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Technical Knowledge helped Joynob change her fate

Mosammat Joynob Begum, a 47 year old Mung Bean farmer of the Ayla Patakata Union of Barguna district, used her technical knowledge received from AESA and changed her fate.

Joynob's father married her off when she was only seven. From the time Joynob started living with her husband, Hanif Mian, she constantly faced poverty. Hanif Mian, who was a farmer by profession, had 40 decimal of land where he cultivated various crops. But as he lacked knowledge and skills on production technologies, he could not get better harvest.

He involved Joynob in his farming hoping that together they will be able to produce more crops in their field. But as both of them did not have any technical knowledge or know any better harvesting method, they could not improve their situation much. Meanwhile, their family grew bigger with the arrival of their two sons and a daughter. It really became challenging and hard for them to arrange proper meals for the entire family. Thus the family had to suffer prolonged poverty.

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Dhaka Ahsania Mission wins Energy Globe Award



Prof. Md. Abdus Sobhan received the award on behalf of DAM from Mr. Siegfried Weidlich, Commercial Attaché at the Austrian Embassy, New Delhi, India

Dhaka Ahsania Mission wins Energy Global Award 2017 for its impeccable contribution in providing safe water supply, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) to the underprivileged people of Bangladesh.

The General Secretary of DAM, Prof. Md. Abdus Sobhan received the award from Mr. Siegfried Weidlich, Commercial Attaché at the Austrian Embassy, New Delhi, India. The award giving ceremony was held at Dhaka Ahsania Mission Auditorium in the capital's Dhanmondi on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

The welcome speech was given by Kazi Ali Reza, Director of Public Relations and the ceremony was presided over by Dhaka Ahsania Mission President, Kazi Rafiqul Alam. A brief on DAM WASH programme was presented by Mr. Mohammad Mosabber Hossain, Head of WASH programme. Austria's Energy Globe Award, the world's most prestigious environmental award, is annually given in six categories to recognize the projects that make careful and economical use of resources and employ alternative energy sources. DAM is the only NGO in Bangladesh to receive this award this year.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has over 20 years of experience in working with the community on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and addresses the core reason behind deprivation of basic needs. The impact of the project is spread over in 28 upazillas in 8 districts at the coastal area where 98.7% families have got access to safe water supply, 91.09% families have been habituated to use sanitary latrines and 99.08% families have developed habit to wash their hand.

On developing skilled workforce



In Bangladesh, a large number of working population are living under poverty level as underemployed and unemployed. People possess high potentials to overcome these situations but lack opportunities. 47 million youths are within the age bracket of 15-to-35. If this youth force can be converted into skilled work force, Bangladesh is destined to climb the ladder to become a middle income economy within shortest possible time.

The Government of Bangladesh strategic Vision 2021, states that the country will reach middle-income status provided it secures and sustains a good GDP growth. However, the rate of growth depends on skilling and up skilling a large number of people to enhance labor productivity and facilitate industrialization, trade promotion and economic growth. The plan makes specific mention of developing a digital Bangladesh, and to the need for human resources development to raise efficiency and productivity across all sectors. Vision 2021 calls for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Skills Development programs which are of a higher quality, provided by both public and private sectors develop competencies.

Bangladesh Vision 2021's Goal 3 is for Bangladesh "To become a poverty-free middle income country", with specific objectives for building a skilled workforce (3.9) and to garner higher foreign exchange earnings from the export of skilled and semi-skilled labor (3.10).

The plan identifies the potential for TVET programs to match supply and demand for skills in order to achieve full employment by 2021. It also speaks to the need for new skills needs for Bangladesh's workforce as it calls for economic development compatible with environmental protection, with references to reducing air pollution, managing waste, protecting forests and water bodies and rationally managing water resources.

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**"Mung bean
production
helped
me become
solvent and
independent."**

Technical Knowledge helped Joynob change her fate

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In November 2014, Joynob came to know about the Mung Bean producer group formation in her village, Dakkhin Itabaria, which was facilitated by AESA project. Joynob joined the group on November 18, 2014 and attended a learning session on the five key practices on Mung Bean. She decided to use her technical learning in 10 decimal of land on experimental basis while the rest of the 30 decimal she followed the usual traditional method of cultivation. She received better yield from the 10 decimal where she applied her new knowledge; and altogether harvested 280-kg Mung Bean from their total land.

From the production, she kept 10kg seed for her family's consumption and the rest she sold at BDT 10,000. With the money she bought corrugated tin to repair her house roof and then bought few hens and ducks for rearing poultry. In next season, Joynob has decided to use her entire land for cultivating Mung Bean following the five key practice methods.

The USAID Agricultural Extension Support Activity (Ag Extension Project) is a key part of Bangladesh Feed the Future (FtF) initiative and first project to be awarded to a national NGO under the USAID Forward "Local Systems Framework".

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) is the lead implementation agency for the five-year project, with CARE Bangladesh and mPower serving as technical partners. The project began on October 23, 2012 and is scheduled to end on October 22, 2017.

The project aims to enhance access to and utilization of agricultural (ag) extension services by smallholder farmers – both men and women. It is working for building capacities and creating support to a farmer demand-driven agricultural extension system, synergized by the use of information communication technology (ICT). It helps to foster a farmer demand-driven extension service system and also helps improving access to quality ag inputs and markets along with access to finance.

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On developing skilled workforce

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Dhaka Ahsania Mission(DAM) has been awarded the Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND) Prize-2015, with the prize amount of US\$ 150,000, for their pioneering contribution in developing skilled workforce through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Project .The prize giving ceremony was held in UN Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and was presided over.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has put great emphasis on the technical and vocational education to reduce poverty and unemployment of the youths in the country. DAM is involved in building linkages with the employers for designing course curricula as per their requirement and providing vocational skills training in a cost-effective manner for creation of more employment. DAM provides vocational skills development training accredited by Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB). There are 9 vocational training institutes that provide formal vocational training focused on wage employment and other learning opportunities such as non-formal skills development programmes aimed at increasing awareness, knowledge, skills and attitudes relating to occupations in various development sectors of economic and social life. All these training institutes are aimed at providing employment opportunities to unemployed youth through the provisions of vocational training combined with basic education as well as micro credit to facilitate creation of businesses. Other programmes have the added focus on efficient productive activities combined with acquisition of skills relevant to real life needs and encouraging self-employment and self-reliance. Many VTIs have been providing high quality technical and vocational education and training with a strong work-based learning element that facilitates transition to work and reduce unemployment.

Most of the graduates of vocational training institutes are employed in formal as well as in informal sector, or are self-employed as entrepreneurs. During the last two decades of project implementation some 61,363 beneficiaries have completed their training, and 42,837 were placed in viable and decent jobs in the formal sectors and receiving incomes considered to be acceptable. The 4-year programme trained 13,741 students; the majority of them are employed or have started their enterprises. The programme is also involved in building curricula while helping employers make better use of the skills available to them. Another example of project impact relates to the provision of basic education and trade-based training to the most vulnerable and distressed street children. During the period 2003-07, some 3500 children including 2300 were on wage employment in the formal sector and about 800 were self-employed. The project interventions in rural areas created more job opportunities in the non-farm sector and also resulted in increased productivity of farmers and farm workers. 100 per cent of housemaids have got good jobs after successful completion of their training.

To know more click to visit: <http://www.ahsaniamission.org.bd/field-works/tvet/>

Publication Ceremony of folk based children books



DAM for humanitarian services: Zakat is not a mercy, but a right



World No-Tobacco Day Celebration



DAM provides free of cost Iftar in Dhaka City during Ramadan



Renowned doctor Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Chowdhury joins Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital



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Robi starts recharge campaign to Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital patients

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