

A Quarterly Newsletter

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**Martin Gomes**  
Managing Director  
Good Neighbors Bangladesh

Dear valued partners, colleagues and friends,  
Warm greetings to all.

As we reflect on the first quarter of the year, I am pleased to share that Good Neighbors Bangladesh has continued its steadfast commitment to improving the lives of children, women, youth and communities across the country. Despite a challenging global and national context, our teams have demonstrated resilience, innovation, and a deep sense of responsibility toward the people we serve.

Over the past three months, we have made meaningful progress in our core program areas and successfully conducted health campaigns across our CDP areas, bringing essential healthcare services closer to underserved populations and promoting preventive care. We extended emergency support to children in our focus zones, ensuring their safety and basic needs during times of vulnerability. Our education material support has helped many children to continue their learning journey with renewed confidence.

In addition, we strengthened our child protection services for Rohingya refugees, working to ensure safer environments and access to critical support mechanisms for displaced children. These achievements would not have been possible without the support of our Global Partnership Center, respected donors and the invaluable contributions of our international volunteers, whose commitment continues to inspire positive change within communities.

We remain grateful to all our partners and supporters. Together, we look forward to building stronger, safer, and more resilient communities in the months ahead.

## Special Health Campaign



*Special Health Campaign*

We organized 17 Health Campaigns across our CDP areas, bringing to raise awareness in health issue among the communities.

Special Health Campaigns brought specialized healthcare services closer to underserved and hard-to-reach communities during the first quarter. Through these initiatives, specialist physicians from fields such as gynecology, general medicine, dental, eye care, pediatrics, diabetes, and orthopedics provided on-site consultations and treatment support, helping address pressing health needs at the community level.

The presence of the Civil Surgeon, UHFPO, and respected local elites, whose encouragement strengthened this collective effort for community wellbeing. Together, we continue working toward healthier and more resilient communities.

**17**

Campaigns  
Arranged

**1397**

People Received  
Consultation Support

**4225**

People Received  
Nutritious Food &  
Hygiene Materials

**29**

Specialized Doctor  
gave consultation

## Indomitable Women's Award-2025

### Odommo Nari Award 2025

#### DIVISIONAL WINNERS



**Sabina Yeasmin**  
Bochaganj CDP,  
Rangpur Division



**Mst. Jamena Khatun**  
Kalai CDP,  
Rajshahi Division



**Mst. Sumarjan Begum**  
Pirganj CDP,  
Rangpur Division

Good Neighbors Bangladesh proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of three inspiring CDP members who were honored with the Indomitable Women's Award 2025 (Odommo Nari Award 2025). This prestigious recognition was awarded for their outstanding contributions to community development, women's empowerment, and social change. Their dedication, leadership, and tireless efforts have positively impacted the lives of many people in their communities, making them inspiring role models for others.

## Journey to Dreams: The Story of Fozlul Haque Siyam

Fozlul Haque Siyam, a 13-year-old boy from a vulnerable family in Kurigram, was at risk of dropping out of school due to poverty and pressure to enter child labor. With support from Good Neighbors Bangladesh through a 20,000 BDT educational grant, he was able to purchase a bicycle, school supplies, and uniforms, enabling him to continue his education. Now attending school regularly, Siyam is pursuing his dream of becoming a police officer and creating a better future for his family. This intervention significantly reduced the risk of dropout and renewed Siyam's motivation to pursue his studies. Siyam's journey stands as a powerful example of resilience and the transformative impact of timely support. With continued guidance and opportunity, he is steadily moving closer to achieving his dream.



*"Poverty tried to stop my education, but it could not stop my dream. I will study hard, become a police officer, and build a better future for my family."*

— Fozlul Haque Siyam

## Emergency Support for Focus Zone Sponsored Children



*Focus zone children receiving emergency support*

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB), provided emergency support to focus zone sponsored children. The program was designed to address urgent needs of children and their families who are at high risk of child labor and child marriage due to socio-economic vulnerabilities.

This initiative aligns with GNB's commitment to ensuring children's rights to education, protection, and well-being. By providing essential emergency assistance, the program aims to reduce the risk of school dropout and help children overcome immediate barriers that hinder their development.

The support was distributed among selected focus zone sponsored children identified through a careful screening process, prioritizing those facing extreme poverty, health challenges, and other critical conditions. The intervention not only provided short-term emergency support but also contributed to strengthening the overall impact of the sponsorship program.

Through such timely and need-based support, GNB continues to stand beside vulnerable children and their families, enabling them to move towards a more secure and hopeful future.



## Empowering Education through Educational Material Support



*A group of students receiving notebooks from Good Neighbors Bangladesh*

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) organized Education Materials Distribution, aiming to support sponsored children in continuing their education with dignity and confidence.

Through this initiative, essential educational materials including notebooks, and learning resources were provided to children from vulnerable communities. The support is designed to ease the financial burden on families and encourage regular school attendance, thereby fostering a more conducive and motivating learning environment.



# Activities of Sponsorship and Education & Protection

## Sponsorship Service (SS)

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) is committed to ensuring the effective and well-structured implementation of its child sponsorship program, with a focus on the holistic development of sponsored children. Rooted in the principles of child rights and protection, the program strives to provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where every child has the opportunity to grow, develop, and achieve their full potential.

### Suborna Akter – A Journey from Struggle to Success

Suborna Akter, is a student at Good Neighbors Asha Girls' School in Shakhipur, a young learner with exceptional academic performance and a powerful dream. She continues to shine as a top-performing student.

As a sponsored child, she received educational support, guidance, and stability when she need it most. This support goes beyond covering school costs; it nurtures hope and transforms futures.



21,025

sponsored  
children



21,025

sponsored  
children's house  
visited



89

SS  
Supporters



"With the support of Good Neighbors Bangladesh, I can continue my education and focus on achieving my dreams. Their support gives me confidence to build a better future."

- Suborna Akter

## Education & Protection



11,786

children  
received education  
materials



492

participants  
in yearly planning  
meeting



815

readers  
attended  
in reading  
campaign



1,116

participated in  
parents meeting



396

partner  
schools



75

teachers  
attended  
in teachers'  
training



Children participation in the Reading Campaign



Parents Meeting

# Education & Protection and Health Activities

## Health & WASH



**6,713**

children  
received  
health check-up  
facilities



**3,647**

patients  
received  
treatment  
support



**2,853**

participants  
attended in special  
health campaign

**3,562**

children  
received  
nutritious  
food

**6**

pregnant  
mothers received  
nutritious  
food

**2,372**

adolescent  
children received  
reproductive  
health service



**502**

participants  
received issue-based  
health education



Special Health Campaign



Standard Health Check up

## Breaking Barriers: Rashida Begum's Journey to Empowerment

Rashida Begum (42), from Bashdaha village, faced a life marked by poverty and early marriage. With limited family income, meeting basic needs was a constant struggle despite her efforts in small-scale sewing.

Her turning point came in 2024 when she joined the Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) Cooperative as a founding member and Vice-Chairperson. Through her active involvement as a CMC member and access to a loan, she invested in livestock and gradually expanded her initiative.

Today, Rashida owns eight cows, engaged in farming on leased land, and supports her children's education. Her journey reflects resilience and determination, as she continues to work towards a better future for her family.



*"I started with nothing but hope. Through hard work and support from the cooperative, I have built a better livelihood for my family. Now, my dream is to ensure a bright future and quality education for my children."*

— Rashida Begum

## Income Generating Activities



Representatives of our central cooperative receiving 10% CSR from the Department of Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Members are working in our Fashion House, Sirajganj CDP

**41,648**

No. of women  
participated in  
income generation

**26**

No. of  
co-operatives

**41,369**

No. of co-operative  
members  
(women)

**7**

Social enterprise  
initiated

**17,142**

No. of women  
engaged in small &  
medium enterprise  
initiatives

**BDT 751.8M**

Co-operatives  
capital

### Struggle to Stability: The Journey of Hira Rani Roy

Hira Rani Roy, a 48-year-old woman from Pirganj, once lived in a financially unstable household where meeting daily needs was a constant challenge. With her husband as the only earning member, the family struggled to cover expenses of basic necessities.

Her life began to change when she became involved with Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB). Through various skill development trainings, she gained valuable knowledge, including computer skills, and gradually became active in cooperative activities. Starting as a Loan Facilitator, she now serves as a CMC Secretary.

With determination, Hira Rani Roy took small loans and invested in agriculture. Over time, she expanded her efforts into larger-scale farming, cultivating paddy and maize with her husband. Today, she has achieved financial stability, improved her living conditions, and is supporting her children's higher education.



Hira Rani Roy joined the cooperative as a Loan Facilitator

"Good Neighbors Bangladesh gave me the courage and support to change my life. Today, I am financially independent and able to support my children's education with dignity." - Hira Rani Roy

# Activities of Community Partnership, Networking and Advocacy



CDP based Child Council Meeting

## Community Partnership and Networking



**4,893**

participants  
attended in  
parents meeting



**75**

youths  
received  
training on skill  
development



**370**

child  
rights keeper (CRK)  
committee  
members attended  
in meeting

## Advocacy

**105**

participants  
attended child  
rights-based  
campaign

**875**

participants  
attended in social  
issue-based  
meeting



Social Issue-based Meeting with mothers



"I firmly believe that Good Neighbors Bangladesh is not just a workplace; it is a platform for learning and human development, where I have grown not only as a professional but also as a compassionate and responsible individual. I will always remember the organization's contribution to making my journey meaningful, successful, and inspiring with deep gratitude and respect." - Mosharaf Hossen, CDP Manager

## A Journey of Dedication and Community Transformation

Mr. Mosharaf Hossen has been serving as a CDP Manager at Sirajganj CDP under Good Neighbors Bangladesh for the past 19 years, with more than 28 years of experience in the development sector.

For him, community development is not just a profession; it is a lifelong commitment. Over the years, he has closely worked with communities to ensure children's education, prevent child marriage through sustainable livelihood opportunities. One of his most inspiring experiences was helping a dropout child return to school through counseling, community support, and awareness-building initiatives. Seeing the child regain confidence and dream of a brighter future remains one of his greatest motivations.

# Enhancing the Protective Environment for Children and Adolescents in Rohingya Camps and Host Communities in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar

## Child Protection Project



**180** children were consistently reached through structured PSS activities, while unstructured PSS sessions engaged 15 to 20 individual per quarter.

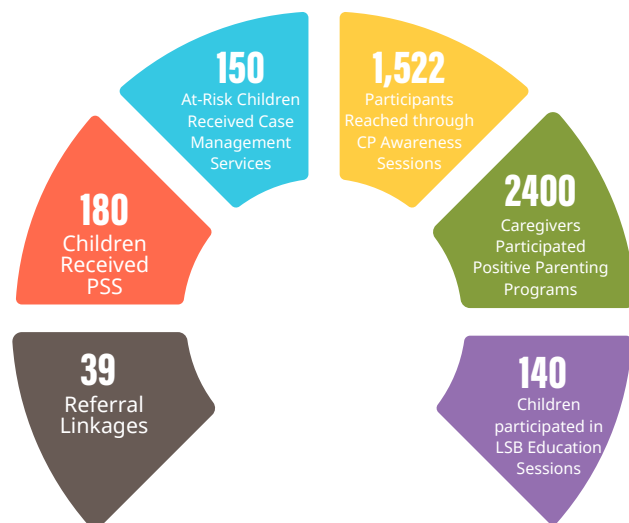
### Success Story

#### From Loss to Hope: Riaz's Journey of Healing

After losing my parents, I felt alone and lost hope. I stopped playing and going to school. But through psychosocial support from Good Neighbors Bangladesh, I found strength again. Now I feel confident, enjoy time with friends, and have returned to school. I am truly grateful to them for bringing hope back into my life.



Individual PSS (Psychosocial Support) session to support Riaz's mental well-being and development



The Child Protection Project of Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) achieved significant progress through the effective implementation of its planned interventions. A total of 150 at-risk children received comprehensive case management services, while 39 referral linkages were established and strengthened with relevant child protection actors. In the area of psychosocial support, 180 children were regularly engaged in structured PSS activities, alongside unstructured sessions that reached 15–20 participants per quarter.

The project also prioritized capacity development, and 2,400 caregivers attending positive parenting programs to enhance their caregiving practices.

Awareness-raising initiatives reached a wide audience. In the camps, 1,522 participants attended sessions on child rights, prevention of child labor, and early marriage, complemented by 365 participants in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) sessions.



# Sponsor

a child's

# DREAM

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child's dreams to be  
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should be in school?

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# Special Day Observation



## International Women's Day

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) observed International Women's Day across all Community Development Projects (CDPs) by celebrating the strength, resilience, and achievements of women in the community.

On this occasion, three inspiring mothers from GNB-supported communities were recognized with the prestigious Odommo Nari Award by the government at the district level. This recognition highlights their outstanding dedication, resilience, and meaningful contributions to community development.

The celebration not only acknowledged their achievements but also reinforced the importance of empowering women as key drivers of sustainable and inclusive growth in society.

Through this observance, GNB reaffirms its commitment to promoting gender equality, empowering women, and recognizing their vital role in building a more inclusive and resilient society.



## International Mother Language Day

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) observed International Mother Language Day across its Community Development Projects (CDPs) to honor the sacrifices of the Language Movement martyrs and promote the importance of preserving linguistic and cultural heritage. Community members, children, and local leaders participated in awareness activities, reaffirming their commitment to protecting and celebrating the Bengali language and all mother languages.



## Independence Day of Bangladesh

To commemorate Independence Day of Bangladesh, Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) organized rallies and awareness programs across its CDPs, bringing together children, youth, and community members. The observance paid tribute to the nation's freedom fighters and highlighted the values of patriotism, unity, and national pride, inspiring the younger generation to contribute to the country's continued progress and development.

## Meeting/Training/ Workshop/Conference



***Farewell to International Volunteer***



***Good Neighbors Bangladesh Annual Conference 2026***

Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) extends its sincere appreciation to our international volunteer, **Ms. Aejeong Son**, for her dedicated service over the past year, from 10 April 2025 to 9 March 2026. Her commitment, professionalism, and meaningful contributions have been truly valued, leaving a positive impact on our work and the communities we serve. It has been a privilege to collaborate and share this journey together.



***Annual Child Letter (ACL) Workshop 2026***



***International Food Festival -2026***



***Yearly Planning and Leadership Workshop 2026***



***Fundraising Campaign at GIS***



***New Year Reception 2026***

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