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**M Mainuddin Mainul**  
Country Director  
Good Neighbors Bangladesh

Greetings! Our distinguished partners, stakeholders, civil society organizations, government, non-government organizations, and colleagues from Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB).

We are happy to publish our 3rd quarter newsletter. This quarter was remarkable for us as we are celebrating the 25th years founding anniversary of GNB. In this newsletter, we tried to show our regular activities and some particular interventions taken due to the Silver Jubilee of GNB.

We are delighted to inform you that, Volunteerism for Bangladesh with this theme we have organized our youths through a ceremony named “Homecoming” and thanks to the Honorable Mr. Dipak Chakraborty, Additional Secretary (Admin), Local Government Division, Ministry of LGRDC, for his presence in this program.

We have organized a Community Development Committee (CDC) convention where honorable Mr. K.M.Tariqul Islam, Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau, was present for that we are thankful to him.

CHW Research Report sharing seminar was also have organized this quarter. Dr. Abu Jamil Faisel, Public Health Expert Advisor, DGHS, MOHFW, was with us in the program.

I appreciate and am grateful to our colleagues, partners, stakeholders, and well-wishers for their support.

## Celebrating 25th Anniversary of GNB



*Staff of GNB Head Office in a frame, Aug/2021*

We have celebrated 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) on 18 August 2021 with all staff of GNB. The program had divided into two parts. In the 1st part, all staff has taken part virtually, and in the 2nd part, every CDPs/P-SPs/HO has physically celebrated at respective office areas. To motivate the employee and to celebrate the day, we have taken some initiatives and done accordingly. Country Director of KOICA Bangladesh office has joined as a special guest on this celebration at GNB Head Office.

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*I have received the service award for completing 20 years of service in GNB. I have given the golden time of my life to GNB. When I started my career at GNB, I was a student. In return for my hard work, GNB has given me identity, respect, and whatever I am today. I would like to Thanks GNB for giving me a chance to grow my career here. I am proud to be a member of GNB. GNB has created a women- friendly workplace so that it has been possible for me to stayed here for long days.*

*- Mamata Adhikary, Sr. Officer, Admin Affairs Unit*



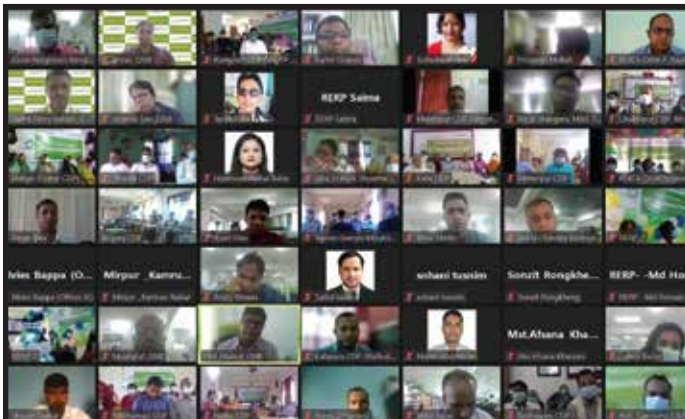
This year a total of 37 staff has received the service award for their service and dedication in GNB for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. Among these 37 staff, three women staff has received the award for 20 years of services, two women staff for 15 years, two women staff for 10 years, and four women staff for 5 years.



*Ms. Mamata Adhikary receiving service award from the Country Director, Aug/2021*



*Honorable Country Director of KOICA Bangladesh Office with GNB Senior Staff in a frame, Aug/2021*



*A snapshot of celebrating the day with the staff from CDPs, PSPs and Head Office, Aug/2021*



# Special Message for 25th Anniversary of GNB



Additional Secretary (Admin)  
Local Government Division  
Ministry of Local Government, Rural  
Development & Cooperatives

I congratulate Good Neighbors Bangladesh on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee). I have heard and seen that GNB is implementing so many activities at the rural level, and the number of beneficiaries is so far good. For the youths, GNB has taken so many initiatives to develop them, and they are one of the target groups of GNB. GNB has contributed to the National Volunteer Policy formulation. I believe that GNB was, is, and will be with us in the future for formulating and implementing the National Volunteer Policy. I wish good luck to GNB, and it will exist for many more years and contribute to the development of Bangladesh.

**- Mr. Dipak Chakraborty**

*\* Message collected from his speech during Homecoming Ceremony arranged by GNB, presented as chief guest via webinar, 7 Sep/2021*



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
NGO Affairs Bureau

Director General (Grade-1)  
NGO Affairs Bureau  
Government of the  
People's Republic of Bangladesh

I convey my gratitude to the GNB for reaching 25 years by their holistic approach. I have heard that last 25 years, GNB serving the community people by implementing some interventions. GNB is playing a vital role in the community to strengthening Child Rights. They have formed child clubs, youth clubs, and volunteer groups for skill development. From the beginning of the COVID-19, GNB has stayed beside the community by raising awareness, distributing emergency food support, and providing necessary hospital equipment. I give thanks to the GNB for their initiatives. I wish GNB will continue its holistic work for the community and contribute to achieving SDGs.

**- Mr. K.M. Tariqul Islam**

*\* Message collected from his speech during CDC convention arranged by GNB, presented as chief guest via webinar, 23 Aug/2021*



**KOICA**  
Korea International  
Cooperation Agency

Country Director  
KOICA Bangladesh Office

I am delighted to be here at the event of celebrating GNB's 25th successful year. KOICA Bangladesh and Good Neighbors Bangladesh was established together in 1996. We have been in a deep relationship since 1996. It gives me immense pleasure to acknowledge the harmonious partnership between KOICA Bangladesh and GNB. Undoubtedly 25 years is a long journey for an organization, GNB is continuing its significant contribution.

It has been a meaningful journey indeed. GNB has successfully carried out some special projects funded by KOICA, and some are ongoing, including the KOICA CHW project in Bochaganj, Dinajpur. I believe GNB will continue its journey for a better Bangladesh. By way of promoting Child Rights, fostering global partnership, and advocating the merge of the most vulnerable respectably and effectively. On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary, I expect that GNB will continue to grow with obedient for the next 25 years. Once again, Congratulations!

**- Ms. Doh Young-Ah**

# Special Message for 25th Anniversary of GNB



Upazila Chairman  
Bochaganj Upazila

I am happy to be involved with GNB as the representative of Bochaganj Upazila. I think GNB is working so reputedly in Bochaganj as well other Upazilas of 12 districts. As per my opinion, GNB is one of the best NGOs in Bangladesh because they are working closely and sincerely with education, health, etc. The Government and Upazila Parishad will cooperate with GNB in any situation.

Sometimes I am astonished when I have seen the work strategy of Good Neighbors, really it's surprising. I thanked the GNB, and I wish GNB go far ahead for the well-being of the community.

**- Advocate Md. Zulfekar Hossain**

*\* Message collected from his speech during CDC Convention arranged by GNB, presented as special guest via webinar, 23 Aug/2021*



Country Director  
Good Neighbors Bangladesh

Greetings and thanks to all on the 25th founding anniversary of Good Neighbors Bangladesh. I especially want to remember my dear colleagues, who have brought GNB to this stage from the beginning. I thank them for their commitment and loyalty. I like to thank every organization and those countries that are supporting GNB. Especially Good Neighbors International, GPC, Japan, Canada, and the UK. Then I am giving thanks to our partner organizations, especially KOICA, WFP, UNICEF, the Australian High Commission, and those who support us financially.....

Thanks to the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh for their continued support. We could not work in Bangladesh without their cooperation, directions, and approval. They have helped and approved our every work. As a trusted organization, the NGOAB and other related ministries have helped us in every step.

I would also like to thank the local government representatives who have been helping our CDPs at the local level, public representatives, CDCs, and cooperatives members. Thanks to all who have helped us to build local leadership.

Good Neighbors (GN) is an International Organization, and thinking locally and works with the local people but with the global agenda.

From the beginning of GN works with the MDG and GN is an MDG award-winning organization. Recently GN are working for the achieving of SDGs. GN Vision 2030 is already fixed and the slogan of GN Vision 2030: Empowering People, Transforming Communities. GN is moving forward all over the world to implement the vision 2030.

On this GNB 25th Anniversary, one aim is to achieving SDGs for Bangladesh and the goals of SDG that Bangladeshis still lagging, to work with the local level leadership in those goals.

Like in 2020, we have organized a fundraising conference with local and international NGOs in the country. That conference was not only for the GN but for Bangladesh. We wanted to build awareness, skills, and collaboration in fundraising.

In this regard, GNB wants to work more extensively with international NGOs working in Bangladesh and with local NGOs. We want everyone's cooperation for this purpose. Thanks to all.



## A particular intervention for the 25th Anniversary of GNB

### COVID-19 Response Program-2

Many disabled people in our society have lived very miserable life during this pandemic. The COVID-19 Response Program (2) had run as an exceptional initiative to provide emergency food assistance to such people under our CDPs areas. The Community Action Team, as always, has played a particular role in finding and assisting such people. Through COVID-19 Response Program-2, we have delivered emergency food support among 2,126 households.



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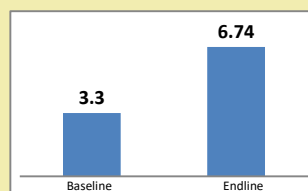
### COVID-19 Response Program-3

Under the COVID-19 Response Program-(3), we have focused on the hospital facilities up-gradation and raising awareness on COVID-19. In terms of hospital facilities up-gradation, we have provided 20 patient beds, 19 oxygen concentrators, 38 Oxygen cylinders, 108 Pulse oximeters, 2 Sample collection booths, 24 Temperature measuring tools, 2 Handwashing booths, 60 face shields, 30 Nasal cannulas, 17 water filters, 60 Oxygen masks, and 7 Semi ICU beds.

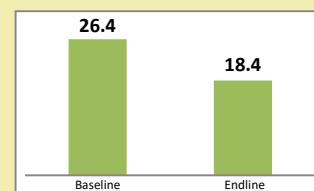
In terms of raising awareness, our volunteer has played a vital role. They have conducted audio mass campaigns, distributed masks, and installed billboards.



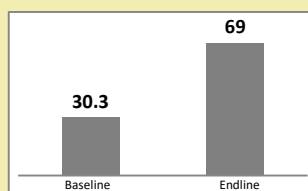
Some results has been occurred due to our volunteers initiatives for COVID-19, these are as below



Increased vaccination rate



Reduced infection rate



Increased mask use rate



4,914,722

viewers

Telecasting message



81 216,728

areas

beneficiaries

Audio mass campaign



8,950 9

poster

billboard installation

BCC/IEC materials



86,900

pcs

Mask distributed



1,582

person

Vaccine Reg. support



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COVID-19 positive persons

Food Support





## A particular intervention for the 25th Anniversary of GNB

### CDC (Community Development Committee) Convention

We have organized a webinar named 25th Anniversary Convention of CDC on 23 August 2021, where the honorable Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau was present as chief guest, as special guests there were Chairman of Bochaganj Upazila, UNO of Pirganj Upazila. There were also present other Government officials from local Government offices, CDC members from GNB's 16 CDPs, and staff of GNB. The program has presided over the country director of GNB.

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*From the beginning of GNB Sirajganj CDP establishment, they are supporting our community people to improve the skills by providing computer training, sewing training, assistance in agriculture, cattle rearing, and other vast contribution which is not comparable. I feel so proud to get the opportunity to participate in different activities for the well-being of the community members. I think the tendency of child marriage in our locality is reduced remarkably by the intervention of GNB.*

- Mr. Bokul Chandra Gowshami, President, Sirajganj CDC



Good Neighbors emphasizes “community mobilization” as a way of local-level participation for community development projects because it connects people and helps them cooperate and build up the necessary experience.

To resolve the structural poverty in the local community, each individual community member should be more than a project beneficiary and become an agent that takes the lead in bringing about change.

To do so, there should be ample opportunities for communication and Partnership within the community.

This is where Good Neighbors steps in: it promotes community mobilization and supports community members in building the necessary capacity. As expected, self-governing committees composed of community members served as the backbone of the project. The name of this committee is Community Development Committee (CDC).



## A particular intervention for the 25th Anniversary of GNB

### Seminar on GNB CHW Research Report

We have organized a seminar called 25th Anniversary Seminar on GNB CHW Research Report on 7th July through webinar. In the field of Public Health, GNB CHW is one of the most significant interventions. Recently 241 Community Health Workers, 55 Skilled Birth Attendants (SBA) & 57 Certified Trained birth attendants (TBA) are contributing to 8 Upazilla's from 7 Districts in the field of maternal & child health under the supervision of GNB. CHW project was evaluated at five working areas by external researcher Dr. Nazneen Akhter, Founder and MD, VAALO Avant Grade Ltd.

In the seminar, she has shared the report with her suggestions for the improvement of CHW.

Among the participants in this seminar there were from, Government Health Officials, Nirvik Foundation and Shornokishoree, Jahangir Nagor University, Dustho Sasthyo Kendro (DSK), Friendship Bangladesh, Water Aid, CARITAS, World Vision, Kaler Kantho, KOICA-CPP, Good Neighbors International. As the chief guest there was Dr. Abu Jamil Faisel Public Health Expert Advisor, MOHFW & Chairman Health 21.



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*I am thankful to Good Neighbors Bangladesh for inviting me to such a seminar as a chief guest. I appreciate GNB's CHW Research Report presented by Dr. Nazneen Akhter. GNB CHW is the name of trust of the people, so I think it can be an example for the entire country.*

*I believe that CHWs can eliminate child marriage besides providing ANC, food, delivery service, care to elderly persons of a family, and can bringing change in the social system in the rural areas.*

*I like to request GNB to expand this CHW project in collaboration with the Government throughout the country. In this regard, need policy level strong advocacy. GNB can do it and includes it in Government 5 years' plan. Lastly, I congratulate GNB for CHW & KOICA CHW Project for saving mother's & newborn's life which will be helping us to see healthy Bangladesh in the future.*

**- Dr. Abu Jamil Faisel, Public Health Expert Advisor MOHFW, Health21**

details: <https://www.facebook.com/GNBangla/videos/288921693023797>

# A particular intervention for the 25th Anniversary of GNB

## Homecoming Ceremony

Volunteerism for Bangladesh with this slogan, we organized the youths in an umbrella named 'Homecoming' ceremony on 7 Sep 2021 via webinar. Mr. Dipak Chakraborty, Additional Secretary (Admin), Local Government Division, Ministry of LGRDC has joined as the chief guest, and Ms. Farzana Brownia, Founder Chairman and CEO of Nirvik Network-SKNF has joined as keynote speaker at this webinar. Mr. Aktar Uddin, Country Coordinator of UNV Bangladesh, and Mr. Korvi Rakshand, Founder Chairman of JAAGO Foundation, have joined the webinar as distinguished guests. At the same time, some of our partner organizations have joined us in the webinar.



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*Today is one of the happiest day for the youths on the occasion of GNB 25th founding anniversary. GNB are taking care of these volunteers through implementing their various activities. Great success will be achieved with little success from each volunteer. Everyone is trying to make a better world, yet we need more to do. I give Thanks to GNB and the volunteers and expect that the good work will go on.*

- Ms. Farzana Brownia,  
Founder Chairman and CEO, Nirvik Network



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*Volunteers are the lifeblood of Bangladesh because all the good things that have been achieved in Bangladesh have been done through volunteers. Volunteers have come forward in any crisis in the country, and they have also contributed during the COVID-19 crisis. Volunteerism is the beauty of life.*

- Mr. Aktar Uddin, Country Coordinator of UNV Bangladesh

*The world is the Creator's greatest gift to man. Let us all together make this world beautiful.*

- Mr. Korvi Rakshand, Founder Chairman of JAAGO Foundation

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## A particular intervention for the 25th Anniversary of GNB

### Tree Plantation

Trees offer many environmental benefits. Trees reduce the urban heat effect, improve air quality by filtering harmful dust, give off oxygen that we need to breathe, and reduce natural disasters. The trees provide food, protection, and homes for many birds. So on the occasion of GNB's 25th founding anniversary, we have taken the initiative of planting trees in the CDP's working areas. In its continuity, we have planted 1,488 trees on the road-side, schools boundary areas, Upazila premises, open shopping places, and many places based on necessity. We have planted fruit, forest, and medicinal plants.



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*I think GNB now directly focuses on the environment and nature in its founding anniversary by planting trees. It's our responsibility to take care of the environment and nature for our children and the next generation. I convey my gratitude to the GNB for taking this initiative.*

- Mr. Abdus Salam, Head Teacher, KC Faridpur Govt. Primary School

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*There is no way to revive nature without tree plantation. We should plant trees as fruits, forests, and medicinal trees as an alternative way for financial support. Thanks to GNB for such an initiative during this 25th founding anniversary of GNB.*

- Ms. Chanda Pal, UNO, Bochaganj Upazila



## Activities in Picture



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