

A Quarterly Newsletter

TOGETHER

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A comprehensive physical examination followed by malnutrition assessment through WHO tools are the innovative screening intervention by GNB. Every year GNB ensures the child's standard health check-up by using BMI tools.

A checkup can tell your 'inside' story



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

We are very happy that we are going to publish our 1st quarter newsletter. Through this newsletter, Good Neighbors Bangladesh will describe a short brief of 1st quarter achievement by 14 CDPs and 3 PSPs.

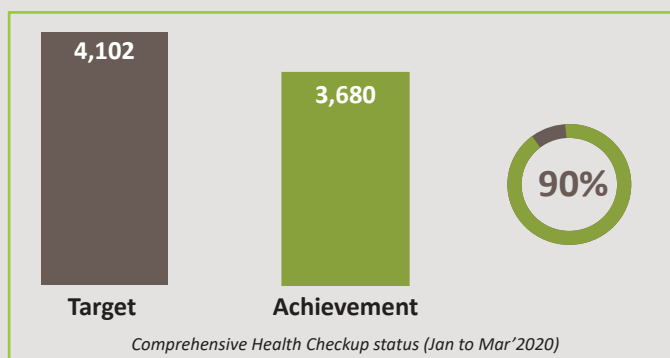
This quarter was very significant because we are facing a worldwide pandemic of coronavirus. From the very beginning, GNB has taken initiatives for protecting coronavirus. The 1st quarter newsletter highlights our major achievements of child rights, woman rights, and youth development through (education materials distribution, health check-up, ICT education, internship program, emergency food support, income-generating activities and response in the cold wave in the northern part of Bangladesh). This quarter we have arranged 2020 fundraising conference with very meaningfully and successfully to expand effective partnership with like-minded NGOs, INGOs, Government, press and electronic personnel and CDC representatives.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my colleagues who are working in different CDPs and PSP for their hard work and dedication to continue our activities and support for publishing this newsletter during this pandemic. Be safe and healthy.

Children safety our priority



Photo: Standard Health Checkup, Dohar CDP



Health checkup is GNB's way to ensure total health care for its targeted children. A study says that, adolescent and school-going children are suffering from various health-related problems. From the perspective of Bangladesh, where child health issues are mostly ignored, there is little scope of screening of apparently healthy children who may suffer from vulnerable diseases. Realizing this fact GNB operates regular Standard Health Checkup for the sponsored children.



Comment of a student on Standard Health Checkup

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Bonna Akter

Class: 9

Ghatail Su-protibeshi High School

I am very happy to be a student of Good Neighbors Ghatail School and it's my pride as well. As a sponsored child I have received 'comprehensive health checkup' by GNB like other children. Through health checkup, I am come to know about my general health condition, and also I can share about my health problem if I face. It's a great opportunity for me to be healthy.

If GNB found any malnourished children by health checkup then GNB provides nutritional support to them. It's very much helpful for the children, especially those who come from vulnerable families.

getting sick Life
reduce risk good HEALTH
HEALTHCHECKUP
Emerging full body checkup Physical
body function habits regular Clinical history
MedicalPROBLEMS
examination diagnose diseases taking care



Awareness Campaign on COVID-19



We tried to raise awareness on COVID-19 among community people through the various campaigns and distributing masks & leaflets. As washing our hands properly is the way to protect from coronavirus so we arranged demonstrations on 'how to wash hands', and disinfected spraying in local transport in our working areas. To fulfill this work our local volunteer and community people have worked along with our staff.

CREATING MASS AWARENESS ON CHILD RIGHTS



We create an environment where children are able to grow up healthy and their rights are protected. Recently we developed a TV commercial for creating mass awareness on child rights among the audiences. Moreover our regular activity for protecting child rights is ongoing.

We work through child councils, youth councils, community development committies, child rights keeper, and community health worker.



Meeting with the guardians of the **Children Under Threat of Marriage (CUTOM)**



Meeting with the members of **Child Rights Keeper (CRK)**



Monthly **Child Council** Meeting



Pirganj CDP/Jan 2020

Mobile Library



Birganj CDP/Feb 2020

Reading Camping



Moulvibazar CDP/Jan 2020

Social Issue based meeting



Nilphamari CDP/Feb 2020

Education Materails Distribution



Birganj CDP/Feb 2020

Training on using tab



Kalai CDP/Feb 2020

Emergency Food Support

Sponsorship Program

Our sponsorship service program matches 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.

From Jan to Mar we have delivered among 296 children gift money by International fund and distributed direct service among 17 children by local sponsorship program.



Sponsorship Program

There is no word 'defeat' in Nilima's dictionary

She never become hopeless. She tried and tried. One day she knew about "Good Neighbors Pirganj Krishi somobay samity Ltd" cooperative.

Since Nilima's one of children included sponsorship program of GNB, she became a member of the cooperative. Nilima saw a light of hope after becoming a member of this cooperative.

Nilima took the first loan 10,000/- taka from this cooperative for paddy cultivation and started to see the dream again. She and her family work hard to cultivate the paddy and did it nicely. After then she repayment the loan amount and again she took more money from the cooperative and cultivate paddy widely. From then she didn't have to look back.

Now Nilima's family condition is better than previously. They developed some infrastructure in their house like improve the sanitation facility, house repairing, and furniture. Now she can able to provide better education facilities along with proper nutrition support to their children.



Nilima with her family

Nilima Rani Roy (38) is a housewife and side by side is a farmer who lives with her husband and two children at Panihata Village of Pirganj Upozilla, Thakurgoan district. Her husband is a day labor who does not get work daily and cannot give sufficient financial support to the family.

Once upon a time Nilima's family condition was so poor that they could not take food daily 3 times. Nilima and her family fight against poverty for a better life. Nilima was worried about her children's better education and nutrition. But she could not provide them as much as they need. Sometimes she felt frustration about her family condition. She wanted to borrow money from others to do something better for their family. But due to poverty no one wanted to give her loan as they think Nilima will not be able to repay their money.



Some activities of our WFP Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger (BRAZH) Project at Kurigram.

UNICEF-GNB RER Project



Dildar Begum



Dildar Begum is inform about the rights of the children and women.



Home Visit

Story of a passionate woman

I am Dildar Begum, I live in D-Block under Soffiullah Camp 16, Cox's Bazar with my husband and four children.

When I came to here in Cox's Bazar camp from Myanmar, I have no knowledge about personal hygiene, child & women rights, and GBV. For that, I have often suffered various seasonal and severe diseases. I was worried about my children's health and about their rights.

After came to camp, I have known that there is a center especially for women named GNB Women Friendly Space and I have visited there and enrolled me as a member.

I have participated in the sessions arranged by GNB WFS center and learned about some general knowledge of health, and rights issues including child & women. Also, they have provided vocational training. Always I want to learn more so after the session I have talked with the facilitators and ask those many questions and learn something new. After some days I have started to teach other women & adolescents about personal hygiene, GBV & rights issues.

Now my family and me are well and I am very happy because now I can teach others and they have benefited from me so thanks to the GNB Rohingya Emergency Response (RER) Project & WFS Center.

KOICA-GNB CHW Project



We have distributed EDD (Expected Delivery Date) calculators among 140 Community Health Workers and 14 CHW supervisors on 9 March 2020 by KOICA-GNB CHW Project, Bochaganj, Dinajpur.

This type of EDD calculator is very easy to calculate EDD within short time of pregnant women by adjusting last menstrual date of pregnant women. It can reduce maternal & neonatal mortality in community level.



GNB Annual Conference

Let's join our hands together to achieve SDGs for our beloved country

We (GNB) arranged our annual conference entitled '2020 GNB Fundraising Conference' on 11/Feb/2020 at ICCB in the participation of GNB staff, representatives from the community, and from partner-organizations. In the conference Mr. Shamsul Haque Tuku, MP, Chairman of Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights was present as chief guest and the program presided over by the country director of GNB.

The objectives of the program are:

- Sharing national issues for greater partnership and achieving SDGs
- Inspiring every GNB staff to take part in fundraising efforts
- Introducing GNB as a fundraising NGO

Calling of the conference: Let's join our hands together to achieve SDG for our beloved country

Slogan: Every staff a fund raiser



GNB INTERNSHIP WORKSHOP



GNB is offering exciting internship opportunities for the enthusiastic and motivated fresher's with the slogan of "Job Without Job Experience". This amazing opportunity will give the fresher's remarkable hands-on and in-depth learning experience which can be used to start their further career, particularly in the development sectors. Through this internship program youth will be benefited in many ways like- Practical job experience with an International NGO, learn from experienced people, they can identify their skill & strength, they can also learn the office environment, Certificate after successful completion and Performance-based extension/Job linkage.

GNB Internship is a part of Youth Development Activities. GNB Internship Workshop [3rd Batch] held on 18 January 2020 at GNB Head Office Conference Hall. Total of 78 new fresher was participated in this workshop effectively.

GNB want to help the youth to build their career and want to reduce Unemployment from our country. That's why we take the initiative.



Muntaha Alam

a participant of GNB Internship Workshop

It is the most well organized and managed workshop I have ever come across in my life. It is an honor for me to attend a place handled by such great peoples. I think the slogan of the GNB Internship workshop 'Job without Job experience' is appreciable. I appreciate their thinking, they think for the new freshers where other organizations want an experienced person. My sincere gratitude to GNB for giving me such an opportunity to participate in this well-facilitated workshop.

In the future, I would love to start & pursue my career here.

2020 ASSESSMENT OF MANAGERIAL PROFICIENCY



On 28-29 January'2020 2020 Assessment for Managerial Proficiency held at Head Office, Dhaka. The program was organized by HR Affairs Unit and total participates are - 70 people. The objectives of the workshop were to Improving the understanding of GN Community Development

philosophy, improving community need assessment for effective project/program development, motivating managers for enhancing their managerial proficiency in line with organization expectations, Assessment of managerial proficiency for facilitating career development decisions.

WORKSHOP ON INTRODUCING NEW COMMUNICATION STYLE



To be an agile communicator for achieving the organizational goals, GNB organized a daylong Workshop on Introducing New Communication Style at GNB Conference hall with Managers & Directors on 29 January 2020. The workshop facilitated by the Country Director of Good Neighbors Bangladesh.

SPECIAL DAY OBSERVATION



International Women's Day

An equal world is an enabled world.
We always believe in women power.
We celebrates International Women's
Day in our 14 CDPs.



International Mother Language Day and INdependence Day observation

Our Language, our Pride !!!
We observed International
Mother Language Day and
Independence Day in our
CDPs with the spontaneous
participation of children.

