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

We are very happy to publish our 3rd quarter newsletter. Now gradually we are adjusting ourselves with 'new normal', for that this quarter was most significant for us. In this newsletter, we tried to report about some major activities in short.

In this quarter we have reached more than four thousand people with emergency support through our Community Action Team (CAT). Considering and analyzing the needs described by hospitals, we upgraded the medical service facilities by providing some equipment, which is most important during this time.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were many people who became unemployed. Our teams have tried to help those families by providing some income generation items. We always believe that awareness and maintaining some protective measures can help us to stay away from COVID-19. So, our teams continuously are trying to spread the message through the audio mass campaign, home visit, cluster meetings, and other possible ways.

I appreciate and are grateful to all of our colleagues, CAT members, partners, stakeholders, donors, and well-wishers for their support amid COVID-19.

'Good Bazar' a unique intervention to support the vulnerable families during COVID-19



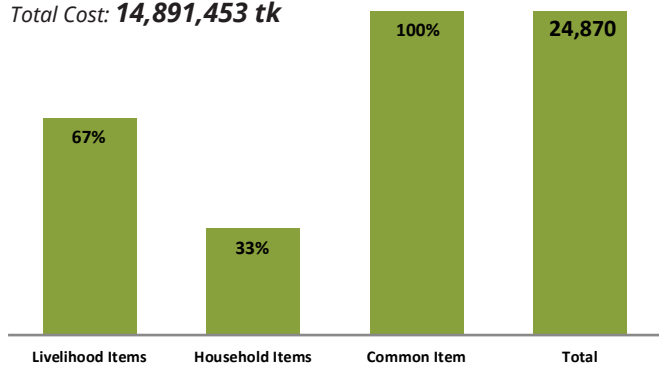
Community Action Team (CAT) Members are delivering emergency food to the families those who stay away, Birganj CDP

Due to COVID-19 people are passing their daily life with uncertainty and depression. GNB has taken the initiative to support the people and bring a smile to their mouths in front of the Eid festival. For that Good Bazar is a small initiative. Pre-selected beneficiaries have got this support. Through this Bazar, they collect the items as per their needs from the stalls.

Every CDP of GNB has taken this initiative and govt. officials, the local elite persons were present as guests in respective CDP areas during the program. Some of them commented on the program among them UNO of Pirganj said 'The arrangement is unique with the maintaining protective measures during this pandemic, really this was a challenge but GNB Pirganj CDP did this very well with maintaining all protective measures. I appreciate for their dedication.'

Total **24,870** beneficiaries have received support through Good Bazar

Total Cost: **14,891,453 tk**



In 3 categories we have supported materials among these: Livelihood Items (Rice, Pulse, Mustard oil, Salt, Onion, Potato, Ceevit & Zin-B, Soap), Household Items (Lungi, Saree, T-shirt, Mehendi & hair band) & Common Item (Sugar, Semai, Milk Powder, Pulaw Rice).



COVID-19 Relief Activities-2



৳ 2,677,084
Total Expense



৳ 2,677,084
Local Fundraising



4,310
Families received
food and sanitation
items



9 Districts
8 Upazilas
covered



We have reached 4,310 families with the support of emergency food and sanitation item through local fundraising by Community Action Team. Thanks to all who have supported us for COVID-19 Relief Activities-2.

Hospital Facilities Upgradation for COVID-19 Response



To contribute to strengthening and upgrading COVID-19 hospital's diagnostic, treatment, and overall facilities in Bangladesh and to ensure safety & security of health personnel we have provided some medical equipment, sample collection booth, and PPE packages in Dhaka Shishu Hospital, Dr. M R Khan Shishu Hospital and Institute of Child Health and Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

"Support is support whether it can be big or small but the gesture is very important what you (GNB) have shown to us. You have come at the right time with your support especially I am talking about the Oxygen Concentrator. Really it is very necessary for us at this time, and we cannot explain how important it is for us especially for the hospital. So thank you very much Good Neighbors Bangladesh". - **Prof. D. Samir Kumar Saha**, Corona Unit Chief, Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital & Executive Director, Child Health Research Foundation during Hospital Equipment Handover & Signing Ceremony at Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital.



2020 Graduation Ceremony



GNB **sponsorship service** program matches the poorest of the poor children across the country to sponsors so that they receive support for fulfilling their basic needs and enhancing their overall quality of life.

GNB started a sponsorship program in 1996, and since then we have continuously supported students that belong to hard-to-reach, disadvantaged, and marginalized communities in remote areas to get an education. We continue this support for a child till 18 age after then he/she will be a force to drop out of our service.

We have arranged the **2020 Graduation Ceremony** with 1,687 children from various CDP who will be dropout in Dec 2020. The purpose of the program is 'To celebrate, preparing, and encouraging for adult life'. The children are glad to attend the program and grateful to the sponsor to supported until 18 aged.



Total Children

1,687



Ratio of girls

47%



Ratio of boys

53%



Activities in Picture



Mosquito Net distributed among 230 sponsored children by Meherpur CDP to prevent mosquito based disease, Aug/2020



School bag distribution as education materials among Sponsored Children of Sirajganj CDP, Aug/2020



Nutritional food distribution among pregnant mothers of Ghatail CDP, Aug/2020



Sanitary Napkin Distribution among adolescent girls by Nilphamari CDP, Sep/2020



Admission fees distribution among 137 sponsored children by Pirganj CDP, Sep/2020



Seeds, Duck & Hen distributed among 130 families by Moulvibazar CDP, Sep/2020

Activities in Picture



Monthly cluster meeting facilitated by CHW with pregnant mothers and guardian at Ghatail CDP, Sep/2020



Children fulfilling Bangle Cube study sheet as Brain games at Moulvibazar CDP, Sep/2020



Social Issue meeting to create awareness on Rights of the Children and Women, Sep/2020



CHW Skill Development Workshop arranged by Ghatail CDP, Aug/2020



Hepatitis-B checkup Campaign by Nilphamari CDP, Sep/2020



Youth Development training arranged by Moulvibazar CDP, Aug/2020

Special Day Observation



Celebrating International Literacy Day with 56 participants by Bochaganj CDP, Sep/2020



Celebrating National Girl Child Day by Dohar CDP, Sep/2020



Celebrating International Youth Day by Kalai CDP, Aug/2020



Celebrating National Mourning Day by Sirajganj CDP, Aug/2020



Celebrating World Teacher's Day by Gulshan CDP, Oct/2020



Celebrating Hand Washing Day by Meherpur CDP, Oct/2020

Special Project Activities

GNB-SAMSUNG Village Project, Mirpur

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing program held between GNB and Sultan Mollah Adarsha High School, Mirpur, Dhaka for implementing **The 8th SAMSUNG Village Project**. The project will work to improve the infrastructure and quality of education at Sultan Mollah Adarsha High School. Among these, we will construct the school building roof, will be provided chair-table bench & develop multimedia classroom, science lab, books & furniture for the school library, education materials for students, teaching materials for the teachers, etc. On behalf of Sultan Mollah Adarsha High School, Head Teacher, teachers & School Managing Committee members, and on behalf of GNB, Communication Team Manager, CDP Manager and the staff of Samsung Village Project were present.



MoU Signing at Sultan Mollah Adarsha High School for construction & Renovation work by GNB-SAMSUNG village project, Aug/2020



Teaching Materials distribution for Teachers, GNB-SAMSUNG village project, Sep/2020

To create a child-friendly learning environment and ensure quality education among 4 schools in Mirpur, Dhaka, GNB has provided Teaching Materials for Teachers funded by Samsung C&T Corporation under 'The 8th Samsung Village Project'. On behalf of the School, the Head Teacher & the member of SMC received the materials. After receiving they expressed their gratitude to the GNB as well as SAMSUNG C&T Corporation.

GNB-SEOUL City Project, Kalai

To improve the status of community people in unexpected emergency crisis situation regarding COVID-19, GNB-SEOUL City Project, Kalai CDP conducted Audio Mass Campaign, installed a handwashing booth in the local market place, sprayed disinfectant in local vehicles, distributed hygiene kit, and raising awareness on COVID-19.



Activities under SEOUL City Project, Kalai CDP

Special Project Activities

KOICA-GNB CHW Project/Bochaganj

Mr. Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, the state minister for shipping, inaugurated 6 bedded 24/7 Safe Delivery Center (SDC) & Midwives accommodation at Bochaganj, Dinajpur.

Dr. Md.Abu Nasser Nurul Islam, DDFP, Dinajpur; said “ We are improving in the sector of family planning with KOICA-GNB CHW project where pregnant poor community womens are getting benefit based on MNCH service and he also thanks to KOICA-GNB CHW project including KOICA for nice cooperation in the Bochaganj upazila under Dinajpur district”



A mother, a healthy new born baby, and a new faith



Fatema Begum with her new born baby

“I have been very happy and astonished by getting successful normal delivery in the friendly place of the safe delivery center under the KOICA-GNB CHW project at community-level” says Fatema Begum.

Fatema Begum (21) lives in Uttar Krishnopur village under the Ishania union, Bochaganj, Dinajpur with her husband Md. Milon Hossain (27).

Through our, CHW Fatema knows the importance of ANC & PNC. When she became pregnant she took ANC visit service from UH&FWC, Ishania union.

One day when she felt pain, a CHW named Mrs. Runa Akter makes them understood for delivery on a recent opening 24/7 SDC Ishania union and SDC midwife ensure safe normal delivery of Fatema Begum where she delivers a son.

Now Fatema Begum is very happy with the well-equipped modern normal delivery facility in the 24/7 SDC Ishania union and health-related care & service of Midwife under a safe delivery center and she wants to share to other pregnant women in the community so that community people can be motivated towards for normal delivery. She believed normal delivery is possible and it's good for both child & mother's health.



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I feel proud to be as recognition for first delivery under 24/7 SDC Ishania union, and thanks to KOICA-GNB CHW project

- **Fatema Begum**

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Special Project Activities

UNICEF-GNB RER Project/Cox's Bazar

"UNICEF Field Observation" has been conducted at Camp-15 Block-E-9 Multi-Purpose Child and Adolescent Center [MPCAC] by the new Chief of field office along with Assistant Chief Focal Officer, PD Manager of UNICEF. The purposes of the field observation were to know the current status of the entire activity by GNB-UNICEF Rohingya Emergency Response (RER) Project.



Group photo, Aug/2020



Mental Health and Psychosocial Services support delivered to a child in Camp 15 by RER project staff, Sep/2020



Conducted Positive Parenting awareness and general protection sessions, Sep/2020

WFP-GNB BRAZH Project/Kurigram

WFP-GNB Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger (BRAZH) project, Kurigram had performed 18 sessions with Ward Disaster Management Committee (WDMC) members in project intervention areas the Jattrapur and Begumganj Unions and distributed emergency food support due to COVID-19 among 120 families prioritized from widow, disable, pregnant woman, aged people with chronic food security condition under 2 unions.



Emergency food distribution, Jul/2020



WDMC quarterly meeting, Aug/2020

Meeting/Training/Workshop



Celebrating 24th Anniversary of GNB, Aug/2020



GN Child Protection Policy introducing Workshop, July/2020



PSEA Training for ensure and establish PSEA, Sep/2020



Halfyearly managerial workshop, July/2020



Training of Trainers on Mosquito Control Service, July/2020



National Child Council Meeting, Aug/2020



National Youth Council Meeting, Sep/2020



IG Staff capacity development workshop, Jul/2020

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