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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



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Dear valued partners, colleagues, and friends,

Warm greetings to you all.

As we reflect on the 2nd quarter of 2026, I am pleased to share the meaningful progress and inspiring achievements of Good Neighbors Bangladesh. Across our Community Development Projects and program areas, we have continued to stand alongside children, women, youth, families, and communities—working together to create opportunities, strengthen resilience, and build a better future.

This quarter has been marked by strong community participation and collective action. Through the Earth & Us Campaign 2026, we brought together young people, students, schools, local authorities, and communities to promote environmental responsibility and climate action. The campaign reached thousands of community members across our 17 Community Development Projects, demonstrating how small actions can create meaningful change when we work together.

Our commitment to children and young people remained at the heart of our work. From child rights and protection initiatives, we continued to create spaces where children and young people can express themselves, develop leadership skills, and become active contributors to their communities.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together, with compassion, innovation, and shared responsibility to build safer, healthier, more inclusive, and resilient communities.

Earth & Us Campaign

Focuses on Environment



Community Cleaning and Tree Plantation: Earth & Us Campaign

Real change begins when communities act together. At World Environment Day, Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) transformed that belief into action through "Earth & Us Campaign," a 10-day campaign implemented across 17 Community Development Projects (CDPs). Under the theme 'Youth Action for Climate and Community Resilience,' the initiative brought together young people, schools, local authorities, and communities, turning environmental awareness into practical action for a healthier and greener future.

At the heart of the campaign were 402 youth leaders from GNB's Nature and Peace Clubs, who inspired action in their communities. Together with 1,828 students from 83 schools, they organized awareness rallies, community dialogues, school clean-up drives, and environmental learning sessions, reaching 6,697 community members with messages on climate action, responsible waste management, and sustainable living.

The campaign also left a lasting environmental footprint. A total of 1,968 saplings were distributed, while 736 trees were planted in schools, communities, and roadside areas—small but meaningful steps toward creating greener, more climate-resilient communities.

Our Impact at a glance:





Beyond community participation, "Earth & Us" strengthened collaboration with government officials, educators, and local leaders, reinforcing that protecting the environment is a shared responsibility. More than an environmental campaign, "Earth & Us" demonstrated the power of youth leadership and community partnership. By turning everyday actions into collective impact, Good Neighbors Bangladesh continues to empower communities to protect the environment and build a more sustainable future—for today and for generations to come.

My Promise Day



Students are taking oath on "5 promises to myself"



Children are writing their promises on the canvas

Good Neighbors Bangladesh observed "My Promise Day" with children and community stakeholders to promote awareness of child rights and protection. The event highlighted the importance of education while encouraging children to develop a stronger sense of responsibility, confidence, and self-protection.

Through interactive awareness sessions, creative activities, and a drawing competition, children explored their rights and responsibilities and learned more about ways to stay safe and protected.

As a meaningful conclusion to the event, the children took the oath of "5 Promises to Myself," making a collective commitment to uphold their rights, prioritize their safety, and contribute to building a more protective environment for themselves and others.

From Classroom to Community: Strengthening Development Communication Workshop



Students during the workshop

To inspire the next generation of development professionals and strengthen collaboration with academia, Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) organized two university engagement workshops under the theme "From Classroom to Community: Development Communication in Practice." The sessions were held at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) and the University of Chittagong,

in partnership with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at AIUB and the Hong Kong Research Centre for Asian Studies-Bangladesh Centre (RCASBC) with the Department of International Relations, University of Chittagong.

The workshops connected students with real-world development communication practices through interactive discussions, storytelling, advocacy case studies, and career insights. More than 80 students from the University of Chittagong, along with AIUB students, explored how communication can drive social change and contribute to sustainable development.

Beyond knowledge sharing, these engagements strengthened GNB's relationship with academic institutions, laying the foundation for future collaboration in research, internships, volunteerism, and professional development.

Building Bridges Between Academia and Development Practice



MoU Signing with Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, AIUB

GNB and AIUB signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in research, student internships, and volunteer opportunities. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to nurturing skilled, ethical, and socially responsible communicators who can help transform knowledge into meaningful action.

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.



20,968

No. of sponsored children



21,178

No. of sponsored children's house visited



95

No. of SS Supporters

From Vulnerability to Scientific Excellence: Majedul Islam's Journey of Hope and Determination

Growing up in a financially vulnerable family, Majedul Islam was on the verge of dropping out of school when his family could not afford his SSC examination registration fee. He also required a medical operation that was beyond their financial means.

Through the Good Neighbors Bangladesh Sponsorship Program, he received educational and medical support, enabling him to continue his studies. Driven by determination, Majedul graduated in Chemistry from the University of Rajshahi, achieving 4th position in his Bachelor's degree and 1st position in his Master's degree.

Today, he serves as a Research and Development Officer in the Vaccine Division of Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd., turning his childhood dream into a career dedicated to advancing healthcare in Bangladesh.



"GNB stood beside me when I needed support the most. Their assistance helped me continue my education, overcome health challenges, and pursue my dreams. And I am deeply grateful to everyone who believed in me and invested in my future."

— Majedul Islam

Education & Protection



19,556

No. of children received education materials



500

No. of participants in yearly planning meeting



1,565

No. of readers attended in reading campaign



7,262

No. of participated in parents meeting



400

No. of partner schools



416

No. of teachers attended in teachers' training



Children participation in the Reading Campaign



Training with Partner Schools' Teachers

Education & Protection and Health Activities

Health & WASH



14,129

No. of children
received
health check-up
facilities



7,636

No. of patients
received
treatment
support



5,311

No. of participants
attended in special
health campaign

9,279

No. of children
received
nutritious
food

30

No. of pregnant
mothers received
nutritious
food

5,014

No. of adolescent
children received
reproductive
health service



987

No. of participants
received issue-based
health education



Special Health Campaign



Standard Health Check up

2026 CHW National Seminar

Good Neighbors Bangladesh organized the 2026 Community Health Worker (CHW) National Seminar, bringing together 85 Community Health Workers (CHWs) from eight districts to strengthen their knowledge and skills in community healthcare.

The seminar featured interactive role plays, group work, and presentations that enhanced participants' capacity to deliver quality health services. The event was attended by the Civil Surgeon of Joypurhat as the Chief Guest, Dr. Abu Jamil Faisal, Senior Public Health Specialist, as the Special Guest, along with doctors and Health Officers from eight Community Development Projects (CDPs). The Country Head of Good Neighbors Bangladesh presided over the seminar.

With a network of 270 CHWs serving across eight CDPs, Good Neighbors Bangladesh continues to strengthen community-based healthcare by equipping frontline health workers with the knowledge and skills needed to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable communities.



Income Generating Activities



Woman in income generation

42,412

No. of co-operative
members
(women)

27

No. of
co-operatives

7

Social enterprise
initiated

17,155

No. of women
engaged in small &
medium enterprise
initiatives

BDT 798.0M

Co-operatives
capital



Valo Protibeshi Handicrafts House, Mirpur CDP

From Struggle to Self-Reliance: Nomita Rani's Journey

Nomita Rani, a 29-year-old mother of two from Mahanpur village in Birganj, supporting her family was once a daily struggle. She and her husband worked as agricultural labourers, but their limited income made it difficult to meet their family's basic needs, including food, healthcare, clothing, and their children's education.

A member of Good Neighbors Birganj Mohila Somobay Somity Ltd. since 2020, Nomita received an individual loan to lease land and begin cultivating seasonal vegetables. She started small, selling her produce in the local market and gradually generating a regular income. With continued support, she expand her vegetable cultivation business. Her husband also supports the initiative alongside his work as an auto-van driver.

Today, Nomita's family is gradually moving toward greater financial stability. She has reduced her dependence on high-interest loans, her children are continuing their education, and the family



Nomita Rani with her vegetable farm

"I am very happy to be a member of the cooperative. The loan support helped me start vegetable cultivation and improve my family's income. Today, I feel more confident because I can contribute to my family and support my children's education."

— Nomita Rani, Cooperative Member, Birganj CDP

Activities of Community Partnership, Networking and Advocacy



CDP based Child Council Meeting

Community Partnership and Networking



1,982

No. of participants attended in Volunteer Meeting



327

No. of youths received training on skill development



828

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

Advocacy

1,109

No. of participants attended child rights-based campaign

2,337

No. of participants attended in social issue-based meeting



Social Issue-based Meeting with mothers

Changing Lives Through Compassion



"GNB has taught me that real community development begins with believing in people. Throughout my journey, GNB has supported my professional growth and empowered me to serve communities with compassion and confidence. I am truly grateful to be part of an organization that changes lives by giving people a second chance" - Pranjoli Mree, CDP Manager

For nearly 16 years, Pranjoli has been serving with Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB), witnessing countless stories of transformation through community development. Among them, one experience continues to remind her why compassion, trust, and opportunity are at the heart of GNB's work.

While recruiting volunteers for a CDP, a young man with a troubled reputation applied. Although many advised against selecting him, Pranjoli chose to look beyond his past after hearing his sincere desire to change. Guided by GNB's belief in human potential, she gave him a chance.

That decision transformed a life. The young man became a dedicated volunteer, changed his behaviour, and today proudly serves as a police officer, contributing positively to society.

Integrated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP) Project



GBV Awareness Session with Adolescent Girls at Camp

During April–June 2026, Good Neighbors Bangladesh continued implementing the Integrated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP) Project across Rohingya Camps 15 & 16 and surrounding host communities in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. The project strengthened protection services while promoting safer, more inclusive communities through integrated case management, psychosocial support, community engagement, and awareness initiatives.

Throughout the quarter, 119 survivors received case management services and dignity kits, while 99 women, girls, and boys participated in structured psychosocial support sessions. Community awareness activities reached 1,420 people through multilingual audio-visual campaigns on GBV prevention, and 638 women and adolescent girls gained knowledge on sexual and reproductive health and menstrual hygiene management.



MHM day at camp



The project also invested in long-term community resilience by training 32 staff members on specialized protection approaches and engaging 30 religious leaders as advocates for child protection and gender equality. Through community meetings, school engagement, and evidence-based prevention programmes such as Girl Shine and EMAP, women, girls, boys, and community leaders strengthened their capacity to prevent violence, promote positive social norms, and create safer environments for children and families.

Despite monsoon-related challenges in Cox's Bazar, Good Neighbors Bangladesh continued working closely with humanitarian partners and local stakeholders to ensure uninterrupted protection services and strengthen emergency preparedness for vulnerable communities.



Group Session on Psychosocial Support Services

Project Closing Ceremony of Better Life for Girls Project and Handover Ceremony of Adolescent Girls Corner

Good Neighbors Bangladesh successfully concluded the Better Life for Girls Project at Latifia Islamia Sitarabibi Dakhil Madrasah in Moulvibazar, empowering adolescent girls with the knowledge, facilities, and confidence to manage menstrual health with dignity. Implemented from February to June 2026, the project aimed to promote healthy lifestyles by improving menstrual hygiene management (MHM) practices and creating a safer, more supportive school environment.



The project directly benefited 119 adolescent girls and indirectly reached 212 students, 13 teachers, and around 200 community members. Key initiatives included establishing a girl-friendly adolescent corner with accessible WASH facilities, training teachers on menstrual hygiene management, conducting three educational sessions for girls, distributing MHM booklets, installing awareness billboards, and observing Menstrual Hygiene Day to reduce stigma and promote open discussion.

To ensure long-term sustainability, a Menstrual Hygiene Management Club comprising 20 adolescent girls and supported by two teacher mentors was formed to continue awareness activities and maintain the adolescent corner beyond the project's completion. By strengthening knowledge, improving facilities, and fostering community engagement, the project has created a lasting foundation for healthier, safer, and more confident adolescent girls.



Inauguration of Adolescent Corner

Menstrual Hygiene Day

Good Neighbors Bangladesh observed Menstrual Hygiene Day with adolescent girls, teachers, mothers, and community members to raise awareness about menstrual health and promote a supportive environment for girls. The event included awareness and technical sessions, experience-sharing by adolescent girls and mothers.

By addressing misconceptions and promoting healthy menstrual hygiene practices, the celebration helped reduce stigma, strengthen confidence among adolescent girls, and reinforce the collective responsibility of schools, families, and communities in ensuring that every girl can manage menstruation safely, hygienically, and with dignity.



National Youth Camp 2026



Good Neighbors Bangladesh successfully organized the National Youth Camp 2026 from 27-29 April at the BBCF Prayer Garden, Gazipur, bringing together 160 youth leaders, Nature & Peace Club members, and representatives from Community Development Projects (CDPs) under the theme "Youth in Action for Nature, Peace & SDGs."

The three-day camp provided a dynamic platform for young people to strengthen their leadership, volunteerism, and commitment to environmental sustainability and peacebuilding. Through inspiring keynote sessions, interactive discussions, youth-led project exhibitions, democratic elections for the National Nature & Peace Club 2026, and cultural and recreational activities, participants enhanced their knowledge and developed practical skills to lead positive change in their communities.

2026 GNB National Child Camp

Good Neighbors Bangladesh organized the National Child Camp 2026 under the theme "My Voice, Our Future." The camp brought together 186 Child Council members, child leaders, and representatives from Community Development Projects (CDPs) to strengthen children's leadership and participation.



Through interactive sessions on child rights, leadership, cyber safety, and community engagement, participants gained the knowledge and confidence to become advocates for child protection. The camp also featured the National Child Council 2026 election, an art exhibition on child rights, cultural performances, and sports activities, fostering collaboration and creativity among children from across the country.

Youth for Change: Fundraising Leadership Training (2)

Good Neighbors Bangladesh organized the Youth for Change: Fundraising Leadership Training (2) at its Head Office in Dhaka, bringing together 64 youth leaders from 17 Community Development Projects (CDPs).

The training equipped participants with practical knowledge and skills in leadership, teamwork, and fundraising through interactive sessions, group exercises, and field-based learning. By strengthening their capacity, the initiative aims to empower young people to lead fundraising efforts within their respective communities, mobilizing local support for vulnerable children and community development initiatives.



Special Day Observation



Project Presentation at World Health Day



World Day Against Child Labor



Sapling distribution during the celebration of World Environment Day



Award Giving at Good Daddy Campaign

Meeting/Training/ Workshop/Conference



Agreement Signing Ceremony with Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC



Training on Anti-Fraud & Anti Corruption



2026 New Staff Orientation



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