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## **SJA Vision**

We dream of a world free from poverty, hunger, illiteracy and all forms of discrimination based on gender and ethnicity, a society that the disadvantaged, discriminated and excluded communities enjoy a life with all rights.

## **SJA Mission**

SJA's mission is to establish a well-organized community by accommodating socially excluded populations with healthy, literate individuals who are both motivated and empowered to improve their socio-economic status. SJA believes that, through ensuring partnership and the active participation of local people, together we can develop the capacity to make productive use of the local resources to protect climate change for future generations. In addition, women and children, the most vulnerable group of the population, are the primary concern of SJA.

SJA's interventions are committed to connecting the disadvantaged, discriminated and excluded groups with knowledge, usable skills, rights & justice, access to good health, and a safe environment as a right. Moreover, SJA is committed to working to bring sustainable changes in the lives of deprived people. While pursuing this mission, SJA follows a set of values both internally and externally.

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## **Overview**

Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA) was established in August 1991 by a small group of philanthropists, led by former United Nations Volunteer (under UNDP, Nepal) A H M Faisal Ahmed. Their aim was to develop a locally based, not-for-profit and non-political development organization that would operate at a grassroots level to address the real needs of economically and socially marginalized members of the community in Sylhet.

Generally, the organization specialized in youth training projects in order to develop young people's skills and thereby their economic prospects. Since then, Sylhet Jubo Academy has expanded into a respected and innovative organization, covering up to 1.03 million people in the Sylhet & Chittagong divisions. The organization now focuses its efforts on combating diseases like STI and HIV/ AIDS, malnutrition, social wounds like poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and issues like disability, health and family planning, environment and climate change, water resource management, water and sanitation, good governance, gender sensitization, and stop violence against women and children.

SJA is legally registered with the following Ministries and Directorates of the Government of Bangladesh:

| Registering Authority              | Registration Number and Date       |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Department of Social Welfare       | Syl-284/92, dated 26/10/1992       |
| NGO Affairs Bureau                 | 860, dated 8/10/1994               |
| Joint Stock Company                | S-2826 (339)/02, dated 29/06/ 2002 |
| Department of Family Planning      | 76/95, dated 06/12/1995            |
| Taxpayer's Identification No (TIN) | 816549106460                       |
| Value Added Tax (VAT)              | 76/95, dated 06/12/1995            |

| PADOR and SAM  Registration       |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| PADOR                             | Europe Aid ID No-BD-2009-ETW-1008674613 |  |
| System for Award Management (SAM) | DUNS NUMBER- 731573486                  |  |

Also, SJA's philosophy has always been to empower the most disadvantaged in the community by equipping them with the skills, resources and confidence to improve their own quality of life. Full participation from the community is a core feature of SJA's projects, and the organization's success may be largely attributed to its flexibility in responding to the needs of the people.

Through its work, SJA has always strived to develop its own organizational capacity, particularly in participatory planning, the design of realistic programs, and the implementation of effective monitoring and quality control initiatives.

# THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF PROJECT'S HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR OF 2023

## Pre-Primary Education for Slum Children of Sylhet

Pre-primary education is defined as the initial stage of organized instruction, designed primarily to introduce very young children to a school type environment that is, to provide a bridge between home and a school based atmosphere. The core intention of pre-primary education is to foster physical and mental preparation before children enter Grade 1 of formal primary school. The entry age of the current one-year pre-primary education initiative in Bangladesh is 6.

The global and national evidence strongly emphasizes that children who attend quality Pre Primary Education have better chances for a smoother transition to primary school, leading to significant improvements in school retention and lowering dropout rates. Programs focusing on early learning promote awareness of child development and lead to higher net enrolments and better achievements, especially among the most disadvantaged children and children from the poor families.



SALDREN'S CAPE

Pre-primary Education for Slum Children of Sylhet

Funded by Muslim Charity, Uk

Implemented by Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA)

Our goal is to help impoverished slum-dwelling children with their pre-primary education & talent development.

This project is designed & implemented in the most vulnerable slum community, Mejortila, Sylhet, where people have no access to minimal human rights & services.

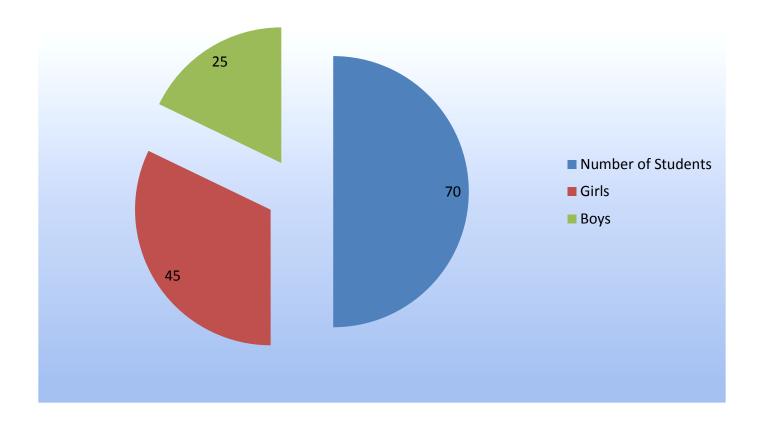
## Objective

To ensure that young children have safe places to play where their developmental & educational needs can be met.

To enable older siblings & parents to attend educational activities, promote child wellbeing, and create a safety net for all children.

To enroll the children in convenient mainstream institutions after completing pre-primary graduation.

Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA) has been implementing "Pre-primary Education for Slum Children of Sylhet" since 2019 with the support of Muslim Charity UK, aiming to help impoverished slum-dwelling children with their pre-primary education and talent development as well as to prepare them socially, emotionally, and intellectually for later education. The project gives priority to the development of the people living in the slums of Sylhet City by providing pre-primary education for 4-6-year-old children. Currently, in this center, 70 students are taking pre-primary lessons in two shifts over five days of the week.



In this project year, a total 33 students completed pre-primary education (December 2023), and enrolled in mainstream institutions but among them one student was unable to enroll in mainstream school because of his physical condition.

Outcome August 2019 – December 2023

- A total 208 received pre-primary education
- A total 97 students enrolled mainstream institutions

**Parents Meeting:** The pre-primary education project basically organizes parents meeting once a month. During this year, parents meetings have been held a total of 12 times. Through these sessions, the concerned parents shared their children's development as well as suggestions for how the education center could be improved. Thankfully, parents are now more concerned with their children's well-being and other social and health issues.



Md. Abdul Jalil Talukdar (Education Officer, Sylhet Sadar) while conducting parents meeting

## **Essential Care of School Children**

**School uniform:** To ensure that no child feels deprived & enjoys attending school. School dress, shoes & socks are provided to the Children Garden's students at the beginning of the year.



A H M Faisal Ahmed (Executive Director, SJA) providing uniform to the Children's Garden student

**Nutritious Snacks:** To ensure that the Children's Garden students obtained the minimum amount of nourishment from food for their overall mental & physical development. Nutritious snacks were provided to the students in every two months in total of 6 times.



Nasrin Akter (Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Sylhet Sadar) while providing nutritious food

**Hygienic Pack:** Help to minimize the risk of illness and promote good personal hygiene, both are important for the students' - physical development and regular attendance. This year a total of three hygienic packs were distributed to Children's Garden students.



## **Case Study**



Hasnat Rahman Miraz, (7 year old), son of Masumur Rahman & Halima Begum was a graduate from Children's Garden. Mrs Halima works as a homemaker & his father is unemployed as for the situation they relies on their relatives.

However, Hasnat was timid and awkward in conversation at first. Even though he did not feel comfortable sitting alone at school, his mother always accompanied him at the beginning. After around five to six months, a drastic change was shown on Hasnat. At Children's Garden School, he was discovered as one of

the most punctual and talented students. He participated in various cultural programs when he was at Children's Garden and showcased his talents. Among all the performances, Hasnat's most appreciated performance was the puppet show, he is also good at poetry.

Hasnat excelled in not only curricular activities but also developed a strong sense of personal hygiene while attending pre-primary. According to his mother, after enrolling at Children's Garden School, he maintains a plethora of positive behaviors such as cleanliness, following traffic rules while crossing the road, and so on. Despite being a troublemaker and a multitalented student at the same time, the teachers of the Children's Garden School claimed that he never missed a day of class. Even now, whenever he misses his teachers, he pays a visit to school.



## Khasdobir Education, Welfare and Development Project

No country can achieve sustainable economic development without substantial investments in human capital. Education enriches people's understanding of themselves and the world, improves the quality of their lives, and leads to broad social benefits for individuals and society.

## **Project Overview**

Khasdobir Education, Welfare, and Development Project (KEWDP) has been implemented by SJA since 2018 with the aim of education for all, employment, and poverty alleviation to play a supporting role in the implementation of the SDG goals of the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, especially in the development of the underprivileged poor people living in the suburbs of Sylhet. Providing pre-primary education programs for children aged 4 to fewer than 6 years; unemployed young women and men creation of employment opportunities through vocational training; assistance in obtaining services for the well-being and also welfare of children through outreach services by addressing genuine needs; providing counseling to parents and caregivers for good parenting in child well-being and welfare. Moreover to maintain the living standards of poor widows, provide allowances on a monthly basis.

**Beneficiaries:** Those disadvantageous people who live in the slums of 4, 5, and 6 number ward of Sylhet City Corporation, Lakkatura, and Malnichara Tea Garden of Sylhet Sadar Upazila, Types of beneficiaries (especially 4-6 year-old children, youths, and widows).

## **Project Focus:**

- Pre-primary education for the development of children from unstable by financial ways and unprogressive communities in the project area.
- Outreach services for child well-being are provided through door-to-door visits in the project area
- Vocational skill development for the less educated young women and men and making way for earning.
- Giving monthly allowances to the poor widows to keep their standard of living steady.

## **Project Activities**

## **Pre-Primary Education**

Under KEWDP, SJA has been operating 12 pre-primary education centers and providing basic education according to the Republic of Bangladesh government curriculum. Over 420 children of age 4-6 in the project areas - to ensure the child's right to protection, care, survival, and preparation for later education through play. In 2023, a total of 132 students were admitted to mainstream institutions after completing pre-primary education; among them, 124 were enrolled in primary school and 8 were in madrasa as per their parents' choice.



## Vocational Sewing, Block Batik, and Embroidery Training for Young Women

- This year, in each department, there was 20 trainees; in total 60 learners received sewing, block batik, and embroidery training.
- Each batch was provided with three days of classes for a minimum of two hours.
- SJA awards sewing machines to the top 3 trainees every year.
- After receiving the training, SJA involved them in the income-generating process through linkage.
   This year, SJA provided one business set-up to one beneficiary named Akhlima Akter Akhi of boutiques from the SJA's livelihood Support Project.



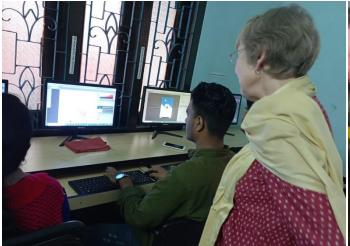


## **Computer Training for Underprivileged Students**

In the 21st century, computer-based programs are a crucial skill that is required in every sector of life—from studies to the job market. A large percentage of people in Bangladesh are underprivileged and unemployed. But the IT sector is a great area for developing their economic status. Freelancing and outsourcing are excellent opportunities for young and unemployed people. Learning computer skills can help these underprivileged people improve their economic status by working in the online market as well as in the traditional market. So, this year, SJA trained 40 underprivileged young and energetic students who attended class in 4 different batches.

SJA, in collaboration with Friends of Khasdobir, provides free training in Basic Computer Operating, Internet Browsing, Microsoft Office (MS Word, MS PowerPoint, and MS Excel), Photo and Video Editing, and Graphics Design (Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator) courses every year to up to 40 students of secondary and higher secondary level from low-income families. During the training period, our students have improved their computer skills a lot. Among the 40 trainees, 21 were certified for their successful completion of the program.

Our main goal is to make them eligible for the market, and we believe we are moving towards our vision satisfactorily. This year, SJA provided one "computer printing and stationery" businesses set up for one beneficiary (Jakariya Sabbir) of KEWDP after the completion of their training from SJA's Livelihood Support Project.





### **Outreach Services**

Through the outreach team, SJA provides child-well-being services to the project locations, beneficiaries, and students of the pre-primary education centers of KEWDP. Through door-to-door visits, the outreach team discusses (e.g., education, health, birth registers, etc.), identifies lifestyle barriers, and supports children with disabilities. After identification, they arrange services for them that are required. Services are provided directly from the project or through referrals or links from other organizations (GOs or NGOs). Also, they do additional work that is required for other activities of KEWDP.



Sylhet Jubo Academy's Outreach team provided support to the beneficiaries in many ways throughout this year:

- Identified 640 new beneficiaries.
- 113 children's births were registered throughout this year and distributed.
- 66 beneficiaries received health support through referral services; there were 16 for pregnancy and 50 for general health support.
- A total of nine dropped-out students' re-admitted to "Out Of School Children Project" on their 2<sup>nd</sup> chance.
- 36 courtyard meetings were held this year, 10 meetings were with the mothers and another 8 with both (parents). More-over 18 with adolescent groups at various locations in the project area. The topics discussed in the courtyard meeting about the child safety and well-being, prevention of child marriage, adolescent health care, birth registration, etc.

In addition, two students in the project area were unable to pay fees regularly due to poverty, so they stopped attending school. The outreach team visited school to talk with the authority about consideration of the fees, withal the school fees were 50% reduced. After fees were reduced they happily re-joined the school with their friends.

## **Widow Allowances distribution**

In 2023, 80 selected widows received allowance of Tk. 700 per month during the period from January to June 2023. Furthermore, July 2023 to December 2024, 10 widows were reduced after providing alternative income sources. To ensure a transparent distribution process, guests were invited from outside to attend the events and provided the allowance by themselves, were the government administration Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Upazila Social Welfare officer from Sylhet Sadar were present. Most of the time, the honorable Chairperson of Friends of Khasdobir, Mr. Michael John Sherriff was present at



the allowance events by receiving the signature/thump press acknowledgement of widow 'allowances are providing.





Khasdobir Education, Welfare, and Development Project of Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA) celebrates various National Days - the Victory Day of Bangladesh, National Children's Day, Birthday of the Father of Nation which were arranged at the project office of KEWDP. Students' of preprimary education centers and trainees of computer training participated in different types of competitionsessay writing, drawing, storytelling of the liberation war, indoor and outdoor games. Also participated various day

celebration programs at the District Administration office, such as Vijoy Shuvajatra, Literacy day, International Women's Day and so on.

## **Case Study**



Sylhet Jubo Academy's outreach worker (Md. Milan Hussain) while conducting his door-step duties in Hiluachara Tea Garden, he found a boy name Bijoy Sabar who dropped out of secondary school for poverty. Bijoy's father, Jagdis Sabar and mother Behula Sabar, are tea workers. As his father doesn't bear the family's expenses; mother has to cover all the expenses of the family with her small income.

Bijoy was a 7th grade student of Lakkatura High School. He has not been going to school since 6 months as his parents cannot afford the school fees, tiffin expenses, examination fees, and transportation cost to go to school. Due to the reason above, his parents asked him to stop his studies. Dreams of becoming an educated and successful person was faded in a flick of time. Moreover, Bijoy wanted to continue the education of his two younger sisters in the future with his income,

which does not worked too and another dream were shuttered.

Sumitra Bayddo, one of the teachers from the child-friendly center told SJA's outreach team that Bijoy visits child-friendly center every day to spend his time & shared his school's memories, as the past were distinctive to forget. Teacher also showed interest to become home tutor of Bijoy without fee if he started school again. Bijoy's mother stated that she had many dreams for her son that he would complete his education, get a suitable job, and live a happy life. But poverty was severe that she had to ask her son to drop his studies, as she was unable to support his study expenses.

The outreach team shared SJA authority about this matter. The matter was seriously taken by the authorities with proper instructions for his re-enrolment. Bijoy started his school again after paying his due tuition fees with the help of the Chairperson of KEWDP and SJA's staff. SJA's Authority took the responsibilities to bear his school expenses until he completed his SSC.

## Habitat Reform Project for Child Rights & Development



## **Project Overview:**

Today's children are tomorrow's future. Children with healthy intelligence are the foundation for building a peaceful and beautiful world in the future. So, no child shall be left to malnutrition, sickness, illiteracy and abuse or any form of exploitation. Children with disabilities and orphans are largely neglected. Poverty is one of the main reasons why children are separated from their families and enter orphanages. Also, family quarrel, domestic violence is also one of the reasons. Families experiencing poverty may struggle to access essential services — which may include health, education and financial assistance, among many other areas.

Moreover, women and children, the most vulnerable group of the population, are the primary concern of Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA). Under this project, SJA renovated two homes and one institution to help the disadvantaged children live a decent & healthy life & receive education in a good atmosphere.

In Sylhet, the District Social Service Office runs several homes for vulnerable women, orphans and disabled children. Among these, the infrastructure of the two renovated homes [Sorkari Chutomoni Nibash & Sorkari Shishu Poribar Balika] was awful, and children were living in unsanitary conditions, including poor sanitation, lack of water etc. The environment in these two homes was hazardous to health. Both are multi-storied buildings and due to lack of proper maintenance and support, the condition of these buildings was very deplorable which was considered a serious risk to the life and health of the children. The wash blocks were in very bad, unsanitary condition and unclean also, damaged brick walls, broken floors, broken doors, windows, sharp objects etc. which required urgent repair.

Also, thousands of schools were damaged in the devastating floods of 2022. The 52 No. Government Hail Islampur Primary School was one of them which were completely destroyed by flood hits which required urgent repair in view of uninterrupted continuing education for rural children.

Considering the health and mental development of the children, SJA has completed these institutions (Homes & Primary School) renovation works with the financial support of Muslim Charity, UK.

## The main objectives of the project are:

- To carry-out and complete the necessary repairing and renovation works of the three selected government institutions.
- To develop the orphan children of the country as healthy and productive citizens by establishing a safe and healthy environment in their homes.
- To improve the human dignity and provision of quality educational facilities for the children of the disadvantaged rural community.
- Ensuring a consistent and conducive environment for children in government homes and primary schools in remote areas.

## The following government infrastructure reforms have completed:

**52 No Hail Islampur Government Primary School, Zakiganj, Sylhet** - A government primary school building damaged by floods in Zakiganj Upazila has been renovated, repaired broken school desk-benches, and handed over to the school authority in the presence of Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Upazila Education Officer. To ensure a consistent supportive, safe learning environment for mainstream school children in rural areas and sustainable quality education at the grassroots level)





Before Renovation

After Renovation

**Sorkari Chutomoni Nibash, Bagbari, Sylhet** - For the healthy living of 0-7 year-old abandoned/trafficked children, this required renovation works completed to ensure the orphan children of the country as healthy and productive citizens by establishing a safe and healthy environment in their home.



Before Renovation



After Renovation

**Sorkari Shishu Poribar Balika, Roynagor, Sylhet** - Essential renovation work on residential building has been completed for destitute and orphaned girls' children to lead a healthy life. To ensure the orphan children of the country are healthy and productive citizens by establishing a safe and healthy environment in their home.

Through the successful implementation of the said project, mainly the neglected abandoned children aged 0-7 years, destitute and orphaned girl children aged 6-18 years and children aged 5-12 years from poor families in rural townships have benefited and a total around of 2500 will get benefited directly & indirectly . After the renovation work, a new horizon has started among all the officials and the resident children of the two institutions. In addition, all the resident children are happy now, especially the girl are thrilled with happiness because they can take bath on-time, have regular supply of necessary water, no damp and smelly environment inside the rooms, they are now living in brightly colored rooms; using completely new and hygienic toilet and shower rooms, lastly can go to school on-time, can study and sleep well. Now these children have access to safety, health protection, regular education and sports that will create a productive future generation.







After Renovation

### **Case Studies**

Tamanna Begum, aged 17, is a candidate of the SSC examination. Since 2013, she has been living at Govt. Shishu Paribar Balika, Raynogor; before that, she was at Baby Home (Bagbari,Sylhet). She claimed that the water supply of this home wasn't adequate, although there were both deep tube wells and supply water. The deep tube well water was unsafe for consumption due to arsenic, and the supply water was not enough for such a large number of people. In addition, the supply water wasn't sufficient, leaving them without water for three to four days. There were days they had to take a bath in a neighboring pond on Eid. As water is considered another name for life, getting 24/7 water is a blessing for them. Moreover, the washroom facilities were not good enough; whenever she used the washroom, she worried about safety because of the broken door, but now she can use the washroom without any discomfort.

The major issue, according to 16-year-old **Mim Akhtar**, who has been living at Shorkari Shishu Paribar Balika, Raynogor, since 2016, is the shortage of water. Most of the time, they used to wash their hands with water carried in a bottle/Jar after their meals in the bathroom as the second and third floor sinks were broken, but now they are happy to have access to wash-basins on each floor as well as water. She is also overjoyed with the playroom's newfound vibrancy and thinks it will keep their brains active and enthusiastic. Additionally, to protect children from the cold during the winter, the playroom carpet was also much-needed. They can now easily play variety of games, including chess and Ludo, sitting on the floor. She also pointed out that, considering the total number of residents, there was not enough swing in this house; the new swing will enable more people to play simultaneously.

**Dipa Begum** is an 18-year-old girl, studying in college. She has been living at Shorkari Shishu Paribar Balika, Raynogor since she was 7. Before that, she was at Baby Home(Bagbari,Sylhet). They usually felt afraid when they saw the gloomy sky when they woke up, she said. Whenever it rained, rainwater used to seep through their walls and soak the entire room. After this renovation, they will no longer be afraid of rainy days and will be able to sleep soundly and enjoy the weather like everyone else. She also expressed her gratitude to the donor and implementation organizations for resetting the new wall mirror on the fifth level, which will ensure that they will have no issues getting ready for school.

**Sumaiya Zannat Shuchi**, a 16-year-old girl, is reading in class 10 and she has been staying at Govt. Shishu Paribar Balika, Raynogor since 2017. She claims that the water supply has not been good since she came home. In 2022, when flash floods occurred, most of them got ill because of pipeline linkage. After that, the water tanks were cleaned, but not thoroughly. Even different types of insects came with water, so after this recent renovation, the water became hygiene, which is the most satisfactory thing. Additionally, water blockages frequently occurred in washrooms, but this problem has also been resolved after recent reconstruction.

## **Livelihood Support Project**

### **Overview:**

SJA's priority is helping vulnerable groups (men & women) for the sustainable establishment of their development, to make them self-reliant, and to raise them as income generators, who can improve their family conditions and educate their children. Since its main goal is to develop a sustainable economy among the target population by reducing poverty, enhancing business capacity, it promotes the Income Generating (IG) group and involves them in different IG activities, increases the target group's leadership and decision-making skills, and enhances livelihood status by empowering men and women in income generation activities. Moreover, by getting self-reliant women will uphold their dignity and voice within their families as well as their communities. In this regard, SJA has taken the initiative to support the 18 needy families with the financial support of Muslim Charity, UK.

**Project Objective:** Improving the quality of life of 18 needy people through the Business start-up.

## Types & quantities are as follows;

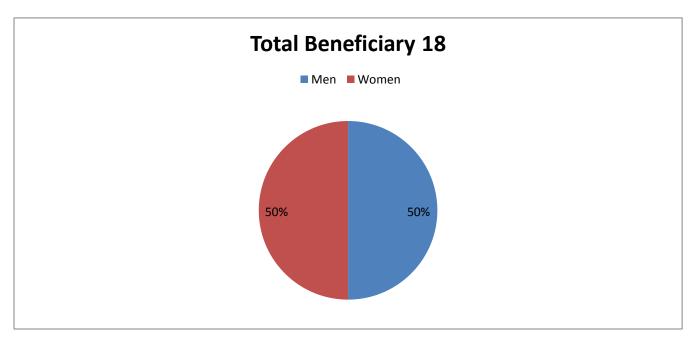
- 01 Jhal Muri Van to 01 needy;
- 03 Boutique Shop to 03 needy;
- 03 Tailoring/Sewing Shop to 03 needy;
- 03 Grocery Store to 03 needy;
- 03 Computer, printing & stationary Shop to 03 needy;
- 01 Chotpoti & Pickle Cycle Cart to 01 needy;
- 01 Vegetable Cycle Cart to 01 needy;
- 01 Stone Carrying Boat to 01 needy;
- 01 Pedlar of Packaged Food to 01 needy;
- 01 Clothing Business (Roll/Than Cloth) to 01 needy;



Stone-carrying Boat: Charag Ali

## **Project Location:**

| Country         | District | Upazila                       | Name of Area   | No of Beneficiaries |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
|                 |          | Companyganj<br>& Sylhet Sadar | Kathalbari, Companiganj, Sylhet                        | 01                  |
|                 |          |                               | Sheemultala Asroy Kendro, Thana<br>Bazar, Companygonj. | 07                  |
|                 |          |                               | Burdeo, Companyganj                                    | 01                  |
| Bangladesh Sylh | Sylhet   |                               | Barishalpara, Lakkatura Tea<br>Garden, Sylhet          | 01                  |
|                 |          |                               | Provati 28, Pirmohollah, Sylhet                        | 01                  |
|                 |          |                               | Khasdobir Darus Salam Madrasa<br>Road, Sylhet          | 01                  |
|                 |          |                               | Badambagicha, Sylhet                                   | 04                  |
|                 |          |                               | Kazitula, Sylhet                                       | 01                  |
|                 |          |                               | Mojumdari, Komlabagan, Sylhet                          | 01                  |



While choosing beneficiaries for this project, men and women were given equal priority. Eleven businesses were handed over to the beneficiaries by December 2023

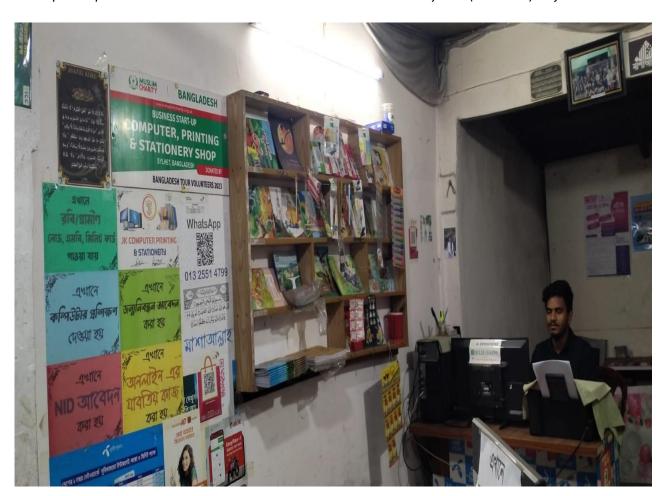
| SL. No | Beneficiary Name    | Start-up Type                          |
|--------|---------------------|--|
| 01     | Md. Jakariya Sabbir | Computer, Printing, & Stationary Shop  |
| 02     | Akhlima Akter Akhi  | Boutique Shop                          |
| 03     | Rahima Akther       | Grocery Shop                           |
| 04     | Charag Ali          | Stone-carrying Boat                    |
| 05     | Sujon Miah          | Savoury Cart (Jhal Muri)               |
| 06     | Shelina Khatun      | Rolling (than kapor) Clothing Business |
| 07     | Md. Rafiq           | Vegetable Van Business                 |
| 08     | Asheda Khatun       | Pedlar Business                        |
| 09     | Nasima              | Tailoring Shop                         |
| 10     | Md. Al-Amin         | Grocery Shop                           |
| 11     | Nur Ali             | Chotpoti & Pickle Cycle Cart           |





Boutique Shop: Akhlima Akter Akhi

Savoury Cart (Jhal Muri): Sujon Miah



Computer, Printing, & Stationary Shop: Md. Jakariya Sabbir

Among the 18 businesses, 11 businesses were handed over to the beneficiaries by December 2023, through which 59 people indirectly benefited. Moreover, these beneficiaries are doing their business well. From their initial benefits, they invested in their business and able to contribute to their families.

## **Low Cost School & Toilet**



## **Project Overview:**

Sylhet Jubo Academy has been implementing the Khasdobir Education, Welfare and Development Project in Sylhet district with the cooperation of the donor organization Friends of Khasdobir, UK and with the approval of the Bureau of NGO Affairs. Pre-primary education is one of the main activities of this project, & being conducted through a total of 11 centers under the primary education program. The center located in Khasdobir area of Sylhet City Corporation is not safe for children; also students from southern part of Comilla line attend this school. The project's benefactor is concerned about the facilities and safety of the children. In order to deliver a decent-quality education program in a hygienic setting, decided to finance the building of a low-cost pre-primary education center and a sanitary toilet in Cumillapara Kalatila, Khasdobir.

Also, while implementing the outreach activities through door-to-door visits for the well-being and welfare of the children under this project, it was observed that there is no school for the education of children in Chitalmati of Malnichara tea garden. In this situation, the donor organization (Friends of Khasdobir, UK) agreed to provide financial assistance for the construction of a pre-primary education center at Chitalmati, Malnichara tea garden, to provide pre-primary education to the underprivileged poor children.

Thus, the donor organization has agreed to provide financial assistance for the construction of a total two low-cost pre-primary education centers and one low-cost sanitary toilet.

## **Objective**

The main objective of the proposed project is to create opportunities for non-formal pre-primary education by creating a healthy and safe, hazard-free environment for underprivileged children by constructing low-cost school buildings and a sanitary latrine.

## **Outcome**

Through this project, the quality of education for the disadvantageous children of Sylhet increased, and favorable environment was created for the betterment of 70 students & 04 teachers.







## **Health Promotion Foundation**

Building a physically and mentally healthy nation is possible through the Health Promotion Foundation. To improve both physical and mental health, it is possible to strengthen the preventive system in our nation, as in other nations, by establishing the Health Promotion Foundation with a focus on preventative measures in the health sector, which will lower the state's expenditure in the health care sector. Doctors can reduce their stress and focus on new research. Additionally, the Health Promotion Foundation will focus on preventing violence against women as well as the social security of the elderly and disabled

On July 12, 2023, "Health Promotion Foundation Chai" was held nationwide to call for the establishment of a

health promotion foundation, at the initiative of the WBB Trust. Under the presidency of Executive Director AHM Faisal Ahmed, SJA organized a human chain on the premises of Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar as part of this event. To address future health risks, everyone later went to the Deputy Commissioner's office to send a memorandum to the Honorable Prime Minister proposing the establishment of the "Health Promotion Foundation" through the Honorable Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet, in order to address potential health issues in the future.





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## **Post Flood Rehabilitation**

### **Overview**

There was extensive harm and hardship to the lives and property of marginalized people in Sylhet as a result of the two subsequent floods brought on by heavy rainfall and an onslaught of water from India. SJA made every possible effort to construct or rebuild the damaged property of the needy people. In this regard, with the support of Rotary Disaster Response Grants, SJA set up a new toilet and a tube well for fresh drinking water supply in Chitolmati, Khasdobir, Sylhet center of KEWDP project.

This center did not have a hygienic latrine facility, which is why school children were suffering from a plethora of health hazards. Bearing in mind this worst condition, a new double-compartment wash block was built. Moreover, for safe drinking water for school children, a new tube well was set up.

This post flood rehabilitation's construction works at the targeted center, have established a healthy and child-friendly atmosphere for continuing education for the children of the disadvantage community, which has a positive impact on their families as well as the respective communities.









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