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We are delighted to present our 1st Quarter Newsletter of 2024 to our distinguished partners, stakeholders, beneficiaries and well-wishers.

We successfully arranged the “Concert for Child Rights” with our partners along with the presence of children and parents, educational institutions, government and non-government organizations, renowned artists and national electronic and print medias.

Key Events

- **Concert for Child Rights**
- **Community Development Committee (CDC) Seminar 2024**
- **Special Day Observation**
- **Closing Ceremony of Menstrual Hygiene Management Project**
- **Opening Ceremony of Samsung C&T_12th Samsung Village Project**

We are committed to expand and diversify our activities with active participation of partners, beneficiaries and stakeholders. This 1st quarter newsletter shows our steps towards the community-led approaches in DRR, livelihood, health, education and income generation, which will continue to develop the people in need.

We express our gratitude and appreciate our colleagues, partners, stakeholders, beneficiaries and well-wishers for being a continuous support to us.

Thank you all.

Concert for Child Rights



Advocate Md. Shamsul Hoque Tuku MP, hon'ble Chief Guest delivering his speech

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) orchestrated a **Concert for Child Rights** at Bangla Academy on March 9, 2024, aiming to raise awareness of children's rights while entertaining the children.

Over 1,200 children and adolescents from various schools and colleges enthusiastically participated in the concert.

The event featured various activities, including puppet shows, games, art competitions, movie screenings, bioscopes, joker performances, and cultural competitions. Every child willingly participated in every session and enjoyed it throughout the day.

At this remarkable event, we were honored to have NGO representatives, dedicated social workers, media representatives, singers, actors, and distinguished individuals from various sectors joining us.

We are grateful for the invaluable support of Aparajeyo-Bangladesh, Ek Ronga Ek Ghuri, and Shorno Kishoree Network Foundation, who joined us under the For Children consortium, amplifying our efforts to make a difference.

The event was graced by the presence of Advocate Md. Shamsul Hoque Tuku, MP, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament, who joined as the chief guest, inspiring us with his words of wisdom. Additionally, Mr. Ferdous Ahmed, MP, delivered a stirring speech, emphasizing the importance of nurturing and protecting our children.

The country director of GNB presided over the whole event.



Hon'ble special guest delivering his speech



Children are enjoying the bioscope show



Children are enjoying the jokers show



Puppet Show



Children's performance in cultural competition



Children participated in the art competition



Volunteers are making their final preparation for maintaining security



Eminent singer, music producer, and national award-winning composer Bappa Mazumder performing in the stage for the audience of the Concert for Child Rights



Children are making fun with canvas and color

CDC Seminar 2024

Special Day Observation



Group photo with the participants of CDC Seminar 2024

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) organized the Community Development Committee (CDC) Seminar 2024, bringing together chairpersons and vice-chairpersons from 17 CDCs under 17 CDPs, held on February 29, 2024, at Sirajganj CDP.

The participants formed the GNB CDC National Committee 2024 through direct voting.

GNB always encourages the local communities, to engage in decision-making processes, for promoting sustainable development.

Community Partnership is one of the major activities for GNB CDPs, and strengthening CDC is a part of this activity.



Celebrating International Mother Language Day



Celebrating International Women's Day



Participants are casting vote for 2024 GNB National CDC



Celebrating Independence Day



The Country Director is giving floral greetings to the newly elected committee chairperson and secretary



Celebrating National Children's Day

Activities of Sponsorship and Education & Protection

Sponsorship Service (SS)

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) is focusing on the systematic and efficient management of sponsored children for their well-being. Protecting child rights is the aim of GNB's sponsorship program.



No. of sponsored children

18,766



No. of sponsored children's house visited

18,766



No. of Community Patron (Jan-Mar)

76



No. of SS Supporters

94



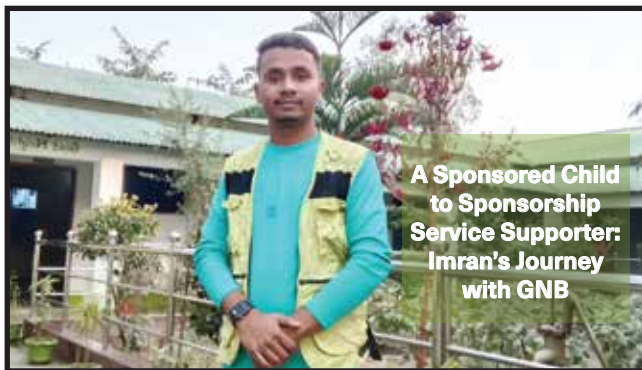
Sponsorship Service (SS) Supporters are working on updating Child Individual File



I am thrilled to have been part of the Good Neighbors community, initially as a sponsored child and now as an SS supporter. From receiving home visits and counseling during my sponsored years to now visiting children's homes and offering counseling myself, I find immense fulfillment in being able to help others through Good Neighbors. It's a source of great pride for me.

Thank you, GNB, for being a guiding light in my life.

– Mr. Imran Hoque, SS Supporter, Nilphamari CDP



Education & Protection



No. of children received education materials

28,583



No. of readers in mobile library operation

616



No. of readers attended in reading campaign

673



Reading Campaign



No. of students attended in Ami Hote Chai (My Dream)

539



No. of partner schools

290



No. of teachers attended in teacher training

176



My Dream

Health Activities

Health & WASH



No. of children received health check-up facilities

5,429



No. of patients received treatment support

4,381



No. of adolescent children received vaccine support

208

No. of children received nutritious food

2,264

No. of pregnant mothers received nutritious food

40

No. of children received reproductive health service

2,704



No. of participants received issue-based health education

654



No. of participants attended in special health campaign

1,880



No. of participants attended in cluster meeting conducted by CHWs

3,549



Cluster meeting with mothers facilitated by Community Health Worker



Food and Essential Goods Support



No. of children received food and essential goods support

8,229

No. of CDPs

17

Uniting together is crucial to assuring food security in our society. Nutritious food is indispensable for the holistic development of children, both physically and mentally. Malnutrition obstructed children from participating in school and hampered the quality of education in school.

The food and essential goods support initiative plays a pivotal role in raising awareness among parents about the importance of ensuring their children's nutritional needs for healthy growth and creativity.

A heartfelt thank you to GNB for spearheading this vital initiative.
- Md. Farhadul Islam, Chairman, NCTB

Income Generation Activities

Income Generation (IG)



A beneficiary is cultivating sugarcane land



No. of women participated in income generation

28,667

No. of co-operatives

21

No. of co-operative members (women)

27,981

No. of Income Generation Groups

25

No. of women engaged in small & medium enterprise initiatives

12,247

Co-operatives gained profit

\$96,543

Breaking Barriers, Building the Future

Ms. Golapi Begum a member of Ghatail Good Neighbors Sanchay O Rindan Somobay Somiti Ltd.

Ms. Golapi Begum is the name of a true embodiment of resilience and empowerment!

Golapi Begum got married at 16, and now there are 4 members in her family including two children. Her family once faced severe financial struggles. But Golapi's story took a remarkable turn when she joined the Ghatail Good Neighbors Sanchay o Rindan Somobay Somiti Ltd.

As a member of the Cow Rearing Income Generation group, Golapi seized the opportunity to transform her life. With a loan from the cooperative, some portion of that she invested in her husband's business and purchased calves.

Now she and her husband are working together for their family's financial situation has significantly improved.

Golapi's journey from adversity to success is a shining example of the transformative power of cooperative support. Her story inspires women in her village to pursue their dreams fearlessly.



GNB's commitment to women's development empowers me, and I'm honored to be part of this movement.

Huge thanks to GNB and Ghatail Su-Pratibeshi Mohila Somobay Somiti Ltd. for their unwavering support. My journey so far has been possible because of them.

- Ms. Golapi Begum, Member of Ghatail Good Neighbors Sanchay O Rindan Somobay Somiti Ltd.

Activities of Community Partnership, Networking and Advocacy

Community Partnership and Networking



Capacity Development training for youth, Taltali CDP, Mar/2024



No. of participants attended in parents meeting

690



No. of youths received training on skill development

205



No. of child rights keeper (CRK) committee members attended in meeting

463

Advocacy

No. of participants attended child rights-based campaign

110

No. of participants attended in social issue-based meeting

1,323



Social Issue-based meeting with Mothers, Bochaganj CDP, Mar/2024

Field staff diary

Mr. Saiful's Journey with GNB's Development Initiatives



Mr. Saiful during individual loan distribution among the members of Shakhipur Good Neighbors Sanchay O Rindan Somobay Somy Ltd.

As the CDP Manager at the Shakhipur Community Development Project (CDP), I am privileged to work alongside the community on vital issues like Child Rights, Women Empowerment, and Youth Development. Currently, 1,209 sponsored children under our care, our commitment to their well-being is unwavering.

Nothing brings me more joy than witnessing the positive impact of our health services reaching the doorsteps of our community members. Their smiles fuel my excitement and reaffirm the importance of our work.

GNB's community-led approach is remarkable, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment among the people we serve.

As a member of the GNB family, I take immense pride in our collective efforts towards community development. I am profoundly grateful for the nurturing environment GNB provides, enabling me to contribute to our shared vision. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Menstrual Hygiene Management Project/Nilphamari

The Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) project, spanning one year, was designed to enhance the health and reproductive well-being of adolescent girls in the Nilphamari Sadar Upazila community. With a focus on dispelling misconceptions surrounding menstruation and improving reproductive health, the project aimed to bring about positive change in the lives of adolescent girls.

By addressing barriers related to menstruation, the MHM project sought to empower girls with the knowledge and resources needed to manage their menstrual hygiene effectively. Ultimately, the project aimed to foster a healthy lifestyle and ensure the reproductive well-being of adolescent girls in the community.



KEY RESULTS

852

Adolescent girls received education sessions on MHM

5

Partner Schools

3,408

pcs dignity kits distributed

2

campaigns arranged

540

people participated in the campaigns

860

pcs MHM booklet distributed among adolescent girls

6,200

pcs leaflet distributed among community people

10

teachers from 5 partner schools received training on Menstrual Hygiene Management



On March 13, 2024, a closing ceremony was held for this project, and the Upazila Chairman of Nilphamari Sadar Upazila was present as chief guest. The country director of GNB presided over the ceremony.

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Thanks to GNB's initiative, our school now has Menstrual Hygiene-friendly Adolescent Corners, and our teachers have received MHM training. Now, my friends feel comfortable sharing their period-related concerns with our teachers, and as a result, they attend school regularly. I'm grateful to GNB for making this positive change possible.

– Mst. Afsana Akter, Student, Tilai Joychandi High School, Nilphamari

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



Conducted capacity-building training for the Community-based Child Protection Committee



Psychosocial Support session



Structured Psychosocial Support Session conducted by a facilitator



Positive Parenting Session

WFP-GNB Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger (BRAZH) Project/Kurigram



Distributing high-yielding plant seedlings, cultivable at home among the beneficiaries.



Campaign on mushroom nutrition & consumption and cooking demonstration



Leadership Training of Self Help Group Leaders



Sweet pumpkins harvesting on the barren sandbar

Good Neighbors DRR Project/Patuakhali



A mock drill and drama on disaster preparedness to raise awareness among community people



Constructing a multipurpose model and cattle shelter at Komorpur Village



Coordination Meeting with Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC) and Ward Disaster Management Committee (WDMC)



'Capacity Building Training' on DRR for Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) volunteers.

12th Samsung Village Project/Dhaka



12th Samsung Village Project opening ceremony

To improve the quality of education in 4 schools this project will conduct some special activities among them upgrading the educational facilities (library and science lab), educational materials support, establishing multimedia classrooms, health and hygiene materials distribution, waste management system installation, and reproductive health care for adolescent girls.

A total of 2,233 students from 4 schools under Pallabi and Badda Thana will benefit directly through this project.

Good Water Project/Patuakhali

To ensure accessibility of safe and affordable drinking water in the community.

KEY RESULTS

1,200

households directly benefited

1

Good Water Committee formed with 11 members

1

Water Supply System



Water Supply System Construction

Meeting/Training/Workshop/Conference



2024 GNB Annual Conference



Team Building Workshop [7]



Public Relations Management Training



Workshop for formulating annual action plan
National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF)

Celebrating 33rd Founding Anniversary of Good Neighbors



Empowering People, Transforming Communities
33rd Founding Anniversary of Good Neighbors



Training on Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption



Yearly Planning and Leadership Workshop
Social Economy Unit



GNB Steering Committee Meeting

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