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Executive Summary

SUROVI commenced its voyage in 1979 with a gracious envisage to set in harmony with the poor,

distressed and vulnerable children and women. Being a child rights and child wellbeing organization, SUROVI envisioned for a society which will be free from inequality and injustice, a community where no child will be deprived from her/his rights and dignity and no children will be ruined by poverty. Near about four decades of relentless efforts to make this happen, SUROVI has embraced new grounds and opened up new avenue to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable children to bring meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. During this long span, SUROVI has adapted with the changing situation and provided the most time-bound services especially for the poor and disadvantaged children and their families. A child focused and community based approach has been adapted by SUROVI while consideration was given to the national plan and policy and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as guiding principle. SUROVI is one of the organizations expanding its development interventions across 34 Districts of Bangladesh covering over one million vulnerable children, women and people living in poverty line.

In the year 2021 SUROVI executed a number of projects under different thematic areas to pull off organization's aim. SUROVI continued its operation of Day Care Centers, Parenting, Shishu Bikash Kendra (SBK), Primary and Secondary Education, Vocational Skill Training, Children Sponsorship, Children Scholarship, Relief & Rehabilitation, Micro Finance and Communication for Development. It was possible to extend support for protection and development of the vulnerable children.

In the year 2021, SUROVI executed Education Equity for Out of School Children (EEOSC) Project, Integrated Sponsorship Programme, Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development (GeTECD), From Child Bride to Bookworm in Bangladesh, SUROVI School, Doll Making and Sewing, Tailoring & Dress Making, Narir Khomota, Student Scholarship, Scholarship for Orphan, Ramadan food for the Families in Need, Fresh Meat for the Families in Need, Emergency Relief for Covid-19 Affected People, Hands In Girls Health, Child Sponsorship, Clean Water, Fresh Water and Winter Kit for CSP Children and their Families, Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh.

Through its work in the field of education, skill development training, child protection, early childhood development, water & sanitation, health, relief & rehabilitation, emergency response, poverty elimination, SUROVI enables thousands of people that contribute them for developing human resources, earning livelihood, improve health and lifestyle and deduce poverty. The exertion of the organization surely contributes to achieve organization's goal as well as government vision of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

The organization concedes and expresses gratitude to the donors, funding agencies, partners and stakeholders for generating support for the disadvantaged people and play crucial role to improve their lives. UNICEF, PLAN International Bangladesh, Human Concern International (HCI) Canada, Canada Bangladesh Education Trust (CBET), Canada Bangladesh Muslim Community (CBMC), Infrastructure Development Company Limited, Impact Investment Exchange, Ministry of Labour & Employment has been continuing their assistance in the reporting year. SUROVI is also grateful to the individuals who expanded their exertion towards the suffering of the people.

Message of Honorable Founder & Chairperson

I am enchanting to distinguish that SUROVI exposes its Annual Report 2021 on the achievements of its endeavor round the year. Since 1979, from its steady commitment, the

organization has been working to make positive change in the life of deprived children and women. The year 2021 is another successful one moving onward to pull off the organization's aspiration through implementing a number of projects and activities and reaching thousands of vulnerable children and women living below national poverty line.

The year 2021 is also went through with adversity, obscurity and crucial events for the organization, children and families due to Covid'19 pandemic. This was a tricky time but SUROVI activities were implemented with due insistence by the dedication of staff members and all other concern including management.

I deeply grateful for the efforts and contribution our General Committee, Executive Committee and our stakeholders make to getting things done efficiently. I am as well indebted to our donors, funding agencies and development partners who have been providing their continuous and valuable prop up to SUROVI which made us enable to continue our efforts and extend our supports to the vulnerable humankind.

I would like to put across my profound thanks and appreciation to all individuals and well-wishers for widen their hold up towards the development initiatives. I would like to pass on my best wishes to SUROVI employees for their continuous effort to strengthen the reputation of the organization.

(Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu)

Founder & Chairperson

From the Desk of Executive Director

I take the pleasure to reveal our work for the year 2021 and our achievements despite of we had to straggle a lot in our voyages throughout the year long due to Covid-19 pandemic, and faced huge challenges to reach our destinations.

In the year 2021, the education program executed by SUROVI hampered a lot. The schools and learning centres closed most of the time due to pandemic situation. In spite of this, SUROVI continued children learning activities through Alternative Remote Learning Approach. On the other hand, considering the suffering of poorest people, SUROVI extended emergency food support to the vulnerable families during the lockdown situation.

In line with the government policy and priorities as well as considering achieving SDG goals, SUROVI designed its programs and 5 years strategic plans. In the reporting year SUROVI continued its operation of different projects supported by UNICEF, Plan International Bangladesh, Human Concern International (HCI), Canada Bangladesh Education Trust, Canada Bangladesh Muslim Society, Impact Investment Exchange and Infrastructure Development Company Limited.

I convey my heartiest gratitude and thanks to our funding agencies, donors and partners to extend their continuous support to the disadvantaged children and women particularly UNICEF, PLAN International Bangladesh, HCI-Canada, Canada Bangladesh Education Trust, Canada Bangladesh Muslim Society, Infrastructure Development Company Limited, Impact Investment Exchange, Ministry of Labour & Employment for their uninterrupted cooperation. I would like to appreciate our valued stakeholders to make their best effort and widen support to the beneficiaries as well as our organization.

We would not be able to report such progress without continuous support and contributions of our development partners and supporters. I also have a high regard for great appreciation the individual contributors, who expanded their prop up to the deprived children and women to improve their life. I believe they will be in touch with SUROVI in the future days and take part in the development initiatives in order to uplift the people living below national poverty line. Our collective efforts certainly will make a difference in the life of those defenseless people.

(Md. Abu Taher)
Executive Director

Individual Contributors

The Founder & Chairperson of the organization *Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu* extended her effort on the way to the development of SUROVI since its commencement. Till now she has been making her best attempt for changing the lives

of vulnerable children and women by the continuous support through the organization. Very silently, the Chairperson has been enormously funding a School since 1979. This school has been operating with 500 students from pre-primary to grade ten educations for the underprivileged and working children.

Apart of this, many kind-heartened individuals extend their support to the deprived children and their families through this organization in the reporting year. This is too large to reveal their name but we are much grateful and greet their precious contribution and participation to be aside in our honest journey.

We express our sincere thanks and gratefulness to the sympathetic individuals who made their best crack to achieve our purpose. This is to a large extent encouraging to feel their responsibility towards the rundown groups and get themselves involved with development initiatives for the miserable people of Bangladesh.

Abbreviation

| ABAL | Ability Based Accelerated Learning | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| ATEO | Assistant Thana Education Officer | | | |
| BEN | Bangladesh ECD Network | | | |
| BILS | Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies | | | |
| BNGCAF | Bangladesh National Girl Child Advocacy Forum | | | |
| BSAF | Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum | | | |
| C4D | Communication for Development | | | |
| CAG | Communication for Development Community Action Group | | | |
| CAMPE | Campaign for Popular Education | | | |
| CBO | Community Based Organization | | | |
| CBCPC | Community Based Organization Community Based Child Protection Committee | | | |
| CBCPM | Community Based Child Protection Mechanism | | | |
| CBET | Canada Bangladesh Education Trust | | | |
| CBMC | Canada Bangladesh Muslim Community | | | |
| CLC | Children Learning Center | | | |
| CMC | Center Management Committee | | | |
| CWC | Cure for Women and Children | | | |
| DNCC | Dhaka North City Corporation | | | |
| DPEO | District Primary Education Officer | | | |
| | Disaster Risk Reduction | | | |
| DRR DSCC | | | | |
| | Dhaka South City Corporation | | | |
| DWRN | Domestic Workers Rights Network | | | |
| ECD | Early Childhood Development | | | |
| EEOSC | Education Equity for Out of School Children | | | |
| EU | European Union | | | |
| FLE | Family Life Education | | | |
| GCC | Gazipur City Corporation | | | |
| GeTECD | Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development | | | |
| GPS | Government Primary School | | | |
| IPT | Interactive Popular Theatre | | | |
| IT | Information Technology | | | |
| LGI | Local Government Institute | | | |
| LRC | Learning Resource Center | | | |
| MGTLA | Multi-grade Teaching Learning Approach | | | |
| MSCR | Movement for Street Children Rights | | | |
| NCTB | National Curriculum Text Book | | | |
| PMS | Participatory Monitoring System | | | |
| PPE | Pre-primary Education | | | |
| SBK | Shishu Bikash Kendra | | | |
| SM | Social Mobilization | | | |
| SMC | School Management Committee | | | |
| TEO | Thana Education Officer | | | |
| TRC | Training and Resource Center | | | |
| TVET | Technical and Vocational Education & Training | | | |
| UNICEF | United Nations International Children Emergency Fund | | | |

Story of our Journey

With the heartiest exertion of the noble lady Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu, the voluntary development organization SUROVI started its journey on 1st February 1979. Bangladesh being a war-devastating and poorest country, there were thousands of vulnerable children remain

out of schools and engaged with works for earning livelihood for survive as well as to support their families. Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu observed many children are involved as domestic workers in the city life but most of them have no opportunity of schooling, flourishing the future and to be self-dependent. With the view to ensure rights of education for the child domestic workers, the founder and philanthropist established a school at Dhanmondi area in Dhaka City. It was truly a challenging job in the contemporary social context to bring out the child domestic workers outside of their employers' residences for attending school. Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu took the challenges and did not dropper courage; she came forward with the lamp to enlighten the path of the deprived children. She could establish the school for the working children and it was a great victory.

Being a child rights and child welfare organization SUROVI concentrates its interventions towards protection and development of children particularly for the hard-to-reach, disadvantaged and vulnerable through education, skill training, food and economic security, family assistance, sponsorship and scholarship support. During the years being SUROVI has been enhancing its capacity to expand its area of operation in the diversified field to cover the most vulnerable children, women and families to bring them under a safeguard and creating an enabling atmosphere to boom their potentiality. Through our intervention, now this is possible to reach one lac vulnerable people in each year; this number is increasing gradually.

Our Theory of Changes

SUROVI believes education is the major factor to bring change in one's life, play crucial role to break poverty cycle and facilitate sustainable development for individual, family and community. There is no better investment than an investment in knowledge.

Social and economical discrepancy can be removed through an educated community. Knowledge also erases differences between people, rendering someone's background and financial circumstances less relevant. It is one of the main duties of education to equip man; with the power and abilities with the help of which he may adjust himself in the ever- changing social environment Education should develop a liberal attitude in man towards social changes.

Education can stimulate economic growth by increasing innovation, productivity, and human capital.

SUROVI, from this belief extended its efforts to educate the underprivileged children deprived from their rights of education to bring equity, socio-economic improvement in their personal, family and social life.

Transformation through Education



Our Vision

SUROVI, from its dream and commitment desire to envision a society where there will be no neglected deprived children and every child will enjoy their rights and flourish their full potential which

leads them to be human resources and contribute to the society.

Our Mission

SUROVI from its believe and vision has undertaken integrated social development programs to improve lives of people living in poverty line particularly disadvantaged children and vulnerable women who are

deprived from their rights and unable to break the poverty cycle. Development interventions SUROVI comprises both service delivery and right-based approach. SUROVI firmly believes and is actively involved in promoting children rights particularly education, protection and early childhood development, human resource development, gender equality, health & environment, emergency responses, poverty and hunger. Children and women are the key focus of SUROVI's development intercessions. Community capacity building is one of the important missions of the organization to prepare community for the greater movement.

Legal Status

- Registered with Department of Social Services in 1993
 Reg. No. Dha-03000
- ii. Registered with NGO Affairs Bureau in 1992 Reg. No. 655
- iii. Registered with Microcredit Regularity Authority in 2014 Reg. No. 02604-04329-00751

Governance

An executive committee is comprised of seven members are guiding the organization in decision making, program implementation, partnership and relations with government and donors. The Executive Director of SUROVI is playing the secretarial role in the committee. The General Body of the organization consists of 27 members.

Geographical Coverage

Bagerhat, Bandarban, Barisal, Bogra, Borguna, Chandpur, Chapainowabgonj, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Cumilla, Dhaka, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Gazipur, Gopalgonj, Hobigonj, Jamalpur, Joypurhat, Jinaidah, Kurigram, Laxmipur, Magura, Manikgonj, Moulovibazar, Narayangonj, Narsindi, Natore, Netrokona, Pabna, Rajbari, Rajshahi, Sathkira, Sunamgonj and Tangail districts. Total number of district-34.

Target Population

Street and marginalized Children, Orphan, Children with disabilities, Working Children, Out of School Children, Vulnerable Women, Poor Children in School & Colleges, Slum dwellers and floating people, Disaster victims in affected areas.

Area of Working

Education, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Early Childhood Development, Water & Sanitation, Child Rights & Child Protection, Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response, Relief & Rehabilitation, Health & Nutrition, Poverty Alleviation, Capacity Building, Women & Youth Empowerment, Awareness and Advocacy.

Funding Agencies

PLAN International Bangladesh, UNICEF, European Union, Human Concern International, Canada Bangladesh Education Trust (CBET), Canada Bangladesh Muslim Society (CBMS), Infrastructure Development Company (IDCOL), Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)

Membership L

A Networking Bangladesh ECD Network (BEN), Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), Coalition for the Urban Poor-CUP, National Girls Child Advocacy Forum, Domestic Worker Rights Network (DWRN), Child Labour Elimination Forum, Street Children Activist Network (SCAN), Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS)

Program Highlights 2021

Early Childhood Care & Development

| Shishu Bikash | Operating 48 Shishu Bikash Kendra in Dhaka urban slum communities | | | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Kendra | • Develop appropriate playing & learning material for the kids age 3-5 | | | | |
| (SBK) | years | | | | |
| (0000) | • Flexible schooling time and activity based learning approach | | | | |

| Day | Running 03 Day Care Centre for the children age 6 months to 5 years Children of working mothers and from poorest families get priority | |
|--------|--|--|
| Centre | • The centres provides necessary care and nursing for the children from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm | |

Inclusive Education in Government Trimary Schools

Running 24 Pre-primary centers Pre-primary Government Primary School renovation Education GPS Teachers Training on Pedagogy, Sign Language and Braille • Ensure necessary assessment of special need children and provide required aids Annual Reflection and school level planning Provide support to 10 government primary schools Primary Run schools for urban slum children Education Covered 12500 learners in urban slum areas Run 67 non formal educations Centers in DSCC Second Chance • Covered 2600 out of school children and 2000 families in urban slum Education • Provide primary education to the children and mainstream them to formal education system Provide support to 22 Secondary Schools in DSCC Secondary Covered 2600 children and 2500 families in urban slum areas Education • Build up capacity of teachers, students and SMC from 22 secondary schools on inclusive education and counseling • Provide financial support to the students unable to pay tuition fees • Provide special support to the slow learners of secondary level Establish GEMS corner in 22 secondary schools Support to the poorest families with income generating activities

| Scholarship Support | Provide scholarship to 305 poor & meritorious students of Higher Secondary level an amount of Tk. 11,000 per student covering 60 college |
|------------------------|--|
| | Provide 87 university students with an amount of BDT 8000.00 each student per year (duration 4 years) |

Vocational Skill Training

| Tailoring L | • | Operating 2 Vocational Skill Training Centre on Tailoring & Dress | | |
|--------------|---|---|--|--|
| Doll Making | | making and Doll Making & Sewing | | |
| 2000 orthogo | • | Job placement for the graduates and ensure follow up | | |

JCT Education

| Computer | Operate 02 computer labs in Dhaka North & South City |
|----------|--|
| | • Trainees are equipped with hands on skills on office package, internet |
| | browsing and data entry |

Child Protection

| Child |
|-------------|
| Sponsorship |

- Support 240 orphan children with food items, education materials, school uniform, house rent, medicine cost, dress and other necessary commodities on quarterly basis
- The sponsor support ensures the families food security retain children in school and continue education

Awareness & Community Capacity Building

Communication for Development

- Conduct Interactive Popular Theatre (IPT), Community Orientation and Dialogues with employers, SMC, Imam, parents meeting
- Advocacy with Ward Councilors, Orientation of CBCPC, Mass gathering, Issue-based local campaign
- Develop and Disseminate C4D materials
- Disseminate message through mega signboard and information board
- Observe International Mother Language Day, Independence Day, International Literacy Day, International Women's Day, Child Rights Week, Victory Day through offline and online.
- Arrange Rally, discussion meeting, competition of sports and cultural events and awarded with prizes to the winners till March'2020.

Child Club

- Run 17 Child Clubs in poverty stricken slum locations in Dhaka urban areas
- Conduct issue based sessions for the children at community level
- Involve children with sports, games and cultural activities
- Children have opportunity to use library

Zero Hunger

Ramadan Support

- Provide food support to the families living in poverty line during the holy Ramadan month to relief their hardship and meet nutritional requirement
- Distribute fresh meat to the families in need to observe holy Eid-ul-Adha and meet up dietary requirements

Project Executed in the Year 2021

| Sl | Project Title | Nature | Donor/Partner | Geographical Coverage |
|----|---|--|--------------------|--|
| 01 | Education Equity for Out of School Children (EEOSC) Project | Non Formal Primary Education for OSC | UNICEF | Dhaka North & Dhaka South and Gazipur City Corporation |
| 02 | Integrated Sponsorship Program | Primary Education | Plan International | Dhaka South City |
| 03 | Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development(GeTECD) | ECD | Plan International | Dhaka South City |

| 04 | Child Bride to Bookworm | Secondary | Plan International | Dhaka South City | |
|-----|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| | in Bangladesh | School Support | Bangladesh | - | |
| 05 | SUROVI School | Primary & Secondary Education | SUROVI funded | Dhaka North and South City | |
| 06 | Eradication of Hazardous | Basic Education | Ministry of | Dhaka North City | |
| | Child Labour in | & Skill Training | Labour & | Corporation | |
| | Bangladesh | *** * * * | Employment | | |
| 07 | Narir Khomota | IT Education | Impact Investment | Dhaka North and South City | |
| 00 | Ctordayte Calcalanabia | E decedion | Exchange | Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi, | |
| 08 | Students Scholarship Program | Education | Canada Bangladesh | Gazipur, Sunamgonj, Magura, Sathkira, | |
| | Flogram | | Education Trust | Pabna, Jenaidah, Bogra, Joypurhat, Manikgonj, Gaibandha, C.Nowabgonj, | |
| | | | Education Trust | Moulovibazar, Rajbari, Gopalgonj, Cumilla, Dinajpur, Natore, Barisal | |
| 09 | Child Sponsorship | Child Protection | Human Concern | Dhaka, Bagerhat, Chandpur, | |
| | Program (CSP) | | International | Kishoregonj, Laxmipur, | |
| 10 | Scholarship for Orphan | Education & | Canada Bangladesh | Netrokona, Sherpur Sunamgonj, Manikgonj | |
| 10 | Children | Protection | Muslim Community | and Kurigram | |
| | | | · | č | |
| 11 | Ramadan food Assistance | Food & Security | Human Concern | Dhaka North & South City | |
| | for People in Need | | International | | |
| 12 | Fresh Meat for Families | Food & Security | Human Concern | Dhaka North & South City | |
| | in Need-Qurbani | | International | | |
| 13 | Micro Credit | Poverty | SUROVI funded | Rajshahi and Laxsmipur | |
| 1.4 | Winter Kits for CSP | Eradication | Human Concern | Dhala North & Couth City | |
| 14 | Children & their Families | Emergency Response | International | Dhaka North & South City | |
| | | • | | | |
| 15 | Clean Water Project | WATSAN | Human Concern | Barishal, Chandpur, | |
| | | | International | Netrokona | |
| 16 | Fresh Water Project | WATSAN | Human Concern | Bagerhat, Laxmipur, | |
| | | | International | Sherpur, Sunamgonj, Bogura | |
| 17 | Improved Cook Stove | Safe Environment | IDCOL | Sadar and Bochagonj Upazillas | |
| | (ICS) | and prevent air pollution | | of Dinajpur District | |
| 18 | Hands In Girls Health | Adolescent | Human Concern | Dhaka North & South City | |
| 10 | (HIGH) | Reproductive | International | Urban Locations | |
| | (111011) | Health | monational | Croun Locations | |

Projects Executed in 2021

To achieve the missions, SUROVI implemented a number of projects under Education, Livelihood Skill Training, Child Protection, Water & Sanitation, Climate Change & Environment, Emergency Response, Relief and Rehabilitation, Poverty Elimination, Child Scholarship and Student Scholarship programs.

Education Equity for Out of School Children Troject

The project targets to provide primary education to 2600 out of school children (OSC) at selective urban slums under Dhaka South City Corporation Zone-3, Zone-4 & Zone-5 where thousands of children are at risk of

remaining beyond education. City Corporation of Dhaka South is considered important and potential stakeholders of EEOoSC Project in terms of their involvement with the project and intensive supports. City Corporations play an important role to establish learning centres, baseline survey, learner selection, mobilize community leaders and different service providers. Zonal

Executive, Slum Development Officer, Ward Councilors, Education Officer and Community Mobilizers are playing vital role to implement the project smoothly. Communities of the selective slum areas are sensitized through C4D interventions such as disseminating information and knowledge to different tiers of community participant groups, to empower them with information and knowledge, to develop, implement and monitor their own 'child rights' action plans of the community. Hence, the community people are able to take initiatives to solve their problems with the support of local level stakeholders such as: members of the CBCPC, ward councilors, local government institutions and service providers from government and nongovernment institutions. During this period the EEOoSC project operates 67 Ability Based Accelerated Learning Centers (ABALC) with 2600 learners in different grades. The learning centers are decorated with child friendly materials and information, learning messages, learner's hand writing, drawing, different types of charts to make the centers colorful and with visual learning. Teachers conduct classes following multi-grade approach and according to the class routine. The learners have option to attend in the class at their convenient time as some of them are involved with earning or take care of their siblings at home. Teachers ensure a joyful environment in the Learning Centers so that the learners can enjoy their time in the classroom. Co-curricular activities like song, reciting rhymes and poems, dance, art are regular activities organized in the ABALCs. The learners also have opportunity to play indoor games in the centre.

Integrated Sponsorship Project

With the support of Plan International Bangladesh, SUROVI has been implementing Integrated Sponsorship Program in Dhaka South City

Corporation. The organization is working with community, schools, CSOs and local government levels with rights holders and duty bearers for organizing planning and implementing the program following CCCD approach through awareness campaigns, meeting with children, parents, SMC and CBO members for awareness and timely enrollment in SBK, preprimary, primary and secondary schools of 10 primary catchment areas. SUROVI facilitates school level participatory development planning and reflection sessions, Organize capacity building training workshop exposure and workshop for the teachers, SMC, Student council and Thana based resource pool members (TRC members and Education Department), Organize CMC committee orientation for managing the community based SBK centers. SUROVI facilitates Local Education Network and works closely with children, youths, parents, teachers, SMC, Local Govt. and education department for supporting children to realize their right to quality education. Plan International Bangladesh monitors and provide technical and financial support for these activities.

This project will contribute in achieving country program objective under impact area right to education that targeted 5964 children (at least 50% girls) from 5 Education Thana of Dhaka districts especially those most marginalized and excluded benefit from quality inclusive education with specific support for continuation of secondary education through strengthening existing education system.

Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development Project (GeTECD)

To contribute to the broader goal, the project has identified three long-term outcomes which are the main objectives of the project that will ensure the development of a demonstrative model of Gender

Transformative Early Childhood Development (GeTECD) Project.

Long-term outcome -1: Parents/primary caregivers (and other family members) -female and

male - share decision-making, care work and childrearing responsibilities within the household and provide nurturing care equally to girls and boys.

Long-term Outcome 2: Community leaders, parents, local authorities and teachers ensure that children have access to quality gender-responsive and inclusive learning opportunities, from SBK through to the early grades of primary.

Long-term outcome 3: Policy and decision makers have improved understanding of why investing in gender-transformative ECD policy, programmes and services is important, and of what are effective, scalable gender-transformative interventions.

To contribute to the broader goals and achieve the long-term program outcomes, the project activities are clustered in to three different components. These are; Positive parenting/ Gender responsive Parenting (Community level), Early Learning Centre (SBK and early grade primary) (At school and ECD centers) and Policy advocacy (Policy and National Level) Social and gender norms (cross cutting).

Child Bride to Bookworm in Bangladesh

The project aims to increase the number of girls and boys from urban slums who completes quality education in secondary school level in Dhaka. The Project interventions contribute to reduce school dropout from

urban slums Girls and boys and increase the completion lower secondary school education in Dhaka.

Working Locations of the project are Jatrabari, Shyampur, Bangshal, Wari, Sabujbag, Khilgoan, Kodomtali (Ward- 01, 07, 32, 33, 38, 41, 49, 59) under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC). *Direct beneficiaries comprises* children aged 11-16 years living in the slum areas who are at risk of drop out from 22 secondary school in Dhaka south city corporation area. *Indirect beneficiaries consider* Parent, School teacher, students, PTA, SMC members,



Community Leaders. Total number of direct Beneficiaries boys 4000, girls 6000, male 1200 & female 1460.



Expected Results: Result 1: Strengthened participation and collaboration of Student Councils (SCs), School Management Councils (SMCs), Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and other relevant stakeholders in school governance. **Result 2:** SMCs, PTAs and SCs at targeted schools and community members are actively supporting initiatives to increase school completion. **Result 3:** Authorities and donors are actively supporting other schools to

implement the model for Reducing School dropout rates in schools in the urban slums of Dhaka.

As the covid'19 pandemic occurred in all over the country and school declared close down by the government main project activities are not implemented. We have redesigned our activity to support the family, student, SMC and school authority that's help checked the potential dropout.

SUROVI School

The objective to establish the school SUROVI is to bring working, street and slum children under primary and junior education and outfit them as skilled resources to alleviate child labour, child marriage and

poverty. In the reporting year the school had 400 learners in different grades giving emphasis on girls and most deprived. The School ensures enrollment of underprivileged children age 5 to 16 from its catchment areas. Pre-primary to grade ten educations is provided to the students following NCTB curriculum. Education materials including school uniform are supplied by the school free of cost. The students need no tuition fees. The learners get cost-free Tiffin every day that helps them to meet the deficiency of nutrition and increase school attendance. The students ought to wear red uniform provided by school.

The school runs 3 shifts daily between 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM with one hour break from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. The students of pre-primary to grade three are attending school in morning shift. The students participate in PSC and JSC exams and acquire excellent results consequently.

SUROVI also arranges vocational training for grade eight graduates those are interested to technical education. The orphans, ultra-poor and working children are brought under sponsorship program of the organization to ensure shore up on education materials, food, dress, medicine and cash for the respective families to support them for continuing their children's education.

Co-curricular activities i.e music, art, dance, acting, debate, sports and games are emphasized parallel with general education to open out interior qualities of children. Music, art and physical teachers take special care to nurture the students on co-curricular activities.

Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh

Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh (4th phase) project is based on the target 8.7 of SDGs for elimination of child Labour. The project aims to eliminate hazardous child labour and covers 1,00,000 (one lac)

children in 11 City Corporations and 2 Upazila. The project is funded by ILO through Ministry of Labour and Employments.

The project provides Non-Formal Education (NFE) & Skill Development Training (SDT) through 36 multipurpose centre (MPCs) to 893 children aged between 10-16 years engaged in different indentified hazardous works in ward # 1, 2 & 3 in Dhaka North City Corporation.

The children engaged in different hazardous jobs are selected through an intensive survey to provide basic education and selected skill training. The basic education conducts for a period of 6 months and the skill training imparts for 4 months. The multi-purpose centre is establish in the rented space in the urban slum locations where the target beneficiaries are surveyed and selected. The children are entitled an incentive of Tk 1000.00 per month throughout the project period.

The project however identified the children from poor families involved with hazardous labour for non-formal education programs, providing with wage-compensation (stipend) and by organising appropriate curriculum, e.g. integrating skill training program with basic education,

to suit their needs. Besides education and training, the parents of those children will be provided micro-credit support to reduce dependency on their children's income.

Narir Khomota (Women's Empowerment)

The main objective of the project is to educate the mother, grandmother, aunts & sisters' of students with the computer literacy skills to make them productive human resources.

To provide computer skills to the women (mother, sisters, aunts & grandmothers) within 06 months period at SUROVI, Mirpur & Dhanmondi under Dhaka city in Bangladesh.

The contact hour of the training was 02 hours per day and total 75 working days (75 days x 02 hours) i.e 150 hours in 03 months duration. The training instructor developed daily lesson plan for the trainees segregating the 03 months course curriculum. The 03 months course divided into 75 working days (25 days per month). Ten trainees participate in each batch. Two trainees shared 01 computer. The Instructor demonstrated each of the topics and made it easy for the participants. Following three months training each



of the trainees has undergone through an assessment following prescribed questionnaires to evaluate their level of competencies after receiving the training. All the participants scored very well. So our understanding is the objective of the project is achieved.

Student Scholarship

SUROVI with the noble support of CBET is providing education assistance to talent and poor students in colleges who are financially challenged to continue their education uninterrupted.

The assistance brings them out from vulnerable situation and to complete their education which ultimately increases their confidence to gain higher education and inspire to be a human resources and be able to establish and contribute to the family and society.

The aim is to support financially challenged students in Bangladesh with sound academic records and help improve their socioeconomic status, particularly to assist the talented and poor students from colleges of Bangladesh for continuing their education with necessary supports. It strives to give scholarships to College students in all the 450 sub-districts in Bangladesh.

In the year 2021, the project extended its scholarship support to 305 students from 61 colleges and 87 students studying in different universities. Each college student was entitled to receive an amount of BDT 11,000 (eleven thousands) in two installments and each university student is entitled to receive BDT 32000 (Thirty Two Thousands) in four installments.

Student scholarship project brought a meaningful change in the education for the college and university students. The students became confident to continue their higher studies by the support from the project. This noble initiative was appreciated by the local administration, Member of college management committee, university authority and people of all corners.

Child Sponsorship

The project provided 155 orphans and

most vulnerable children comes from poorest families and studying in different schools in Bangladesh to support with education materials including the members of their families to mitigate



nutritional requirement, provide health and hygiene items, clothes, cookeries, and shelter support for a period of 12 months.

The project creates scope to help the orphan, vulnerable and destitute children as well as their families supporting with education materials, tuition fees, school uniform, food items, cookeries, necessary commodities of family, hygiene and medical support, house rent etc. The project provided the children as well as their families with education materials like exercise book, pen, pencils, geometry instrument, colored pencil, drawing book, school bag, food items like rice, powder milk, pulse, flour, cooking oil, sugar and salt, health and hygiene items like tooth-paste, tooth brush, bed cover, mosquito net and bathing soap, detergent powder, clothes items like casual dress, school uniform and school shoes, cookeries such as bucket, water glass, plate and mug, cash component for house rent and medicine support.



The mentioned supports are considered for only the students who are from poorest families and are in the risk of leaving school, victims of child marriage, involving with hazardous labour as well as anti-social activities that hinders their physical and psychological growth and becoming

dependent rather than resources.

Sponsorship project made a sustainable change for the children and their families in terms of keeping up children's schooling, food security, relief stress of parents/guardians, prevent child

marriage, hazardous child labour, child trafficking and created space for the children to be brought up properly.

Scholarship for Orphans

The Scholarship

for Orphan project supported by Human Concern International (HCI), benefits the needy and vulnerable orphan students in



Bangladesh who may not have to leave the school for their inability to pay the required sum of money. Main objective of the project is to provide financial assistance to orphan students to continue their education and make them skillful resources rather than becoming victims of school drop outs, early marriage, and child labor, dependent, unskilled and unproductive citizens. Orphans, abandoned, ultra poor and disable children who are attending school, college,

universities and vocational trainings, unable to bear education expenses and have a risk to drop out from education institution are the beneficiaries under the program.

During the project period January to December 2021 a total of 100 children received support under Scholarship for Orphan Project. Among them 43 boys and 57 are girls. The children are living in Bagerhat, Chandpur, Cumilla, Dhaka, Gazipur, Laxmipur, Manikgonj, Moulavibazar, Netrokona, Sherpur, Sunamgonj district in Bangladesh. They are orphan (either father or mother or both are died), from ultra poor families and students of secondary schools. The



age limit of the sponsored children is below 16 years. They are living under poverty line. SUROVI ensured a scholarship of Tk. 30,000.00 to each orphan student in three equal instalments of Tk. 10,000 each to peruse their higher studies. Distribution ceremony of scholarship were held locally due to Covid-19 pandemic. Three events of award ceremony held locally where the local administration (govt. representatives) were participated. The selected orphans and guardians are invited in the event to collect their Bank cheque. SUROVI ensure scholarship of total Tk. 30,000.00 to each orphan student in three equal installments of Tk. 10,000 each to peruse their higher studies. A total of 100 orphan students from secondary schools will receive the scholarship support.

Ramadan Food Assistance

The goal of the project is to ensure families meet their nutritional requirements and don't go to sleep hungry. The main objectives of the project comprise of ensuring food security of the families living

below national poverty line, preventing hunger related malnutrition, health hazardousness and deaths and improving the mental well-being of children, disable and old ages people. The

project ensured sufficient food items and quantity for the selected 250 families on the occasion of Ramadan and observing greatest Muslim Religious festival Eid-ul-Fitar.

As the allocated quantity and items of food kits distributed to 250 families (100% beneficiaries), and they could ensure the food security during the whole month. The beneficiary families along with their children could meet the food and nutritional requirement for one month and they would not go



to sleep with hunger. Certainly the objectives and outcomes of the project fully met. A total of 250 households, 250 families and at least 1,400 members including children, women and disables are directly benefitted from the HCI food kits program for Ramadan 2021 project.



The HCI food support program for Ramadan had huge positive results in performing the fasting and celebrating the holy Eid of poor and vulnerable families living in a crisis situation due to COVID-19 pandemic. Though, there is a huge need of food in other poor families. It will be

highly appreciate, if HCI will continue/scale up the project to provide food support to the poor, distressed families & children and saved them from serious hunger and malnutrition in Bangladesh.

Fresh Meat for Families Living in Need-Qurbani

The project aimed to support the families living in poverty line with fresh meat on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha so that they would have a good time along with their children to celebrate Eid, one of the greatest Muslim religious festivals.

The specific objectives are enhance the food security and meet nutritious deficiency specially protein of the beneficiaries during Eid Al Adha, bring joy & happiness to the hearts of the beneficiaries and improve the mental well-being of the beneficiaries.

Fresh Meat for Families in Need-Qurbani 2021 project has been implemented during Covid-19 pandemic condition while Bangladesh has been struggling to keep its people protective from Corona virus infections.

Each of the 875 vulnerable families received 5 kg fresh meat during the greatest Muslim religious festival that helped them a lot to celebrate the occasion including the children.



HCI supported "Fresh Meat for Families in Need-Qurbani 2021" Project clearly expand its charitable shore up for the most vulnerable families living in the poverty line and during the Covid-19 Pandemic situation. A total 875 families and 4,813 persons (considering 5.5 members per family on average) are directly benefitted from HCI "Fresh Meat for Families in Need-Qurbani 2021" Project. Segregation of men, women, boys and girls are: Men: 1103, Women:

1102, Boys: 1305 and Girls: 1303.



Fresh Meat for Families in Need-Qurbani 2021 Project created opportunity to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha for the ultra poor families. The project has been implemented during a time while people in the country are affected by Covid-19. Many of the poor people became jobless. The families who got the support from HCI Canada expressed their full satisfaction and gratitude and convey their thanks to HCI-Canada.

Micro Credit

SUROVI has been implementing micro finance program activities at Bagha and Baghmara upazila under Rajshahi District and Laxmipur Sadar under Laxmipur district in the reporting year of 2021. Apart from the

above, SUROVI also organized issue-based awareness for the beneficiaries such as dowry, trafficking, HIV and AIDS, demerits of child marriage and child labour, drug addiction, family planning, child mortality, malnutrition, effect of climate change, safe motherhood, child care, importance of education etc. The organization intensively monitored the IGA to know the gradual progress of the business activities and to ensure profit from it. The program enhanced their income, make vision to livelihood development and add value in their family life. SUROVI is trying to take up the micro-credit program extensively as a means of poverty alleviation.

SUROVI extends small credit to the people living in national poverty line for their selfemployment arrangement that generate income for their survival, allowing them to care for themselves and the members of their families and improve income, nutritional status and food intake, and enhance human, social and health development. The major activities of the program includes selection of beneficiaries, group (Samitee) formation, mobilization for savings, providing small loans to support small initiatives and poorest families are the direct beneficiaries from the project.

Winter Relief Kits for CST Children and their Families

The ultra poor and distress people in Bangladesh particularly living in urban slums, streets, under open sky as well as poverty prone rural areas suffer enormously due

to crisis of warm clothes during winter season spread over November to February.

The children and old age people living in street, under open sky and slums, severely suffer from chilliness. They don't have adequate warm clothes to use at night and as a result they often suffer from respiratory diseases. The poor occupational and their children need of warm clothes and food items in winter season. Due to lack of money the



vulnerable families are unable to buy the warm clothes and protect them from unbearable cold.



A total of 155 Orphan and vulnerable children from 155 families and 930 members including children, women and old age persons are directly benefitted from the HCI supported Winter Kit for CSP Children and their Families project. Each family considered 6 members on average. Among the children 77 boys and 78 are girls.

The project absolutely met the intended result set in the log frame. Under the project 155 families of the CSP Children with 930 members including children and old age received the warm clothes and beddings i.e 310 pcs blanket, 155 pcs sweater, 155 pcs mattress, 310 pcs pillow, 155 pcs pant, 155 pcs T-shirts.

Clean Water Project

Poor Villagers affected with arsenic contamination in Bangladesh are the beneficiaries of this project. A total of 1250 families are

covered to supply arsenic free safe Drinking water under this project in 6 Upazila under four districts. The project selected the most vulnerable people living in the arsenic contaminated areas and lack of safe drinking water, people those use unsafe pond or river water; people who use shallow well water contaminated with arsenic and the poorest and most vulnerable families are considered for the tube wells.



The goal of this project is to address the issues of improving health access for selected population of rural areas suffering from safe drinking water and arsenic causes health hazardousness, reaching out the most vulnerable children and women and male and female

participants in and equal distribution to access in the project facilities.



The project was implemented in 6 sub-districts (Upazila) under 4 districts as mentioned: Bakergonj Upazila (Barishal), Morelgonj Upazila (Bagerhat), Kochua & Hajigonj Upazila (Chandpur), Durgapur & Kalmakanda Upazila (Netrokona). Total 1250 households and 7062 population benefitted from 50 Water Wells of the project. Each of the Water Well Covered 25 families and 141 people considering 5.65 members per family on average.

The project achieved the objectives and outcomes as planned. HCI supported Clean Water Project has extended a great help for the people in the rural area who had been suffering from safe drinking water. Now the target beneficiaries in the project locations have easy access to safe water for drinking and other domestic uses. The organization has properly met all the criteria and instructions provided by HCI.

Fresh Water Project

The project aims to improve health access for selected population of rural areas suffering from safe drinking water and arsenic causes health hazardousness. Our work prioritizes the most

vulnerable children and women. The project addressed gender i.e male and female participants

in and equal distribution to access in the project facilities.

The safe water facilities in the proposed districts Laxmipur, Moulavibazar, Sumangonj, Sherpur and Dinajpur is so poor. The districts are seriously affected by Arsenic and Saline water. People using pond, river, and Arsenic contaminated water for drinking, food preparation, bathing, washing and other purpose.



The main objectives and key issues of this project are: i) Creating awareness on pollution of water and need of safe drinking water ii) Ensuring arsenic free water for the beneficiary people iii) Prevent water borne and arsenic causes diseases and child mortality; and iv) Contribute in keeping good health among the users. The project selected the most vulnerable people as stated



: People living in the arsenic contaminated areas and lack of safe drinking water, People use unsafe pond or river water, People use shallow well water contaminated with arsenic. The poorest and most vulnerable families are considered for the tube wells.

Poor Villagers affected with arsenic contamination in Bangladesh are the beneficiaries of this project. A total of 3510 people from 625 families are covered to supply arsenic free safe drinking water under this project.

The project successfully satisfied the vulnerable beneficiaries in the project locations through supplying arsenic free safe drinking water. Before installing the water wells, the people in the project locations used water from pond, canal, river or collect water from arsenic contaminated shallow water wells and suffered from typhoid, dermatitis, diarrhea, hepatitis. Now people of the project locations have access to arsenic free safe and clean drinking water.

The project covers the following Upazila and districts: Komolnogor Upazila (Laxmipur) Moulavibazar Sadar Upazila (Moulavibazar), Jamalgoni Upazila (Sunamgoni), Sherpur Sadar Upazila (Sherpur) and Bonchagonj Upazila (Dinajpur).

Improved Cook Stoves (ICS) Project

The overall objective of the ICS program is to further develop and disseminate ICS in rural areas of Bangladesh with the ultimate goal to increase the energy efficiency of the fuel used for cooking while reduce exposure to indoor air pollution and decreasing health hazards.

The project is implementing in Sadar and Bochagonj Upazillas in Dinajpur District (2 clusters). 12,800 ICS will be manufactured. installed and supplied to the household within 2025. Out of 12800 ICS, 3000 will be single mouth stove with Chimney (fixed). SUROVI has been providing partial support services in implementing the program. Besides, 01 supervisor in each clusters of field level is directly engaged in implementing the program.



The project installed improved cook stoves in the rural areas of the project locations in a low cost which is environment friendly and reduce health hazardousness. The project provides installation and post installation maintenance services to the users. It also conducting promotional activities such as film show, school session, folk song session, miking, meeting with CBO's, Ward committee meeting, Union Committee meeting, distribution of leaflets and brochures on ICS, exhibition and workshop etc. to disseminate the ICS program and train the owners of ICS in the project area.



The ICS reduced workload especially of women for cooking through using ICS. It also improved health hazards through reducing indoor air pollution. It generated employment opportunities. Improved Cook Stoves saved fuel sources such as firewood, agricultural residues and dried dunk cakes and saved up to 50% firewood consumption compared to traditional stoves. The great impact of the project is

environment and clean air through reducing gas emission especially of CO2 and CH4.

Hands In Girls Health (HIGH)

Recognizing this universal commitment, this project aims to address the gap in SRH education to empower girls and women in their pursuit of health and autonomy. Sustainable

Development Goal 3 calls for the health and well-being for all at all ages, and Goal 5 calls for gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. SDG target 3.7 states that by 2030 there should be universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services.

This project engages girls at 70 schools in Dhaka District & Dhaka City Corporation in Bangladesh. The girls will attend information sessions on sexual and reproductive consists of a series of educational sessions which will provide adolescent girls with the tools necessary to understand and manage their SRH.



The project developed 210 Master Trainers from 70

secondary schools in the project locations through 2 days-long foundation training on adolescent reproductive health, menstrual management, early marriage, STD, tetanus, Cervical & Breast Cancer, early pregnancy and health hazardousness, sexual violence and vaccination. The master trainers are selected from school teachers and community volunteers. The master trainers then conduct health and awareness sessions with the adolescent girls in their respective schools. The project also developed and disseminated a comic book for the adolescents that contains adequate information on reproductive health, menstrual management, early marriage, STD, tetanus, Cervical & Breast Cancer, early pregnancy and health hazardousness, sexual violence and vaccination.



Under the project a total of 10,500 adolescent (age 10-18 yrs) girls from 70 Secondary Schools reached directly through the intervention. Apart of this 10500 siblings, 21,000 parents, 300 School Teachers, 300 SMC members, 140 volunteers, 700 community people, 30 Govt Officials totaling 43,470 persons are benefitted indirectly.

Community Capacity Building

The program aims to build up capacity of the community people to take challenges for their greater benefits of socio-economic advancement. The program includes training, orientation,

information dissemination, awareness building, workshop, and meeting etc. for the community people as well as SUROVI staff members throughout the year both in online and offline.

During the reporting year, SUROVI organized Community Orientation for Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) and Ward Councilors. The organization also conducted CMC-Parents meeting, Quarterly meeting with with SMC /CMC/CBCPC/Stakeholder Meeting, Experience sharing meeting, community dialogue and Interactive Popular Theatre (IPT) Show. Apart from the above, SUROVI also organized workshop for the Samity Leaders of microcredit Program. The purpose of the training, orientation and workshop is to provide them with the

knowledge for proper management of microcredit and also to enhance the management capability and leadership of the groups.

Staff Capacity Building

Capacity building is a continuous process of SUROVI program staffs. In the reporting year 2020, SUROVI organized several training, workshop, and orientation for

program staffs to develop skills and improve capacity of the respective employees. SUROVI had conducted staff training on Communication for Development, Basic Training on ABAL method, Pre-school child development, Sign language training, Braille Training, Shishu Bikash training, NFPE Refresher Training, ABAL refresher training, PPE Refresher Training, Child protection and Need Based Training for program staff. Apart of these, workshops and orientations have been conducted as per requirement of different projects and programs.

Awareness Building

Awareness plays a vital role to make people proactive to face the problems arises on their daily life. SUROVI, since its beginning, has been implementing awareness activities extensively through

different programs.

In the reporting period SUROVI arranges discussion meeting, day observation, awareness sessions, rally, using communication materials like booklet, poster, festoons, leaflet, film show etc. to sensitize people on child marriage, importance of education, disaster management, HIV & AIDS prevention, global warming, safe water & sanitation, safe motherhood, implications of child labor, family planning, human trafficking, child protection, dowry, natural calamity, child mortality, drug addiction, eve teasing, prevention of violence against girls, women and children, Breast feeding and nutrition in its program areas.

With the active participation of community people, school learners, network members, NGO workers and members from civil society SUROVI organizes day observation on International Mother Language Day (IMLD), Independence Day, International Child Labor Day, Global Action Week, Hand Wash day, International Literacy Day (ILD), Child Rights Week, Victory Day, International Women Day, World Hand Washing Day, World Environment Day and International Disaster Prevention Day during the reporting year. Discussions on the importance of the day, debating, hand writing, drawing & painting, cultural and sports events are organized on the occasion of day observance.

CAMPE), Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), Bangladesh National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (BNGCAF), Domestic Worker's Rights Network (DWRN), Bangladesh ECD Network (BECDN) and Movement for Street Children Rights

(MSCR). In the reporting year SUROVI actively participated in advocacy activities with the networking forum in meeting, seminar, workshop, rally, human chain, developing IEC and promotional materials, policy dialogue and research on the issue of promoting rights of domestic worker, eliminate child labor, preventing child marriage, child protection, promote quality primary education, prevention of violence against children, girl and women.

During the reporting year, SUROVI conducted several meeting with City Corporation Authority, Ward Councilors, Marriage Registrars, Imams, Employers, Community Based Child Protection Committee on child protection issues particularly prevention child marriage, drug use, child labour and increase access of children in primary education.

SUROVI successfully organized mass gathering and Issue based local campaign during the year; different issues on child rights and child protection were raised in the events. Ward Councilors, City Corporation Authority, relevant Government authority were present there.

Staffs participated in discussion meeting and workshop in community level on different issues. Community people arranged the events and ensure delivering speeches on relevant subjects. As a member of different networks SUROVI staffs took part in the national and local online seminars organized by network body. Participated in different meetings like: Monthly GO-NGO Coordination Meeting headed by Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka, Monthly District Task Force Meeting, Meeting with Dhaka City Corporation, Meeting with District Education Officer, Meeting with Social Welfare, Women &Child Welfare Department, Local Government, Health Department, Microcredit Regulatory Authority. Meeting With NGO Affairs Bureau, Meeting with Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum etc.

Success Stories

Tanzila is happy to attending school

Tanzila Islam is a 7 year's old girl who lives in Citypolly, Dhaka with her parents and siblings. She is a sponsor child. Her sponsor ID is 1696061.

Her mother's name is Jesmin and Father's name is Taijul Islam. Tanjila is a student of grade Two at staff quarter City Corporation Adarsho High School. She is the 5th best student in her class. Her father is a Cleaner of City Corporation and her mother is house wife. She was a beneficiary child of SUROVI's Shishu Bikash Kandra (SBK) at Staff quarter, City



Polly. Her parents said that, "The school was closed because of COVID-19, she could not attend school due to long time closure and she was upset. The school is opening from September 12, 2021 as per the directions of the government. Now she is attending school. She is passing good time with her friends. Now she is very happy to go to school.

Story of Sumiya's Khelaghor

Sumiya Alfi is a 4 year's old girl who lives in Jurain, Dhaka with her parents and siblings. She is a sponsor child. Her sponsor ID is 6090-209267. Her mother's name is Bithi Akter and Father's name is Ali Akbar. She has a 3 year's old sister named Alifa and one brother named Oliullah. She is a student of grade one. Her father is a day laborer and her mother is a domestic worker. She is a beneficiary child of SUROVI's Shishu Bikash Kandra (SBK) at Jurain. Her parents said that, "before covid-19 pandemic every day she used to



go to the SBK Center and she enjoys her time by playing with different types of materials. Her tutor loves her very much. But now the SBK center is closed because of covid-19 pandemic. She was going through anxiety, mental stress."

As per Government decision our SBK centers were colosed. But Plan Int'l Bangladesh and SUROVI came up with a plan called "One home one SBK center" Which named as "Amar Khelaghor." To execute this plan, our SBK tutors used to communicate with them twice in a month physically and virtually. In this situation we gave children's puzzles and story books. We motivated parents that they have to play with their kids with puzzle and other play materials and also reading story books with kids. Now Sumaiya's parents set up a corner as "Amar Khalaghor". Sumaiya keeps her toys in this corner and play with them in a particular time of a day. Her parents made new handmade toys for their kids. Everyday whenever Sumiya's parents get opportunity, they started playing with their children at their residence. Now Sumaya's parents spend more time to play with their children.

Sumiya's mother said that, "now we play with Sumaiya and make toys for her. For this initiative now she is spending good time with us. She is not bore at all. So, I want to thank SUROVI and Plan Int'l Bangladesh for motivating me and my family."

Geographical Coverage

