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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 happy to publish our 2nd quarter newsletter. This quarter was important for us as a child-centered organization, we have introduced a day named “My Promise Day” on May 5.

The purpose of the day is the children will lead a healthy life, they will be able to achieve their future dreams, and their rights will be protected. Every year we will celebrate this day.

This quarter with the help of the Community Action Team (CAT) we have reached about 11 thousand households in our projects area.

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

## **Good Neighbors is in 10,929 families with emergency support due to COVID-19**



*Mr. Manoranjan Shill Gopal MP, Dinajpur-1 handed over emergency support to the beneficiaries under Birganj CDP*

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*I have heard the name of the GNB and its activities. Today I have seen their activity with my own eyes. I am surprised to see the activity of this organization in my constituency. They are providing humanitarian support in a very organizing way by maintaining social distance during this COVID-19 pandemic.*

*- Mr. Manoranjan Shill Gopal MP, Dinajpur-1*

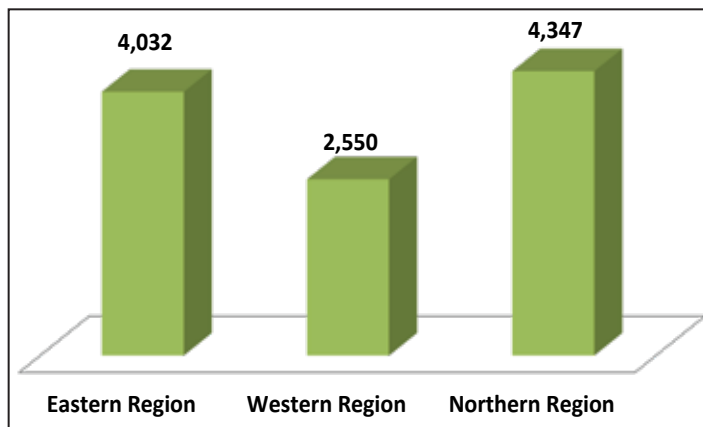
In 2021, through Emergency Response Program-1 the GNB has provided common and optional items to support the vulnerable beneficiaries in the community. From previous experience of emergency support distribution in 2020, GNB has designed this program to create a festive mood & dignity during distribution. 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Response Program-1 was implemented just before Eid-ul-Fitr.

General people were depriving of managing basic needs due to COVID-19, so this program offered them as a gift and blessings.

The program were organized in the open places in 13 CDPs focused on the necessity of livelihood & EID festival by maintaining social distance.

Our community action team members helped us to complete the program effectively from the front line.

*Some photos of the activity:*



*Graph: Region-based beneficiaries received emergency support*

*Eastern Region: Mirpur, Dohar, Ghatail, Shakhipur, Moulvibazar CDPs*

*Western Region: Sirajganj, Nalka, Meherpur, Kalai CDPs*

*Northern Region: Nilphamari, Birganj, Bochaganj, Pirganj CDPs*



*Photo: UNO of Ghatail Upazila handed over emergency support to a beneficiary under Ghatail CDP*

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*In the COVID-19 resistance war, the underprivileged people in society are still suffering the most. They are dealing with the reality of life regularly and struggling to put food on the table. In such a situation, GNB Ghatail CDP has taken the initiative to stand beside these day laborers, extremely poor, and many other workers with food & other essentials. Undoubtedly this is a great initiative, and I appreciate this initiative.*

*- Mr. Ranjan Kumar Basak, UNO of Ghatail Upazila*





Photo: Bochaganj Upazila Chairman handed over emergency support to a beneficiary under Bochaganj CDP



Photo: Health Officer of Moulvibazar CDP measuring the body temperature of a beneficiary before the entrance to the distribution venue.

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*I always confess that GNB is creating a good impact by their activities in the community. I have joined in various activities initiated by GNB, and I feel happy always to see their well-decorated activity. It is appreciable that from the beginning of COVID-19, they are helping our deprived people in various ways. In that consistency, now they are distributing emergency support to vulnerable people. I am happy to be a part of this holistic work.*

- Advocate Md. Zulfekar Hossain  
Upazila Chairman of Bochaganj Upazila



Photo: A beneficiary (Mr. Noren) of Birganj CDP happy to get the emergency support

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*I am day labor. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no available work in the market. I am the only earning member of my four member's families. In this current situation, little support is a big blessing for us. I am happy to get this support. Thanks, GNB for thinking about us in this most needed time. The current time is one kind of disaster for us, especially those who are leaving hand to mouth.*

- Mr. Noren Roy, Mahanpur, Birganj, Dinajpur



Photo: Beneficiaries are exiting after receiving the emergency support



## My Promise Day

Good Change for the World

**The Promise of My life**  
আমার প্রতিজ্ঞা

NO I will not, never, আমি করবোই কখন না	YES I will, do... আমি করবো
1 I will not be absent from school আমি স্কুলে অনুপস্থিত করবো না	1 I will study seriously আমি পড়া নিয়ে গুরুত্ব সহকারে চেষ্টা করবো
2 I will not participate in child labor. (not let happen child labor) আমি শিশু শ্রমে অংশ নেবো না (শিশু শ্রম হওয়া দূরে রাখবো)	2 I will fulfill my dream আমি আমার স্বপ্নকে বাস্তবে রূপ দেবো
3 I will not consent child marriage (not let happen child marriage) আমি শিশু বিয়েতে অংশ নেবো না (শিশু বিয়ে হওয়া দূরে রাখবো)	3 I will not consent child marriage (not let happen child marriage) আমি শিশু বিয়েতে অংশ নেবো না (শিশু বিয়ে হওয়া দূরে রাখবো)
4 I will not involve in dishonest activities. আমি চতুরতা ছাড়া অন্য কোন কাজে অংশ নেবো না	4 I will live healthy and decent life. আমি সুস্থ ও সুশ্রীল জীবন যাপন করবো
5 I will never risk my own and other's life. আমি নিজস্ব ও অন্যের জীবন ঝুঁকি করবো না	5 I will be a good neighbor. আমি আমার চু-পড়িগোষ্ঠী হবো

I promise as above and I desire to keep it to the end.  
আমি উপরে বর্ণিত সকল সন্ধে রাখার প্রতিজ্ঞা করছি।  
(My Promise Day) 5th May 2021.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



We have announced 5th May is **"My Promise Day"** আমার প্রতিজ্ঞা দিবস', from 2021 to every year we will celebrate this day.

The purpose of the day is the children will lead a healthy life, they will be able to achieve their future dreams, and their rights will be protected.



GNB country director was present along with others staffs from respective teams during announcement program.

## Activities in Picture



7 health workers have awarded for their contribution during the COVID-19, Jun/2021



Volunteers are working for raising awareness on COVID-19 by Sirajganj CDP, May/2021



Reading Campaign at Moulvibazar CDP, Jun/2021



Conduct awareness education session on COVID-19 by Kalapara CDP, Jun/2021



## Activities in Picture



*Livestock support among the poor beneficiaries by Kurigram CDP, Jun/2021*



*Duck distribution among 60 households by Pirganj CDP, Jun/2021*



*Grocery Shop Item distribution among the entrepreneur by Nilphamari CDP, Jun/2021*



*Cloths distribution among the entrepreneur by Mirpur CDP, Jun/2021*



*Pre-Volunteer seminar arranged by Nalka CDP, Jun/2021*



*Youth Development Training (Career and Education) by Bochaganj CDP, Jun/2021*



## Activities in Picture



*Together for child activities program by Birganj CDP, Apr/2021*



*Celebrating World Day Against Child Labor at Kalai CDP, Jun/2021*



*Training for Teachers organized by Dohar CDP, Jun/2021*



*Celebrating Menstrual Hygiene Day at Meherpur CDP, May/2021*



*Cluster Meeting arranged by CHW at Ghatail CDP, Jun/2021*



*Monthly Dream School teachers meeting at Shakhipur CDP, May/2021*

## Special Project Activities

### GNB-SAMSUNG Village Project, Mirpur

#### • Capacity building training for Teachers



Teachers from Bangabandhu Bidyaniketan, Sultan Mollah Adarsh School, Islamia High School, Good Neighbors Mirpur School has participated in the training

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*After a long day's teachers has physically attended in the training and it refresh them & gathered some additional knowledge which will help to ensure quality education.*

*- Mr. Shah Alam, Head Teacher of Bangabandhu Bidyaniketan, Mirpur*

GNB Samsung village project has arranged 4-day capacity building training for teachers. There are 32 teachers from 4 schools under Mirpur, Dhaka . TSEO (Thana Secondary Education Officer) of Pallabi, Dhaka was present in the training. Three trainers conducted the training on the learning process, methods, characteristics of an ideal teacher, child rights & protection issues, and using of multimedia in the classroom.

#### • Health Checkup Campaign



Health Campaign conducted in Bangabandhu Bidyaniketan

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*I think it is a landmark step in the first aid of students during this pandemic. By this health campaign, students received the medicine side by side they received a mono-psychological motivation. I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to GNB and Samsung on behalf of the management committee and all the teachers for all the assistance provided in improving the environment and quality of education for the school. - Mr. Atikul Islam, Chairperson, Managing Committee, Bangabandhu Bidyaniketan*



## Special Project Activities

### • Capacity building training for Teachers



Education kits have been distributed among 2,234 students of 5 schools in Mirpur, and Solar lantern distributed among 3,000 students of 26 schools in Moulvibazar

### • Multimedia Handover



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*This support would be a great benefit to the students of the schools. The initiative taken by this project has fascinated me. I think it would be better if this support spread out among more students in more schools. These materials would help the teachers in teaching following modern standards.*

- Ms. Farzana Sharmin, TSEO, Mirpur

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

### • GNB initiatives in Ashrayan Prokolpo-2 at Cox's Bazar



5 houses constructed and 17 are ongoing by GNB for the development of the host community under Ashrayan Project-2 at Cox's Bazar, adopted by the Honorable Prime Minister in the occasion of 100 years of Mujib.

### • GBV (Gender Based Violence) Activity



A total of 971 people got GBV risk mitigation messages through engagements with watch groups & women groups to empower capacities and prevent and responses social problems as representative of the community.



## Special Project Activities

### • Life Skill Based (LSB) session



86 adolescents received LSB session by our staff

### • Awareness session



GNB has reached 2,086 people at camp: 14, 15 & 16 for raising awareness on Child Protection and COVID-19

## A physically disabled child now improved the condition: An impact of counseling



Pihu at CFS center

Pihu is eight years old mentally and physically disabled child. She lives with her parents in the Rohingya refugee camp at Cox's Bazar. Due to her illness, her mother always tied her with a chain or

rope in her house. Her parents work outside so it is not possible to keep an eye on her all the time.

One of GNB's volunteers has noticed the condition of this child and talk with her parents. The child is not mentally active, not able to understand anything, and she moves here and there without informing, that's

why they always tied her up. Sometimes the child sleeping in the mud.

The volunteer discussed with her parents that if they treat the child positively then she can overcome it slightly. The volunteer also had given counseling to the parent and suggest to them through counseling, not to tie her.

After that, the volunteer referred the child to MOWCA (Ministry of Women and Children Affairs). Parents agreed to give MHPSS support for the child for three months. Doctors said the child's condition is improving and she had received all MHPSS sessions.

## KOICA-GNB Community Health Worker Project/ Bochaganj



KOICA GNB CHW project has arranged 3 days of in-service training for the CHW & CHW supervisor on basic first aid, health education, and counseling on MNCH service. A total of 44 participants have participated in this training, the training is conducted by LAMB hospital.



## Special Project Activities

- *Capacity building training for SDC midwife*

8 midwives have got the capacity building training at LAMB training center



- *Emergency Support & Health Protective materials distributed among 3,500 households*



*Emergency Food & Health Protective materials support  
by CHW Project, June/2021*

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*I have been happy and astonished by getting  
emergency food & health-protective material  
support, and it will help me to survive for the next  
seven days.*

*– Dinesh Chandra Roy (45 yrs)  
A disable person from Ishania Union  
Bochaganj, Dinajpur*

## WFP-GNB Building Resilience for Achieving Zero Hunger (BRAZH) Project/ Kurigram



Awareness training on disaster preparedness and management conducted at Begumganj union with project participants under GNB WFP BRAZH Project. Each session duration was 3 hours that facilitated by Field Facilitator based on designed module. Through the training beneficiaries gathered knowledge on disaster preparedness and management strategies.



GNB WFP BRAZH Project organized income-generating training on cow rearing, goat rearing, and small business in the Jatrapur area. A total of 75 participants participated in the training. Each beneficiary developed her business plan based on their individual business through Entrepreneurship development training before attending the IGA training.



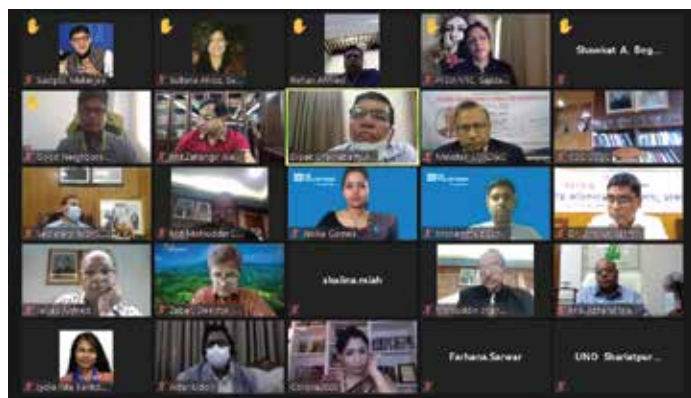
## Meeting/Training/Workshop



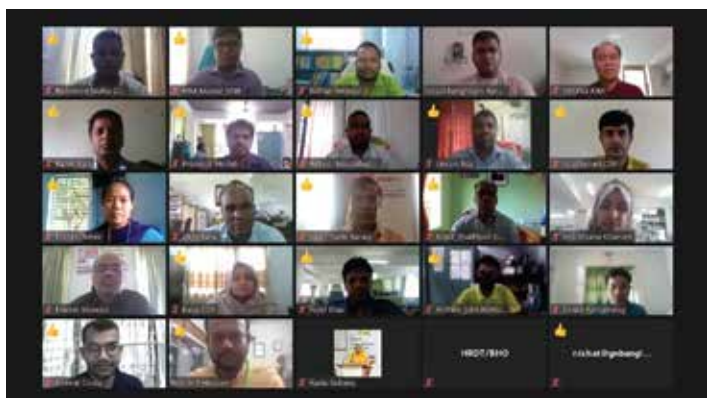
1st quarter managerial meeting, Apr/2021



Workshop on Annual Child Letter, Apr/2021



National level webinar on "National Volunteer Policy" conducted by Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, GNB has participated in this webinar May/2021.



Workshop on Prevention of Fraud and Corruption, May/2021



Discussion on 2021-2022 national budget: BSHRM and BIPD jointly arranged this meeting, GNB has participated in this meeting, Jun/2021



Capacity Strengthening Workshop for health staff, Jun/2021

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