon'ble Mention for poster on women's rights

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

National

Network Name	Relevant Sector	Position	
Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) Bangladesh Chapter	Rights and Governance	Member	
Bangladesh Breast Feeding Foundation (BBF)	Health	Executive Committee Member	
Bangladesh ECD Network	Education	Executive Committee Member & Secretariat, Dhaka Region	
Bangladesh Network for NCD Control and Prevention	Health	Executive Committee Member	
Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF)	Rights and Governance	Member	
Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE)	Education	Chairperson	
Cash Working Group (CWG)	CC & DRR	Member	
Coalition for Urban Poor (CUP)	Rights and Governance	Chairperson	
Credit & Development Forum (CDF)	Economic Development		
Disadvantaged Adolescents Working NGOs (DAWN) Forum Member	Rights and Governance	Member	
Disaster Forum	CC & DRR		
Education Cluster	CC & DRR		
Immunization Platform of Civil Society in Bangladesh (IPCSB)	Health	Executive Committee Member	
Monitoring Cell (Home Ministry)	Rights and Governance	National Task Force Member	
National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB)	CC & DRR sector	Chairperson	
National Drug Addiction Prevention Board, Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh	Health	Member	
National Girl Child Advocacy Forum	Rights and Governance	Executive Committee Member	
National Sanitation Taskforce	WASH		
National STD/AIDS Alliance	Health		
National Taskforce Committee for Tobacco Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Health	Member	
Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG)	CC & DRR	MEILINEI	
Network for Information, Response and Preparedness Activities on Disaster (NIRAPAD)	CC & DRR		
Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP)	Rights and Governance	Core Member	
Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation & Integration (RRRI) (By Home Ministry)	Rights and Governance	National Task Force Member	
SANJOG- Network for Drug Treatment Centers in	Health	Secretariat	

Network Name	Relevant Sector	Position
Steering Committee for Adolescents Policy	Rights and Governance	
Street Children Activist Network	Rights and Governance	Member
Tobacco Free Platform Bangladesh	Health	
Victim Support Centre (Home Ministry & UNDP)	Rights and Governance	National Task Force Member
WASH Cluster	WASH	Member & District Focal Agency for Patuakhali District
Water Supply and Sanitation Collaboration Council Bangladesh (WSSCC-B)	WASH	
Working Group on Protecting & Stopping Sexual Harassment against Children and Adolescents	Rights and Governance	Member

International

Network Name	Relevant Sector	Position
ACCU Literacy Resource Centre Network	Education	
Adult Learning Documentation and Information Network (ALADIN)	Education	
Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)	Education	Member
Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance	CC & DRR	
Framework Convention Alliance (FCA) Geneva, Switzerland	Health	
Fresh Water Action Network, South Asia	WASH	Secretariat Member
Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)	CC & DRR	
HelpAge International (HAI)	Rights & Governance	Member
International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)	Education	
International Literacy Association	Education	Secretariat (Bangladesh Chapter)
South Asia Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN)	WASH	
Street Children Consortium	Rights & Governance	
The International Consortium of Addiction Related Organization (ICARO)	Health	
UNESCO Appeal Resource & Training Consortium (ARTC)	Education	Member
UNISDR/Prevention Web and Stockholm Environment Institute	CC & DRR	
Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic drugs, Vienna, Austria	Health	
World Federation Against Drugs, Stockholm, Sweden	Health	

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PROGRAMMATIC INTERVENTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH - JUNE 2020

1. Awareness Building Campaign: DAM started awareness building programme for 'hand washing', 'social distancing', and 'self-quarantine. Health sector of DAM reached to 302,793 individualsin the target communities with clear guidelines on what to do to undertake awareness campaigns using mobile phone, electronic, print and social media. It distributed 155,000 leaflets containing precautionary messages and had been continuously organizing orientation and demonstration and update meetings for the service providers and arranged Facebook live on Covid -19:

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28RABc W5Vm0&t=1133s;https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-PpbHMDmMs&t=2s.



Hand washing session at Rohingya community

Festoons and other materials were placed in different sites of the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar for raising awareness and keeping them safe; and stopped all visits and courtyard sessions to adhere to the social distancing protocol.

2. Ensured Staff Safety: DAM ensured safeties of all its 4,588 full time and 919 frontline staff. It supplied hand sanitizers to 195 field offices, 32 institutions including head office. Though all offices remained closed following government declared general holiday policy to prevent the transmission of coronavirus, staffs were working from home. Apart from audio messaging, face book live leaflet, information sheet, staff safety guideline and necessary items of cleanliness had been distributed. It also provided kits, hand sanitizers and PPE to the health service providers since the beginning of the COVID

- 19 outbreak. The kit contained three reusable full set PPE and disposable PPE (gloves, masks, caps, gowns and shoe covers). Online training/orientation on COVID was given to 1,159 staff. Nine batches of 352 front-line managers each were provided specialized online training on Covid-19 response. They also included health professionals including doctors.
- 3. Developed IEC materials, Operational Guidelines, training/ orientation Module: Health sector developed leaflet, festoon, guideline for PPE measures and guideline for Drug Treatment Center, Khudba on Corona virus. Guidelines for Community Health Workers, guidelines for Ukhiya and Teknaf Camp drivers and for staff management were prepared following WHO, CDC, IEDCR and DGHS recommendations.
- 4. Health Support through 40 Health Centre: Health sector provided day to day health support through 40 static health centers in different parts of the country. To meet emergency of critical patients, process was underway to obtain an ambulance for the centers. DAM stored emergency medications and was still in consultation with pharmaceutical companies to ensure the supply chain of medicines in case the situation worsens.
- **5. Provide Food and WASH/ Hygiene package support:** DAM hadcompleted first round of food and Hygiene package support to 1201 beggars from its own fund. The packages contained rice, lintel, soybean, salt, sugar, potato, onion worth BDT20,00,000. The second round of food support to the 600 vulnerable HH in Dhaka North and South City Corporation was completed with the support of Rahim Group. The food package for each family contained: rice, flatten rice, lintel, soybean, salt, sugar, potato, onion, garlic and spice; and the total cost of the support was BDT 20,00,000.

DAM has formed the consortium with CDD, SOF and SRWOT- Bangladesh and provided food and hygiene support to 600 HH with the financial support of Oxfam under Humanitarian Response Grant Facility (HRGF). The support was provided to the day laborers, rickshaw pullers, small shop owners, hawkers, beggars and other low-income people of ward no 2 & 4 of Savar

municipality and ward no. 3, 11 & 20 of Dhaka North City Corporation. The items of the food package had been selected based on the food security cluster recommendation. Each family (HH) received rice,flour, lintel, soybean, salt and sugar.

The Minimum WASH/ Hygiene packages were distributed to 600 HH following criteria selected by the Hygiene Technical Working group. The items of the WASH package were: bathing soap, detergent soap, non-disposable sanitary napkin, bucket with lid and tape, disposable surgical mask, plastic mug, two pager IEC (color printed). The total cost of the support was BDT 4,357,500.00.

Funded by Coca Cola Foundation, DAM started the two-month long Covid - 19 Response project jointly with Care Bangladesh from 1 May 2020. The support was given to 6,132 HH in Gazipur upazilla of Gazipur district, Vhaluka upazilla of Mymensingh district and Cumilla Sadar south upazilla of Cumilla district. The target population of the projects were marginal households, especially women-headed HH, people with disability, elderly people from the groups of rickshaw puller, daily labor, garments worker, tea stall worker, grocery worker, domestic help worker peddlers, local grocery shop kipper/worker, rickshaw mechanics, street food/vegetable sellers, beauty salon/parlor worker, tailoring, small garments, transport worker, sex worker, transgender groups who are trapped in highly congested slums without work and food; and were suffering from lack of necessary hygiene and dignity items.

At the same time, local health facilities lack protective essential gears such as PPE, Oxygen cylinders, biohazard garbage bag, thermal scanner, ventilator, sanitizers, masks, gloves, hand washing stands. They were the following packages:

Immediate Food Security Support: Food Package of rice, lentils, iodized salt, cooking oil, sugar, semolina, onion, spices pack. The total cost of per package was BDT- 2,845 and Immediate Dignity Kit Support included: sanitary Napkin / non-disposable sanitary cloth for Menstrual Hygiene Management- highly absorbent, soft cotton fabric pack, mask, bathing and handwashing soap, detergent powder/ laundry soap. The total cost per package was BDT 380 and Food and Dignity package cost was BDT 3,225.

6. Supporting Government Health Systems: DRR/DAM supported the health systems mechanisms through creating COVID - 19 Isolation centers in Gazipur district by providing input support and coordination such as special quality full sleeve with head cover reusable gown for doctors and nurses who were directly providing services to COVID patients, normal quality 210 GSM full sleeve with head cover reusable gown for front line government health workers who were doing screening of COVID 19 patients and safety materials such as: hand sanitizers and masks, gloves, medical waste management etc. Number of health service providers like doctors, nurses and frontline Health Service Providers received 800 sets PPE.



Employees of CRP-19 reaching the relief to destitute people

7. Challenges and way forward: The major challenges are to identify the most vulnerable communities maintaining social distance and then sharing this information with stakeholders in advance of a possible disease outbreak, deal with stress management and psychosocial issues, particularly the staff safety and security. However, DAM is aiming to reach those in need of ethical support, and to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian workers.

Based on the "Multi Sectoral Anticipatory Impact Analysis and Needs Assessment" Report and considering the current context, DAM has focused to provide support through Health services, Economic packages, WASH support and Social Communication/Education packages. It has planned to reach 40,000 HH at the initial stage through mobilizing resources from different source.

Website link of the organization's in COVID-19 response:

http://www.ahsaniamission.org.bd/novel-coronavirus-a-global-health-emergency/

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Learners are connecting with education through mobile phone



FIVE COMPONENTS

- Early Childhood Development
- Primary Education
- Secondary Education
- Literacy and Continuing Education and
- ♦ Emergency in Education

EDUCATION

Education Sector is a prime sector of DAM since its inception. Currently Education is playing a vibrant role considering SDG and also using digital devices. DAM Education Sector has been carrying out projects to address the issues of early childhood development, access for education to dropout & out-of-school children, child protection, adult literacy for geographically hard-to-reach areas. Ensuring teachers' professional development, community engagement and providing competency based inclusive education as priority.

DAM's Education Sector has five distinct components: 1. Early Childhood Development 2. Primary Education 3. Secondary Education 4. Literacy and Continuing Education and 5. Emergency in Education. To minimize the gaps between the humanity and the Creator is the distinctiveness of DAM education programme.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Introduction: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) programme of DAM is a significant intervention which has been preparing a remarkable number of children for primary education. DAM's strategy for the implementation of this component under its education programme is remarkable. DAM also treats this intervention as a community-centric approach. The ECD intervention is mostly community-driven and partly donor supported. The age group of the direct beneficiaries of SBK is 4-5 years.

Shishu Bikash Kendro (SBK): During the reporting period, 321 SBKs were operating where a total of 3636 pupils were admitted, of whom 1886 girl child and 1750 boys. These beneficiaries had the ECD support and were mainstreamed in the Preprimary class in the GPS after finishing the course. As a consequence, the school preparedness of the children was significantly enhanced and the school performance increased.

Community led SBK: Out of 321 SBKs, 111 SBKs were running with the full support of the community, while the rest got partial support. Community-led SBK also received 98 VGD Cards, 10 VGF cards and Significant quantity of rice from the Union parishad. UP also provided huge quantities of rice to 111 Tutors before the two festivals. Cash contribution in the amount of Tk. 18,48,960 was also received. Management of ECD Centres were carried out by 321 CMCs consisting of



Food Service of DiC children

2602 members; out of which 1702 were females and the rest were males.

Training received: During the year, the SBK tutors had been provided with some crucial trainings through which their capacity for the effective teaching learning process and technical proficiency was developed. 321 SBK Tutors had been given 5 days' capacity Development training and the project had also organized 2 days Material Development Workshops.

Reading for Children (RFC) Programme

This concept was derived from the idea to create reading habits of the future learners and the mothers so that children become habituated to listening ad reading. At the same time young girls become aware of the quality time that should be given to the children at early age. Two RFC Centres with 40 children (Boys-22 & Girls-18) were engaged to run

RFC with the support of the community in Melandah Upazila under Jamalpur district.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

DAM education sector has been implementing various programmes in non-formal and formal ways covering 84 Upazilas of 30 Districts in Bangladesh. DAM also ensures learning needs of all children (6-14 years) particularly out of school, dropped outs and hard to reach children through appropriately designed life based educational programmes in target areas following NCTB curriculum. It follows a child centric learning approach using Multigrade Teaching Learning Approach (MGTLA), which facilitates children's joyful learning ensuring quality primary education. DAM has implemented this model through Second Chance Education (SCE) component under PEDP4, BNFE in 2019. A total of 3,86,498 (Girls-2,01,805; Bovs-1,84,693) learners of primary education were benefitted directly by DAM education sector.

Pre-Primary Education (PPE): A one-year preprimary schooling is mandatory for 5+ children. Later, this is extended up to 4+ children. The Pre-Primary Education (PPE) has been identified as an effective strategy to address high dropout and repetition and low achievement rates. DAM educational projects have adapted the government curriculum and offered a pre-primary education programme for 5+ age group children for a period of 12 months.

The programme strives to provide all learners with a positive preschool experience in the context of a warm and loving environment. The aim of the programme is to prepare the young children for getting admitted at the mainstream primary schools. In view of that, a total of 1478 pre-primary education centers with 42,748 (Girls-20825, Boys-21923) children have been enrolled. Last year 100 per cent learners completed their one-year cycle and were enrolled in nearby formal and non-formal primary schools.

Non-formal Primary Education: A total of 3,86,498 (Girls-2,01,805; Boys-1,84,693)) learners of primary education were benefitted by this sector during the year through the various projects. During January-December 2020, 4,70,098 learners were enrolled in both non-formal & formal education sectors.

Primary education under non-formal education system is being provided to targeted children with the support, management and maintenance of respective community in urban and rural areas DAM 26 ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

establishing Community Learning Centre (CLC). A CLC is not only a learning centre for out-of-school and drop-out children, it is also a forum of gathering and reunion, personal interaction, children's playing zone.

Formal Primary Education

DAM has been implementing its School Feeding Programme (SFP) in GPS jointly with World Food Programme (WFP) and GoB through DPE in various unsecured areas in Mymensingh & Barishal districts. At the end of 2019 Dhaka Ahsania Mission took working children by identifying and preparing personal profile of every child through Drop-in Centres (DiC) in urban area. The approach addresses the short-, medium- and longer-term dimensions of the challenges faced by street and working children. DAM currently has been implementing two DICs project in the Dhaka city at Mohammadpur and Jatrabari area with financial support of Comic Relief-UK and DAM-UK. Education, life skills and vocational training are vital services that enable the children to live productive lives. During the reporting period 400 children, of which girls-217 and boys- 183, were participating in the classes.



Learners are performing infront of their Joyful Learning Center

responsibilities for coverage of 1125 GPS with 2,69,525 students (Girls-1,42,041; Boys-1,27,484) to implement SFP for 8 Upazilas of 2 districts. (5 upazilas of Nandail, Ishwargonj, Dhobaura, Phulpur & Tarakanda in Mymensingh District and 3 Upazilas of Muladi, Hizla & Barishal Sadar in Brishal District. In the formal sector DAM has been supporting the GPS teachers, SMC members and parents of the students to enroll the children and retain them in school. Student came to school regularly, attendance rate was increased, retention rate was high and competency level was increased due to distribution of High Energy Biscuits.

Right based education to Street and Working Children through Drop-In-Centre (DIC)

Education sector give direct services to street and

JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (JSC)

DAM JSC education programme provided non-formal education from grades VI to VIII children through Urban Community Learning Center (UCLCs). It is a community managed institution outside the formal education system. UCLC follows monograde teaching learning system where grad VI-VIII children were engaged. The classes have held 6 days in a week. Group based teaching/learning methods are followed here. When JSE has been achieved, the teacher mainstream those to formal schools, either free of charge or at a reduced rate. JSC education program covered 1538 children (Boys 715 and girls 823). The pass and mainstreaming rate of JSC

examination was 100 percent in 2019. The project have played a vital roll to link between the students, Parents, CMC Members, Adolescent Development Forum (ADF) members. UCLC took some, innovative activities: life-skills education and socialization, Parental support, Arts & Crafts, Moral Education, Financial Education, English and social justice education, ICT in Education, Learner's exit in higher education etc.

LITERACY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

DAM has commenced Literacy programmes since 1982 where different innovative approaches like 'centre-based', 'each one teaches one', 'workplace based' and Maa Literacy etc are worth mentioning. DAM has played a significant role for illiterate, neoliterate, adolescents, women, adults, minorities and especially for mothers. The total Adult Literacy learner coverage this year was 8291 (male-1312, female-6979). Among them 3075 adult learners (male-529, female-2546) got basic literacy skill.

Maa Literacy Campaign: Maa Literacy Campaign was implemented through 12 projects to acquire Literacy skill of illiterate or semi-literate mothers. 5066 mothers got basic literacy skill by the facilitating of their children through Maa Literacy Campaign. On the other hand, **14,071** literate mothers were involved in continuing education.

Workplace Adult Literacy: DAM initiates workplace literacy project allowing people to become literate in their own working environments. DAM and Young An Hat (BD) Ltd garment company set-up a literacy center in Chittagong EPZ where 25 female garments workers each year got literacy skill. 150 female garment workers were also in continuing education.

Ganokendra-based lifelong learning: To help the neo-literate adults & to retain their literacy skills 1,169 Ganokendras, 42 Community Resource Centers (CRC) and 47 Learning Resource Centers (LRC) were functioning in 33 Upazilas of 10 districts. In this reporting period, 6,241 new rural women were involved in different skill & vocational training like garments sewing, poultry & cattle farming, home based vegetable & fruit farming etc.

Alternative Learning Programs for the host community in Cox's Bazar: DAM Education programmes provided foundational literacy and numeracy to the adults from 18-45 age-groups in Cox's Bazar. In this reporting period, 3200 illiterate and semi-literate adults (1888 female and 1312)

male) from in Ukhiya, Ramu, Chakaria, Moheshkhali & Teknaf Upazila had got literacy skills, vocational training, psychosocial support and life skills.

EMERGENCY IN EDUCATION

DAM'S RESPONSE FOR ROHINGYA REFUGEES

DAM has been implementing two projects "Scale-up of Early Learning and Informal Basic Education Programme for Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nations and "Ensuring integrated (Foundational literacy and numeracy; vocational training, psychosocial support and life skills) services for adolescent in the Rohingya camp and host community of Cox's Bazar" with the financial support of UNICEF. DAM has set up Early Learning and Non-Formal Basic Education Centres that are mostly focusing on early grade learning, basic literacy, numeracy, life-saving information, vocational training, psychosocial and life skills support.

During the reporting period, DAM has been implementing the education & Vocational training programme in 23 camps through establishing 39 LCs and 32 MPCs (23 in camps and 9 in HC) enrolling 795 refugee children for LCs and 16640 learners of 15-18 years for MPCs of Rohingya and host community with the partnership of UNICEF. Through its service coverage, DAM reached about 2,97,506 people in the area.

To date, DAM's key highlights include:

LC & MPC established: DAM has completed 39 semi-permanent Learning Centres (LC) and established 32 Multi-Purpose Center (MPC).

Learners Enrollment: DAM has enrolled 795 learners for LCs and 16,640 learners for 32 MPCs. Total number of learners enrolled during the reporting period was 35,325 out of 36,120 for LCs and 16,640 learners out of 16,640 for MPCs.

MPC Learners Course Completion: Out of 3,200 learners, 3,195 graduated on time as per the project target.

WASH facility installation: DAM has completed nine WASH facilities for ENBC project and 15 WASH facilities for MPCs project. In total, WASH facility was provided for 292 LCs and 46 MPCs.

Teacher Recruitment: DAM has completed 114 teachers' recruitment for LCs and 64 teachers for MPCs. In total, teachers' engagement was: 900 for LCs and 64 for MPCs.

Case study



THE COLOURFUL LIFE OF JIBON MIA

Jibon Mia is a teenager from Swarupgonj Village in Dhanpur Union. Like every other teenager, he longs to spend his day playing with his friends, going to school and causing mischief. However, luck has been cruel to him as he has been disabled since birth and unable to use either of his legs to support himself. Jibon longs to have normalcy in his life and wishes "if only I could go to school and play with my friends like I wanted, I would enjoy my life so much more".

Jibon is now 14 years old and the eldest sibling in a family of five members, father Mohammad Renu Mia is a pushcart driver, his mother, Jahanara Begum lifts sand on the Jadhukata river. On Jibon's birth, his parents had big dreams of their son reaching for the sky, but life dealt a bad hand for their first born. His parents made their best effort within their means to find treatment but to no avail, finally giving up hope of fixing their Jibon's disability.

After much deliberation and considering his education needs, Jibon was admitted to Swarupgonj Anandaschool, a half kilometre away from his home but he couldn't regularly attend as he needed assistance to commute to school. His parents work tirelessly all day and are unable to take their son to school and back every day. Unable to attend school every day, Jibon passed his days counting and observing other children going to school.

By a stroke of luck, Jibon's father was introduced to project officials who were out scouting for location to set up a learning centre for Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) 'Let Us Learn' project. The DAM staff listened to the plight of Jibon and encouraged Jibon to be admitted to the learning centre, Anandadhara Primary Education Centre. On May 27 2019, Jibon was admitted to class one of the education centre, and regained some resemblance of normalcy he so dearly longed for.

Jibon's parents made a commitment to drop him off at school every day, however they faced difficulty on getting him back home after school, since they'd be at work. After considering this issue, the DAM staff suggested using a wheel barrow to carry Jibon, with the help of his friends, in the absence of his parents. Masuda Akhter, a teacher at Jibon's school admire him for his tenacity and is contributing immensely to improve his reading and writing skills. Jibon is in a class of 325 students and living his dreams of attending school and playing with his friends, competing with them and making the most of his life. He dreams of becoming a teacher one day and be a role model for the younger generation. Jibon Mia's black and white life has turned into colour with the help and support of Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Anandadhara Education Centre.



Learners of Education in Emergency are performing in DAM Learning Center

LCMC committee Regular meeting: 306 Learning centre management committees (LCMCs) are playing important role for quality education. They are: site reallocation, teacher selection, and learner's attendance and absence, learning centre safety, security and assessment purpose.

Teacher and staff capacities development: DAM has been providing three types of support to tutor and staff regarding the issues like arranging bimonthly refreshers training, attachment with skilled persons and on the spot support during the visit.

Donor & UNICEF visit: Project donors World Bank, ECW, KFW & UNICEF representatives regularly visited the DAM programme/activity during the year in collaboration with UNICEF, CXB team. DAM took some leadership roles within the coordinating bodies and strategic groups in Cox's Bazar. It is also working closely with the local government and adjusting its activities as necessary to align with their priorities. A multi-pronged partnership approach was adopted by DAM where GO-NGO and UN agencies work hand in hand in achieving the programme results. Meanwhile, DAM has started implementing its 4th phase of an education project in partnership with UNICEF, since May 2020, and will be continued up till April 2021.

Challenges/bottlenecks faced in the reporting period

As a new area of humanitarian response, DAM has faced more trouble in this year for a natural disaster, timely fund utilization & requisition, stakeholders

dealing, child safeguarding and PSS issues. Besides that, COVID – 19, lack of qualified teachers as well as quality education, overlapping in the same camp, Lack of curriculum and primers, bamboo-made LC design not suitable to protect from rain and strong wind etc. were the challenges faced.

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

- ♦ Distance learning
- Small group learning by the caregiver
- Camp wise organization selection to avoid overlapping
- Arranging horizontal learning and sharing workshop/meeting
- Establishing vocational education for 18+ age boy and girl
- Introducing secondary school and learning facilities for 14+aged children
- Providing Learning Framework and primers

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Training session of TVET

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Since 1985, TVET of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has been offering variety of livelihood skills development training courses through vocational institutes and community based outreach centers both at urban and rural areas. TVET provides national level basic training — short courses as well as needbased courses in formal and informal sectors. TVET programmes are compatible with the national technical vocational qualification framework (NTVQF) standard which is expanding through triple mode of delivery (institute based, community based and work place based) to reach the young groups living in poverty and remote locations. More closely functional relations are developing with the employers/industries and the government TVET offices (BTEB, DTE, NSDA) to update courses, improve delivery modes, accreditation, employment support services and professional development to TVET personnel. TVET activities are fully aligned with GOB's Vision 2021 as well as Five Year Plans and also relevant to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 4 and 8).

TVET Programme Objectives

 Improve work skills of the target population to the levels of national standard

- Increase employment opportunities of the trained graduates in viable and decent working conditions
- Provide international standard skill training courses in selected fields to facilitate overseas employment

TVET Institution's Target Group

- Unemployed and underemployed youths
- Unskilled labor
- Retrenched workers from industries
- ♦ Small & medium entrepreneurs
- Members of microfinance and other programmes
- Aspirant returnee migrant workers
- School drop-outs and children engaged in hazardous works (14+ age group).

TVET Infrastructures and Training Facilities

 Vocational Training Institutes (VTIs) for certificate level courses

- Ahsanullah Institute of Technical & Vocational Education & Training (AITVET) for diploma level courses
- Ahsania Mission Polytechnic Institute for diploma level courses
- Community based Rural Vocational Training Centers (RVTCs)
- ♦ Workplace based training schemes.
- ♦ RPL Assessment Services

Reorganization of Prior Learning (RPL)

Many workers in our job market doing jobs without any certificate/reorganization. RPL is a process to make the workers to provide their legal certification. Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) operating the RPL Programme. There are so many



Trained workers are working in factory

people who are working in our country in all the sectors without receiving any formal/informal training from any institutes/organization. TVET has got the opportunities to contribute in providing the RPL Programme under BTEB. AMVTI Pallabi, AMVTI Mirpur, AMSSMEVTC, AMVTI Jashoreand AMVTI Gazipur are now facilitating as RTO from BTEB and take part for assessment of Beauty Care, Electrical House Wiring, Dress Making & Tailoring, General Electronics and Industrial Sewing Machine Operation of NTVOF Level- 1, 2 & 4. During the fiscal vear 2019-2020 out of 1433 candidates, 187 have achieved competence. In those occupations through RPL system. On the other hand TVET is also providing national certificate level-4 (Pedagogy) course at AMVTI Pallabi and MSSMEVTC at Shyamoli.

Accomplishment during the Year (2019-2020) in terms of training completion, graduation & job placement

As on June 2020 DAM has provided through TVET institutes 1531 different courses. Out of that, 1237 graduated trainees (nearly 81 percent) was placed in viable and decent jobs. Other graduates have preferred self employment.

Runing VTI	Enrollment Capacity	Target Per year	Enroll- ment	Graduate	Dropout	Job Placement
06 no	3760	2031	1531	1433	98	1237

However, due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the government announced the closure of all training centers from 18 March 2020. So it could not admit the required number of trainees.

Achievements

- Average job placement rate is 81% in 2019-2020
- Households income raised
- Migration of unskilled labour for livelihood reduced
- Social-economic conditions of trained people improved

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Institutions

Name of Institute	Location	Year of Establishment	Capacity per year
Ahsania Mission VocationalTraining Institute	Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Sarak, Plot: M-1/C, Section: 14, Mirpur, Dhaka- 1206	2001	360
Ahsania Mission Vocational Training Institute	Vekutia, Jessore sadar, Jessore	2003	720
Ahsania Mission Syed Sadat Ali Memorial Education & Vocational Training Center	113/Ka, PC culture Housing Society, Shyamoli, Dhaka- 1207	2005	480
Ahsania Mission Vocational Training Institute	494-Baten Bhaban, Joydevpur Road, Chowrasta, Gazipur	2006	560
Ahsania Mission VocationalTraining Institute	B: 19, Road: E-2, Eastern Housing Limited, Pallabi, Dhaka-1216	2010	600
Ahsania Mission Vocational Training Institute	House no-1240 (Fourth Floor), Ward-35, Bottala Road, Board Bazar, Gazipur	2018	560
Dr. K.A. Monsur- Ahsania Mission Vocational Training Institute note: under construction	P-30, BL-A, Road-14, Dampara, Khagan, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka-1341	2019/2020	480

Support services

- ♦ Job placement
- ♦ Micro-credit support received
- ♦ Linking with other institutions

Assessment and Certification

To access the trainees progress and training quality the trainees were assessed every day. However, formal evaluation was conducted every week and finally at the end of the course for graduation purpose. Besides, external assessment also conducts by the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) after completion of the course. Dhaka Ahsania Mission provides certificate to the trainees after successfully completed the skilled development training courses; and the trainees are given certificates from Bangladesh Technical Education Board (for BTEB affiliated courses).

Skills Develop Training Projects through partnership in TVET Sectors

 Skills &Training Enhancement Project (STEP) funded by GOB, World Bank , Canadian CIDA

- B-SkillFUL Project Swisscontact funded by SDC, FU
- Skills for Employment Investment Programme (SEIP) funded by PKSF,BGMEA and DDFI
- SEIP-SD 3 funded by GOB, ADB, SDC
- Skill Development Training Projectsupported by World Vision, Bangladesh
- SHAMERTO- sustainable skills & employment in small scale Agro-Food project funded by EU under PRISM portfolio.

Expansion of TVET activities

Dr. K.A. Monsur- Ahsania Mission Vocational Training Institute is under construction. This will be a 10-storied building.

TVET Teachers Training Institute

DAM has established a Technical Teachers Training Institute for TVET sector which will be the centre of excellence for TVET teachers/ trainers to implement global standard certified training. The permanent campus of the Technical Teachers Training Institute is Khagan, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka.



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Health Services in UPHCSDP during COVID19



UPHCSDP-II) IN FOUR AREAS

- Dhaka South City
 Corporation (DSCC) PA-03, Hazaribag;
- Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) PA-03, Mirpur;
- ◆ Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) PA-01,
- Rajshahi & Cumilla City Corporation (CoCC) PA-01, Cumilla.

HEALTH

Health sector of DAM has been contributing to the health context in Bangladesh, in the perspective of Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals; especially to achieve the SDG Goal 3 – Good Health and Well- being for people of every societal level. The sector has been delivering primary healthcare services; offering services to prevent and manage communicable and non-communicable diseases; implementing tobacco control and TB-control activities; establishing treatment and rehabilitation centers for drug addiction; organizing awareness programmes against HIV/AIDS; and providing mental health support. It also manages the Hena Ahmed Hospital and Hena Ahmed Shanti Nibash situated at Alampur village of the Hasara Union in Sreenagar Upazila of Munshiganj; Munasef Health Care Center, Tongi. Health Sector has been running its activities through 20 projects and programmes currently. Short accounts of their objective and activities are mentioned below:

Projects & programmes

Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project-II: Health Sector is implementing Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project (UPHCSDP-II) in four areas - Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) PA-03, Hazaribag; Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) PA-03, Mirpur; Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) PA-01, Rajshahi & Cumilla City Corporation (CoCC) PA-01, Cumilla.

In COVID 19 situation, DAM Health Sector continued its all regular healthcare services at UPHCSDP-II projects 04 areas.

Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons (IRSOP) Project: The current phase of this project is being implemented in four prisons – Dhaka Central Jail, Keranigonj; Kashimpur Central Jail 1 & 2 and Kashimpur Female Central Jail. The major achievements of this project in the reporting period are below:

- During the reporting period, 289 Prisoners (202 male, 87 female) received counseling inside the prisons.
- Life skill training sessions took place daily for two hours, for five days a week and 474 prisoners (male 373, female 101) participated in them.
- To reduce recidivism and ensure sustainable rehabilitation, IRSOP organized training on some demandable and income generating trades where 111 prisoners participated.
- Provided 172 pcs of full body gowns, 17200 pcs of gloves, 8600 pcs of masks, 172 pcs of goggles and 68 pcs of infra-red thermometers to healthcare workers in 68 prisons across the country.
- ♦ As a rapid response of COVID-19, DAM-GIZ-IRSOP project has distributed food packages and health hygiene support among 30 prisoners (25 male, five female) and their families whose daily income less then TK. 500/-.

Health and Nutrition Voucher Scheme for Poor, Extreme Poor and Socially Excluded People (PEPSEP): During the reporting period, PEPSEP project, implementing in Savar and Satkhira, completed the following planned activities –

- ♦ According to the targeted population of 32,087, PEPSEP has reached around 25,000 beneficiaries. The project also distributed 6,417 health and nutrition voucher cards among the targeted beneficiaries.
- PEPSEP ESD+ services were provided as medical services for 46 percent of the total, as doctors' consultation for 40 percent of the total and as diagnostic services as 14 percent of the total services.
- From the perspective of COVID-19 pandemic, the PEPSEP project volunteers conducted awareness raising events at the grass-root levels before the pandemic hit the country. It also distributed Eid gifts among 300 poor families of Savar area.

Integrated Emergency Humanitarian Response to the Rohingya and Host Population in Cox's Bazar (IEHRR) Project: IEHRR project is now on its Phase III as a consortium approach managed by UNOPS and Christian Aid (CAID). During the reporting period, a total of 156,274 consultations were provided through IEHRR health posts. Among these, over 98 percent was provided to the Rohingya community and 55 percent of them were female.

Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity (BNA) Project is being implemented at Patuakhali District; which is designed to empower and support market and community actors to address underlying causes of malnutrition in the Zones of Interest (ZOI). During July – September 2019, base-line surveys on Rapid Market Assessment (RMA) and Deep Dive were conducted in growth centers. Homestead gardening data were collected from the local community.



PEPSEP-BCC-Materials

- BNA arranged a discussion meeting with the Association members to share project goals and activities. Issues on fish sources, fish storage problem, draining situation, market management committee support, market environment etc were also discussed in the meeting.
- A four-day long training/workshop took place in Khulna for BNA team regarding the Market System Development (MSD) and other project related activity implementation.
- Six vendor meetings in nine GCs (Mohipur bazar, Kalapara bazar, Banatibazar, Bhoyang hat, Kathaltoli bazar, Subidkhali hat, Khatasia bazar, Khasherhat and Pukurzana bazar in Mirzagonj, Kolapara and PatuakhalisadarUpazila) were held.

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In Covid 19 situation, DAM-BNA team has established 18 hand washing stations (three permanent, 15 temporary) in nine GCs of the working area, in collaboration with Market Management Committee (MMC) and Business Associations.

Drug Abuse Resistance and Understanding (DARAU) Project

 DARAU Project Inception Meeting was held in participation with local Government representatives, policy makers, DNC officials, Civil Surgeon, District Education Officer and other relevant stakeholders of Rajshahi. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has signed a contract with UNODC to implement the UN-ited Family Skills Programme in Bangladesh in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. The activities took place from December 2019 – March 2020. Objective of the present study was to test the effectiveness of the UN-ted Family Skills Programme in improving parenting skills, ensuring caregiver and child well-being, and cultural acceptability. The pilot phase had a total of four training sessions and three data collection events. Health Sector research team had collected data on the first occasion before the trainings began. The questions were on basic demographic data and regular parenting behavior. Following that, 12 experts who had received UNODC training on this



Health Strategy Paper-Satkhira Municipality

- To observe the International Day, DARAU project organized different events in Rajshahi and Natore such on anti-drug message dissemination.
- On 13 January 2020, a consultation meeting was held in the meeting room of DAM Health Sector to provide feedback on the draft of "Private Drug Addiction Treatment Center, Counseling Center and Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center Rules 2019".

UN-ited Family Skills Programme in Bangladesh: Over 35,000 parents and children from 23 countries participated in the UNODC family skills initiative. This evidence-based training programme has proven highly effective in preventing substance use disorder and other risky behaviors among children.

activity, conducted four training sessions in four weeks.

Tuberculosis (TB) Control Programme: Health Sector has been implementing GFATM (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) funded TB Control Programme through BRAC at Ward 1 and 17 under Dhaka North City Corporation. The programme's target population is 249,381. The project provides free TB treatment services among the target population. It has also been conducting different advocacies and social mobilization programmes to raise awareness and increase knowledge about TB in the community of the project area. Treatment is being provided as DOTS service. During the reporting period, DAM tested 1901 presumptive TB cases (suspect) and detected bacteriologically confirmed 116 pulmonary TB cases.

During July 2018 – June 2019, DAM notified a total of 575 TB cases and provided DOTS to all of them. The treatment success rate of Drug Sensitivity (DS) TB was more than 98 percent.

Under Tobacco Control Program four online live talk-shows have been conducted on various tobacco control issues through social media (Facebook and YouTube) platforms. Discussants such as Prof. Dr. AFM Ruhul Haq, MP and former Health Minister; Prof. Dr. Arup Ratan Choudhury; Dr. Sayed Mahfuzul Huq, National Professional Officer (NCD), World Health Organization (WHO); Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, MP, former Tourism Minister; Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Aziz, MP; Roxana Quader, former Additional Secretary, LGD; Kazi Firoz Rashid, MP, former Minister; Dr. Kazi Kahliquzzaman Ahmad, Economist and Chairman, PKSF And Dr. Muhammad Abdul Majid, former NBR Chairman took part. The discussion sessions reached more than 36,000 people.

- ◆ DAM has developed more than 50 templates on tobacco related issues during COVID-19.
- It has published survey factsheets, LGD Tobacco Control Guideline for advocacy and awareness rising.
- Also conducted numerous advocacy campaigns with Bangladesh Dokan Malik Somity on banning display and advertising of tobacco products at points of sale.
- An orientation meeting on "Tobacco-free Hospitality Sector Strategy" was organized by Bangladesh Tourism Board with the support of DAM and CTFK. Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) conducted six trainings on Tobacco Control Law for vehicle drivers, with the technical support from DAM.
- ♦ DAM has taken initiatives for mainstreaming the TC issues in various Government and Non-government institutions for developing a common guideline for LGI tobacco-control initiatives, and approval of the guideline.
- ◆ Tobacco-free Savar and Satkhira is the innovative initiative of DAM that aims at making these two cities as models with tobacco-free healthy environment.
- ◆ DAM conducted two surveys "Baseline survey at public place (restaurants) in Dhaka City to see the compliance of the tobacco control law" and "Baseline survey at public transport (buses) in Dhaka City to see the compliance of the tobacco control law"

Ahsania Mission Shastho Shurokkha Forum: DAM's experience shows that often the poor cannot access the necessary health services as they cannot afford the cost. To ensure health services for all, Ahsania Mission Shastho Shurokkha Forum (AMSSF) was formed in 2019 by the Health Sector to accrue fund for its multidimensional activities with the supports from kind hearted individuals and institutions.

 On 17 November 2019, Health Sector launched "Ahsania Mission Shastho Shurokkha Forum (AMSSF)". Chairman of the Standing Committee



Ramadan Food Parcels- Savar 24 May 2020

on Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate, Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP honored the occasion as the Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony. Now it has a total of 102 regular members and 12 life members.

Awards

- Dhaka Ahsania Mission received World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director's Special Recognition Award, honoring its contribution in tobacco-control work in Bangladesh. This was announced on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day 2020.
- UPHCSDP-II, Cumilla has received certificate for its outstanding contribution in family planning activities (Clinical Method) on 11 July 2019. The certificate was handed over by Md. Mahbubul Karim, Deputy Director of Family Planning, Cumilla to the Project Manager, Sumon Kumar Saha of UPHCSDP-II, CoCC, PA-01. DAM has been running family planning activities since 2013 under UPHCSDP in Cumilla.
- IEHRR project of the Health Sector has been awarded by UNICEF and CiC of Camp-12 for its active participation in C4D programme through its health services.



RAMJAN'S FREEDOM FROM TB

Ramjan is a 17-year old student from Bottola, Fokirbari of Khilkhet area under Dhaka North City Corporation. When he became severely sick, his father took him to a hospital where he was admitted for three days with severe vomiting and coughing up of blood. At the time of release, doctors advised him for an AFB test. Then Ramjan's father brought him into DAM Khilkhet DOTS center as a TB Presumptive on 20 August 2019. Respective staff checked his sputum for AFB through ZN Microscope and found AFB positive in both sputum samples. Ramjan also had TB signs and symptoms of low grade fever, coughing up of blood, weight loss, loss of appetite and physical weakness. He was diagnosed as a bacteriologically confirmed TB Case. Ramjan had no previous anti-TB treatment history. According to the advice of the project physician, he was started on anti-TB treatment by Category 1 on 21 August 2019. DAM provided all anti-TB medicines with health education. Patient's body weight was 40 kg at that time.

Ramjan was under regular follow up according to the NTP guideline. Program staff checked his sputum after completion of the first two months of treatment on 19 October 2019. The follow up result was also positive. DAM continued next four months of treatment as per the guideline. Gradually Ramjan's physical condition was improving and body weight started to increase. Rest of the follow up sputum samples tested negative from the fifth month to the end of the treatment course. He was declared as a cured patient on 16 February 2020.

Now Ramjan is well and he is leading a healthy life. Ramjan's recovery was possible due to uninterrupted full-course treatment and proper guidance. His family was very caring after the counseling they had received from the TB Control Programme about the disease and its management. All of them are now very happy and satisfied with the treatment procedures. Ramjan is an example. At the same time, Ramjan's story reminds us the importance of proper TB treatment. Emphasis should be given on knowledge - sharing, facilitating proper diagnosis and early treatment of the disease.





MHM Session at School

WASH

DAM WASH sector has been contributing to ensure safe drinking water, safe sanitation and hygiene practices to many of the disadvantaged poor communities in coastal belts, haor, barind, urban, semi-urban and emergency response areas. It has also set a target to ensure safe sanitation and hygiene in schools, madrashas, and colleges. It has been working to promote the provision, accessibility, and usage of water & sanitation services and facilities providing both software programme and hardware support.

Last year, WASH sector proudly declared Kalaroa municipality to be under 100 percent safe water coverage with the support of WaterAid and Kalaroa municipality. It is continuously working to keep the status that way.

During the reporting year, WASH sector has implemented five projects in eight sub-districts and in one municipality, with the financial and technical support of national and international development partners. In total, WASH has so far reached 370,833 disadvantaged people through their work. Various capacity building interventions for LGIs, community leadership, volunteers, TBA, caretakers of hardware, and local entrepreneurs were also conducted. During the reporting period, it implemented a project to respond to emergencies regarding WASH & livelihood for forcibly displaced Myanmar citizens at Rohingya refugee camps, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, Max Foundation Netherlands, Human Appeal International, HEKS-EPER, DAM-UK, and WaterAid Bangladesh were the development partners of WASH in the fiscal year 2019 to 2020.

COVID-19 Response

The whole world has been affected by Corona virus. This disease has a low death-rate but a very high contamination rate. So, the country was put under lockdown, and extreme social distancing measures were implemented to contain the spread of the disease.

The WASH Sector tried to deal with the situation in three ways:

- ♦ Disseminating COVID-19 prevention messages
- Ensuring that the project activities do not help spread the disease
- Adapting to the new normal so that project activities can be continued conforming to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines

Software

Promotional Activities: The activities in this section were mostly conducted to enhance the awareness and practice level of the targeted people. Examples of promotional activities are courtyard meetings, community meetings, CBO meetings, and classroom hygiene sessions for school students, Menstrual Hygiene Management sessions for adolescent girls and women, coordination meetings with LGIs, learning and sharing meetings with government officials. These sessions have been put on hold since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, these are being resumed using social distancing and basic hygiene measures.

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Capacity Building

During the reporting period, various training courses were organized for capacity development of field staff, community leaders, natural leaders, caretakers, school teachers, SMC, girls' catalysts, health workers, local entrepreneurs, LGI members and government officials.

Handbooks, training manuals and IEC materials concentrated their focus on water supply, improved sanitation, and hygienic behavior interventions. In the reporting year, the activities of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and Community Managed Approaches were practiced in 15 unions and one

ing filled-up latrine, HHs latrine installation, and public toilet installation.

DAM WASH sector also completed a project in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar for emergency Rohingya response. In the camp level it had constructed internal drainage systems, re-excavated canals, distributed tie-down kits for shelter, installed new household latrines, repaired existing latrines, installed deep tube wells, women bathing corners, and public toilets. Simultaneously, WASH distributed lemon trees, papaya trees, moringa trees and geo bags for developing homestead gardening to improve the nutrition of refugee children and women. In the host community, 20 deep



Health Promotion Agent selling her products, Max NutriWASH Program, Galachipa, Patuakhali

municipality under Satkhira, Patuakhali and Sunamganj districts. Also, WASH sector worked in Jamtoli, Kutupalong and Hakimpara Rohingya camp under Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar and arranged various software activities like water safety plans, hygiene campaigns, and handwashing demonstrations.

Hardware Activities

In the reporting year, a significant achievement of DAM WASH through its different projects was reducing open defecation, increased use of improved hygienic latrines, safe MHM practices, hand washing and safe disposal of solid wastes in the working areas. Hardware activities included internal drainage systems construction, canal re-excavation, deep tube well installation, women bathing corner construction, existing latrine upgradation, desludging exist-

tube wells, 20 women bathing corners and 290 HHs latrines have been installed. Apart from the emergency areas, WASH sector has been implementing three projects. Household latrines, Water treatment plants, household latrines were installed by the community under their own initiative under project support from WASH Sector.



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DAM President Kazi Rafigul Alam inaugurated the training centre of DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED)



HIGHLIGHTS ORPHAN KIND PROJECT

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 (CDC) involving multi
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development sector has been implementing a number of projects to achieve the sectoral goal. These projects continue to enhance the entitlement of the poor and at the same time, their empowerment and awareness building. The interventions of the sector focuses primarily on poverty reduction, increased food security, capacity enhancement of vulnerable groups, institutional development and scaling up informal economy, employment creation etc. The Sector has set development goals, objectives, sectoral priorities and milestones and targets in line with DAM Strategy Plan adapted with SDG and the Bangladesh 6th and 7th Five Year Plan and also considered the local priorities with due regard to economic factors both formal and informal and specially diversified agro based economic conditions. The key sectoral components are Financing, Empowerment and Market Development.

Major ongoing Economic Development Sectoral projects:

SHOMOSTI

Dhaka Ahsania Mission implemented SHOMOSTI project funded by SDC in collaboration with CARE Bangladesh from October 2016 to September 2019 in Jessore, Khulna & Satkhira with a view to building organizational capacity of producer groups and the facilitative support to private and public service providers for developing pro-poor service in agriculture, agribusiness and home based activities which were relevant and affordable to the poor and disadvantaged people.

The toal of the project was to ensure that rural households improve their wellbeing as a result of greater income, dietary diversity and social service opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT

- Facilitated 68 Community Action Plan (CAP) review Session through SCA (Social Change Agent)
- Organized 08 quarterly progress sharing meeting with SCA at UP Level
- Organized 26 couple workshop for engaging men, youth, adolescent girls & boys
- Arranged 07 Capacity development and interface meeting /sessions on Community Score Card (CSC) on community clinic services
- Facilitated 02 workshop with producers, market management committee, relevant market actors to create enabling environment for women access in market
- Conducted 03 Health consultation events

ORPHAN KIND PROJECT

The one year long Orphan Kind Project (OKP), funded by Penny Appeal in Debhata Upazila was covering four unions under Satkhira district from March 2020 with a view to reducing the suffering of the 100 vulnerable orphans children through giving them love, care, education and protection so that they became productive member in the society in the near future.

THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT

To reduce the suffering of the orphans and vulnerable children, built their capacity through giving them love, care, education and protection so that they become productive member in the society in the near future



Upazilla Chairman, Debhata distributing food package among the orphan children

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SDC-Somosti Personnel discussed with Crab producer at Shyamnagor



Shermeen is from an extreme poor household at Bouglabazar village under Bouglabazar union. Her parents have five daughters and a son. Her father works as a poorly paid restaurant labor at the local bazar. He has to struggle to maintain the family of eight with his income. It is nearly impossible for Shermeen's father to educate the children properly which led Sheermeen to leave school after eighth grade.

The household of Shermeen's father is a SHOUHARDO III household. As a youth, Shermeen took part in two months long "tailoring training" under youth skill development programme. After the training Shermeen received Tk. 9000 (Nine thousands) as opportunity cost from SHOUHARDO III Programme. She invested the amount in purchasing a sewing machine, scissors, needles, tape and other accessories to run a tailoring shop.

Then she started tailoring works at a small room at her parents' home. Shermeen went to village women and girls to give her work. After one or two months, women and girls responded to Shermeen and started to give her order for sewing dresses of women and girls. As COVID-19 crisis started, most of the women and girls, stopped going markets and came to Shermeen for dress making in relatively larger scale. During Eid-ul-fitr, She earned Tk. 6500.

Shermeen herself now collect accessories for sewing from the markets. She couldn't even think of going out for marketing before involvement in SHOUHARDO III Programme, she said. She further goes on saying, "Now with my income from tailoring, I can support my parents maintaining the family. And I hope that my younger brothers and sisters would continue their education".

Shermeen, a self-reliant and confident girl with support from SHOUHARDO III programme dreams of sustained and improved living. Thus, SHOUHARDO III programme help support young men and women to come out of poverty through skill development.



Training for farmers on Sunflower

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture sector is a complementary sector of Economic Development Sector of DAM and its aim is to improve and sustain the food and nutrition security of the farmers- particularly the women and marginal farmers. It facilitates access to marketing services and promoting value chain production and marketing both at public and private sectors.

Under this complementary sector, following projects are now operating-

KEY FOCUSES

- Diversifying productivity considering the value chain crops and capacity enhancement of the agriculture extension services;
- Promoting fair price devices enabling the producers to get justified return from markets;
- Developing an integrated approach with green economy and safe food campaigns for sustainable agriculture

SHOUHARDO III Programme

DAM is implementing five-year long USAID funded SHOUHARDO III (Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities) programme, with technical support of CARE Bangladesh, with a view to transforming the lives of the poor and extreme poor households of haor areas. 18837 households of 134 villages in 21 Unions of Sunamgonj and Hobigonj districts were benefitted through the project.

Highlights of the programme

- Introduced flood tolerance rice seed among 105 farmers
- Employment generation of 427 trained youth on different vocational trade
- ♦ Youth vocational training received by 805 both male and female participants on different trades

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Community led vacination program, Azmirigonj, Hobigonj

- ♦ Created 5678 person days' short term employment opportunity through different interventions
- ♦ Declared 20 villages as Open Defecation Free(ODF)
- Establishment of hand washing points at 18 places with the help of CARE to inculcate the habit of hand washing among the people during COVID 19 period
- Orientation for awareness on COVID 19 provided to 110 SHOUHARDO III Staff and 24250 Community people.

Mung bean Value Chain Development Project

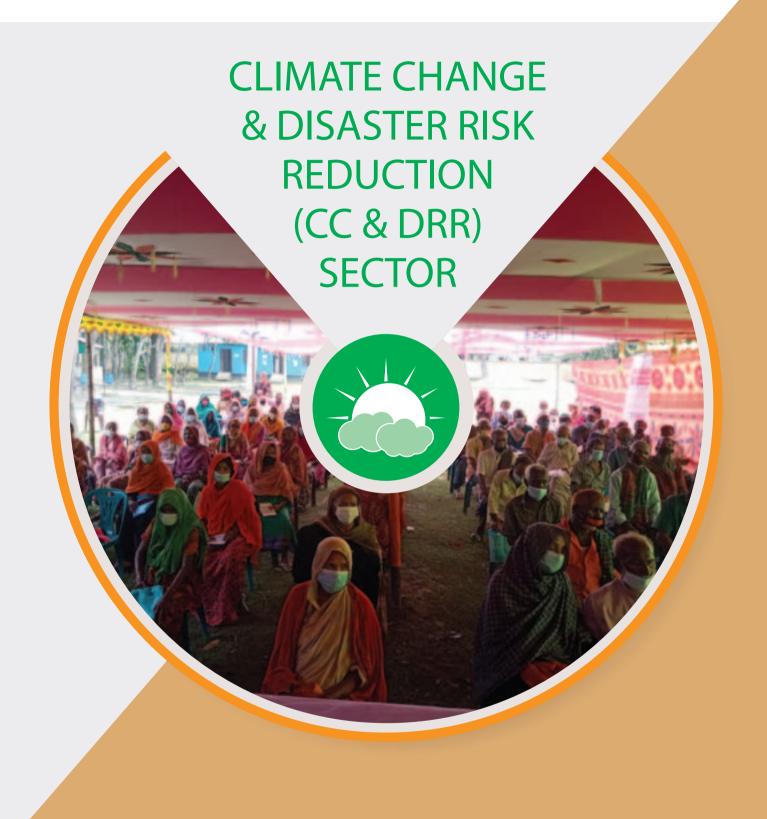
Dam Foundation for Economic Development (DFED), one of the Partner Organization (PO) of PKSF, has been implementing the PACE (Promoting Agricultural Commercialization and Enterprises) project , jointly financed by PKSF and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) from November 2016 with a view to reducing poverty by promoting microenterprises in southern Barguna sadar under Borguna districts of Bangladesh.

The project goal is to enhance livelihoods (higher income from self-employment, business profit and wage employment, and food security) of the

Highlights of the Project

- ♦ 250 farmers received training on Aromatic rice
- 250 farmers received training on Sunflower
- ♦ 2000 farmers received training on Mungbean
- ♦ 25 farmers established demonstration plot on Aromatic rice
- 25 farmers established demonstration plot on Sunflower
- ♦ 50 farmers established demonstration plot on Mungbean
- 20 batches market actors received orientation session
- Organized 10 market linkage meetings
- Organized a workshop on Nutrition & Mungbean sprout

moderate and extreme poor (men and women) in a sustainable manner. The development objectives are to increase sales and incomes from existing and new microenterprises and to create new wage employment opportunities for extreme and moderate poor people.





Relief distribution during covid-19 pandemic in Dhaka



KEY FOCUSES

- Climate Change
 Adaptation and Disaster
 Preparedness
- Strengthening Mitigation Measures
- Restoration &
 Conservation of
 Biodiversity and Eco System
- ♦ Emergency Response and Recovery

& DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Introduction

Bangladesh is one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world. Floods, tropical cyclones, storm surges and draughts are likely to become more frequent and severe in the coming years. Peoples are disproportionately affected by natural disasters and the adverse effects of climate change especially elderly, women and children. Considering the adverse impact of CC and these factors, DAM is mainstreaming CCA and DRR in all its work and design and implements specific climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction work to support vulnerable people as a "mission for change' in living conditions integrating divine values and providing high quality services to the people and strengthen leadership capacity across DAM. DAM's CC & DRR sector focuses its intervention to

"Envision an enabling disaster resilience community with proactive measures for reducing risk & vulnerabilities and strengthen the coping capacity to survive, adapt towards climate change effect.

Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Preparedness

DAM's disaster risk management and climate change adaptation approach included in the broader development agenda at the organizational level action planning, mainstreaming and advocacy work in the national level. Sample activities: quidelines, checklists, position papers, establishment and strengthening of disaster management systems, knowing disaster risks and preparation of national level data base of CRA/profiles. DAM has developed the website for Department of Disaster Management (DDM) to digitalize the CRA and URA profiles and preserve these documents for wider use of the respective organization in Bangladesh. Four Community led Projects have been developed for Building Resilience of the community in Faridpur Municipality and provide support to 3,200 HH for Climate Resilient Adaptation Schemes.

DAM is promoting localization in Bangladesh along with its network members of National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB) and targeted 5 disaster prone model districts (Dhaka-

stem/#11/22.2157/90.2396) where stored digital mapping of shelters, capacity of the shelter, government ongoing disaster reduction initiatives, salinity information and others which will be used by all the stakeholders in the district including government.

Considering the adverse impact of Covid-19, CC & DRR sector created awareness of 93,000 people on 'hand washing', 'social distancing', and 'self-quarantine with clear guidelines of what to do and how. The sector ensured the safeties of project staff with information sheet of pandemic, staff safety guideline and necessary items of cleanliness and distributed PPE (gloves, masks, caps, gowns and shoe covers) to 189 staff. The sector has provided specialized online training/orientation to 74 staff with the support of Health sector of DAM.

The sector has organized a two days online training on 12-13 April, 2020 with the technical support of DAM Health Sector and financial support from Oxfam ELNHA project for 25 health professionals and frontline workers of the NAHAB member organizations.



Community awareness session on COVID-19 and health safety measures

DSCC, Sirajgonj, Sunamgonj, Kurigram and Barguna) in the country for effective and real time humanitarian response.

DAM provided support to member organization Sangram to establish a GIS based Disaster Risk Management Hub (https://sangram. ngo/gisbased-disaster-risk-management-informationsy

Strengthening Mitigation Measures

CC & DRR sectors intervention on mitigation focuses to enhance the financial condition of the vulnerable people who lives below poverty live and for their better access to food, water, health services based

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TOT (Training of Trainer) training on Disaster Management

on social mobilization and partnership development with different stakeholders.

- Provided education, and awareness-raising support (community & school led) to 2,100 Learners and 4,300 HH;
- Capacity development training on Mitigation measures to 34 Disaster management committees and 178 professionals from different organization;
- Implementated 18 mitigation schemes from Risk Reduction Action Plan's (RRAP's):
- Supported Productive forest coverage/ plantation: 11 schemes;
- Plinth raising 433, construction of drainage-3 and WASH facilities provided to 31 communities;
- Reduced vulnerability of the communities through social safety nets programmes- 523 HH;
- Provided training on CC & DRR to 129 volunteers;
- Provided Humanitarian essential training to 29 practitioners from different organization.

Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity and Eco-System

Greater efforts of DAM were geared up towards aforestation and reforestation activities as well as,

biodiversity conservation in Banshkhali Upazilla of Chattogram District and Shyamnagar Upazilla of Sathkhira District. Productivity of plantations had increased and livelihood security ensured for the vulnerable communities, special attention was given to increase the productivity of land under forest.

- People got involved in all forest development activities and Integration of tree plantation and crop cultivation. Activities carried out in this reporting period were:
- Provided livelihood training and financial support to 1024 poor women for restoration and conservation of biodiversity;
- 17 HH were involved as sales agent of the briquettes;
- Setting up of two Briquette Factory to reduce anthropogenic pressure on the Hill Forest;
- Reduced Human pressure on the forest and allow natural regeneration.
- Distribution of climate friendly oven to 342 HH;
- Formation of 17 community groups, 7 student forums and 4 senior citizen groups to work as change agent of conservation of biodiversity and eco-system;
- Provided training to 90 community and LGI's representatives on Participatory Eco-system Management

Emergency Response and Recovery

Dhaka Ahsania Mission is committed and experienced to ensure that people affected by disasters have access to at least the minimum requirements (water, sanitation, food, nutrition, shelter and health care) to meet their basic right to life with dignity. The Minimum Standards in emergency response, which follow, are based on DAM's experience of providing humanitarian assistance. In this year, DAM provided its diversified humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable people and also extended technical support to the practitioners for quality response. Considering the worst situation and suffering of the people for Covid-19, DAM started the preparatory initiatives from 1st week of March 2020 and Coviod 19 response programme from 4th Week of March 2020. CC & DRR sector's humanitarian response programme were:

Provide Food and Wash/ Hygiene Package Support

- A.1. In its first round of food and hygiene package support to 1201 beggars from DFED, DAM distributed packages containing rice, linted, soyabin, salt, sugar, potato, onion worth Tk 20,00,000/-
- A.2 DAM has completed 2nd round food support to the 600 vulnerable HH in Dhaka North and South City Corporation with the support of Rahim Group. The food package for each family was: Rice, Flatten Rice, Lintel, Soyabin, Salt, Sugar, Potato, Onion, Garlic and Spice. The total cost of the support was Tk. 20,00,000/=
- A.3 DAM has formed the consortium with CDD, SOF and SRWOT- Bangladesh and are going to provide the Food and Hygiene support to 600 HH with the financial support of Oxfam under Humanitarian Response Grant Facility (HRGF).

The support was provided to the day laborers, rickshaw pullers, small shop owners, hawkers, beggars and other low-income people of ward no 2 & 4 of Savar municipality and ward no.3,11 & 20 of Dhaka North City Corporation. Each food packet was made following the recommendation of food security cluster, and each family (HH) received Rice, Flour, Lintel, Soyabin, Salt and Sugar.

The Minimum WASH/ Hygiene package were

distributed to 600 HH, selected by Hygiene Technical Working group. These items of the WASH package were: Bathing Soap, Detergent Soap, non-disposable Sanitary napkin, Bucket with lid and tape, Disposable Surgical mask, Plastic Mug, two pager IEC (color printed). The total cost of the support was: Tk. 4,357,500.00/=

A.4 DAM implemented the Covid 19 Response project jointly with Care Bangladesh from 1 May 2020. The project was funded by Coca Cola foundation with the duration of May -June 2020. The support was given to 6,132 HH in Gazipur Upazilla of Gazipur District, Vhaluka Upazilla of Mymensingh District and Cumilla Sadar south Upazilla of Kumilla District. The target population of the projects were marginal households, especially women-headed HH, people with disability, elderly people from the groups of Rickshaw Puller, Daily labor, Garments worker, Tea stall worker, Grocery worker, Domestic help worker peddlers, local grocery shop kipper/worker, rickshaw mechanics, street food/vegetable sellers, beauty salon/parlor worker, tailoring, small garments, transport worker, sex worker, transgender groups who were trapped in highly congested slums without work and food and lack of necessary hygiene and dignity items.

At the same time, local health facilities lacked protective essential gears such as PPE, Oxygen cylinders, biohazard garbage bag, thermal scanner, ventilator, sanitizers, masks, gloves, hand washing stands.

The packages were:

A.4.1 Immediate Food Security Support

Under this support system rice, lentils, lodized salt, Cooking oil, Sugar, Semolina, Onion, Spices worth Tk 2,845/= Pkt/each were distributed.

A.4.2 Immediate Dignity Kit Support

Sanitary napkin / non disposable Sanitary cloth for menstrual hygiene management, soft cotton, mask, bathing and hand-washing soap, detergent powder costing Tk 3225/-/packet, was distibuted under Immediate Dignity Kit Support.

A.4.3 Supporting Government Health Systems including private hospitals

Supported health systems mechanisms through functioning of COVID 19 Isolation centers in Gazipur and Cumilla districts by providing input support and coordination such as special quality of full sleeve with head cover reusable gown for doctors & nurses who were directly providing services to COVID patients, normal quality 210 GSM full sleeve with head cover reusable gown for front line government health workers who were doing screening of COVID 19 patients and safety materials such as: hand

Onion and Potato. The Sanitation & Hygiene kit was packed with the following items: Bathing and hand washing Soap; Detergent Soap; Reusable face mask and Sanitary Napkin /Non disposable Sanitary cloth for Menstrual Hygiene Management- highly absorbent, soft cotton fabric, Mask (reusable).

A.6: DAM has provided Food and Hygiene support to 114 low income staff of different institution /division/ sectors/units. The food package



Beneficiaries' selection process for covid-19 emergency response

sanitizers and masks, gloves, medical waste management etc. Health service providers like Doctors, Nurses and Frontline Health Service Providers received 800 set PPE. The support was given in 14 Government and Private Hospitals.

A.5: DAM has implemented the "Ramadan Food Parcels 2020 & Covid 19 Response" with the support of Human Appeal. The duration of the project was from 17 May-15 June 2020.

The food package and dignity kit support was provided to 1,950 HH in Savar Upazilla and Municipality of Dhaka District: 600 HH, Srenagar Upazila of Munshigong District: 550 HH, Fatullah Upazila of Narayangong District: 300 HH, Monohardi Upazila of Narshindhi District: 500 HH. This support was provided for one month to help them cope with the income loss and food insecurity caused by COVID. The food parcel contained the following items per household: Rice, Lentil, Soyabin / Cooking oil, lodised Salt,

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Coordination meeting with counter trafficking committee



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RIGHTS & GOVERNANCE

We are meeting at a time of immense challenges to sustainable development. Billions of our citizens continue to live in poverty and are denied a life of dignity. Gender inequality remains a key challenge. Unemployment, particularly youth unemployment, is a major concern. Global health threats, more frequent and intense natural disasters, spiraling conflict, violent extremism, terrorism and related humanitarian crises and forced displacement of people threaten to reverse much of the development progress made in recent decades. Natural resource depletion and adverse impacts of environmental degradation, add to and exacerbate the list of challenges which humanity faces. Outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 in March 2020 in Bangladesh caused serious health, humanitarian and socio-economic crisis. Most vulnerable groups in Bangladesh primarily rely on daily income sources, and the loss of these income sources has required them to resort to negative coping mechanisms which will have long-term implications. Further specific needs and vulnerabilities around gender, disability, age, ethnicity (indigenous groups), returnee migrant workers, income levels and employment type continue to emerge and will increase with time.

Rights and governance sector of DAM is a cross-cutting sector in Education, TVET, Economic development, Health, Wash, Climate Change & DRR sectors of DAM. Each sector has a focus on sustainable development of the targeted beneficiaries through capacity building, access to information, networking and partnership for sustainable livelihood, monitoring and advocacy for access to improved services etc. The priorities of Rights & Governance sector are: improved governance and increased community engagement in monitoring of inclusive public services to the poor and disadvantaged population; Promoting active citizenship in reduction of violence against women and children and increased access to public information; community and institution based services to the victims of violence and vulnerable people for sustainable livelihood and living with dignity. Government agencies are pro-active in providing services to the poor and disadvantaged population. Upon the networking and linkage developed with DAM and government agencies, the poor and disadvantaged population in the working area received VGD, VGF, disable allowance, old age allowance, and maternity allowance etc. The beneficiaries received awareness on prevention of child marriage, human trafficking and promotion of safe migration through court yard meeting, school and madrassa session and day observance on International Migrants day, World Day Against Trafficking In Persons, International Human Rights day and International Women's Day, Department of Women Affairs, Department of Youth Development, Department of Social welfare provided skills training, entrepreneurship training and seed support for sustainable livelihoods etc.

During July, 2019-June 2020 DAM 'Thikana' Home Jessore, BCTIP project and Ashshash Project supported by Winrock International, USAID and **SDC** enrolled and provided minimum standard care and support to 315 survivors including human trafficking, Irregular Migration, child marriage, missing children and domestic violence. Among them, 255 were female and nine were boy children under eight vears. Total 176 survivors were reintegrated in the family through community meeting and Thikana home. 315 in total received counseling, 93 received life skills training, 11 survivors received technical and vocational training, 40 survivors received entrepreneurship training through Department of Youth Development and 31 survivors received small business support for sustainable livelihoods through government agencies, BCTIP project and Ashshash Project.

Besides that, 43 survivors received safety net support from UP, three survivors were placed in job etc. Total 11 awareness sessions were held in school and Madrassa on prevention of child marriage, trafficking and promotion safe migration reached 511 persons including women, adolescents, children and men. Besides that quiz competition, cricket tournament and street theater organized for Trafficking In

Persons (TIP) awareness month in January 2020 where 500 community people and school children participated in those awareness programmes. Total 37 court yard meetings in the community were held for reintegration of survivors of 1,480 persons including women, adolescent girls, children and men. 'ANIRBAN' survivors group reintegrated 52 survivors in the family and community. Among them, 40 were women and 12 were men. Two CTIP group formation meetings were organized at community level for prevention of human trafficking. Total 36 members including students, teachers, social worker, UP members, ANIRBAN etc took part 13 Mobilisation and Sensitization sessions with parents and grandparents were held for prevention of child marriage, human trafficking and safe migration.

Regarding Capacity Building of the duty bearers,

60 Marriage Registers received training on causes, consequences of child marriage and a law of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017. 50 persons including UP member, UP member of VAW Prevention Committee, Member of Counter Trafficking Committee and UP standing committees received orientation on Trafficking and Child marriages issues.

Gender as a cross-cutting: A gender action plan of DAM was prepared for July 2019-June 2020. According to this plan, DAM Gender cell prepared an e-module of Gender sensitivity on topics of Gender Equality, Gender Equity, Gender discrimination. Gender responsive environment. Sexual harassment, Gender & Sex etc. DAM staffs and management developed the contents, videos, interview, storytelling, guiz and guestions/answer of this e-module. This e-module is uploaded in the 'muktopath.gov.bd' under A2i platform of the Prime Minister's office. A research study has been done on 'Policy and Financing Options for Skills for work of Marginalised Women' by CINED and Gender Cell of DAM with support of Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE). A Gender Report of DAM was presented in the International Women's Day Observance Programme, 2019. The report consisted of data and information about the progress of gender activities of different sectors, division and institutions of DAM, Ms. Nilufar Yasmin, Deputy Director, Finance & Accounts Division was appointed as a 'Chairperson' of Gender Cell, DAM.

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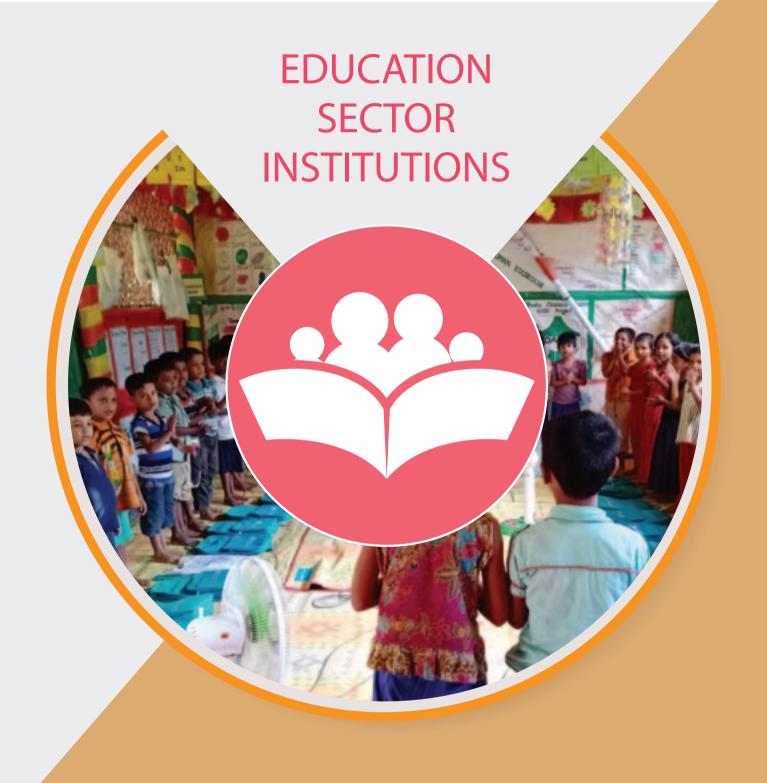
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AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BACKGROUND

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) was established in 1995 by the Dhaka Ahsania Mission after the name of Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R). The university started functioning in a number of hired premises in Tejturi Bazar, Dhaka with some undergraduate Departments viz. Architecture, Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and School of Business with very limited number of students. Later, the Department of Textile Technology was launched in 1998 which subsequently was renamed as Textile Engineering, Master of Business Administration (regular & executive) has been operating under School of Business since 2002. The University shifted to its permanent campus which was built on 1.64 Acre of land at Teigaon Industrial Area, Dhaka in April 2008. After shifting to new location, the University opened the Department of Mechanical & Production Engineering in 2010 while some graduate programmes like Master of Civil Engineering, MS in Mathematics, Master in Architecture and M.Sc. in EEE have been launched for its academic expansions. By now, AUST

is one of the leading private universities in Bangladesh. AUST became the first private university in the country to earn **Permanent Charter** of the Government of Bangladesh.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Within a short span of time, AUST has achieved some mentionable criteria in its admission and other operative fields, viz-

- At present, it has around 7546 students enrolled in different undergraduate and post-graduate programmes at AUST. This year 1721 students graduated from different departments.
- Admission to Undergraduate Programmes is highly competitive. Students are being admitted strictly on the basis of GPA earned in SSC+HSC examinations and marks obtained in admission test. For example, in response to the admission advertisement for Spring-2019 Semester, a total of 2375 students applied for admission to the Architecture and Engineering Departments. Of the total applicants, 629

students obtained GPA 10 in total in SSC and HSC exam. Out of all the applicants, 2391 students were allowed to sit for admission test. Only 900 students could finally get themselves admitted. That is only 38 percent student could succeed in getting admission.

- AUST graduates are studying and researching inside and outside the country with good repute. A large number of students of this University are serving in the government, semi-govt. and other private organizations. A number of graduates of this University are appointed as teacher of this University and other private universities.
- AUST authority has approved the Rules for Study Leave with Salary for its Faculty



Aust Architecture Graduate Won ‘_Ksrm Awards

Members. In total 70 Teachers of this University are pursuing Ph.D. in the USA, the UK, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Netherland, Denmark, Belgium, Japan, China etc.15 teachers have gone for higher studies during the period under review. Of them, 13 teachers are pursuing Ph.D.

EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

Ahsanullah University signed MoU with Engelbert Strauss and GI7

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fazli Ilahi Vice-Chancellor of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Mr. Steffen Strauss owner of Germany based Engelbert Strauss and Mr. Werner Lange of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective organizations at AUST Campus on 24 February 2020. According to the MoU, Engelbert Strauss will help AUST in funding establishing a chair on sustainability in the textile sector and a

teaching post at AUST. The training programmes will be held in Dresden University and United Nations University in Germany.

Ahsanullah University signed MOU with Venturas Ltd.

An MOU Signing Ceremony was held between Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology and Venturas Ltd. on 5 May 2020 regarding Japanese Language Open Course for CSE and EEE background students to achieve Business level language proficiency (N5-N2) to work in Japan. After the completion of Japanese proficiency level of N4 Venturas Ltd will support technically sound CSE and EEE graduates for job placement in Japan.

Aust Architecture Graduate Won 'Ksrm Awards For Future Architects 2019'

Bristy Sarker- a graduate from Department of Architecture of AUST has been honored with 'KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS 2019' for Best Architecture Thesis' in association with IAB.

Bristy has received Second Prize for her thesis project titled "Pottery Village - A Sustainable Settlement of Potter". She is from 32nd batch of Department of Architecture.

Innovation lab inaugurated at Ahsanullah University

Innovation lab was inaugurated at Ahsanullah University on 4 February 2020. CRID-DAM Innovation lab was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Md. Fazli llahi, Vice-Chanellor of AUST. Engr. Mehedi Shams President of USA based Center for Robotic Innovation & Development Spoke on the details of the plan.

The Country Head of German based Organization, SUD-TUV, Mr. Sattish Kumar Somuraj met with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fazli Ilahi, VC of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology to discuss cooperation among the two organizations in different fields, for the benefit of the students on 27 January 2020. They discussed specially opportunities related to Textile Engineering.



Orientation for the students of B.Ed course

KHAN BAHADUR AHSUNULLAH TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE

Khan Bahadur Ahsunullah Teachers` Training College is the first Non-government and prominent T.T college. It was established in 1992, led by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and affiliated by Dhaka University. The aim of this college is to make active, skill and quality teachers to present an enlighten nation. To fulfill this goal it has been offering B.Ed course since 1992 and M.Ed course since (1999-2000) uptill now. B.Ed course is affiliated by National University and M.Ed course is conducted under Ahsanulllah University of Science and Technology. Khan Bahadur Ahsanulllah Teachers Training College has been upholding the prestigious first position from its birth.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Among all government and nongovernment Teachers` Training colleges, Khan Bahadu Ahsanullah Teachers` Training College is only one institution that has celebrated silver Jubilee on 7 July 1917 with huge participants. This campus is free from smoking and students politics. This year (2020) 179 students got admitted in B. Ed course, 41 trainees in M. Ed Fall batch and the admission of Spring batch is going on. KATTC has celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2020. The date of Excursion, study

tour and annual picnic was arranged. Teaching materials display, cultural competition on different events and prize giving ceremony was supposed to be completed from 15 March 2020. But because of Corona pandemic all programmes have been postponed. All kinds of activities to celebrate MujibBarshya had been stopped for covid19. Taking class, giving assignment and teaching practice supervision is being carried out through on line platform. On the occasion of National Mourning Day, the discussion of Bangabandhu's childhood, student life, political attachment had been discussed through Skype. Finally this programme was completed by prayer for the salvation of the soul of Bangabandhu and his family.

Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers` Training College is such type of a institution that has created alumni association for the first time among all government and non-government Teachers` Training colleges.

AHSANULLAH INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ahsanullah Institute of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (AITVET) is the first polytechnic institute in private sector of Bangladesh. It was established on 25 October 1995 under the direct supervision of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST). It is an Institute of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and accredited by Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB). AITVET offers eight, Technology of Diploma in Engineering & Diploma in Textile Engineering courses. It has two campuses: Tejgaon campus and Savar campus. Employment rates of students are around 100 percent.

OBJECTIVES

To enhance the technical knowledge to raise the quality and quantity of industrial production with systematic trained worker.

STUDENT FACILITY

AITVET offers half-free of tuition fees to a number of poor and meritorious students in each semester. Besides that it also offers financial help to insolvent students. Students with GPA 5 in S.S.C exam gets 50 percent waiver of semester fees in 1st semester.

For siblings, second sibling gets 50 percent waiver of semester fees during admission. For 1st position in each semester final exam, one student of each department gets 50 percent waiver of semester fees.

TEACHERS & STAFF POSITION

A total of 61 highly qualified and experienced teachers are engaged to implement the curricular activities.

EQUIPMENT

Modern industries are almost automated. More than 100 computers are available for the students. Station instruments, Sample dyeing machine, yarn testing machine, weaving machine, sewing machine, distillation equipment, filtration set, gas distribution piping system, sieve shaker machine, compression test machine, slump test instrument and other various equipments are also available for the practical classes of the students.

ENVIRONMENT

The campus is under the CCTV surveillance. Most of the class rooms and labs are air conditioned. Campus



Freshers' reception at AITVET



Bangabandahu corner was set-up at AITVET

is very clean. Multimedia is used in class room for participatory work. There is a well furnished library with Muiib Corner.

AWARD

Ahsanullah Institute of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (AITVET) topped the list in National level skill competition - 2014 out of 93 selected public & private Institutions.

PROGRAMME

AITVET organised Discussion & Dua Mahfil on National Mourning Day with due reverence and also organized an essay competition on Bangabandhu & Bangladesh. It celebrated the cultural week, women's day, International Mother Language Day, Mujib shoto barsiki and a post Eid reunion programme.

According to the technical curriculum of BTEB, the students of 8th semester of Diploma in Engineering and Diploma in Textile Engineering programme were provided with Industrial Training of 12 weeks duration in the different Industries/Organizations to acquire competency.

AHSANULLAH INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION AND **COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

Ahsanullah Institute of Information & Communication Technology (AIICT) was established in 2001 with a view to produce quality graduates in the field of engineering and business administration at an affordable cost, upgrade and extend educational service and facilities to build a digital society through providing ICT knowledge. Students from relatively lower income families and females are encouraged and given preferences at AIICT. The campus is situated on its own permanent building at Pallabi, Mirpur, Dhaka.

AIICT is affiliated with the National University, Gazipur and follows their curriculum, syllabus & rules.

COURSE OFFERED

- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)
- Bachelor of science (Hons.) in Electionics and Communication Engineering (ECE)

Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Proposed

COVERAGE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Open discussion with students (session wise) on values, morality and current affairs on monthly basis
- Observance of different nationally importance Days on regular basis
- Help students choose good subject as major in BBA like Accounting, Finance etc. competing with other renowned institutions
- Successfully organizing the National University practical examination in the campus

SUCCESS STORIES

- A new batch of 22 students were admitted in ECE Dept. after a long break last year.
- During the period AIICT organized a 12-day training programme for AMC teachers on "Digital Classroom Presentation".

AHSANIA MISSION COLLEGE

During the 2019 academic year, 1112 students were admitted from primary class to 12th class. In 2020 academic year, 1004 students were admitted from primary to class 10 and there were 45 students in college branch. Among them, a large number of students participatied in various public examinations and the results were good

ACTIVITIES TILL MARCH 2020

15 August 2019

- Discussion meeting was held on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his childhood, adolescence, student life and political life
- ♦ Composition writing and drawing competition
- ♦ Tree planting programmes on campus

20 November 2019

Organizing children's fairs

First week of February

- Annual Sports
- ♦ Cultural competition

15 February 2020

♦ Pitha Utsab

21 February 2020

♦ International Mother Language Day Celebration

8 March 2020

Annual picnic and study tour

As in previous years, the normal activities of the 2020 academic year were going on from January 1. Due to COVID - 19 pandemic, all educational institutions throughout the country were declared closed. That instruction is still in force.

In order not to harm the education of the students, the teachers of the college continued to teach online from their respective positions. A virtual meeting was later held on how to conduct online classes through the same platform. At that, a policy was formulated to conduct standard online classes.

In the light of the said policy, in order to make the online class compliant, 23 teachers were trained on and demo classes were held. Online teaching activities were started from VI to X class. Online Class is

running six days a week with two periods every day. From May 2020, online teaching activities for class XI and XII were being conducted six days a week with two periods every day. On 1 and 2 June, 16 primary school teachers were given training on online teaching activities. Demo classes were arranged. Homework was given in the Facebook group for students from primary class to V grade in the early stages.



DAM President and GS are visiting AMC campus

From June 2020, from primary to Level V class, online classes were arranged with Facebook groups for two periods every day, six days a week. In order to check the effectiveness of online teaching, MCO test of 25 marks was taken. In the first step from June 2020 the students of VI to X classes were introduced in Google form. In the second stage, MCQ test of 25 marks was taken in the same manner. Afterwards Creative test of 70 marks was taken. 80 to 90 percent students participated in both the exams. Google Forms offers the opportunity to take a 35-minute test anytime from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. During the creative test, a total of two hours and 30 minutes was given in the presence of the parents at any time from 10 am to 10 pm. Parents are requested to come to the college within three days after the end of the examination and submit their respective subjects to the teacher. Teachers evaluated the answer sheets and posted the obtained marks in their respective groups on Facebook. The assessment examination for class V from primary was started from July 2020. Examination procedure, according to the rules of creative examination of class VI to x, parents submit their answer papers to the teacher within three days after the examination. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the teaching activities will continue in the light of the mentioned policy till normal teaching activities start.



Publication ceremony of Ethics Education Diary

CENTER FOR ETHICS EDUCATION

LET ME LIVE AN ETHICAL LIFE

The Center for Ethics Education was set-up to build a society that will adhere to and practical moral, ethical and spiritual values of life and foster peace and harmony in the society.

The primary target of the Center is the young generation - especially the students of school, college and university. CEE is an entity of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and the North American Bangladeshi Islamic Community (NABIC) USA, supported by Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST). With the slogan - Let Me Live an Ethical Life - the Center, by now, has made a mark in the society through its highly acclaimed activities among the students and youths.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops, seminars, round table discussions, were held throughout the period in order to get acquainted with the basic principle of ethics and to share experiences on ethical behavior. School teachers, general students, volunteers and facilitators were the participants.

Workshop at Hazrat Shah Ali Model High School: A day-long workshop for the teachers and the MCM was held at the above school auditorium on September 29, 2019 where all the 38 teachers, the President of the School Managing Committee and the Upazila Education Officer were present.

Workshop at Ahsanullah Institute of Technology and Vocational Education and Training (AITVET): On October 26, 2019, all the 40 teachers of AITVET took part in a daylong workshop on Ethics education. Role of Ethics in Technical Education was the theme of the workshop. It was divided into two parts: Theoretical and practical sessions, while the concepts of ethics in relation to morality, law, justice, religion, environment, education, culture and technology was discussed.

Workshop at Anwara-Mannaf Girls School and **College:** Ouality Education and Ethics was the theme of a day-long workshop organized at the above institution on November 28, 2019. All the 30 teachers including the Principal of the institution were present in the workshop. Following the event, a MoU between the school authority and the CEE Management was signed which stipulates that the school management will join hands with CEE to pursue the ethics education in its premises. The workshop was

addressed by journalist Chinmoy Mutsuddi, Principal Sheikh Sayed Ali, Md. Saifuzzaman Rana, Professor Mizanur Rahman, Principal Hedayutun Nabi and Kazi Ali Reza.

IT IS TIME TO INCORPORATE ETHICS IN CURRICULA-WORKSHOP

"We must involve ouselves as Rescue Volunteers to fight unethical issues in the Society-the speakers said at the foundation training of the volunteers and facialators, held at AUST auditorium on January 30, 2020.

Addressing the gathering Dr. SM Khalilur Rahman, GS, DAM Said, we must practice ethics in our daily life before we preach it to the society. The workshop was attended, among others, by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman, ED, DAM, Prof Mizanur Rahman, Syed Mizanur Rahman Reja of DIU and Kazi Ali Reza, Chinmoy Mutshuddi concluded the workshop which was attended by participants from different districts. of the country.

WORKSHOP TO PRODUCE A VIDEO

On August 1, 2019, a workshop was organized to seek inputs from the participants to produce a video on Ethics, which would be used through social mecia to Spread the value of ethical practice in daily life. A total of 25 participants took part in the workshop. Beside techers training a few more trainings wer held for volunteers and facilitators

DIALOGUE ON EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOP

The Center organized an experience sharing and way forward workshop on January 4, 2020 to discuss and review its activities. It was attended by university professors, human rights activities, scientists, government officials, NGO representatives and the DAM officials. The Speakers were presented with a Power-Point presentation of Center work and noted their comments.

PUBLICATIONS

Distribution of Diary: Through a discussion program, the formal distribution of the special Diary – Ethics Education Diary – published in May 2019, began on July 6, 2019 among the students teachers, parents, guardians. A total of 750 such diaries were distributed through a large number of sessions. Participation of DAM high-ups including the ED and GS of DAM in these sessions enriched the programs.

Publication of Newsletter: Two issues of the Center 16-page newsletter in Bangla – Ethics Education News – were published. First one hit the newsstand in July 2019. The second one came out in January 2020. The newsletters are available on website: <ethicscenter.org.bd>

VISIT TO LIBERATION MUSEUM

Ethical Education in the Light of Liberation War of Bangladesh: It is not only a moral responsibility of the senior citizens to let the younger generation



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know about the history, culture and the struggles of the peoples of a particular nation through which it won its independence, but also their ethical obligation to make them appreciative of and respectful to their great contributions. To rid the current young generation of all malaises, the Center for Ethics Education has reached an agreement with the Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh to arrange educational visit of the students of ethics education to visit the Museum. The participants took part in a discussion session, quiz contest, expressed their feelings and pledged to build an ethical society. Around 220 students, in batches, has so far taken part in this program.



Pahela Falgun celebration at Little Ducklings

THE LITTLE DUCKLINGS – DAYCARE, PRESCHOOL AND PLAYZONE

The Little Ducklings (TLD) is a Daycare, Preschool and Play-zone service provider of Bangladesh. TLD's mission is twofold. Firstly, TLD helps working parents take care of their children. Secondly, the solvent families' payments against the services help support DAM's social work for children living in poverty.

OUR SERVICES

TLD's dedicated, trained and closely monitored pool of staff provide the following services at the TLD center in Lalmatia, Dhaka:

- Daycare services for children.
- Preschool for children
- ♦ Play-zone open to all children.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF OUR CENTER

I. Parents can monitor children's activities through CCTV, ii. Developmentally appropriate play items and learning materials, iii. Imported play items, iv. Child specific storage option, v. Daily cleaning of the space, v. Observance of days and festivals, v. Observance of children's birthday

We maintain the following caregiver: children ration to ensure high quality service:

- 1 caregiver: 3-4 infants
- ♦ 1 caregiver: 4-6 toddlers
- ♦ 1 caregiver: 6-10 preschoolers

The Little Ducklings takes a holistic approach towards learning, care and play following Educare Model (Education and Care in Unity). In this mode, learning is a continuous process. Children learn continually in all places over time. TLD arranges environment and activities to target all kinds of development (physical, cognitive, emotional, social and language). TLD curriculum is play and theme oriented. Play is the basis of our preschool activity in that it fosters thinking, imagination, creativity, language, and cooperation. Theme-oriented learning fosters children's opportunities to understand contexts and relationships, and heightens their ability to develop their own learning theories.



Economic Development sector Institutions



A beneficiary is seen at her potato garden

DAM FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED) was established by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) in October 2013 as a specialized economic development institution to offer financial services and other development programmes to enhance the socio-economic condition of poor people for creating their employment opportunities, raising income and increasing their asset and financial resources. Microfinance programme of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) was merged with DFED in June 2014. With a view to alleviating poverty through improvement of standard of living of poverty-stricken people across the country and women's empowerment, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) started implementation of Microfinance Programme since 1993. With the passage of time, DAM's Microfinance Programme has enabled to stand on a sustainable foundation. To give microfinance programme an institutional shape, DAM has established "DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED)" as a specialized Microfinance Institute (MFI). DFED provides microfinance to the marginal farmers and the ultra-poor so that their quality of livelihood improves significantly. Besides, they offer a range of services including but not limited to agent banking, remittance transfer services in remote areas, and various automated services for their clients. Currently, DFED is implementing

PROGRAMIAI A GLANCI	
Inception of MFP	1993
No. of Districts covered	18
No. of Upazilas covered	74
No. of Union covered	267
No. of Branch offices	106
No. of Area offices	18
No. of groups	7,142
No. of members	124,946
No. of borrowers	90,825
Total amount Outstanding	2,115.22 m. BDT

967.81 m. BDT

99.44 %

MICRO FINANCE

Total member savings

Recovery Rate

its field programmes and projects in 74 Upazilas of 18 Districts covering 267 Unions and 1,240 villages through its 106 branches and serving 124,946 members of 7,142 groups. DFED's progress and achievements of different economic development programmes and projects for the fiscal year 2019-20 follow.

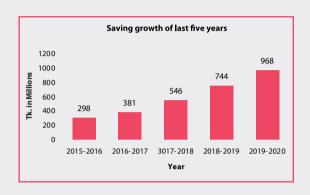
Year 2019-20 was noteworthy for DFED in many ways. During this reporting year, DFED scaled up both in terms of areal coverage and disbursement volume with support from Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) and Commercial Banks, DFED opened six new branches in different parts of the country during this year. In 2019-20, DFED switched from conventional Microfinance Programme to completely shariah based investment programme entitled "Shanti Investment Programme". From the beginning of the year 2019-20, Sariah based products and policy has been implemented across DFED instead of conventional microfinance programme. Under institutional development process, DFED established a training center named 'DTC' at its head office premises. As the newsletter of DFED, 'ALAP' was published on a monthly basis. As part of digitalization, six new branches were brought under automation. In order to maximize the access of huge un-banked population into the banking system, DFED operated two Agent Bank Outlets of Bank Asia at Jessore during the year.

Our world has never felt more different and more threatened in the short span of time that the COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged lives, economies and governments alike. Due to COVID-19, microfinance programme was stopped for about two months of last quarter of FY 2019-20 which hampered DFED work a great deal. Overcoming the stressful situation was hard at that time. For COVID-19, DFED distributed food and hygiene package as relief among 1201 beggars who were programme participants of Beggars Rehabilitation Project. Under "Ramadan Food Parcels 2020 & COVID Response, Bangladesh" programme supported by DAM UK, DFED also distributed food and hygiene package as relief among 1375 households of four Upazilas of DFED working areas. Despite having difficulties for COVID-19 and recent flood, DFED has ended the Fiscal Year 2019-20 with encouraging turn over.

OVERVIEW OF SAVINGS AND CREDIT PROGRAMME:

Savings Growth: Savings are used to increase the capital base of households. As part of the capital base, savings are used to finance the establishment

or expansion of economic activities. However, they also serve as a reserve to cover unexpected working capital needs, responding to emergency, or simply to provide temporary loan to meet family consumption needs. In other word, saving is considered as a part of income not consumed immediately. 'Savings' represents an opportunity to save an amount and earn profit, which group members of MFP cannot avail from any other regular financial institution. The



savings fund was gradually increased which stood at Tk 967.81 million as of June 2020.

Deposit Pension Scheme (DPS): DFED has been implementing Deposit Pension Scheme (DPS) as a term savings product. The DPS fund is gradually increased which stood at Tk 209.26 million as of June 2019.

Voluntary Savings: For members who wish to save in large amounts, this is the scheme that their savings fall under. Any member with a minimum saving of Tk. 40,000 and above any amount falls under the Voluntary Savings scheme. The interest rates go up to 12 percent according to the money saved. The range of special interest rate is 8 percent for the deposit from Tk. 40,000 to below Tk. 50,000, 9 percent for the deposit from Tk. 50,000 to below Tk. 100,000, 10 percent for the deposit from Tk. 100,000 to below Tk. 300,000, 11 percent for the deposit from Tk. 500,000 and 12 percent for the deposit from Tk. 500,000 and above.

Microfinance Overview: Access to fiancial services is important for poor people, enabling them to better manage risk and take advantage of opportunities. The availability of financial services for poor households reduces vulnerability and helps poor people increase their income, so families are able to improve their wel-being, including access to better nutrition, health care, and education. In 2019-20, DFED extended micro-credit to its target HHs amounting to Tk. 3,205.73 million. Cumulative

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disbursement of micro-credit is Tk. 17,732.57 million and present outstanding of Tk. 2115.22 million. Beneficiaries invested the loan amount in a variety of demand driven loan products. The performance of loan recovery of the organization is good having Cumulative Recovery Rate (CRR) is 99.44 per cent.

Agriculture and Food Security through Microfinance: Bangladesh is known for its Agro based economy where the small and marginal farmers are the main driving force of agriculture. In the year 2019-20, a total of 49,308 MFP members received credit support amounting to Tk 2,019.61 million for agricultural development, which is about 63 per cent of total disbursement of MFP.

OVERVIEW OF DFED PROJECTS

Besides implementation of Microfinance as core programme, DFED also implemented a number of development projects named, Beggars Rehabilitation Project, ENIRCH programme, Mungbean value chain development project, SIEP, SDL, ROJGAR, Agent Banking and Elderly Peoples projects for its target population during 2019-20.

Beggar's Rehabilitation Project: In order to create opportunities for those who want to quit begging and return to normal life, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has initiated a project to rehabilitate the beggar through DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED). This project has started its full-



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Micro Enterprise Development: Micro-enterprises are considered engines of economic growth that create both gainful self-employment for micro-entrepreneurs and wage employment opportunities for the ultra-poor. During 2019-20, DFED provided credit support amounting to Tk 1,431.80 million to 18,078 members for developing microenterprises.

Interventions for Ultra-Poor: Ultra-poor or the poorest of the poor are those people that are at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder. Ultra-poor remain ignored and the safety net or protection fails to cover them up from the continual process of marginalized and perpetual poverty. During 2019-20, DAM extended credit support amounting to Tk. 30.03 million to 2,238 ultra-poor members for undertaking different income generating activities.

fledged activities with a view to donating one-time grant money among beggars and involving them in income-generating activities and gradually include them into social safety net programmes, offered by public and private institutes, and involve them into 'Ultra Poor Scheme' of DFED and thus bringing them back to mainstream in the society. In 2019-20 period, DAM extended Tk 10.05 million grant support to 402 Beggars for undertaking different income generating activities. Cumulative disbursement of grants was Tk. 26.90 million among 1201 Beggars.

ENRICH Programme: A people-centered holistic programme entitled "Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty (ENRICH)" was implemented by DFED with the financial assistance

sone and do not have sufficient cash in hand to upgrade sanitation systems, but can afford the cost if they are able to spread the cost over time. To help address this, DFED has been implementing 'SDL-OBA Sanitation microfinance Programme' project at four Upazilas under Satkhira District through its nine Microfinance Branches. The project is funded by PKSF. Goal of the project is to increase access to hygienic sanitation facilities for low-income households in rural areas of Bangladesh through commercial sanitation loans. A total of 4,020 sanitary latrines has been installed and a total of Tk 40.28 million credit support provided to the 4,020 households.

Agent Banking Project: In order to maximize the access of huge un-banked population into the banking system, DFED operates two Agent Bank Outlets of Bank Asia at Jessore. The agent outlets provides banking services such as opening of customer accounts using biometric system, accepting cash deposits and withdrawal, accepting bills, payment of foreign remittance, online fund transfer, DPS etc.

training on different trades under this project. Out of

30 trainees, 15 training recipients were ensured Job

Placement by the project.

ROJGAR Project: "Restoration of livelihood through Job Creation, Gaining of Assets by Rural Poor (ROJGAR)" project is being implemented with the financial assistance of SGS Bangladesh. The project was undertaken for development of life and livelihood through creation of job opportunities for the poor. Under the project, poor beneficiaries of Sreepur and Narsingdi Upazila have received credit support for self-reliance through micro-credit. DFED extended credit support of Tk. 11.35 million to 235 people for undertaking different IGA through ROJGAR Project during this period.

Elderly Peoples Programme: "Elderly Peoples Programme" has been implemented by DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED) with the financial assistance of Palli Karma-Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) since September 2018 at Sukundi Union in Monohardi Upazila of Narshingdi District. The goal of this project is to reduce vulnerability of elderly people providing different aid and psychosocial support. Under this project, elderly people received old age allowance on a monthly basis. Besides, elderly people received different helping aid like- wheel chair, walking stick, umbrella, winter cloths and blankets from this project.

of Palli-Karma Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) since July 2014 at Sukundi Union in Monohardi Upazila of Narshingdi District. The "ENRICH" aims to facilitate the best utilization of the existing capabilities and resources of the poor households and, at the same time, help enhance both their capabilities and resources in order to enable them to come out of poverty and move ahead towards a life of human dignity. Under ENRICH programme a number of components like- Education, Health and Nutrition, Community Development, Social Advocacy and Rights, Economic Development, Environment, Youth Development etc. were implemented during 2019-20. As special intervention of the year, cultural and sports programme were organized in the working areas with the participation of children and youths. Besides, couple of villages had been declared as a Sanitized Village during this year under ENRICH Programme.

Mungbean Value Chain Development Project:

DAM Foundation for Economic Development has been implementing "Muugbean Value Chain Development Project" with the financial assistance of PKSF at Barguna Sadar Upazila under Barguna District since November 2016. With a view to promoting safe vegetables for consumers through developing capacity of vegetables farmers, the project had been working for. The project focuses on selected crops like Mungbean to promote the variety "BARI-6" at community level. 102 master trainers were trained under this project. Later on, they provided training to 3000 farmers. The key factors of the training were seed selection, fertilizer application, weeding and irrigation, pest control and management and post-harvest management. 3000 farmers were provided training separately on each factor. The project established twenty demonstration plots at project location. The project also observed twenty farmers Field Day. The project signed accord with a Japanese Company named Grameen Euglana to export the "BARI-6". As a significant achievement, the project exported farmers produced 35 ton Mungbean to Japan during this period. The project ended in June 2019 and subsequently the project was extended for the period of July 2019 to June 2020. Two new intervention have been added in the new phase: aromatic rice and sunflower.

SIEP Project: "Skills for Employment Investment Programme (SIEP)" project is funded by PKSF. The goal of the project is to develop skilled workforce through skills training and therefore placing them in productive self and wage employment which will in turn improve their sustainable livelihood. During 2019-2020, a total of 30 unemployed youths received

Case study

SAHANA BEGUM: A CRAFTSWOMAN OF WOODEN SHOW PIECE

"Where there is a will there is a way", Shahana Begum of Jessore has proved this proverb through her creativity, hard work and commitment. She comes from Altapur village of Keshabpur upazila under Jessore district. Shahana has struggled against extreme poverty and established herself as a successful person in the society.

Instead of sitting idle in her home, housewife Sahana Begum started to learn a new trade. For 15 years she has been creating eye catching showpieces from tree trunks. She has self taught herself to become an expert wood craftsman. This profession has brought prosperity in her family of four members. Besides, she cultivates sugarcane and fish in the pond, raise cattle and can operate sewing machine. Her husband Abdul Malek used to work as a color technician who burnished furniture.

Sahana developed new types of machine to craft her signature products-wooden showpieces. She has also taught other people this craft and helped them build their livelihoods.

Despite having two Bighas of land, cultivation was not enough and Sahana Begum had tough time. Almost half a decade ago, she visited a relative in India. She was inspired to see a factory specialize in making show pieces. She learned that it only takes Tk. 20 -25 thousand to establish a factory. In order to fulfil her dream Sahana Begum approached DAM Foundation. In 2008, she was admitted into DAM Foundation's 'Doyel' Women Development Team. She started to deposit her savings from then on. A month later, she took a loan of Tk. 10000 from the foundation and obtained another Tk. 10000 through mortgaging one Bigha land. She and her son installed necessary equipment to setup the factory. Machineries installed in the factory were brought from Jessore.

The following year, she bought two machines by taking another loan of Tk. 15000 and Tk. 50000 earned from profit. Now, there are three machines in her factory. (DAM Foundation owes her Tk. 30000.) Her factory manufactures about 200 to 300 home appliance items. Signature products among all manufactured items are mug, jug, glass, ash tray, powder case, spoon, egg basket etc.

She uses mango, jackfruit, mahogany and tectona grandis wood to make those showpieces. Products are sold from Tk. 20 to 500. These wooden items have high demand in Jessore, Satkhira, Khulna, Magura, Narail, Faridpur and Dhaka. Now with Tk. 100000 each as capital she bought 15 Kathas of land to build house and a bull for farming activities.

Sahana's factory employs Latifa, a woman from her neighborhood. Latifa said, "We work here in leisure times. Now, I can add more income to my family." 20 women in total work in the factory. It takes 10-15 minutes to make a show piece. Each worker gets Tk. 2-10 as remuneration for making one product. On an average a woman earns Tk. 1000 -2000 from working here.

Sahana Begum remarked, "I am proud of what I do. Initially I had small capital. Now, I want to expand my business. Thus, I require more fund. After meeting all expenditure I can easily save at least Tk 15,000 to Tk 16,000 per month. I have a dream of developing a building on the land I bought recently. I want to add a vehicle in my business to facilitate our transportation. Load shedding and minimal capital is creating a major obstacle in our overall progress."

DAM Foundation's Area Manager of Keshabpur branch, Md. Mofijul Islam said, "Sahana Begum is our veteran member. She deposits money and pays her due payment of loan on a regular basis. She is very hard working woman. Many people from her locality praise her as they get inspiration from her business endeavor. DAM Foundation will always be with entrepreneurial minds and is happy to empower Sahana through its microfinance activities."

HAJJ FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Hajj Finance Company Limited (HFCL) is a Shariah-Based Non-Banking Financial Institution established in 2007 under the licence of Bangladesh Bank and is operated under the Financial Institution Act of 1993. The company follows the model of Malaysia's pilgrims fund and management institution (popularly known as "Tabung Hajj"). Currently, it has four branches namely Principal Branch at Dilkusha, Dhanmondi Branch at Dhanmondi, Uttara Branch at Uttara and Chattogram Branch at Agrabad, Chattogram. The company is jointly owned by Global Hajj and Umra International Corporation, AmanahRaya Investment Bank Limited and Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

FINANCING FACILITIES

HFCL's financing portfolio is well-diversified. It is maintaining a sound upward trend. It is providing Short/ Mid Term financing facilities covering a wide range of retail and corporate customers in various financing modes i.e. Ijara Wa Iqtina, Bai Muajjal, Hire Purchase under Sherkatul Melk, Quard etc.) and for these it is collecting fund from the various sources.

FINANCING PRODUCTS

- ♦ Ijarah-Wa-Iqtina (Vehicle and Capital Machinery Financing).
- Bai-Muajjal (Trade and Working Capital Financing)
- Hire Purchase Shirkatul Melk (Home Appliance, Home Furniture, Residential and Commercial Properties Financing).
- ♦ Bai-Murabaha (As-Safari-Hajj Financing)

DEPOSIT PRODUCT AND SERVICE

- Mudaraba Monthly Hajj Savings Scheme
- ♦ Al-Wadia Hajj Savings Scheme
- Mudaraba Term Deposit (3/6/12/24/36 months)
- Mudaraba Savings Scheme
- Mudaraba Profit Withdrawl Term Deposit (12/24/36 months)
- Mudaraba Monthly Savings Scheme
- ♦ Mudaraba Double Benefit Scheme

In modern days, the global banking and financial services are operating in a very challenging economic environment. Being part of this competitive environment, Hajj Finance Company Limited (HFCL) has

completed its 13th years of operation with moderate growth. This sustainable growth is mainly attributed to team work and sound business policies. Despite having a strong competitive environment, HFCL stayed true to theirr disciplined management approach by managing risks and maxim-izing quality in their assets.

Since 2013 to 2019 HFCL has managed our asset portfolio under four Shariah Complied product covering corporate, SME and retail segments. HFCL has managed to increase its investment portfolio more than 3 times from 2013 to 2019.



Doa mahfil at the office of Hajj Finance Company Ltd

SECTOR WISE INVESTMENT SCENARIO

HFCL financing extension has covered the significant sectors of the economy. They have covered sectors like Textile, Garments & Knitwear, Food Production and Processing Industries, Pharmaceutical, Cement, Telecom& IT, Iron, Steel & Engineering, Agriculture, Trade & Commerce etc.

ACHIEVEMENT

Being a Shariah based financial institution, since inception Hajj Finance Company Limited has been trying its best to uphold the value of shariah banking through their various products and services. Over the years the company has achieved stable growth and maintained a value based decent professional environment which is surely different than other NBFIs operating in Bangladesh. In 2019, HFCL has put their best effort to keep nonperforming loan (NPL) as tolerable as possible and preserved a fair investment portfolio size which helps to achieve sustainable business growth.



DAM President, GS and other officials at the office of AeS

AHSANIA E SOLUTIONS

Established in 2009, Ahsania E Solutions, a specialized IT institution of Dhaka Ahsania Mission is dedicated to deliver highest quality IT Solutions to their clients specially in outsourcing sector. Gradually it increased its capabilities to deliver high quality customized software and website.

AES emphasis on quality services at affordable price with guaranteed client satisfaction. It's mission is to contribute in national economy by creating employments in IT sector and bring revenue in the form of remittance.

FOCAL POINTS

- ♦ Quality
- ♦ Affordable price
- ♦ Free trial
- Speedy turnaround time (2hr to 24hr) in OS sector
- all 365 days of a year

REPORTING YEAR

In the beginning of the year AES had operated business at high satisfactory level. In this process for the first time AES could start to contribute DAM. Howover the momentum was halted due to COVID-19 pandenic.

MEASURES TAKEN

- Conducted series of meeting with overseas clients to help ease the situation and restart the business
- To reduce expenditure at a minimum to meet the crisis
- Approaching few e-commerce vendors and ventures to have GSA



An inner view of Book Distribute House

AHSANIA MISSION BOOK DISTRIBUTION HOUSE (AMBDH)

Core Functions: Ahsania Mission Book distribution House (AMBDH) has been working as one of the leading distributor of Foreign & Local books in Bangladesh aiming to promote reading habit to enhance the knowledge level of people of Bangladesh. One of the biggest efforts of AMBDH has been to make available of the education materials world wide for Scientific, technical & professional person through the institution libraries across the country. All the renowned international publishers (Taylor & Francis UK, Sage Pub UK, John Wiley USA, Pearson USA, Trafalgar USA, Springer Nature Germany, Atlantic Pub. India, CBS Pub. India, TAN Prints India etc) are associated with AMBDH.

Over the year AMBDH has supplied foreign books to almost all the renowned Institution including Dhaka University, Khulna University, Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP), Shajalal University of Science & Technology (SUST), Bangladesh Oceanographic Research Institute (BORI), BSMR Maritime University ,Bangladesh University Engineering & Technology (BUET), National Institute of Laboratory Medicine & Referral Center (NILMRC), National Institute of Preventive & Social Medicine (NIPSOM), Leather Research Institute, MIST, DSCSC, DUET, etc.

AMBDH outlet popularly known as Boi Bazaar is also helping children to grow up with the reading habit by making the materials available of their choice. Many of the English medium students buy their text books & Stationeries from Boi Bazar.

The following activities have been performed during the reporting period:

- 97 percent of targeted sale has been achieved during the reporting period
- ♦ 27 Govt. & Private Universities/ Institution were visited for promotional purpose during the reporting period
- In-Charge of AMBDH (Mr. Bakir Hossain) visited world Book Fair held in New Delhi, India during the reporting period
- AMBDH has been paid large amounts of direct and indirect Income Tax & VAT to the govt. treasury during the reporting period



Cattle farming in Jashore

AHSANIA MISSION CATTLE AND DAIRY PROJECT



Ostrich birds in Ahsania Mission Cattle and Dairy Project

Ahsania Mission Cattle and Dairy Project was set up in 2017 at Hashimpur, Jessore, on 55 Bigha Land, where Cattles are being raised through organic way. Currently the project has 16 national-spices cows and 58 Black Bengal goats. The ponds are being used for cultivation of fish and ducks. Twelve Bighas of land have been leased out for icome generation.

Arrangements have also been made to raise deer, peacock, Ostrich birds by setting up an Ahsania Mission Mini-Park. Once this park gets governmental approval, it will be opened to the public beginning 1 November 2020, with an entry fee. Different kinds of fish are being cultivated in the ponds and the banks of the ponds are being used to make the park a place of peoples' liking in the future. Work is in progress now.



Health sector Institutions



Treatment undergoing at AMCGH, Uttara

AHSANIA MISSION CANCER AND GENERAL HOSPITAL. **UTTARA**

It is estimated that there are around 2.5 million cancer patients in Bangladesh and about 200,000 new cases are being added every year out of which 150,000 die annually. Facilities and resources available for detection and treatment of cancer are very limited in Bangladesh. Management of cancer patients is a multi-disciplinary one. The absence of multi-disciplinary approach can be identified as a major handicap in the effective treatment of cancer patients.

In this backdrop, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) undertook a bold initiative to build a 500-bed worldclass cancer hospital in Bangladesh at Sector-10, Uttara, Dhaka. It was inaugurated on 9 April 2014 by the Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina. It is situated on the bank of river Turag, where more than 15 million people live with limited access to healthcare services. It is a fifteen storied building having facilities for the treatment of both cancer and general patients with an emphasis on cancer treatment.

Facilities

The super-structure of AMCGH has already been installed in Phase-I of the project and the hospital commissioned operation in April 2014. Currently the hospital has 250 operational beds (oncology), 23 outpatient consultation rooms, and four operation theatres. It has a visible plan to launch a 50-seat Medical College in the same compound and also a Nursing Training Institute. Within the Phase-II, the plan is to ensure expanding indoor bed number, increasing OT numbers, 13 bed NICU and 11 bed CCU installation and to start Medical College and Nurse institute activites.

Objectives

- To provide high quality diagnostic and therapeutic care to mitigate the suffering of cancer patients
- To ensure effective screening, diagnosis and treatment to reduce cancer related mortality

- ♦ To improve the quality of life for cancer patients through support, rehabilitation and palliative care
- ♦ To improve effective cancer control in Bangladesh through research
- ♦ To organize and conduct structured hands on training courses for professionals
- ♦ To create database for cancer patients and online inflow of information
- ♦ To save foreign currency by minimizing cancer patients going abroad for treatment
- ◆ To develop the institution as "Centre of Excellence" in the field of cancer control
- To provide 30 percent treatment and care facilities to less affluent patients at affordable cost as well as to make provision of free treatment for the poor patients
- To run the hospital on "No-Profit, No-Loss" basis with the provision to utilize any operating surplus for subsidizing the treatment cost for poor patients.

Cancer patients receiving services during July 2019 – June 2020

Outdoor Patient Visit	130880
Cancer Patient Registration	4745
Indoor Admission	3521
Number of Registered Discount Patient	16239

Diagnosis is the first step for managing a medical condition. AMCGH has state-of-the-art diagnostic facilities to detect cancer at any age. Specialized treatment facilities are present and the patient can receive world class cancer therapies in the hospital.

Awareness Activities against Cancer

- ♦ AMCGH team puts their effort to create awareness, advise and refer marginalized people with the risk of breast cancer
- A mobile mammography unit works to ensure best services for examination and screening of breast cancer

Recognition Received

- ♦ Trainining from AMCGH Radiotherapy department has been recognized for the Fellowship Examination under Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).
- MoU has been signed between AMCGH and International University of Business, Agriculture & Technology (IUBAT); and AMCGH and Islamic University & Technology (IUT) as corporate clients for patient (staff, student) service delivery.
- MoU has been signed between Robi Axiata and AMCGH regarding establishment of application `NOOR' in relation to the fund raising program for the poor cancer patient treatment facilities.
- MoU has been signed between ICDDR,B & AMCGH regarding enlistment of hospitals for ICDDR,B staff benefit.

Cancer treatment services

Treatment Method

- ♦ Radiotherapy
- Surgery
- ♦ Chemotherapy
- ♦ Brachytherapy

Medical & Imaging Department

Diagnostic Methods

- ♦ CT Scan
- MRI
- ♦ X-Ray
- USG

Laboratory Medicine Department

Diagnostic Methods

- ♦ Hematology
- Transfusion Medicine
- ♦ Clinical Biochemistry
- ♦ Microbiology
- ♦ Histopathology
- ♦ Immunology

- ♦ Clinical Pathology
- ♦ Serology
- ♦ Immunohistochemistry
- ♦ Cyto-Pathology

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Special program marking World Cancer Day at AMCGH

- MoU has been signed between Alumni of AUST Architects & AMCGH regarding enlistment of hospitals for Alumni of AUST Architects staff benefit.
- MoU has been signed between The Senior Citizen Society & AMCGH regarding enlistment of hospitals for The Senior Citizen Society Members benefit.
- MoU has been signed between Express Leather Product Ltd (ELPL) & AMCGH regarding enlistment of hospitals for Express Leather Product Ltd (ELPL) staff benefit.
- MoU has been signed between GD ASSIST LIMITED & AMCGH regarding enlistment of



Rally to celebrate World Cancer Day

- hospitals for GD ASSIST LIMITED s staff benefit.
- MoU has been signed between Noman Group & AMCGH regarding enlistment of hospitals for Noman Group s staff benefit.

Skilled Human Resource

Recruitment is an ongoing activity for AMCGH which is complemented by training programmes in all fields of the hospital care services. The planned training programme of AMCGH covers the following-

- Training for key physicians, nurses and paramedical technicians in the field of oncology for at least six months in established cancer hospitals abroad.
- Training abroad in the field of oncology, particularly in the field of radiation and chemotherapy. This training is targeted for specialist physicians who have already acquired that skill locally.
- Moreover, the management is aware that retaining skilled human resource is a challenge. As a result the hospital has allowed the full-time employee doctors to practice at the hospital premises under the consultant compensation framework after office hours.

AHSANIA MISSION CANCER AND GENERAL HOSPITAL (AMCGH) MIRPUR

There are 13 to 15 lakh cancer patient in Bangladesh with about two lakh patients suffering from various type of cancer. Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital (AMCGH) Mirpur was established in 2001. The hospital is situated is Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Road, Plot no-M-1/C, Section-14, Mirpur.

Cancer is one of the most frightening and debilitating conditions. Early detection is the key to proper cancer treatment and the diagnosis mast be precise. AMCGH Mirpur provides comprehensive and collaborative treatment and midical services to fight cancer and other general diseases.



Test report being prepared at AMCGH, Mirpur

SERVICES

Pathology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Immunology, Histopathology are done in the state of art laboratory, Radiology & Imaging department also has excellent imaging, technology including X-ray, Mammography, color Doppler, Echocardiogram, Ultra sonogram, Colposcopy etc.

Oncology Unit: AMCGH Mirpur has a strong oncology unit offers services to adult and children with ALL, AML, NHL and other cancers. Monthly VIA camp colposcopy and Pap smear are done for early detection for cervical cancer. Breast cancer center provides support through expert physician.

Facilities: Out patient department of AMCGH provides services for general health, Medicine, Cardiology, Respiratory Medicine, Ophthalmology, ENT, Surgery, Gatroentorology, Palliative care, Family Medicine, Physical Medicine, Physiotherapy, Gynae and Obstetrics, Paediatrics etc.

Operation Theaters : Two operation theaters, post-operative unit, surgical oncology, general surgery,

Gynaecology, Orthopedics, head & neck surgery, dental and maxillofacial surgery provide their services in the hospital.

Specialized Unit: State of the art Intensive Care unit was established in 2015 which provides cheapest but high standard clinical support through advanced amenities.

Maternal and Child Health Care: Gynaenocology and Obstetrics department delivers a whole range of maternal & child healthcare services like ANC, PNC, NVD, Caesarian section, hysterectomy, ophorectomy and other maneuvers. Advanced machines were procured for better services.

Family Planning and EPI Programme: Family planning counseling and procedures and EPI programme every week is going on.

Dental Unit: Dental department provides various dental and maxillofacial treatment such as scaling, tooth filling, tooth extraction, Root Cannel, crown, bridge work, artificial teeth replacement, minor oral surgery, cyst, oral tumour operation regularly.

Health Check-up Package: At a reasonable cost a complete health package for screening of Communicable and non-communicable diseases was offered.

Blood Bank: AMCGH, Mirpur has a blood bank that provides services to meet the needs. Blood donation programmes are also organized regularly.

Developemnt of Dengue Cell: Developemnt of Dengue Cell as per direction of DGHS for the fight against epidemic crisis of Dengue Fever.

Patient Turn out in Dengue Cell

Dengue Test	No. of Patient
NS1 (Positive)	98
IgG, IgM, (Positive)	44
NS1, IgG, IgM, (Negative)	33
Total	175

Future Plan: Establishment of Radiotherapy Unit with 7th floor Specialized Oncology and general Hospital in front of existing AMCGH Mirpur Hospital.



Health Education Session

AHSANIA MISSION DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a serious and complex problem that affects personal, family and social lives of a person. Its treatment requires proper care which addresses all the issues and offers solutions to ancillary problems. As part of carrying out humanitarian service in pectoral and outwardly, Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC) has been conducting intervention on awareness and healing of drug addiction since 1990. It now runs three drug treatment and rehabilitation centers: two for male, one for female and some other programmes. Now it has been emerged as the pioneer institution in this sector.

AMIC 30 Years: Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), since 1958, contributes to the country's upliftment through its social development functions. Its instrument for implementing activities in prevention and control of drug abuse is the Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC), which proudly steps into its 30th year in 2020 as the Health Sector. Its significant role was lauded on 22 February 2020 by Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, in his Chief Guest's speech at a programme in Dhaka. Attended by the heads of the

Prisons and Narcotics Control Departments, Ahsania University of Science and Technology (AUST) and DAM, the programme was held at AUST auditorium.

AHSANIA MISSION DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER, GAZIPUR

It is situated at Miah Bari Sarak, Rajendrapur, Gazipur. It has been providing services since 2004. During the reporting period, 146 patients were admitted at Gazipur center, among which 36 patients were under follow up, and 96 patients completed their treatment course. A total of 84 patients were dropped in the middle of their treatment. DAM continuously helps economically vulnerable patients through fee discounts, which 33 patients received during the reporting year.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

 Gazipur center arranges regular monthly family education meetings awareness where experts discuss these issues with the family members of SUD patients. A total of seven such

- meetings took place at the center during the reporting year.
- Gazipur center has observed the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2020 and organized events reflecting its theme "Better Knowledge for Better Care", International Mother Language Day, Pohala Boishakh, Independence Day, Recovery Month, Victory Day, and New Year's Celebration with joyous participation of the center staffs and patients.
- ♦ Gazipur center celebrates Recovery Month during September every year to increase awareness and understanding of mental disorders and SUD and to celebrate the recovery lives of patients. Many patients who completed treatment joined the various colorful events arranged during the month. A football match was held between the patients on recovery and the patients who were under treatment as a part of the celebration, where the former won the match.
- ◆ Gazipur center provides all psychological services as well as regular medical services. A total of 106 blood samples were referred to Monasef Ahsania Health Center during this year for medical tests. Psychological treatments were provided to 533 patients through psychiatrists and 809 general medical consultations were provided through physicians and other healthcare workers.

AHSANIA MISSION DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER, JESSORE

It is situated at Vakutia of Jessore district in a suitable location of nine bigha area. It has been providing service since 2010 in a spacious five storied building. It has a 75-bed capacity and 96 clients have received services during the reporting year.

To raise awareness on tobacco and SUD among students and teachers, Jashore center organized four awareness programmes in Satkhira CT College, Satkhira; Jashore Education Board Model School and College, Jashore; CDF Vhabon Raipara, Jashore; and Nowapara Institute, Jashore. An anti-drug concert was organized at Jashore Townhall ground in collaboration with the District Narcotics Control Office.

♦ Jessore center celebrated various national and international days in collaboration with local administration - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June 2020; International Women's Day; World No Tobacco Day; World AIDS Day; International Mother Language Day; Bengali New Year; Victory Day, Independence Day, and Eld. Events such as discussion meetings, rally, human chain formation, sports competition, cultural function and campaigns were organized during occasion. On the founding anniversary of Department of Narcotics Control, a seminar and rally were also organized.



Health Services in UPHCSDP at COVID19

- ♦ Jessore center celebrated the "30th National Recovery Month" in September 2019. A discussion meeting titled "Tales of the Winners" was organized for the patients on recovery to share their journey, where almost 35 patients participated. Mr. Bahauddin Rana, Deputy Director, District Narcotics Control Office, Jashore; and various print media personnel were also present duirng the meeting.
- World Mental Health Day 2019 was celebrated with the theme "Improving Mental Health and Preventing Suicide" at the Jashore center, where almost 45 family members of the patients with mental disorders took part. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam Selim, renowned psychiatrist of Kushtia Medical College, honored the occasion as the Chief Speaker.

AHSANIA MISSION DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER, DHAKA

Ahsania Mission Female Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center started providing its

IMPORTANT SERVICES: AT A GLANCE

Service/Activity Name	Gazipur	Jessore	Dhaka (Female)
Admission	146	96	77
Graduation	96	87	53
Individual counseling	1111	705	637
Group counseling	187	44	37
Family Counseling	109	53	248
Tele-counseling/Telephone follow-up	2099	789	499
NA meeting	279	230	48
Psycho-social education session	374	390	428
Psychiatric treatment	533	171	330
General medical treatment/Checkup	809	527	361
Family education meeting	7	10	5
Job placement	3	-	-



Inception meeting Nov 19

treatment services on 12 April 2014 for the female patients with SUD of 18-50 years of age. The center has a capacity of 35 patients. It is situated at its own building in Shyamoli, Dhaka.

- The center conducts various awareness campaigns at social media platforms and with different stakeholders. It handed over posters at seven Thana areas, pharmacies, educational institutions, hospitals and other public places of Dhaka city during the reporting period.
- Female center also runs an active Facebook page with 1933 followers.
- On 15 February 2020, the Ahsania Center organized a seminar on the role of psychiatrists in drug addiction treatment. Firose Jeehan, Counselor of the center presented the key note. Associate Professor of National Institute of Mental Health, Dr. Helal Uddin Ahmed presided the seminar, where 12 psychiatrists and other addiction professionals participated.

- ♦ The center observed International Women's Day on 8 March 2020 through human chain formation, organizing discussion meeting with in-house and patients on recovery and special cultural programme.
- With the slogan "Better Knowledge for Better Care", the center organized an in-house sharing programme on 26 June 2020 to observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.



UTC Training for Addiction Professionals

- Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) celebrated its 30th anniversary on 1 January 2020, where the female center team participated through setting up displays of different anti-drug awareness BCC material.
- ♦ September is globally acknowledged as the month of recovery. The female center celebrated the month with the theme ``Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger`` through organizing a recovery sharing programme titled "Winner's Story" on 22 September 2019 with the participation of all female SUD patients on recovery who completed their treatment from the center. Ten such victorious shared their stories of how they won the battle against drug addiction, the obstacles they faced and the roles of their families
- During the reporting period, the center has followed up 200 patients who completed the treatment about their recovery journey. The center proudly notified that at least 100 of them are enjoying their drug-free recovery lives.

Case study

RAHMAN'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

I am Arifur Rahman and I am 34 years old. My family lives in Balia village of Jigorkacha Upazila. I am the eldest son of my family. My father is a very renowned teacher in our village. I was very good at my studies and achieved very good result in high school in 2002. Then I moved to Jashore to attend college.

After getting admitted in a college in Jashore, I started to fall in the grips of drugs. I started to smoke cannabis with cigarettes and got involved with other anti-social activities influenced by my friends. Day by day, my addiction was increasing. After a while, my physical condition got very bad, but still I continued using the drugs until 2014.

My family felt helpless. They received information about the Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in Jashore through a family friend in 2015. They admitted me here in the same year. I completed the full treatment course in here and received graduation.

Now I am living a drug-free life and I have a job in a Government school of the locality. Everyone has a newfound love and respect for me seeing my transformation. I am very grateful for what my parents did for me, and especially thankful to "Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center" for appropriate treatment that helps me to lead a drug-free productive life for last four years.



Hema Ahmed Hospital

HENA AHMED HOSPITAL

Hena Ahmed Hospital is situated at Alampur village of Hasara union, Sreenagar Upazila, Munshigoni. The hospital started its activities from May 2016. Hena Ahmed Hospital was established with the financial aid from Ms. Hena Ahmed - a local philanthropist, and it has been managed by DAM Health Sector ever since. The hospital started its journey to render essential healthcare services to the needy, povertystricken people of Hasara, Sekhernagar and Badoikhali union in Munshigonj at an affordable cost. The 20bed Hosipital provides 24-hour emergency services, indoor and outdoor services, injury management and family planning services, diagnostic services through laboratory investigations including Ultrasonography and X-ray; and follow up consultations with specialist physicians. Patients can buy medicine and surgical items from its pharmacy at low cost.

During July 2019 – June 2020, HAH provided health-care services to 7,392 patients with different ailments. Specialists on gynecology and obstetrics, neuro-medicine, pain and diabetes are delivering their services regularly at the hospital. During the reporting period, Hena Ahmed Hospital has managed successful delivery of 80 babies under the supervision of obstetrician consultant through normal and Cesarian section operations. Additionally,

HAH has started 24-hour X-ray services during this period.

HAH has also been conducting community level mass awareness programmes on maternal and child health, EPI, family planning, TB, HIV/AIDS, sexual reproductive health and tobacco-control issues through organizing musical concert (folk song), announcements etc. Moreover, through the Service Promoters, HAH has been conducting BCC activities on violence against women, nutrition, and gender equity for health and rights and entitlement for health services at household levels to improve health seeking behavior.

The hospital has organized three medical camps during the reporting period on the following specialties for the people of Sreenagar and Serajdekhan Upazila in Munshiganj –

Details	Date	Total Patient
Medicine & Kidney Camp	13.09.2019	205
Child Camp	21.02 2020	150
Blood Sugar & Grouping Camp	15.02 2020	305

HENA AHMED SHANTI NIBASH – AN INITIATIVE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Hena Ahmed Shantinibash, a residence for senior citizens, managed by the Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), is situated at Alampur village under Hasara Union of Sreenagar Upazilla in Munshiganj District. Hena Ahmed Shantinibash was inaugurated on 22 June 2020 to esnure care, proper dignity, with the scopes for appropriate leisure activities and adequate health checkups for senior citizens of 60 years and above who are unable to live with their families for various reasons.

During the reporting period, essential furniture such coat hangers, chairs, tables, mattresses, bed spreads, mosquito nets, pillows, TV, freeze, sofa, and utensils were purchased. Various promotional materials like 10,000 leaflets, banners and stickers have been developed and distributed. As part of the promotional activities, Health Sector has communicated with different stakeholders and other senior citizen residences. Website and Facebook page for this initiative have been developed. The center has been identified, included and Isited in

Google Map. Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) and admission forms have been developed. The boundary works for the premises has also been completed during this period.

On 23 March 2020, a female senior citizen was admitted in Hena Ahmed Shanti Nibash and she has been enjoying the residential, food, treatment and other facilities. Many guardians have communicated with the center, visited the place and shown their interests to admit their loved ones. Many have expressed their plans for admission once COVID-19 pandemic situation is improved.

MONOJOTNO CENTER

Sound mental health is a pre-requisite of wellbeing. However, the incidents of psychological disorders are increasing day by day. About 40 percent of Bangladesh population is in need of mental health services. Considering the scenario, DAM took a specialized initiative to enhance such facilities through establishing MONOJOTNO center in July 2018. The center has expertise to deal with numerous mental health problems; such as depression, anxiety, panic attack, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), anger problems, psychosexual problem, concentration problem, relationship conflict, family conflict, couple conflict, social phobia, behavioral problems of children, drug addiction and other addiction related problems. During the reporting period, the following services were provided:

Services	Number of services/ sessions		
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Individual counseling	73		
Family counseling	19		
Follow-up counseling	08		
Total sessions	100		

- By focusing on the theme "Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention" a discussion meeting was organized, where Government representatives, DAM officials, Health Sector Director, mental health professionals, and development workers were present. The key note focused on the importance of mental wellbeing and prevention of suicide through combined effort. Discussants emphasized to promote mental health at grassroot level.
- In COVID-19 response, MONOJOTNO center has initiated free online counseling sessions. A total of 25 sessions have already been provided. Many patients have been receiving counseling for the panic caused by COVID-19 and on general mental health issues.
- For raising awareness on the importance of mental wellbeing in COVID-19 pandemic situation, MONOJOTNO center has been regularly sharing templates on social media platforms with beneficial messages on how to overcome panic, importance of mental strength, negative impacts of social stigma etc.





Long queue take treatment service from Monasef Ahsania Health Center

MONASEF AHSANIA HEALTH CENTER

Established in May 2019, Monasef Ahsania Health Center is situated in Kamarjuri Village, near the National University, Gazipur. It was founded in February 2015 by Al-Hajj Md. Alauddin, a UK citizen from a respectable local family, who named this health center



Courtyard meeting organized by Monasef Ahsania Health Center

after his father, late Al-Hajj Md. Monasef. Later it was handed over to the Health Sector. The center is wellknown for providing standard and affordable healthcare services with its utmost priority for patient satisfaction. Monasef Ahsania Health Centre believes that providing healthcare is a true humanitarian endeavor and it brings great joy to positively impact

the society with outstanding healthcare facilities at affordable costs for the local people.

- During July 2019 June 2020, Monasef Ahsania Health Center has provided exemplary services, enabled by expert physicians and resourceful staffs. More than 1250 patients received services from the center on - Reproductive and maternal healthcare; Child healthcare; Diabetes treatment and Skin and VD treatment.
- Monasef Ahsania Health Center provides a comprehensive range of high-quality diagnostic tests, delivering accurate and authentic reports for the patients through -Hematological test, Urine test, Ultra sonogram and ECG.
- The center presents a plethora of medicines manufactured by renowned companies in its pharmacy. It tries to ensure that all types of medicines are available at reasonable prices in here.
- Free Blood Group Testing Camp on 18 and 28 January 2020 and 18 February 2020; which provided authentic blood grouping for 510 people.

- Free Eye Camp on 26 February 202; which provided free eye check-up for around 120 people.
- Vitamin-A Capsule Campaign on 25 January 2020; which provided Vitamin-A capsules among a total of 314 children of 6 month to 5 years.
- ◆ Satellite Meeting on 01 November 2019, 18 December 2019 and 16 February 2020;



Eye Corner Opening Ceremony at Monasef Ahsania Health Center

regarding common diseases of winter season, common diseases of women, and COVID-19. Physicians spoke on these topics during the occasions and other staffs were present as facilitators.

- Free Health-card Distribution on 07 January 2020; which provided free health cards for almost 45 poor people. With this card, all the facilities of MAHC are completely free of cost for them.
- MOU with Industrial Garments Companies on 10 March 2020 between MAHC and MR Sweaters to provide easy healthcare access to its employees.
- Free Medical Camp on 27 September 2019; which provided free consultations to above 80 patients with gynecological problems. They were also offered free medicine and 30 percent discount to all pathological tests.

Case study

COURAGE DEFEATS HOPELESSNESS

Shafiq (pseudo name), 27 years old, married man, had been sufferings from SUD induced anxiety for one year. He used to take yaba and sleeping pills. He expressed that he had been suffering from hopelessness, irritation and excessive anger. He had some relationship problems; especially he used to feel extensive doubts towards his wife. His wife lived in USA as a US citizen. Shafiq was referred to MONOJOTNO Center through a psychiatrist. At first, Center's clinical psychologist assessed his drug dependence, anger issues and relationship problems through verbal assessment. Detailed histories of his dependence, upbringing, family condition, education and marital issues were recorded. Due to his drug dependency, his daily life and family relationships were destroyed.

His parents were very protective. They had very high expectation from Shafiq. He completed his MBA and was doing a good job. He married a lady with US citizenship chosen by his family. Their marriage took place over telephone. But few days later, Shafiq started to have doubt about his wife's behavior and he assumed that maybe his wife was having another relationship over there. This a conflict in him, and he started using substances. He lost his job and fell in extreme depression. With these problems, he was admitted into a rehabilitation center, where he completed two-month long treatment.

Unfortunately he relapsed after only three months. He was advised some medication, which he eventually stopped taking and became dependant on sleeping pills. He started taking yaba as well. At this situation Shafiq was brought to the MONOJOTNO Center. After the assessment of thorough history, therapist formulated a treatment plan after discussing with Shafiq and his family. Through modification, psychoeducation, problem solving skills, graded task activity, anger management, relaxation technique, recovery journey, ways to overcome relationship problems and other issues were discussed in detail during Shafiq's sessions. Family sessions were also conducted with his family memebrs.

Shafiq accepted and acknowledged all the infomration and he was focused to change himself. Through regular practice and psychotherapy, Shafiq realized that he could find solutions to his problems. He was fully focused to move to USA to be with his wife. He understood that using drugs and excessive anger will create barrier to build up his carrier. He expressed his gratitude towards the MONOJOTNO Center for the tremendous support it provided during his crucial time.

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AHSANIA MISSION INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Ahsania Mission Institute of Medical Technology (AMIMT) is approved by the Health & Family Welfare Ministry of the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and duly registered by the State Medical Faculty of Bangladesh.



Front Desk view of AMIMT

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ To Provide broad based education and professional development for the students
- To help the students to acquire knowledge, skill and positive attitude to deal with the health problems of the community
- ♦ To build a recognized standard curricula or tailor-made to suit multiple customer needs

Campus and Location: Ahsania Mission Institute of Medical Technology (AMIMT) is located at plot –M-1/C, Section-14, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Departments: Following departments are running in AMIMT:

Diploma Courses

- ♦ Laboratory Medicine (Pathology)
- Radiology and Imaging
- Physiotherapy

One year certificate courses

- Laboratory Medicine
- Nursing Technology

On completion of the courses every student develop leadership skills, competince and excellence; and uphold moral and ethical values in the services of society and in the practice of the profession.

They also develop knowledge, attitude and skills in the perfomance of different sites needed to help the physicians in the proper diagnosis, treatment, prognosis and prevention of diseases.



Specialized institutions



Students of Ahsania Mission Children City, Panchagarh getting ready to play football at its ground

AHSANIA MISSION CHILDREN CITY

Disadvantaged Childrens' Rehabilitation, Empowerment and Advancement Mission (DREAM) Project

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) projected the number of street children in Bangladesh at 1.5 million in 2015 and it will reach to 1.56 million in 2024. The role of appropriate education for empowerment of children – especially the disadvantaged groups like the street or working children – has been unequivocally established. Article 17 of the Constitution of Bangladesh recognizes the right to education for all including the disadvantaged children.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission with its long experience and expertise in working with street children, had conceived the idea of developing a "Children City" with the objective of rehabilitating these children and allowing them to grow within an enabling environment where they can unleash their latent social energy and exhibit their potentials and creativity. The Ahsania Mission Children

City (AMCC), implemented under the project entitled "Disadvantaged children's Rehabilitation, Empowerment and Advancement Mission (DREAM)" has already started its operation at Panchagarh district from June 1, 2019 with the support of Kindernothilfe (KNH Germany).

KEY SERVICES

- Safe accommodation with necessary protection support and participation mechanism
- Ensure healthy life, nutrition and personal hygiene
- Education, job skill and mental development support
- Sustainable social reintegration and socialization
- Multi-level advocacy, networking and sustainability initiatives

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

Safe Accommodation: 265 children received safe accommodation with health, hygiene, food, cloth,





Childrens Sharing their joy during Eid-ul-Fitr

safe water and necessary support from the AMCC-DREAM project. During the rescue, report to the local police station and open a case management file to develop a rehabilitation strategy led by center manager. The like-minded organization, activist supports to find and select the children. For inclusive development, DAM developed a holistic approach which includes Agriculture, Moral Education along



AMCC celebrates International Children's Day and Childs Rights week

with mainstream education, career counseling with regular counseling, sport and creative (talent hunt), health education and service and employment generation. However, child enrollment severely impacted due to COVID 19 outbreak.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

A paramedic provides regular health care and nutrition support, a counselor for mental health support. Paramedic takes support from local health department as required, as new and additional initiative, for COVID 19 pandemic, DREAM project distributed health and sanitization material, lockdown the center, conducted awareness rising session by local civil surgeon office. Major treatment support was needed for the children in the center for seasonal flu and children have taken services several times. 24 children received routine health care support and 48 children received tiny medical support from medical practitioner.

EDUCATION AND JOB SKILL

AMCC established a primary school up-to grade-V, enrolled children in neighboring government and non-government schools and technical institutes (market oriented job skill). A teacher for multi-grade teaching is working in the center who is teaching newly enrolled children; hence the newly enrolled children were directly admitted in the school managed by DAM. A psycho-social counselor is providing mental health development support and de-traumatizing.

SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL REINTEGRATION AND SOCIALIZATION

21 children were re-integrated into families and 28 children were selected for re-integration. As part of socialization, the project provisioned to interact with other community agencies, community people, festivals, national and international day observation. 265 children participated in social and cultural event in the society.

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

Three CVAC meetings held were during this reporting period, the members of the committee actively participated in the meetings. A national lavel advocacy seminar was organized by the project on 17 February 2020. 62 organization attended the seminar. Advocate Fazle Rabbi Mia, MP was the chief guest and Shamsul Hag Tuku, MP chairman of Child rights CACUS special guest. The policy makers acknowledged the issues, 12 prints and electronic media highlighted the glimpses of the seminar. It produced IEC materials, and distributed 2000 leaflets; strengthened strong relationship with local community, national level actors and street children activist network (SCAN Bangladesh).

Future Plan: To develop a holistic approach programme as a model of street children rehabilitation by using existing resources and mobilizing resources which includes.

Children Status of AMCC

(June 2020)	Total
Family/shelter less	19
Single Parent	158
Missing parents	63

Case study

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, A **BEST WAY TO CHILD PARTICIPATION** THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT

The Dream project introduces joint management committee for ensuring the adequate services in the center. In the committee 24 children and project staff work together to address concerns in the center. The objective is to settle all the primary problem or demand raised in the living room, in which to manage childrens' daily needs residence, food, cloth, medical treatment, education, entertainment, safeguarding, rights, participation, and socialization. The core agenda of the committee is: 1) Solve the primary issues 2) Increase interaction between children 3) Banishment of child's dissatisfaction 4) Ensuring a healthier environment for each room 5) Maintain cleanliness 6) Referral physical issues 7) Referral mutation of Mental or behavioral issues 8) Create a learning environment 9) Appropriate usage of children's materials 10) Enhance children's leadership capacity 11) Increase self-awareness.

Through this system, children achieve the ability of adaptation in every environment. They are encouaged to share opinions. They learn how to figure out their problems and how to solve issues. It is making them interested in positive competitions. Their attention in education has increased. A twelve-year old boy Jahan, (not his real name) used to use too many slang words, belligerent and always tried to escape the center. In the first phase, the child representative and other children in his room tried to solve the problem in their room. But they couldn't solve it anyhow. So finding no other way they discussed it with the room based management team and decide to send for counseling support. Now Jahan is an active member of joint management committee. Another child Bakir (not his real name), never cleaned his bed and kept his room unclean, kept the water taps open in the washrooms, etc. The other children in the room were displeased with this. Children discussed with the committee member and tried to solve the issue and they decided that five of the children from the room will teach and monitor his activity by rotation every week. After a month, the committee noticed that the issue was solved and room regulation was maintained.

The Joint Management Committee creates a positive impact in the project, solving their issues on their own, providing family like environment. Whenever, they failed to solve their issues themselves, remaining calm and steady, they brought these matters to the system and solved it easily and effectively.





Children of KACACDW are seen in the class room

KNH-AHSANIA CENTER FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN & DESTITUTE WOMEN

BACKGROUND

In Bangladesh in most of the cities and towns, particularly the metropolitan cities have been witnessing the continued growth of the abandoned children. The widespread poverty, violence against women and family breakups amongst the poor working class also cause large number of children to be abandoned. The situation of abandoned children of 0-5 age group is more vulnerable than any other age group. On the other hand, there are a considerable number of illegitimate children of rape victims who are deserted by their parents and family members and as a result they become abandoned and take shelter in the streets. The blame for sexual abuse and violence often fall on women due to lack of empowerment. In most cases, victims are considered guilty and do not get support from the family and society. As a result many sexually abused victims need to leave their home and take shelter in an unfamiliar and unfriendly place in the streets just to give birth to the child. Not to be noticed by their relatives and friends. Unwanted pregnancy and denial of abortion create immense pressure for the rape victims to survive.

Sexually abused victims when they leave home while carrying baby is very difficult to get a safe and secured place to stay

KEY SERVICES

- Safe Accommodation for abandoned Children and destitute woman
- ♦ Health and Nutrition
- ♦ Education and Extra Curricular Activity
- ♦ Reintegration and follow-up
- Advocacy and Networking

and give birth. This the lives of the women and her expecting baby come very vulnerable. Once an illegitimate child is born the victim often abandons it in such an extremely risky situation that might often cause death to the new-born.

Against this backdrop, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) mandated to pursue humanitarian services for the vulnerable group of the society and having the working with the marginalized children and destitute women, has taken the initiative to establish a center for abandoned children of 0-5 age group as well as pregnant mothers and their new born babies who are victims of rape and sexual violence. This project is being implemented by the support of KNH-Germany. Through this initiative DAM will

of children received the services, among them nine children studying in local school remaining children are receiving ECD in the center. Two mothers had birth to two children, the mother and the children have been provided specialized treatment for critical health problem.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

All the children and destitute women received nutritious food and balanced diet and the infant babies were given special diet recommended by on call Doctor. All the children and women's weight, height were assessed on weekly basis and recorded in register. In total two mothers and 12 children were recommended for major treatment in hospital. The



Wearing colorful dress children of KACACDW are celebrating Eid

ensure holistic development of young children and safeguard their human rights through various age specie programmes and activities.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

SAFE ACCOMMODATION

22 abandoned children and destitute women received safe accommodation services from the project. Amongst them four destitute young women and 18 children have taken services from the Centre with two women - one was successfully reintegrated to their own family and the other referred to other organization. The destitute woman had been receiving support from last quarter. In the center, 18

major problems were health hygiene practice; life skills on reproductive/sexual health. Orientations were organized in the center for adolescent girls and five girls received orientation.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Nine children were educated in different schools around the center, participated in International Mothers Language in the school. Besides this, KACACDW organized 12 extracurricular activities in the Center for the children. KACACDW established an indoor playground, and the project had organized indoor and outdoor games regularly. The children received life skill session, ethical education session facilitated by DAM Ethics Education sector. And

quarterly session on gender had been conducted in the Center. Total 18 children were provided psychosocial counseling support by DAM counselor in the Center. Project organized social campaign programmes in the center and observed New Year, Mother Language, Independence and Women's Day.

REINTEGRATION

Two children from KACACDW were sent to AMCC, one child and one destitute woman reintegrated in the family through a case management process. Families were in regular follow-up, children were living in family care, ensured safe accommodation and happy life. KACACDW center was under lock down for COVID 19 situation.

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

KACACDW project organized a national level advocacy seminar in collaboration with Street Children Activists Network, SCAN Bangladesh on the birth registration of abandoned and street children. The seminar had been held on IPD conference Hall, Bangladesh National Parliament: Honorable Deputy Speaker was present as chief guest and chair of parliamentary caucus on child rights, member of parliamentary standing committee on local government, Women and Child Affairs and one parliamentarian were present as special quests. A total of 91 CSO, CBO, Media, children representatives participated. A separate platform to advocate for free birth registration for street children and a directorate for children were formed led by SCAN Bangladesh with the support of DAM.

FUTURE PLAN

- Develop a model programme for abandoned and destitute women
- Inclusion of trafficked children and women in the programme
- Established & Strengthen family like care activity
- Publish story books for destitute women as part of resource mobilization strategy

Case study

MENTALLY CHALLENGED NAZMA TAKEN BACK HOME

Nazma (not her real name) was enrolled in KACACDW centre on 2 February 2018. She was six months pregnant at the time she came in this centre from the street through a social worker. Her physical condition was not good and had severe mental health problem.

In line with prenatal health care, she was also provided psychological treatment to reduce her mental stress and overall disorder. She gave birth to a boy child on 4 September 2018. Over the time Nazma's overall health condition improved. Then she was able to tell her name and address where she came from.

The center came to know that she was married and has a husband, child, father and mother - in law in her family. Project staff contacted the family but family denied taking her back.

Then a case was lodged with Mirpur Thana by the project. Police called her husband. Project counseled him and convinced him to take her back with the infant baby. Now she is happy with family.

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Spiritual development institutions



Seminar marking Hijri New Year 1441

AHSANIA INSTITUTE OF SUFISM

A theological Academy - Ahsania Institute of Sufism - established in 2005 by DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, is run by financial support of the Mission. It conducts month-long special training on Elme Tasaouf for the Alem-Ulema, Pir Masayak, Immam of the Mosques, Madrasha teachers and the students and teachers of Arabic language, Islamic History and Philosophy Departments of the Universities. Meanwhile refreshing courses were conducted alongside regular courses. Starting with Nalta Central Ahsania Mission, Divisional and Regional courses began in 2016.

During the reporting period, four courses - two regular and two refreshers - were held, where a total of 180 Immams took part. On an average, 10-20 readers came to use the library facilities which have a rich collection of books in Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Bengali and English. The library is open from 9 am to 7 pm.

Ahsania Institute of Sufism (AIS) is being used as a Reference unit by various government and nongovernmental organizations including the Islamic Foundation and Immam Training Academy. Islamic Foundation engaged the AIS at their research work and sent AIS representatives abroad as religious representatives of the country. Elme Tasauf has been introduced in the syllabus of Immam Training Institute by Islamic Foundation.

Since 2017, AIS have been observing Hijri New Year organizing various religious seminar, symposium and competitions of songs, Kirat and other religious functions. 1st Mahurram was observed as the 1st day of Hijri Year 1442. 'Sufi Kosh'- a special write-up on Tasaouf was regularly published in Daily Alokito Bangladesh, a national Bangla Daily. 255 episodes were so far published on these issues. Apart from these, Dainik Prothom Alo and Islamic Foundation also published some important research articles on Tasaouf. Shaikh Muhammad Usman Gonee, Assistant Professor of the Institute, attended quite a lot of religious functions at national level. On-line religious functions were also conducted by the AIS.



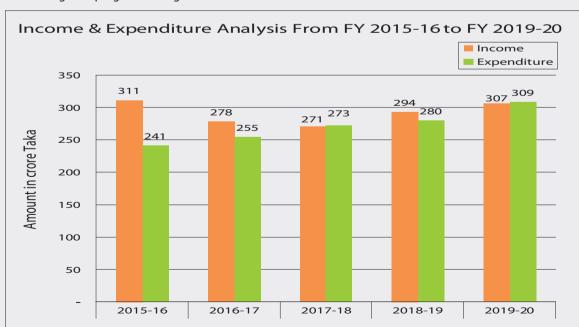
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Both financial planning and control are given utmost importance by the management of DAM to uphold financial discipline within the organization. DAM maintains a team of experienced professional officials in the Finance and Accounts Division (FAD), which is responsible for overall financial management. There are three functional units in FAD - i) General Finance Unit, ii) Project Finance Unit, and iii) Institutional Finance Unit. While the institutions having own governance system maintain decentralized accounts keeping, at the central level DAM Head Office oversees and is responsible for ensuring compliance of the financial discipline across the organization. FAD ensures that all policies that have been adopted by DAM to maintain financial discipline are consistently followed throughout the organization and round the year. FAD also takes care to ensure that internal check and control system is effectively applied in each and every finance related event, which is considered as a pre-requisite for efficient, effective and accurate financial management.

During the year, a number of initiatives have been taken by the Division for further improvement of the financial management system. Some details with major highlights of these initiatives are mentioned here.

 Conducted need based financial management training/refreshers training to improve efficiency of the finance & accounts personnel along with program management.

- Conducted Financial Management Monitoring in DAM with internal arrangement of Finance & Accounts Division to strengthen internal control system.
- Conducted on the job Training on VAT & Tax policy of Bangladesh Government to keep the finance & accounts staff updated about the latest development in the fiscal law.
- Worked for system development of accounting software.
- Issued office circulars and guidelines from time to time on financial management issues to improve organizational financial system.
- ♦ Issued detail guideline including template on annual budget preparation and annual accounts closing to ensure cost effectiveness in annual budget planning and subsequent tracking thereof.
- Prepared budget variance report and circulated on time for analysis of the progress of financial health.
- Prepared various analytical reports on financial issues and submitted to the management for taking necessary action/decision.
- Invested surplus fund to ensure earnings from financial sources according to the approval of the management.

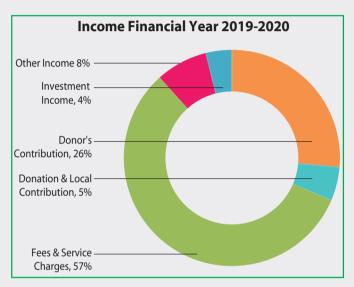


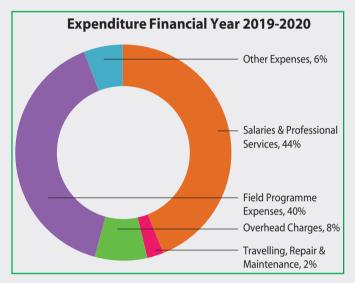
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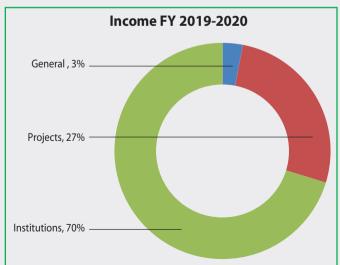
The consolidated income and expenditure account of DAM shows that, during 2019-20, DAM has an income of Bangladesh Taka (BDT) 3,066.31 million and an expenditure of BDT 3,086.70 million marking a deficit of BDT 20.39 million. The resource flow (termed as income in the audit report) comes from four sources. These are Fees and service charges (57%), Found from external donors (26%) local fund raising and community contribution (5%), Investment income (4%) and income from other sources (8%). This funding infrastructure shows that DAM could mobilize financing about two-third of the annual turn-over from domestic sources. This ratio is similar to that of previous FY (2018-19).

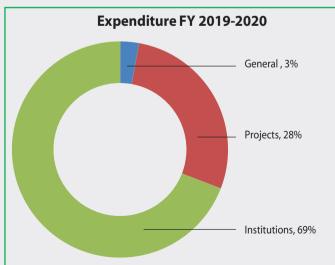
It may be mentioned that in the DAM's strategy plan (2015-25) there are targets of (a) diversifying source of fund and with increased focus on domestic fund raising, (b) increased resource inflow from fees, service charge, and (c) contribution from DAM social enterprises. In line with that during this year DAM Could enhance scope of raising funds from individuals, charities and corporate sectors.

Broad analysis of expenditure during FY 2019-20 shows that 44% is spent as salary & professional services and 40% is spent for programme expenses. DAM overhead management costs only 8% of the annual expenditure while the operating costs are only 8%.









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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF DHAKA AHSANIA MISSION (DAM)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of **Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)** which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020, and the related Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure, the Consolidated Statement of Receipts, Payments, the Consolidated Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements for the year then ended including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Consolidated Financial Position of **Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)** as at 30 June 2020 and of its Financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting summarized in note-2 to the Financial Statements and comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence, we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the financial statements.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significant in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in our report.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors report thereon. The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein of this other information; we are required to report the fact. However, we have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going



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concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those Charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the organization.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high-level assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion the effectiveness of the fund's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

30 November 2020 Dhaka **Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury** Chartered Accountants Reg. No.: 23556/79

Signed by Md. Aftab Uddin Ahmed FCA Senior Partner ICAB Enrolment # 804



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Dhaka Ahsania Mission Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2020

			Figures in Tk
Particulars	Notes	As at 30 June 2020	As at 30 June 2019
Property and Assets		So Julie 2020	So June 2017
A. Non Current Assets:			
Fixed Assests (WDV):	03	7,413,142,641	7,236,758,932
Pre Operational Expenses	04	162,349,777	180,386,350
Investment	05	207,430,000	207,430,000
Total Non-Current Assets		7,782,922,418	7,624,575,282
B.Current asset			
Loan to Group Members of DFED	06	2,115,223,297	1,796,957,224
Others Loan	07	4,616,766	4,522,212
Investment (FDR)	08	1,565,694,274	1,596,978,469
Accrud Interest	09	75,047,024	54,685,135
Advance	10	213,400,459	278,927,662
Accounts Receivable	11	62,111,923	59,367,872
Inventory /Stock	12	85,239,593	60,890,609
Cash & Cash Equivalent	13	462,275,854	332,221,857
Total Current Assets		4,583,609,191	4,184,551,040
C. Total Property and Assets (A+B)		12,366,531,609	11,809,126,322
Fund & Liabilities D. Capital & Other Fund Capital Fund	14	5,699,938,083	5,685,207,725
Others Fund	15	2,029,675,714	1,744,587,792
Donors Fund	16	76,079,499	86,487,954
Revaluation Surplus	17	1,798,676,348	1,798,676,348
Total (E)Fund		9,604,369,644	9,314,959,819
Non-Current Liabilities		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Long Term Loan from PKSF	18	164,876,654	289,251,658
Long Term Loan from Commercial Bank	19	142,116,129	182,389,821
Total (F) Non Current Liabilities		306,992,783	471,641,479
Current Liabilities			
Loan from PKSF	20	254,873,339	193,056,672
Loan From Commercial Bank/Financial Institution	21	739,718,901	653,000,373
Savings Fund of Group Members DFED	22	967,807,503	743,977,065
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Security Deposit	24	14,130,437	10,200,334
Accounts Payable	25	175,546,830	153,184,360
Provision	26	160,250,657	157,535,715
Outstanding Liabilities	27	18,469,511	16,580,688
Unearned Service revenue	28	18,859,670	6,995,161
Total Current Liabilities		2,455,169,182	2,022,525,024
Total (D)Capital & Liabilities		12,366,531,609	11,809,126,322

For detail, may be read in detailed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position marked as Annexurre-A The annexed notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

Director- Finance & Accounts

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Executive Director

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Signed as per our annexed report of even date.

President

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Chartered Accountants

30 November 2020 Dhaka



Figures in Tk.

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Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss & Other Comprehensive Income

For the Period from 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Particulars	Notes	01 July 2019 to	01 July 2018 to
		30 June 2020	30 June 2019
A: Income:			
Operating Income Project/Programme receipts		808,979,836	884,391,950
Donation		74,105,164	74,992,913
Sales		199,646,432	15,538,028
Training		7,054,684	2,126,405
Monitoring		-	-
Research		-	-
Project Service Charge		45,113,071	50,401,521
Fees & Charges		1,265,654,875	1,242,480,246
Accommodation Charge		3,847,560	2,450,741
Advertisement		43,274,715	67,920,995
Dividend		-	24,185,317
Service Charge on Loan		378,301,523	366,454,277
Own / Community Contribution		63,851,820	34,639,509
Milad		251,067	418,444
Zakat Miscellaneous		17,857,639	9,262,309
Lottery 2018		35,171,127	26,374,431 35,123,655
Total Operating Income		2,943,109,513	2,836,760,741
Net Operating Income		2,543,103,513	2,030,700,741
Bank Interest		7,781,544	11,003,935
FDR Interest		115,420,573	89,009,054
Total Non Operating Income Total Income		123,202,117	100,012,988
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Operating Expenditure			
Purchase		41,640,456	59,975,945
Training		36,689,675	68,050,917
Monitoring		576,000	2,332,348
Research		7,343,926	3,945,376
Donation Change of Control Management		133,187	2,058,507
Service Charge on Central Management		45,347,992	40,987,362
Registration & Other Fees Salary & Allowances		58,853,446 1,647,238,029	11,763,463 1,372,563,171
Honorarium		10,776,581	35,066,684
Travelling Expenses		23,588,375	22,586,452
Conveyance		1,375,308	1,683,308
Insurance		29,898	240,563
Utilities		71,755,429	69,965,067
Vehicle Expenses		15,647,602	24,132,114
Repair & Maintenance		31,216,957	35,258,302
Advertisement		2,570,312	3,714,399
Audio Visual Expenses		27,300	13,700
Contingency		688,233	595,959
Accommodation		0,123,156	74,699,606
Expenses for Milad		444,909	633,298
Entertainment		2,682,519	3,947,551
Legal Expenses		600,963	508,102



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		01 July 2019	01 July 2018
Particulars	Notes	to	to
		30 June 2020	30 June 2019
Medicine & Reagent		154,443,241	9,339,657
Magazine & Newspaper Supply		319,938	577,349
Meeting Expenses (Community Level)		2,442,654	9,545,127
Membership Fees		72,566	588,200
Photocopy Expenses		363,159	521,348
Postage & Courier		4,489,641	2,226,364
Printing & Stationery		16,801,084	28,866,998
Rent, Rates, Taxes & VAT		12,802,454	23,023,522
Expenses for Zakat		16,946,099	9,262,309
Audit Fee		1,431,094	1,853,841
Depreciation		182,246,508	194,817,756
Project/ Program Expenses		373,802,408	513,410,357
60 Years Celebration		-	52,166
Miscellaneous Expenses		70,075,971	7,673,204
Communication		2,156,067	3,289,464
Interest paid to group members		37,611,320	22,046,012
Own/ Community Contribution		1,046,867	6,188,634
Loan loss Expenses		(4,932,734)	21,928,072
Binding & Packing Expenses		20,470	1,125,362
Promotional Expenses		3,157,947	1,652,196
Lottery Expense		-	6,955,763
Advertisement Commission		8,981,810	12,529,359
Production Expenses		32,792,838	2,144,283
Amortization of Pre-Operational Meeting		18,036,572	-
Total Operating Expenditure		3,004,458,225	2,714,339,534
Non Operating Expenditure			
Financial Expenses		19,072,436	27,056,142
Bank Charge		4,730,471	3,410,273
Interest of Fund Paid to PKSF & Bank		58,441,030	53,091,243
Total Non-Operating Expenditure		82,243,937	83,557,658
Total Expenditure		3,086,702,162	2,797,897,192
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		(20,390,532)	138,876,537
Total		3,066,311,630	2,936,773,729

For detail, may be read in detailed consolidated Statement of Income & Expenditurer marked as Annexurre-B. The annexed notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

Director- Finance & Accounts

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Executive Director Dhaka Ahsania Mission Signed as per our annexed report of even date. President

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

30 November 2020 Dhaka

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