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Greetings from Good Neighbors Bangladesh to our distinguished partners, stakeholders, civil society organizations, government, non-government organizations, and all colleagues.

We are very happy to publish our 1st quarter newsletter. This quarter was particularly important for us as we are working for the empowerment of women. In this newsletter, we tried to show two case stories of women empowerment, and sharing our achievements in short.

We are delighted to inform you that we have organized and formed a new Community-based Organization (CBO), and it's our 15th cooperative in Ghatail, Tangail named Good Neighbors Porabari Mohila Somobay Somity Ltd.

During this COVID-19 critic situation, our staff is continuing regular activities in alternative modality maintaining the safety and hygiene protocol.

I appreciate and grateful to all of our colleagues, partners, stakeholders, and well-wishers for their support during this pandemic.

Sumarjan Begum 'from a housewife to a leader'



Sumarjan Begum with her family

Sumarjan Begum lives with her family. There are four members in her family, they are two sons, she and her husband.

She was the only housewife before 2011 and her husband was a farmer. Her husband was the main income provider. She had led the family with her husband's low income. Sometimes she could not arrange 3 times meal in a day.

After 2011 her son was listed under the sponsorship program of Pirganj CDP and after then she came to know about the IG activities and cooperative activities.

She has been included in the IG activities and became a member of Good Neighbors Priganj Krishi Somobay Somity Ltd. (GNPKSSL). From then to till now she is rising up day by day of her eagerness, inspiration, and support of the family.

Now Sumarjan Begum is a Chairperson of Good Neighbors Pirganj Krishi Somobay Somity Ltd.



Sumarjan Begum is going to her workplace by riding her cycle

She works for the development of the women directly in her area, now she is leading a big cooperative consisting of 1,342 members and with a big volume capital.

She has received various skill-based training arranged by Pirganj CDP and Upazila administration.



Sumarjan Begum conducting a training session

At present she is able to give training to the members of the cooperative, and now she is the inspiration of many women.



Sumarjan Begum conducting meeting with village women

In the COVID-19 pandemic situation, she is playing a vital role in the community as a Community Action Team member of GNB, Pirganj CDP.

Nowadays her acceptance is more than before; she can contribute to the family's decision as well as others.



Sumarjan Begum is checking daily cash

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I never thought that I can be able to lead such a big cooperative like Good Neighbors Pirganj Krishi Somobay Samity Ltd. I think everything is happening for Good Neighbors Bangladesh. GNB creates scope and supports me as well as other women for development and empowerment.

- Sumarjan Begum

Husnara Begum has been awarded the honor of joyeeta



Husnara Begum with joyeeta award



Husnara Begum conducting a training session on poultry rearing with the women

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I strongly believe that my today's position actually where I am standing now it's only for GNB. Once upon a time my family did not agree to give me some money for starting a small business, they were not confident to me but GNB was done that. GNB was given me support by providing training and cash for starting poultry rearing and also given me support whenever I wanted. Recently I have two poultry sheds, my son and me work in these sheds for rearing. Every year we are getting good amount of profit. Now I am providing training to other women on poultry rearing and inspire them to do something for their development. I am always thankful to the Good Neighbors Pirganj CDP.

- Husnara Begum



Md. Rezaul Karim, UNO, Pirganj Upazila

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Good Neighbors is playing an important role in women's empowerment. They are employing the helpless women of the society for self-employment and engage them income-generating activities. GNB is playing a role for creating successful entrepreneurs like Husnara Begum and also gives a big

responsibility to a housewife by providing proper training like Sumarjan Begum. Now Husnara Begum is not only a successful entrepreneur but she is advising and helping other women to become entrepreneurs. I think Good Neighbors is working successfully on women's empowerment and also I think if disadvantaged women come forward, they will be able to empower themselves as well as inspire others.

- Md. Rezaul Karim, UNO, Pirganj Upazila

Activities in Picture



School furniture handover program, Mar/2021

Recently we have opened a new CBO, and it's our 15th Cooperative in Ghatail, Tangail named Good Neighbors Porabari Mohila Somobay Somity Ltd.

GNB forms CBO, and we take care of it till achieving their sustainability level.

We engage women in income-generating activities for their development and empowerment.

We wish the woman under Dewlabari and Songgrampur Union will get the opportunity for their development economically and socially, through Good Neighbors Porabari Mohila Somobay Somity Ltd.



Solar Lantern distribution program among 3,000 students by Moulvibazar CDP, Mar/2021



Raising awareness on coronavirus by Shakhipur CDP, Mar/2021



Provided voluntary service to the Upazila health complex for vaccination on COVID-19 by Dohar CDP, Mar/2021



Training for Dream School teachers for effectively class operating by Nilphamari CDP, Feb/2021

Activities in Picture



Mass signature campaign against child marriage by Mirpur CDP, Feb/2021



Special Health Campaign on Pediatric Disease by Birganj CDP, Mar/2021



Bochaganj CDP has participated in development fair organized by Bochaganj Upazila. UNO and state minister of shipping visiting the stall, Mar/2021



Students with the sheets of Bengal cube, Feb/2021



Social issue-based meeting organized by Meherpur CDP, Mar/2021



Special visit by KOICA Bangladesh office, Jan/2021

Special Project Activities

GNB-SAMSUNG Village Project, Mirpur



School furniture handover program, Mar/2021

GNB Samsung C&T Corporation Samsung Village Project has taken initiatives “to upgrade the school facility as Child-Friendly School by providing related equipment’s” in this regard GNB Samsung Village Project has arranged a handover program in Good Neighbors Mirpur School.

GNB country director was present in that program as chief guest along with the staff of GNB Mirpur FDP, Samsung village project, and the teachers of GN Mirpur School. The Country Director of GNB handed over the furniture items and multimedia systems to the GN Mirpur School, on behalf of GN Mirpur School *Jesmin Ara Ferdous, Teacher* received the items.



SMC chairperson of Sultan Mollah Adarsha High school visited the school during furniture installation, Mar/2021



Education materials distribution program at Sultan Mollah Ideal High School, Mirpur, Mar/2021

UNICEF-GNB Rohingya Emergency Response Project/Cox's Bazar



GNB has supported the host community by build-up 14 girls-friendly toilets for adolescent girl at Educational Institution in Ramu, Chakariya and Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar. By this type of toilets adolescent's girl has got proper WASH-related support on school time including the restroom.

Through the project, GNB has constructed a total of 14 girl-friendly toilets in 3 Upazilas of Cox's Bazar district, those three Upazilas are Chakaria, Ramu, and Ukhiya.

Special Project Activities

KOICA-GNB Community Health Worker Project/Bochaganj



Monthly review meeting with CHW & CHW Supervisors at Nafanagar & Ishania Union, Jan/2021



ANC check up to pregnant women in the Nafanagar union 24/7 SDC, Mar/2021



CHW are having training session on "Mobilization & Volunteerism", Mar/2021

WFP-GNB Building Resilience for Achieving Zero Hunger Project/Kurigram



Training on income generating activity, Feb/2021



Training on income generating activities, Mar/2021

Seasonal Livelihood Program (SLP) is the main economic resilience option for the climate-affected beneficiaries in Jatrapur Union, Sadar Kurigram, under the project

of Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger funded by the World Food Programme. The project has been providing many supports to the SLP beneficiaries like Entrepreneurship Development Training (EDT) and training on different Income Generating Activities (IGA) in practical at field level to start the activities successfully like cow rearing, Verme composting production, vegetable production, different small business, goat/sheep rearing, etc. All of IGAs training facilitating by Govt. Line departments, Department of Livestock Service (DLS), Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), and other departments.

Japan Platform-GNB Cyclone Amphan Emergency Response Project/Kalapara



Food kit distribution among 6,990 families, Feb/2021



House materials distributed by GNB among 1100 Cyclone Amphan Affected People, Feb/2021

Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Good Neighbors



Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian development NGO founded in Korea in 1991 to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

As the first community development project in Bangladesh we Good Neighbors Bangladesh are very happy in this 30th Anniversary of Good Neighbors International (GNI) and we have celebrated this day with the staff from Head office, CDPs & PSPs.

Hope we will go forward with our slogan 'Good Change for the World'.



Celebrating International Women's Day



I am Jaya Bain (48). I have one son and one daughter. I am working as an administrative staff in GNB.

During this time in coronavirus, I have tried my best to stand by the helpless people through my work. During this pandemic I continued my work, I have received a lot of support from my family, it has been possible for the family.

I am very happy and proud to work at Good Neighbors. I think this organization has a women friendly environment.

From my position I can say a woman can do a lot if she gets a little cooperation.

On this day of Women's Day, I wish all the best to all women. I wish women to go further in terms of leadership.



Celebrating 50 years of Bangladesh



We have celebrated Independence Day for that we have arranged a special webinar in the title of "What do we think of Bangladesh 50" with the officers and employees. Where all the officials were present and expressed their views on the history, achievements, challenges, future path of Bangladesh. The future of the development sector in the development of Bangladesh was discussed.



GNB Voluntary Award 2020



Recognition for Voluntary Service, GNB Voluntary Award 2020, Feb/2021

To promote volunteerism and to encourage youths to contribute to social activities GNB arranged 'GNB Voluntary Award 2020' for recognition of voluntary service. 14 volunteers have received this award from 14 CDPs.

“*We worked for humanitarian service in COVID-19, based on our work, we have received this award. I am happy and honored for getting this award.*

- Jebin Akter, Moulvibazar CDP

Meeting/Training/Workshop



2021 GNB Annual Conference, Jan/2021

Good Neighbors Bangladesh has been working for 25 years with transparency and accountability in building humanity and society. GNB has shown the ability to stand by the people and deal with them with courage in the epidemic of COVID-19. Representatives of various donor agencies appreciated the work of GNB and expressed the hope that this relationship would continue in the future.

Chief Guest Md. Rashedul Islam, Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau, recognizing the contribution of GNB in social and economic development in Bangladesh. The chief guest congratulated Good Neighbors Bangladesh on its 25-years successful journey and assured that the support of the Bureau of NGO Affairs would continue.



5th GNB Internship Workshop, Mar/2021

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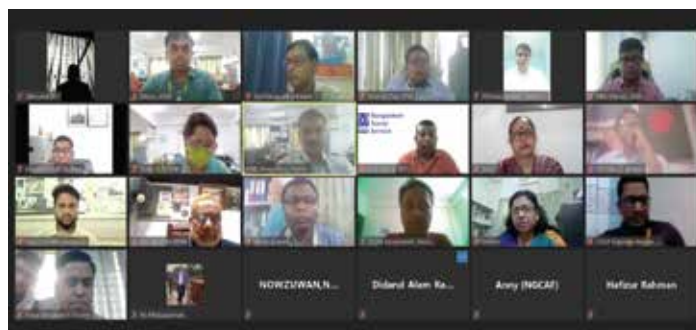
I was so excited before joining the workshop. Now I have finished the workshop & short assessment. I am happy about that. GNB Internship Workshop, I think this is a good opportunity for the youths. As a participant in this workshop I feel proud.

– Asadujjaman, Intern Candidate.

Meeting/Training/Workshop



Structural Psychosocial Support Training by UNICEF, Mar/2021



2nd communication meeting with local partners, Mar/2021



Team Building Workshop, Jan/2021



New Year Celebration and GNB Silver Jubilee Logo Inauguration, Jan/2021



Review Workshop on Agile Communication, Jan/2021



Training on Basic Managerial Skills, Jan/2021

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