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Synopsis

The voluntary organization SUROVI inducted its journey in 1979 with an amiable envisage to set in harmony with the working children and poor, distressed and vulnerable women. Being a child welfare organization, SUROVI envisioned for a society which will be free from inequality and injustice, a community where no child will be deprived from rights and dignity and no children will be ruined by poverty. Near about four decades of relentless efforts to make this happen, SUROVI embraced new grounds and opened up new avenue to help the underprivileged and vulnerable children to bring meaningful and long-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 the organization while consideration was given to the national plan and government policy with special emphasis on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as guiding principle. Through its interventions, SUROVI expanded its program activities across 35 Districts in Bangladesh covering over one million vulnerable children, women and people living in poverty line and affected by disasters and crisis.

SUROVI executed a number of projects under different thematic areas in the year 2022 to reach out organization's goals. The organization continued its operation of Primary and Secondary Education particularly School and Learning Centers, Basic Education, Day Care Centers, Shishu Bikash Kendra (SBK), Vocational Skill Training, Children Sponsorship, Children Scholarship, Relief & Rehabilitation, Micro Finance, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Emergency Response and Seasonal Programs.

In the year 2022, SUROVI executed Education Equity for Out of School

Children (EEOC) Project, SUROVI School, Integrated Sponsorship Programme, Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development, Child Bride to Bookworm in Bangladesh, Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh), Tailoring & Dress Making, Narir Khomota, Student Scholarship, Scholarship for Orphan, Safe Water & Sanitation, Emergency Relief for Cyclone Sitrang, Fresh Meat for Families Living in Poverty, Family Assistance to Improve Food Security, Child Sponsorship, Winter Kit for CSP Children and their Families, Microcredit and Improved Cook Stoves (ICS).

SUROVI enables thousands of people 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. The intercessions and efforts contribute for developing human resources, earning livelihood, improve health and lifestyle and reduce poverty. The exertion of the organization surely contributes to achieve organization's goal as well as government vision of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

UNICEF, PLAN Int'l Bangladesh, Human Concern International (HCI) Canada, Canada Bangladesh Education Trust (CBET), Canada Bangladesh Muslim Community (CBMC), Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), Impact Investment Exchange (IIX), Ministry of Labour & Employment has been continuing their assistance in the reporting year. The organization expresses thanks and gratitude to the donors, funding agencies, partners and stakeholders for generating support for the people living in poverty and play crucial role to improve their lives. Our heartiest appreciation to the individuals who extended their helping hands towards the distress people.

Message from the Honorable Founder & Chairperson

I take the pleasure to distinguish that SUROVI bring out its Annual Report 2022 on the attainment of its effort round the year.

This was an opportunity that the year 2022 is another winning one making headway to pull off the organization's goal through implementing a number of projects and activities and reaching thousands of defenseless children and women living below national poverty line including responding on emergency situation in humanitarian crisis.

Since its commence in 1979 and from its firm commitment and dedication to promote rights and establish justice in the society, the organization has been working to make positive change in the life of deprived children and women.

I appreciate for the hard work contribution of our General and

Executive Committee as well as our stakeholders to getting things accomplished proficiently. 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 articulate my earnest recognition and appreciation to all individuals and well-wishers for amplify their prop up towards reducing human sufferings. I would like to convey my thankfulness to SUROVI employees for their continuous exertion to strengthen organization' capacity and excellence.

(Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu)

**Founder & Chairperson,
SUROVI**

Few Words from the Executive Director

I am delightful to expose our effort and achievements of the year 2022 in spite of a lot of struggle and challenges faced throughout the year long due to post covid 19 affect, Ukraine-Russia war brought huge sufferings to human life globally and made the situation more vulnerable.

In the year 2022, SUROVI continued its program activities with additional effort for continuing Education program to minimize children's learning gaps in the school and learning centres. SUROVI extended its full support to the people affected with flood and cyclone, offered with clean and safe water and safe sanitation for the remote rural communities, Children Sponsorship and Students Scholarship, Providing Basic Education and Livelihood Skills to urban working children, operating Day Care and SBK, continuing climate change mitigation, micro-finance and community awareness and capacity building programs. The programs contribute to achieve targets of government priority sectors as well as Sustainable Development Goals.

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, Infrastructur

Development Company Limited, Ministry of Labour & Employment.

I put across 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 respected stakeholders to make their best exertion and amplify support to the suffering people.

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. SUROVI believes education is the key to develop human resources, build up a wise nation and become a developed country.

(Md. Abu Taher)
Executive Director
SUROVI

Individual Contributors

SUROVI is very much indebted to the Founder & Chairperson **Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu** for her endless effort to founding, growing up and nurture the organization towards its destination. She alone took the challenge to run the organization since its inception and till now she has been making her best effort 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 from pre-primary to grade ten educations for the underprivileged and working children.

Spaced out, a number of individuals

extend their support to the miserable 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 recognize their priceless contribution and active involvement to be accompanied in our voyage.

We articulate our earnest thanks and appreciation to the kindhearted individuals who made their best endeavor to reach our goals. 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

| | |
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| 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 ShishuAdhikar Forum |
| C4D | Communication for Development |
| CAG | Community Action Group |
| CAMPE | Campaign for Popular Education |
| CBO | Community Based Organization |
| CBCPC | Community Based Child Protection Committee |
| CBCPM | Community Based Child Protection Mechanism |
| CBET | Canada Bangladesh Education Trust |
| CBMC | Canada Bangladesh Muslim Community |
| CMC | Center Management Committee |
| CWC | Cure for Women and Children |
| DNCC | Dhaka North City Corporation |
| DPEO | District Primary Education Officer |
| DRR | Disaster Risk Reduction |
| 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 |
| LC | Learning Center |
| 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 |

Backdrop of Our Journey

The non-government voluntary development organization SUROVI came into operation on 1st February 1979 with the passionate effort of renowned social worker and decent personality Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu. Her feelings to the working children who are deprived from education sensitized her to take such an initiative. 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. 'Shanu' a domestic worker of her own residence was the first student of 'SUROVI School'.

As a Child focused 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 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 reach-out the most vulnerable children, youth, women and families to bring them under a safeguard and creating an enabling environment to thrive their potentiality. Through our heartiest effort SUROVI could reach thousands of vulnerable children, destitute women and families living in poverty line.

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
- Registered with NGO Affairs Bureau in 1992 Reg. No. 655
- Registered with Microcredit Regularity Authority in 2014 Reg. No. 02604-04329-00751

Governance

The organization is managed by an executive committee comprised of seven members, play vital role in decision making, program execution, partnership building and coordinate 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, Bogura, Borghana, Chandpur, Chapainowabgonj, Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Cumilla, Dhaka, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Gazipur, Gopalganj, Hobigonj, Jamalpur, Joypurhat, Jinaidah, Kurigram, Laxmipur, Magura, Manikgonj, Moulovibazar, Narayangonj, Narsindi, Natore, Netrokona, Pabna, Rajbari, Rajshahi, Sathkira, Sunamgonj, Sylhet and Tangail districts. Total coverage 35 across Bangladesh.

Target Population

Street and marginalized Children, Orphan, Children with disabilities, Working Children, Out of School Children, Vulnerable Women, 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

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

Professional Membership & 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)

Working Approach

SUROVI works with the ultra poor families to bring a sustainable and meaningful change in their lives through an integrated socio-economic development approach. Children, women and disable are the priority group of SUROVI's development interventions.

OUR PROGRAMS 2022

EDUCATION

SUROVI School

- ✿ Running school with 300 underprivileged children from Pre-primary to grade ten
- ✿ The education is fully free of cost.
- ✿ No cost education materials and school uniform are provided to the children
- ✿ The school ensures co-curricular activities for the students

Pre-primary Education

- ✿ Provide supports to 18 Pre-primary centers
- ✿ Government Primary School renovation
- ✿ Ensure necessary assessment of special need children and provide required aids
- ✿ Annual Reflection and school level planning

Inclusive Primary Education

- ✿ Provide support to 18 government primary schools and 70 Alternative Learning Support
- ✿ Run schools for urban slum children
- ✿ Covered 10,350 learners in urban slum areas

Second Chance Education

- ✿ Run 67 non formal educations Centers in DSCC
- ✿ Covered 2600 out of school children and 2000 families in urban slum areas
- ✿ Provide primary education to the children and mainstream them to formal education system

Secondary Education

- ✿ Provide support to 22 Secondary Schools in DSCC
- ✿ Covered 2600 children and 2500 families in urban slum areas

- ✿ 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 through Big Brother & Big Sister
- ✿ 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 170 university students with an amount of BDT 8000.00 each student per year (duration 4 years)

Children 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

Computer Training

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

WOMEN & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Skills & Opportunities for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship (SOYEE)

- ✿ Support 120 young women to develop entrepreneurship in Dhaka South City
- ✿ Trainees are equipped with hands on skills on operating entrepreneurship
- ✿ Run 12 Youth Groups
- ✿ Capacity building for youth groups
- ✿ Engaging youths for developing social awareness
- ✿ Provide scholarship for higher education

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT (ECCD)

Shishu Bikash Kendra (SBK)

- ✿ Operating 70 Shishu Bikash Kendra in Dhaka urban slum communities
- ✿ Run 70 Fathers' Café'
- ✿ Supporting Pregnancy to 3 years children
- ✿ Prepare 3-5 years children for schooling
- ✿ Developing appropriate playing & learning material for the kids age 3-5 years
- ✿ Flexible schooling time and activity based learning approach

Day Care

- ✿ Running 08 Day Care Centre for the children age 6 months to 5 years
- ✿ Children of working mothers and from poorest families get priority
- ✿ The centres provides necessary care and nursing for the children from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING (VST)

Tailoring & Doll Making

- ✿ Operating 25 Vocational Skill Training Centre on Tailoring & Dress making, Beauty Parlour, TV & Freezer Repairing
- ✿ Job placement for the graduates and ensure follow up

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

Safe Water & Sanitation and Awareness building

- ✿ Installing deep water wells in the arsenic affected areas to supply arsenic free water to the communities
- ✿ Construct sanitary latrines in the rural communities
- ✿ Develop awareness among the community people on the needs of safe water and sanitation

AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

Community Engagement

- ✿ Community Orientation and Dialogues with employers, SMC, Imam, parents meeting
- ✿ Develop and Disseminate communication materials
- ✿ 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

SEASONAL PROGRAM

Ramadan, Qurbani, Winter Clothes

- ✿ 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
- ✿ Extend support to the destitute families with winter clothing

PROJECT EXECUTED IN 2022

| Sl | Project Title | Project Nature | Funding Agency/Partner | Geographical Coverage |
|----|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Education Equity for Out of School Children (EEOSC) Project | Non Formal Primary Education | UNICEF | Dhaka South City |
| 2 | Integrated Sponsorship Program | Primary Education | Plan International | Dhaka South City |
| 3 | Gender Transformative Early Childhood Development (GeTECD) | ECD | Plan International | Dhaka South City |
| 4 | Child Bride to Bookworm in Bangladesh | Secondary School Support | Plan Int'l Bangladesh | Dhaka South City |
| 5 | SUROVI School | Primary & Secondary Education | SUROVI funded | Dhaka South City |
| 6 | Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh | Basic Education & Skill Training | Ministry of Labour & Employment | Dhaka North City Corporation |
| 7 | Narir Khomota | IT Education | Impact Investment Exchange | Dhaka North and South City |
| 8 | Students Scholarship Program | Education | Canada Bangladesh Education Trust | Dhaka, Chattagram, Gazipur, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Sunamgonj, Magura, Sathkira, Pabna, Jenaidah, Bogra, Joypurhat, Manikgonj, Gaibandha, C.Nowabgonj, Gopalganj, Rajbari, Moulavibazar, Cumilla, Dinajpur, Natore, Barisal |
| 9 | Child Sponsorship Program (CSP) | Education & Protection | Human Concern International | Dhaka, Bagerhat, Chandpur, Kishoregonj, Laxmipur, Netrokona, Sherpur |
| 10 | Deep Water Well | WASH | Canada Bangladesh Muslim Society | Sunamgonj, Manikgonj, Laxmipur |
| 11 | Ramadan Food Assistance | Food Security | Human Concern International | Dhaka North & South City |
| 12 | Quarbani | Food Security | Human Concern International | Dhaka North & South City |
| 13 | Emergency Relief for Flood Affected People in Sylhet | Emergency Support | Human Concern International | Sylhet and Sunamgonj |
| 14 | Micro Credit | Poverty Eradication | SUROVI funded | Rajshahi and Laxsmipur |
| 15 | Winter Kits for CSP Children & their Families | Emergency Response | Human Concern International | Dhaka North & South City |
| 16 | Clean Water Project | WASH | Human Concern International | Barishal, Chandpur, Netrokona |
| 17 | Fresh Water Project | WASH | Human Concern International | Sunamgonj, Sherpur, Moulavibazar, Laxmipur |
| 18 | Improved Cook Stove (ICS) | Climate Change Mitigation | IDCOL | Sadar and Bochagonj in Dinajpur & Kapasia in Gazipur |

Accomplishment and Achievement in 2022

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 Project

The project targets to provide primary education to 2000 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 non-government

institutions. During this period the EEOoSC project operates 67 Ability Based Accelerated Learning Centers (ABALC) with 2000 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 10,350 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).

SBK (For 3-5 years old children): Shishu Bikas Kendra (SBK) is mainly a community based early learning centers with a view to prepare children of 3-5 years age group as lifelong learner. 8-15 children regularly attend each of these centers based on the number of children of its catchment area. There are trained facilitators to attend to these children. Here children listen to stories, recite rhymes with the caregiver, sing, play and have fun. Teachers of the pre-primary schools are in regular touch with these facilitators and assist them in their work. Children attend pre-school after graduating from these centres. It has been proved to be a great initiative as school readiness as experienced.

Care and Play Zone (Day Care centre for 6 moth to below 2 years old Children) : Care and Play zone (Day care) centre is mainly a community based early childhood development and care. Here children listen to stories, recite rhymes with the caregiver, sing, and play and have fun. Teachers of the pre-primary schools are in regular touch with these facilitators and assist them in their work. Children attend pre-school after



graduating from these centers. It has been proved to be a great initiative as school readiness as experienced. Dhaka South City Corporation has 8 centers running by SUROVI where children of working parents age 6 months to 2 years stay from 8 am to 5 pm. Each center has 2 trained care givers.

Child Bride to Bookworm in Bangladesh

Child Bride to Bookworm project aims towards reducing secondary school dropout in urban slums in Bangladesh by increasing the number of girls and boys from urban slums who completes quality education in the secondary



school level in Dhaka. It has multiphase intervention related to strengthening the teacher's capacity, creating enabling environment along with ensuring need based materials and learning support to marginalized learners especially who are at risk of school dropout.

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.

Achievements: 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 6 months Non-Formal Education (NFE) & 4 months 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.

The project duration was 6 months and a total of 120 women were graduated and awarded certificates from 2 training centres of Mirpur and Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

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 2022, the project extended its scholarship support to 287 students from 53 colleges and 170 students studying in different universities. Each college student was entitled to receive an amount of BDT 12,000 (twelve thousands) in two equal installments and each university student is entitled to receive BDT 32000 (Thirty Two Thousands) in four equal 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 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 155 orphans and most vulnerable children comes from poorest families and studying in different schools, colleges and universities 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.



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.

Deep Water Well

The project covers flood affected people in Tahirpur Upazila under Sunamgonj district. The people of Sunamgonj and Sylhet district suffered a lot from safe drinking water during the flood in the year 2022. People of the selected Bagmara Upazila (Rajshahi district), Domar Upazila (Nilfamary district) and Harirampur Upazila (Manikgonj district) had crisis of safe drinking water. The project installed 21 deep tube wells and covers 443 households and 2103 population in 20 villages in the selected upazila (sub-district). The low income families particularly day laborer, share-cropper, rickshaw puller, farmers are living in the selected project locations.



Deep Water Well Project brought a lot of positive result in the life of project beneficiaries. The affected people had been living in risk of water borne diseases and sometimes lost their lives. The children, the next generation and citizen of the country had been living in the threat of arsenic poison. The deep water wells of the project are the sources of safe drinking water and keep the beneficiaries in the project locations away from danger.

The project created specific positive impact on the health of the users. The community people have an easy access collecting clean water from the wells. The deep underground water is free from harmful elements and is suitable for drink. The water wells will help the poor community people prevent water borne diseases and reduce child mortality for a long time (estimated 15 years longevity of a well). Cost of medical treatment caused by water borne diseases will reduced

The project successfully achieved its goals and 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 water caused health hazardousness.

Family Assistance to Improve Food Security in Bangladesh (Ramadan Support)

The goal of this project is to address three issues: food security, malnutrition, and the mental well-being of families living under the poverty line. The specific locations and number of beneficiary families are : under Dhaka South & North City), Bangladesh i.e

Dhalpur, Jatrabari, City Polli - 100 families, Kamrangirchar - 100 families, Kalabagan, New Market, Kathalagan, Hazaribag - 250 families, Mirpur - 100 families, Labag-100 families. Distribution of Ramadan food baskets among the families living in poverty line covered 650 families and 3900 members.



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 650 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 650 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.

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 post 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 Poverty-Qurbani 2022

The project aimed to support the beneficiary families living in poverty line with fresh meat on the event of Qurbani, one of the greatest Muslim religious festival. The project planned help the people living in the poverty line and does not have an opportunity to manage meat for a good meal even for months. The project created a great scope for the unfortunate families having a good time during the Eid festival.

The poor and ultra poor families in Bangladesh cannot meet the expense of Qurbani. People affected with Covid-19 pandemic that made the poverty situation more vulnerable.



Fresh Meat for Families Living in Poverty-Qurbani 2022 project could distribute fresh meat to 350 families living below poverty line. Each of the families received 5 kg fresh meat. There was no variation between the plan and achievement of the project support. Head of the 350 families were present in the distribution spot to receive the meat.

The poorest families were unable to manage any meat during the festival. "Fresh Meat for Families Living in Poverty-Qurbani 2022" project brought opportunity for 350 ultra poor families to celebrate the Muslim religious festival "Qurbani" providing them fresh meat.

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.

SUROVI enhanced to build up its capacity through implementing the project in urban and rural locations and has huge opportunity to reach a number of rural population living below poverty line in different districts who never had opportunity to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha. It's a new experience for the SUROVI to expand project support to poverty stricken rural areas. The support also covered the food affected people in Sylhet that helped them a lot ensuring food security and nutrition in the crisis time.

Micro Credit

SUROVI extends small credit to the people living in national poverty line for their self-employment 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.

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 2022. Spaced out 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.

Emergency Relief for Flood Affected People in Sylhet

The project aimed to provide emergency relief particularly food items to the most affected people in Sylhet and Sunamgonj district who were severely suffering from hunger due to current flood situation.



The most pretentious families in the severely affected locations in Sylhet and Sunamgonj district both in rural and urban context were selected for the project support. The team chose the poorest and most affected villages. The project provided food items to 7200 members of 1200 households severely affected by flood that ensured food security of beneficiary families and protect them from hunger related health hazardousness.

The team members worked hard to distribute foods door to door crossing the water. The local volunteers assist

them to select the most affected and poorest people. Location & beneficiary coverage: Sylhet City Corporation
Locations: 600 households

- i) Lamapara (Ward # 10, Sylhet City Corporation)
- ii) Gotatikor Purbapara (Ward # 27, Sylhet City Corporation)

Companygonj Sub-district under Sylhet District : 300 households

Village-Muluknoger, Union-Negai

- i) Vill-Bonpur (Kamal Bosti), Union-Uttor Rokhail
- ii) Vill-South Bahaspur, Union-Bakikandi
- iii) Vill-Islampur, Union-Bholagonj

Jagannathpur Sub-district under Sunamgonj District : 300 households

- i) Vill-Sadarpoysa, Union-Kalkalia
- Vill-Sreedhorpasa, Union- Kalkalia

Safe Water & Sanitation Project

SUROVI WASH program interventions are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6.1 for Safely Managed Drinking Water. SUROVI implements safe water supply and Sanitation for communities particularly for the most vulnerable groups in rural areas including poor households, schools, madrasa, mosques.

The project aims to improve health access for selected population of rural areas of Kurigram, Laxmipur and Sunamgonj district of Bangladesh severely suffering from safe drinking water and safe sanitation facilities causes serious health hazardousness. Under the project 69 deep tube wells and 85 sanitary latrines installed in the selected vulnerable locations where people are severely suffering from safe drinking water as well as a high degree of arsenic contamination. The proposed districts are poverty prone and people in the rural areas don't have access to safe drinking water. They use pond and river water for drinking, washing, cooking and other purposes. The proposed

districts are also arsenic polluted. One tube well is allocated for 150 people (25 families) and 5 families use one latrine (6 members from each family).



The outcomes from the project are:

- i) The beneficiaries of this project are aware enough about health hazardousness using polluted water and unsafe latrine
- ii) The vulnerable people have easy access to arsenic free safe drinking water and safe sanitation
- iii) Reduce water borne and air borne disease among the beneficiary people and reduce child mortality
- iv) The target people keep sound health, enhance earning level and improve living conditions
- v) Increase life expectancy of the beneficiaries in the project locations



Poor Villagers affected with arsenic contamination in Bangladesh are the beneficiaries of this project. 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 7 sub-districts (Upazila) under 3 districts as mentioned: Dharmapasha, Jamalgonj, Jagannathpur, Tahirpur upazila under Sunamgonj district, Rajarhat & Ulipur upazila under Kurigram District and Kamalnogor upazila under Laxmipur district.

Total 2150 households and 11,015 populations benefitted from 69 Water Wells and 85 latrines under this project. Each of the Water Well Covered 25 families and each latrine covered 5 families on average.

The project achieved the objectives and outcomes as planned. The Project has extended a great help for the people in the rural area who had been suffering from safe drinking water. Currently the beneficiaries in project locations have easy access to safe water and sanitation.

Improved Cook Stoves (ICS)

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 dung cakes and saved up to 50% firewood consumption

compared to traditional stoves. The great impact of the project is protecting reducing gas emission especially of CO₂ and CH₄.

Cross cutting

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 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.

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.

Advocacy

SUROVI is an active network member of Campaign for Popular Education

(CAMPE), Bangladesh ShishuAdhikar 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

Sadia Retain her in Education

Sadia Akhter Trisha, daughter of Khairun Nesa and Harunur Rashid. Her only brother named Jishan. They are living at Nurbag, Tantibari lane, Madbar Bazar, Kamrangir char, Dhaka. The family migrated to Dhaka from Mukdia village of Kotiadithana, under Kishrgonj district of Bangladesh due to scarcity of job and extreme poverty. Sadia's father is working in a small polythin making factory with minimum wages. Her mother is a homemaker. She is suffering from thairayed diseases long time. Sadia was studying at grade III in a local school. But she had to left school because her parents are unable to afford education expenses. Though, she had strong desire to continue her education but no opportunity was open for her.



Ms. Shabnam Mustari, a teacher was carried out survey at Kamrangir char area to find out the children who are out of school to enroll at ABALC, under EEOoSC project implementing by SUROVI with the partnership of UNICEF. Teacher Shabnam find out Sadia during the survey and enrolled her at grade IV (Pink group) through ability assessment process. Sadia and her parents were so happy to get opportunity for education without any cost. Sadia continued her education with full of commitment and devotion.

She was participated and passed the PECE examination (formal examination conducted by primary education department) with good result (G.P.A 4.83) in 2019. Teacher Shabnam advocate with the high school authority to consider minimum tuition fees for admission for Sadia. The school authority honored the request and Sadia got admission with minimum tuition fees. Now she is a student of grade VIII at Provati High School.

Sadia expressed her happiness –“My desire never be succeed, if I not get the education from EEOoSC project of UNICEF & SUROVI. .I must continue my education to help my family and my mother.

My dream in Reality

Mohammad Shajal of age 11 years is a learner of Yellow Group (Grade III) of Alu Bazar Market, ABAL Centre (LC Code # 37), EEOoSC Project, Dhaka South City Corporation.

Shajal comes from Kishorgonj district with his family due to sold out their home land and all property for the expensive treatment of his father. He was studying at grade II in a village school. He had to left school because his parents could not afford educational expenses and the family shifted to Dhaka to survive.

Finding no other job in Dhaka, Shajal's father Mohammad Mizan & Mother Farzana Begum started selling food (supply of lunch) at different



market and offices. His mother, father and sisters are preparing the food till early in the morning. Shajal and his father carrying the lunch box to individual customer during lunch time. The family members have huge hardship to run the business.

Shajal has dream to continue his education. Once Shajal met an ABAL Teacher named ZannatulKoli and knew there is opportunity to attend ABALC at morning or afternoon time of the day and no cost would be required for education rather he will get all education materials free of cost. He discussed it with his parents. Initially, his parents were not agreed to allow Shajal go to school leaving his current job. But Shajal made them understand that he can attend learning center any time of the day. Lastly, his parents agreed and Shajal enrolled ABAL Centre. He was attending LC alternatively in the morning and afternoon according to his convenient time. He has completed IV grade during this period and wishing to get admission at local primary school.

“I had a long dream to continue my education, but poverty was the great obstacle to go ahead. Now my dream becomes true. I have confident enough I will achieve well result in coming future” Shajal expressed his views.

Rabiul’s dream not dropped

A 12 year boy Rabiul was born in a village of Muladiupazaila under Barisal district. He is second among two sons of Mohammad RaselSarder and Yaunur Begum. Due to river erosion the family lost their all belongings and migrated to Dhaka for better livelihood. The family is living at Kamrangir char area under DSCC. Rabiul’s father is a day labor and his elder brother Ashik is working in a small factory to support the family. The family is passing their days with huge hardship.



Rabiul being dumb could not attend in normal schooling. But he had a strong desire to be educated someday. His parents were unable to send him in a school due to poverty. So, the dream of the boy was becoming dim. The teacher of ABALC found Rabiul during the survey of out of school children under EEOoSCP. She requested the parents to allow Rabiul to enroll and continue education in ABALC. The parents had little confusion about Rabiul’s education as he is unable to speaking. But the teacher is able to make them understand that she will try her best for Rabiul and got consent of parents. Rabiul was enrolled in ABALC #8.

Rabiul was so happy to get access at ABALC. Though he is not able to speaking but he is a good listener and his hand writing is so beautiful. He also wants to support his parents when he completes his study. His parents are very happy and dreamed to continue Rabiul’s education to become him self-dependent. They express their gratitude and thanks to teacher, SUROVI and UNICEF for creating such an opportunity for the most marginalized & children in different ability.

Sumon’s journey toward the light removes the darkness

Robidas Para is located in Wari, the capital of Dhaka, in the midst of high raises buildings and bright lights. As the saying goes, it's dark under the lamp. Similarly, even though palaces are shining all around, Rabidas Para keeps covered in thick darkness

even during the day. In this Rabidas para, the people of the Harijan community live in dilapidated, dark tiny houses. Suman Rabidas is one of them.

Suman Rabidas's wife's name is Sristi Rabidas. They have a son and a daughter. Daughter Smriti Ranidas is studying in 7th grade at Shahid Smriti High School. Son studies in a local government primary school. Suman Rabidas deals in shoes. His wife Sristi Rabidas works as a maidservant in a home. As an only son, Suman Rabidas supports and looks after his elderly parents. With their low income, they are constantly struggling for livelihood.



He was selected for IGA intervention under CBB project on the recommendation of the school authorities of daughter of Suman Rabidas. Suman Rabidas assured that he would purchase a shoe-making machine and necessary materials if he received financial support. If his income increases, he will use that money to educate his daughter.

At First, Suman Robidas made a family development plan and a business development plan. He was then trained on income generation activities under the CBB project. After the training, he was provided with IGA support as per the plan. After receiving cash support for IGA, he purchased a color machine and purchased raw materials for making shoes. Currently, his income has increased more than before. Now he has no more problem paying for his children's education. Smriti Rabidas is an SC (Bondhu Shishu) of PLAN International. She goes to school regularly. Smriti Ravidas' favorite subject is English. She likes to read English more. Smriti Rabidas dreams of becoming a successful businessman after completing her education and doing something for her parents. Suman Rabidas wishes to raise his shoe business and educate children. Sumon Robidas thanked SUROVI and Plan Int'l B.desh for expending helping hand to him.

Shukhi is progressing her education

Shukhi Begum (Shumaya) is daughter of Mohammad NuhAlam and Fulzan Begum. Shukhi has two brothers. The family migrated from Bholra District (a coastal belt district) to Dhaka for searching of better livelihood and started living in a rented tiny room at Alam Bag of Jurain area. Her father is a Rickshaw Puller and he is earning very little. The family is struggling with poverty and unable to continue children's education.



Shukhi studied in a religious institution (Madrassa) while she was in her native village. She has stopped her education due to economic crisis of family. During out of school children survey in 2018, Shukhi's family heard about EEOoSC project and opportunity of education without any cost. The parents talked to teacher and admitted her in ABALC #65 in Pink Group.

Shukhi has passed the PEC Examination. Now she is a regular student of class VI at Begum Hazera High School at Jurain. Her parents expressed their gratitude to teacher, SUROVI and UNICEF for assisting their daughter's education continuation.

Geographical Coverage

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