

Annual Report 2024



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The Executive Director's Statement

Preface

ASD has magnificently completed another year of different types of program activities. The year 2024 marked a significant milestone in our journey of development work. Over these years, we have faced numerous challenges and crises, but our commitment to our mission and long-term goals has remained unwavering. Despite limited resources, we have made continuous strides towards achieving our vision, thanks to the relentless efforts and dedication of our staff.

The trust and support of our development partners have played a crucial role in making our work meaningful, providing the foundation for our ongoing initiatives. Most importantly, it is the trust of the marginalized communities we serve the poor and extremely poor families, destitute street children, working children, and domestic workers, survivors of human trafficking, Rohingya community that motivates and guides our work. They look to us for support in improving their lives and ensuring their participation in development.

This annual report provides an overview of our activities in 2024. While there may have been some setbacks in reaching certain goals due to unforeseen circumstances, ASD's dedication and effort have never faltered. We invite feedback and suggestions from our supporters as we continue this journey.

M. A. Karim
Executive Director

Structure of ASD:

A 21-member General Body (GB) functions as the highest decision making organ of ASD. An Executive Committee (EC) of 7 members, which is elected for a three year term sits quarterly to look after the activities of the organization and takes necessary policy decisions. The GB approves annual plans and budget and monitor the progress of activities and financial updates. The table shows the list of EC Members of ASD.



Meeting of Executive Committee



Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting:

The EC Meetings of ASD were held regularly on quarterly basis in the months of June, September and December where the members made in-depth discussions on the organizational matters from various perspectives following the agenda of the meetings and took the necessary decisions.

In 2024, 4 (four) Executive Committee meetings (154th, 155th, 156th and 157th) had been conducted at ASD headquarters. Most of the members attended in these meetings. The major discussions were:

- Review of projects wise progress,
- Presentation for approval of audit reports,
- Review of organization's major decisions,
- Setting up programmatic agenda for new thematic areas, etc.

ASD management got requisite advice and guidance from the EC in all respects. The proceedings and decisions of the meetings were recorded properly and distributed among the members.

37th Annual General Meeting (AGM):

37th AGM held on 28/12/2024.

Executive Committee Members

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Chairperson, NGO Professional

Syeda Shamsun Nahar

*Vice Chairperson, Advocate, Dhaka
Judge Court*

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*Secretary General, Executive Director
of ASD*

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*Treasurer, Principal, A.K. Deb & Co.
(Chartered Accountant)*

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Member, Engineer (Design)

Imtiaj Rasul

Member, Development Practitioner

Md. Aminur Rahman

Member, NGO Professional

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INTRODUCTION

Action for Social Development (ASD) is a non-government, non-profit and non-political development organization. It was established in the year 1988 to address the socio-economic problems of low-income groups of people living in slum areas of Dhaka City. ASD is registered with the Department of Social Service (DSS), NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) and Micro-credit Regulatory Authority (MRA) of the Government of Bangladesh. The main objective of ASD's development programmes is to empower the neglected and backward sections of society, especially children and women through building their capacity and ensuring their livelihood security. Child protection and establishing child rights is a major theme of the various development initiatives of the organization. As part of these initiatives, several development projects were implemented in Dhaka in the past two decades. Although ASD initially started to work with slum dwellers but project activities gradually spread over to rural areas, especially in hard to reach haor areas and focus of development were also diversified.

VISION

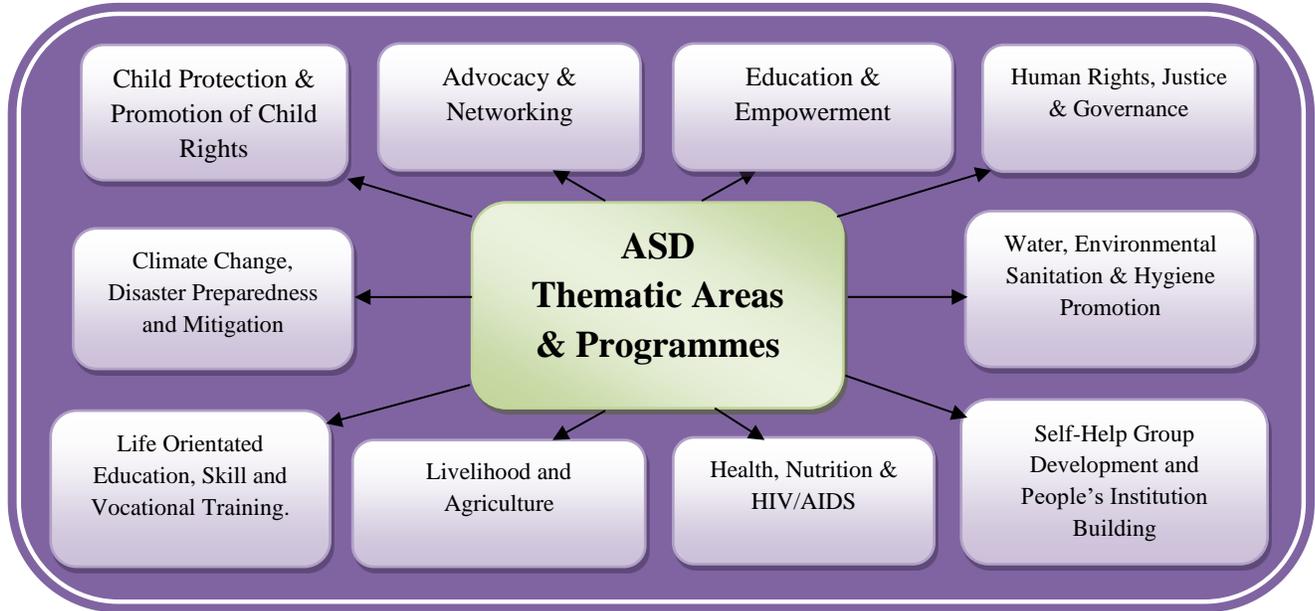
People irrespective of their culture, ethnicity and religion enjoy full democratic and human rights and live in peace and dignity.

MISSION

To facilitate the poor creating solidarity among them, building their capacity and bargaining power for realizing their rights and needs in order to improve their quality of life.

Thematic Areas and Programmes:

Keeping the mission statement in mind, ASD has undertaken the following thematic areas for its development interventions:



Target Population:



- Street children, destitute girl children, working children, child domestic workers and children engaged in hazardous work;
- Adolescent girls and young women at high risk of vulnerable situation in terms of violence and trafficking;
- People living with natural disaster and climate change related vulnerabilities.
- Poor and ultra-poor community people, children, people with disabilities and the socially disadvantaged and marginalized people;
- People without access to justice in rural and urban areas.

AT A GLANCE (ASD)

ASD has so far implemented 75 development projects on different development themes of which 30 projects targeted children and adolescents for their education, protection and development. ASD also implemented 27 projects exclusively on emergency response and disaster mitigation acting on post disaster relief and rehabilitation. ASD is the secretariat of an Emergency Cooperation Network (ECNet) of 10 partner NGOs and is also a member of Network of Climate Change in Bangladesh (NCC, B).

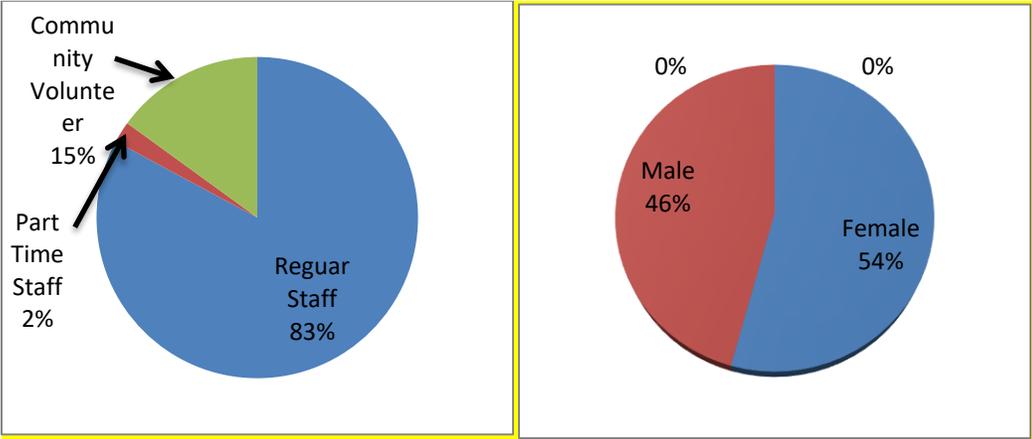
Cumulative Number of Direct Beneficiaries Served:

Sl.No	Theme	Number of Beneficiaries till December 2024
01	Children at Risk and Street Children	8389
02	Women and Adolescent Girls	34,012
03	Food Security and Livelihood	38,925
04	Social and Life Skill Awareness	9848
05	Health Education and Care	5620
06	Water and Sanitation	6,000
07	STI/HIV-AIDS	3,300
08	Non-formal Education	14,793
09	Pre-school Education	18,052
10	Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation	1,45,217
11	Night Shelter Services to Adolescent girls	1,440
12	Human Rights & Legal Aid Services	19,200
13	Emergency response	4300 HHS = 21500
14	Self- help group	2,366
Total		328662

List of Current Projects

Sl. No.	Project Title	Name of Donor	Duration	Working Area
01	‘The Rights to Education and Social protection of deprived children at High risk in Bangladesh (RESH)’ project	Bread for the World (BftW), Germany	01 Jan. 2023 to 31 Dec. 2025	Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).
02	Humanitarian assistance in the sectors of Protection, WASH, Shelter/NFI as well as Site Management & Site Development for Rohingya and host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh – II	Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)-Germany and German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)	01 Dec. 2022 to 30 Nov. 2024	Sabrang and Camp # 27, Teknaf, Cox’s Bazar
03	Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and building infrastructure for Disaster Vulnerable Communities in Bangladesh (STEP & BuildIn)	Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (BMZ/G), Germany. Partners: CCDB & Nabalok	01 Dec. 2021 to 30 Nov. 2024	Derai & Tarol, Upazila: Derai, Dist: Sunamgonj
04	Ensuring Rights to Girls Domestic Worker-GDW (ERG)	SHAPLA NEER, Bangladesh	01 May, 2024 to 31 March, 2026	Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC). Mirpur, DNCC, Word no: 2 & 6 and Azimpur, DSCC, Word no: 26.
05	Ashshash: For Men and Women Who Have Escaped Trafficking-Phase II	WINROCK International (Switzerland)	September, 2024 to June, 2026	Cox’s Bazar
06	USAID Bangladesh America Maitree Project	USAID (BRAC)	November, 2024 to November, 2026	03 (Three) Upazila (Sunanmgonj Sadar, Derai and Dowarabazar) under the Sunamgonj District

Human Resource



Type	Male	Female	Total
Regular Staff	56	60	116
Part-time Staff	1	2	3
Community Volunteer	7	14	21
Total	64	76	140

Project Implementation during 2024

Project Name: The Right to Education and Social Protection of deprived children at High risk in Bangladesh (RESH)

STREET CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT

RESH project has run 1 Child Development Centre (CDC) where 36 street girl children enjoy their basic entitlements like; full time shelter with three times meals, schooling with necessary education materials and logistics, life skill education, awareness on health, hygiene, nutrition, HIV/AIDS and social issues, psycho-social counseling, recreation facilities, vocational training, job placement of children (light job) above 14 years, reintegration with family/society. Necessary personal clothing including school dresses and winter dresses are also provided.

- Three times meal support and night shelter facilities – 36 girls
- Vocational training - 5 girls
- Awareness session – 96 sessions
- Cultural session – 76 sessions
- Counseling session – 43 sessions
- CMC Meeting – 2 meetings
- Job placement – 5 girls
- Business Development support - 5 girls
- Referral service – 17 girls
- Reintegration – 5 girls
- Formal Education – 27 girls

Income Generating Activity by CDC



Awareness Session in CDC



CMC Meeting

EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR SLUM CHILDREN

RESH project runs 6 pre-schools in slum areas each containing 2 shifts where a total of 360 children (30 in each shift) of 5-7 years receive pre-school education. After completing pre-school education successfully, they are mainstreamed into government/non-government primary schools. Besides, a total of 240 pre-school graduates are receiving follow up support by these 6 centres. Each centre runs in 2 shifts where 20 students in each shift receive follow up support so that they would not be dropped out. In addition, there are six adolescent clubs in 6 pre-school centres where 60 girl children are provided services.

- Pre-school enrolled children - 360 children (G-185, B-175)
- Education Sessions – 1885 sessions
- Distribution of Educational Materials – 3 times
- Session for Follow-up children – 1642 sessions
- Birth Registration – 110 children (Girl- 61, Boy -49)
- Awareness session for slum adolescents – 231 sessions
- Monthly meeting with Children Group - 66
- Quarterly meeting with CMC –24 meetings
- Meeting with Guardian –24 meetings
- Annual sports -1 event

Education Session in Preschool



Session with Adolescent Club



Annual sports-2024



Meeting with guardians

DEVELOPMENT OF WORKING CHILDREN

There are 4 Learning and Recreation Centres (LRC) to support 280 working children (Girl-138, Boy-142) to improve their life. These centres are working to change the view of employers positively and help the working children getting scope to participate and develop their life through realizing about their rights in workspaces. Besides, they are provided basic education, awareness session on health hygiene, nutrition, cultural program and recreational activities as well as life-skill and vocational training in addition to rest and leisure facilities.

- Non formal education session – 652 sessions
- Awareness session – 1004 sessions
- Counseling session – 175 sessions
- Music Session – 121sessions
- Life skill training - 4 trainings
80 children (Girl - 41, Boy 39)
- Vocational training – 34 children
(Girl -24, Boy-10)
- Job placement - 8 working children
(Girl -1, Boy -7)
- Referral service – 2 children (G-1, B-1)
- Enrolled in school from hazardous work –
15 children (Girl-10, Boy-5)
- CBCPC meeting – 16
- Employers meeting – 4
- IGA support – 6 families



Meeting with CBCPC



Vocational Training in LRC

Cultural session



Visit for IGA support



Life Skill Training

Development of Floating Street Children

There are two Open Learning Centres (OLC) for floating street children.

- New Enrolled children - 40 children (G-11, B-29)
- Non formal Education Sessions – 291 sessions
- Awareness session– 444 sessions
- Life skill training – 2 trainings (Girl:9,Boy: 31)
- Referral service – 1girl



Education Session in OLC

Life skill training



Recreation in OLC

Development of Child Waste Pickers

There are one Mobile Learning Centres where 30 child waste pickers are enrolled and provided services.

- Enrolled children - 30 children (G-8, B-22)
- Non formal Education Sessions – 160 sessions
- Awareness session– 250 sessions
- Support safety equipment – 4 times
- Referral service – 1 boy



Children in MLC

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS RAISING PROGRAMMES

RESH project has incorporated advocacy as an important component to contribute in establishment of rights of children under high risk. There are various types of activities under advocacy and awareness raising programmes like; Dialogue, meeting and seminar with policy makers, media campaign, distribution of awareness raising materials, meeting with stakeholders, employers, guardians, creating divisional child help volunteers etc.

Policy Advocacy in International Level



Lobby Event with INGO



Consultation meeting with French Cultural Center & Nederland Embassy

Policy Advocacy in National Level



Dialogue with Human Rights Commission



Dialogue with Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights



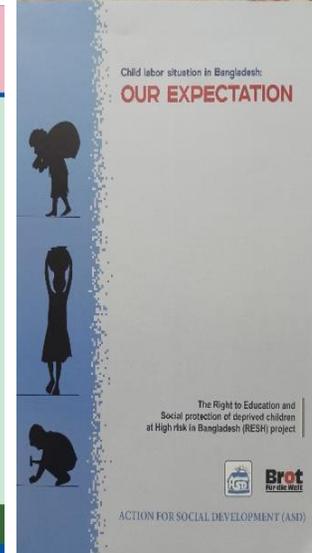
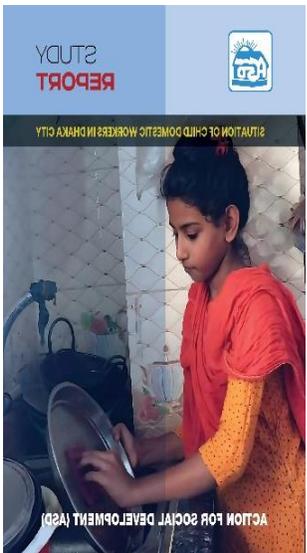
Dialogue with Media and Information Ministry



Dialogue with Ministry of Labour and Employment and Ministry of Women and Children Affairs



Meeting with different Ministry and department



Publications

Awareness Raising Campaign



Event with Child help Volunteers to raise voice on violence and abuse against children

ADVOCACY IN LOCAL LEVEL



Awareness Campaign in Community

Media Campaign and Coverage

Roundtable on child rights held

Staff Correspondent

The French Embassy's deputy head of mission in Dhaka, Guillaume Audrin, stated that France is interested in collaborating on all aspects of Bangladeshi development.

Speaking at a roundtable discussion recently titled "Child rights in Bangladesh and what we can do" jointly organized by the Action for Social Development (ASD) and Alliance Française de Dhaka in Gulshan, Audrin said, "France wants to support all kinds of development especially for the healthy development of children in Bangladesh. We also want to ensure improving the quality of life and protecting rights of underprivileged children."

The programme was organized to bring solidarity among different nationality for standing beside the underprivileged children to explore their potentiality for growing up.

M François Grosjean, director of Alliance Française de Dhaka, gave a welcome speech in the discussion and ASD executive director MA Karim presided.

In a presentation Farhana Sultana, project manager of ASD said what we have to do to curb child labour and what further steps can be taken to establish child rights in the country.



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Success story One life changing opportunity by ASD!

When Joba came to Child Development Centre (CDC) which is named “Ananda Nibas” with eyes full of fear and uncertainty, her face was in a pathetic state.

Joba’s life was changed completely when her father died unexpectedly. Her father was the sole earner of the whole family consisting of 6 members. He worked as an electrician and ran for the family. Most of the income was spent on drugs, so there was always a shortage of income in the family. Her family encountered a significant issue following father's passing as there was no savings. Joba’s mother could not understand what to do, where to go, how to bear all expenses of household.



Her mother was confused and unsure of what to do with her kids after her father passed away. After that, her mother brought them to the home of their uncle in Mymensingh. After arriving, a number of issues arose. She wouldn't be able to accommodate and feed so many people, according to her aunt. Her mother was compelled to leave the home. There, she was placed in an orphanage. Her mother began working as a maid in other people's homes. In pursuit of employment, the older sister travelled to

Dhaka. One day, Joba fled from the orphanage house because she didn't want to be there.

“When I went back to see my mother, I discovered that she had gotten married again. I was not accepted by my stepfather.” Joba said with the tears in her eyes. What a harsh comedy of circumstances. Joba, the child, had no idea where to go or what to do. After that she relocated to Dhaka to live with her elder sister. Her elder sister already resides in the ASD-run Ananda Nibas shelter home. Thus she came to ASD.

Joba was offered the chance to stay in Ananda Nibas after hearing about her. The child had a number of mental health issues. Through counselling, she was able to return to her regular life. The child was then admitted to school in the seventh grade when she arrived at Ananda Nibas Shelter Home in 2020. Joba was a gifted singer and dancer. She takes part in a variety of contests and have already won many national prizes. She has had vocational training in baking and jewellery making and she is capable of creating delicious cakes and cookies.

“I never thought that my life would be so beautiful! I like dancing and singing, but I never had the opportunity to do either of these things. I can now dance and sing from the bottom of my heart. But one thing still makes me think that when I was on the street I saw how helpless the children were! Especially, girl children. I sincerely hope that their lives will change if they are given the same opportunity as me.” She expressed her feelings.

Joba is named after the flower. She aspires to charm the entire world by spreading fragrance like a flower. In her ideal world, no child would have to go for sleep without meals at night.

Dream of becoming a doctor

Maria (10), a follow up student of the Bokul Preschool said that, she got an opportunity to education from Bokul Pre School. Now she has a dream of becoming a doctor.

Maria is the child of a farmer's family. She has three sisters but her parents could not afford their expenses. Only because of the poor economic condition of her family, she is working as a domestic worker at her aunt's resident. For this reason she has been separated from family since childhood.

Then in 2019, she admitted at Bakul Preschool. Currently, Maria is studying in 5th standard in Borabo Mohanpur Government Primary School. She is also regular in the follow up sessions of Bakul Preschool after school period. She is very happy to continue her studies. In future she wants to take responsibilities of his parents socially and financially.

Looking forward to a beautiful life

Imam Hossain is thirteen years old at the moment. He resided in a village in the district of Gazipur. He has come to Dhaka for the past two years or so. In order to bear his family expenses, his father, Amir Hossain, used to pull a rickshaw. His mother Rani Begum is a housewife. Due to



physical problems, his father cannot always drive a rickshaw. He moved to Dhaka with his family in search of an alternative profession. In the Ahmednagar slum, they found a home. Imam's father began collecting trash after arriving in Dhaka. He gathered trash that was left on the streets and sold it in stores.

Financial difficulties caused Imam Hossain to discontinue his studies. He can now pronounce his own name, vowels, consonants, addition, and subtraction after attending Mobile Learning Centre (MLC) and taking part in the basic education session. There has been a positive change in him compared to before.

When it's time, he comes at the MLC after finishing his work. Imam Hossain wants to know more about something. He frequently wears a mask, gumboots, and hand gloves while sorts scrap. Before, he had no idea how to use these. He routinely maintains his clothes clean after work and requests that his family members do the same. This move has made his family very pleased. He is now aware of issues like child labor, child marriage, and child rights.

According to Imam Hossain, MLC has given him a wealth of life lessons. For that, he is thankful. He does, however, want to return to school.

Project Name: Humanitarian assistance in the sectors of Protection, WASH, Shelter/NFI as well as Site Management & Site Development for Rohingya and host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh - II

Major Achievement in 2024

Education Session

- Literacy and Numeracy education session for adolescents – 1820
- Literacy and Numeracy education session for youth - 191
- Life skill education session for adolescents – 731
- Life skill education session for youth – 94
- Awareness Session for adolescents – 354
- Awareness Session for youth - 96
- Parenting Session on overall protection issues – 192
- Peer education session – 384
- Household Visit - 4839

Counseling Support for adolescent

- Individual counseling session -31
- Group counseling session - 107
- Family Counseling – 19
- Follow-up – 132

Counseling Support for youth

- Individual counseling session -01
- Group counseling session - 17
- Follow-up – 05

Meeting

- Community consultation meeting – 04
- Courtyard meeting – 96
- Adolescent Safety Network meeting – 24
- Networking meeting with CIC and UNO Office - 02
- Meetings with the Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC) – 24
- Quarterly meeting with Peer group – 16
- Quarterly meeting with youth forum - 16

Recreational and co-curricular activities

- Outdoor Drama - 5
- Drama performed by adolescent drama team - 9
- Indoor games and cultural event at AFS - 4
- Annual picnic - 4
- Sallun Ball Tournament - 3
- Football Tournament – 3
- Volleyball Tournament – 3
- Badminton Tournament - 2
- Cultural program organized at CiC office - 1

Occupational Skill development Training

- Adolescent – 116 (14 batch)
- Youth – 12 (2 batch)

Project activities in Pictures



Literacy & Numeracy sessions



Recreational activities



Awareness session with Youth Forum



Courtyard Meeting



Observation of International Human Rights Day



Parents & caregiver gathering



Participation in Youth Festival



Visit of the UNO of Teknaf



Performance of Drama show



Visit of DKH representative



Badminton tournament



Meeting with Community based child protection committee

Success Story

AFS changed the life of Nur Kayech

Nur Kayech was born in Rohingadong area of Mongdu Thana in Myanmar. Her father's name is Hafez Ahmed and Mother's name is Jaheda Begum. They are three sisters and have no brother. During August, 2017 they fled from Myanmar and came to Bangladesh with their parents by boat through Shahporir Dip route. After coming to Bangladesh they started live in camp 27 A-6 near the Jadimura Bazar. They were in frustration. All of them were afraid as they left their houses in Myanmar. After that UNHCR built a house for them to live in. As the house is built by bamboo they felt scared, but as time passed away they are now normal. After few days later, her father went to Malayaisa for searching of job. After reaching there, her father sent money for them during few months. But her father got married in Malayaisa and stopped sending money. Then Nur kayech's mother sold her jewelry and sent her elder daughter to Malayasia and her elder sister was married with a man there. Nur Kayech was enrolled in the AFS of ASD when she worked in Block A of Camp 27 in 2019. She came to AFS regularly and was also attentive in different sessions. But her mother passed a hard time to feed two sisters. So she went to Chattogram and started work in a garment with the help of a relative. During this time Nur Kayech was dropped out from the AFS. After six months later, they came back to the camp again. Then Nur Kayech wanted to enroll in the AFS again. She was in the case management process of ASD. She and her family are provided counseling support regularly. Even she is also followed up by the staff of ASD. She started to attend AFS regularly. She was provided occupational skill training on handicraft for 5 months. After that she was provided input support as she can continue her work at home. After getting these supports she started making different types of things like table mat, cap and sold these things to her neighbours. Now she is getting orders regularly and earning money by which she is supporting her family financially. Her mental development has been done positively as she attends different types of sessions regularly. Besides, education session she also participated in drawing and other indoor games with other adolescents in the centre. By attending AFS she can able to gain knowledge and learn many things. Now she is more aware on child marriage, trafficking and other issues. She is aware of her protection issue and move with other adolescents. Nur Kayech said, "I don't like to stay at home. I want to spend time with other adolescent girls in AFS." She is too friendly and intelligent and loves to mix with other girls. Her mother is also happy to see the progress of her daughter.



Robi's dream to be a successful businessman

Robi Alam was born in Monnama area of Mondu Thana of Akiyab district of Myanmar. His father is Mohammad Nir Ahmed and mother is Shomchida Begum. He is the second among his four brothers and four sisters. There are 10 members in his family. In Myanmar his father worked as day labour. During 2017 they fled away from Myanmar and came to Bangladesh and started living in Block 10 of Camp 27 of Jadimura. After that their family was in crisis as his father could not bear the daily



expenses of a large family. So Robi Alam engaged in child labour. He started to sell ice creams. He supported his family by this income. His family members were happy to see that. But he had to do hard work under the sun at midday. One day while selling ice creams he saw the AFS of ASD where 100 numbers of adolescent boys are provided different types of facilities. He heard the sound of reading. He looked into the AFS to know what is happening there. He felt interest to come to AFS. He had tears as he saw that like his age many adolescent boys are enjoying the sessions here. But as he had responsibility of his family he was frustrated. After seeing the interest of him, the staff of ASD communicated with his family and motivated them to send him to AFS. First time, they were not agreed. Then the parents were requested to come to AFS and observed to see what is happening in the AFS. One day his father visited the AFS and allowed his boy to come here. After that he started to attend AFS regularly. He was also provided training on cap making. He was skilled in cap making in a few months as he was very much attentive in the training and also has huge interest in it.

Now he is making caps and selling them to their neighbours. By this he is earning money and contributing to his family financially. All of the members of his family are happy now. He has a dream now. He thinks that if he will go back to Myanmar he can also make cap and sell there. He dreams that he will do business by making caps and one day he will be a successful businessman.

Project Name: Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and building infrastructure for Disaster Vulnerable Communities in Bangladesh

Achievement in 2024

- Awareness building through interactive learning meetings (Courtyard / Community meetings) – 122
- Facilitate regular meetings of WDMC, UDMC and other committees -124
- Disaster Risk Assessment/CRA at field and local planning and validation workshops – 2
- Incorporate local contingency plans into local government (GO) planning meetings / consultations) – 2
- Capacity Building trainings on disaster related issues for WDMC and Volunteers (approx. 1,700 participants) – 17
- Provide rescue materials – 6 times
- Mock drills for disaster preparedness, rescue and recovery – 6
- Advocacy Workshops/Meetings with local GO/NGO – 4
- Celebrate National and Disaster/ Environment related days and participate in GoB fair- 2
- Performance of public events for awareness-raising (Pot song/Street drama/Folk Songs) – 20
- Tree Plantation/rural gardening at 8 Embankment/Roads (approx. 2,600 seedlings) and HH level (5,000 seedlings covering 1,000 HHs) – 2 times
- Construction Disaster Resilient Houses – 3
- Install disaster resilient toilets for individual HHs – 25
- Construction of flood water protection walls - 2
- Modernization of link roads/embankments & dams – 1
- Provide skill development trainings and AIGA support – 64
- Training on business models and introducing local entrepreneurship for disaster resilient adaptive livelihood (1trainings covering approx. 25 beneficiaries) – 25
- Trainings on Adaptive Agriculture and input support – 150

Infrastructure and adaptive services

- Total 18 resilience house constructed for Homeless people to reduce their disaster risk.
- 08 Flood Resilience Tube well Installed resulting increased access of 180 families to safe drinking water and reduced water borne diseases
- 50 Flood Resilience Toilet Installed resulting increased access of 100 families to improve sanitation facilities and reduced open defecation and water contamination during flood
- Construction of roads/embankments (07 kilometers) protected 60,000 acres land from crops damages due to flash flood, improved daily communication and transportation for 50000 people and carrying crops during harvesting seasons.

Knowledge and capacity development

- A total of 9600 people gained Knowledge on Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- Community-led approaches have been practiced in 10 villages to respond and recover from Flash flood response and recovery
- 1000 Household received dry food during flood time and 500 Household received vegetable seeds to meet the nutrition crisis
- 08 Ward Disaster Management Committee formed, set up its own office, and raised its own account/funds (87000 BDT) for emergency response and rehabilitation.
- WDMC centers have been providing a one-stop service center for community people (i.e., health, health services & advice for livestock, technical support for agriculture, etc.)
- WDMC centers have been providing advocacy and lobby support for community people resulting in project participants receiving 3 Mt. paddy seed, 500 kg maize seed 30 kg wheat seed support from the Government Agriculture Department

Infrastructure and adaptive services

- 2 evacuation centres established where 1070 people received shelter and food during flood
- Evacuation centre management mobilized fund for 1,15,000 BDT
- Emergency rescue boat is in service for the isolated haor people.
- Total 105 patient rescued sent to the health centre (41 pregnant mother, 25 aged patient and 30 children patient and other 4 patient)
- Protection wall (950 meter) at Kolidrum village reduced loss and damages of 105 HHs
- Loss of damage before construction (considered last experienced flood) was 13,12,500 BDT for earth erosion, 3,50,000 BDT for destroying sanitation facilities, and 2,30,580 BDT for the loss of vegetable crops
- Vegetable production increased 509858 BDT
- Protection wall (520 meter) at Kadirpur village reduced loss and damages of 150 HHs (Direct-70 HHs & Indirect-80 HHs)
- Loss of damage before construction (considered last experienced flood) was 9,80,420 BDT for earth erosion, 3,65,890 BDT for destroying sanitation facilities, and 3,60,000 BDT for the loss of vegetable crops
- Vegetable production increased
- Reduced sessional Migration

Improve and alternative livelihoods

- 20 number of duck rearing farm in Cooperative model (operated through bank account) increased average income 7000 BDT per month.
- 17 Entrepreneur established on different business like Fish, Handicraft, and Shop tea stall Vegetable shop increased average income 10,500 BDT per month.
- Usually haor people cultivate a single crop, but now 120 Farmers cultivate two sessional crops production, 41 Farmers commercially producing and marketing vegetable by using environment friendly organic fertilizer and pesticide.
- 400 farmers use climate resilience seed and technology for agricultural adaptation

Pictures of the project



Picture: Maize Cultivation



Picture: Paddy Field, Vegetable cultivation



Picture: Protection Wall



Resilience Tube well



Resilience House



Emergency Response Team Meeting



Courtyard session



UDMC regular meeting



Contingency Plan workshop



Advocacy workshop with GO/NGO



CRA validation workshop



IDRR observation



NDPD Observation



AIGA Support- Duck



AIGA Support – sheep



AIGA Support- Fish



Flood response



Blanket distribution



Folk song



Mock drill

Success Story

A protection wall: reason of smile of the villagers

Kadirpur village is situated in Tarol Union of Derai Upazila of Sunamganj. As the village is surrounded by haor, every year this village is in high risk of flood and flash flood, especially by the waves of water. Uttar hati area of this village is situated in Boram Haor which is very vulnerable area. During the flood of 2022, these areas were affected badly by the waves of the water. Even no family could stay there during the flood time, all had to take shelter in the shelter space. In this area, 37 households live; all of them are extreme poor. They could not build their house with brick; they build the house with bamboo, bags to protect it from water waves which cost more than 5 to 10 thousand taka every year for each household.



They had no other space rather than the house. All the cattle, duck, goat, sheep lived in the same room which was very unhygienic. They had no toilet facilities and during the rainy season they used hanging toilet. As there was no facility for toilet they were affected by different types of water borne diseases. They had no scope for cultivation. In a word, the families of this area were extremely frustrated and became poorer day by day.

In 2022, March, STEP & BuildIn Project of ASD started work in this area and by the information of Union Parishad this village was selected as number one poor village. After that the villagers identified the most vulnerable area of this village and also identified the risks. They also found out the most vulnerable beneficiaries of this area. Then with the opinion of the villagers and also the Union Parishad, Emergency Response Team was formed and Ward Disaster Management Committee was reformed. According to their opinion, the area for building the protection wall was selected. After that in 2023 the construction work of the protection wall was completed and the village has been protected from the waves of the water during the flood time. Now the households of this village do not have to spend money for protest the waves of water every year. Besides, every family can cultivate vegetables in the extended area near the protection wall. In addition, now every family use toilet. All the villagers are happy now and they have smile in their faces.

Ensuring Rights to Girls Domestic Worker-GDW (ERG)

ERG project has been working for ensuring the rights to Girls Domestic Workers in urban and rural area by the financial support of SHAPLA NEER = Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support. In urban area, the project areas are Azimpur and Mirpur. The project has established 2 Alor Sikha Centres where 60 number of Part time and Full time GDWs are provided different types of facilities as follows:

- Provide Basic Education
- Provide non-formal education sessions for GDW
- Awareness session on child rights, health, hygiene, nutrition, and social issues.
- Arrange cultural session with GDW
- Provide life skill development session for GDW
- Provide referral Service for health and legal aid.
- Encourage GDW for Savings
- Arrange Alternative Skill development training for above 14 GDW (Tailoring, Beauty Parlor, Block Batik, Handy crafts and Ornaments making)

Pictures of Project Activities:

	
<p>Awareness sessions</p>	<p>Recreational activities</p>
	
<p>Cultural sessions</p>	<p>Drawing session</p>



Education sessions



Education sessions



Day observation of World Child Right and International Girls child Day



Day observation of World Child Right and International Girls child Day



Meeting with guardians of GDWs



Alternative skill development training

Ashshash: For Men and Women Who Have Escaped Trafficking

ASD has been implementing the ‘Ashshash: For Men and Women Who Have Escaped Trafficking’ from June 2024 in 3 upazilas (Cox’s Bazar Sadar, Teknaf and Ukhiya) of Cox’s Bazar district by the technical support of WINROCK International and funded by the Embassy of Switzerland. The beneficiaries of the project are 400 marginalized women and men trafficking survivors of Cox’s Bazar, Ukhiya, Teknaf under the age of 40. About 90 percent beneficiaries will be poor and 65 percent will be female. The objective of the project is that the change agents of local community are aware and trained on the prevention of human trafficking and reintegration services for survivors of trafficking.

Major Achievement in 2024

Union level CTC activation and orientation



Total 4 CTCs (124 members) were activated and capacitated through CTC meeting in 4 Union Parishad. The CTC members were oriented about their role and responsibilities and also sensitized for combating human trafficking in their respective areas.

Observation of “The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons”



“The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons” was observed by A Radio Talk Show in Radio Naf which approximately 1,38,240 community people. Information related to human trafficking issues in terms of awareness and prevention was spread among the community people in Teknaf and Ukhiya.

Observation of “16 Days of Activism against GBV”



“16 Days of Activism against GBV” was observed at Seagull Hotel Beach point, Cox’s Bazar where around 3000 people were engaged. Information related to human trafficking issues in terms of awareness and prevention was spread among the community people.

Observation of “International Migrants’ Day 2024”



“International Migrants’ Day 2024” was observed in Ukhia where approximately 1,000 local people were informed on TIP issues and safe migration.

Formation and Orientation of District level CTIP activists group



District level CTIP activists group was formed and provided orientation where 33 CTIP activists were capacitated on TIP issues.

School based Performance & Performer Development Workshop



A School-Based Performance & Performer Development Workshop was organized by which 14 local cultural activists' members were capacitated on TIP issues.

Social Media Campaign



USAID Bangladesh America Maitree Project (Agriculture & Food Security)

Action for Social Development (ASD) is selected as a sub-grantee by BRAC under the USAID Bangladesh America Maitree project. Working in the thematic area of Agriculture and Food Security, Action for Social Development (ASD) has been entrusted to implement the "Environment friendly agricultural empowerment: Strengthening and enhancing smallholders' capacity through locally-led development approaches and innovations for sustainable food security" initiative. The project's operational scope encompasses in 80 villages in 8 unions under 3 Upazilas (Derai, Dowarabazar, Sunamganj Sadar Upazila) of Sunamganj District, where we aim to create meaningful impact through targeted interventions.

The thematic area of the project of ASD is 'Agriculture and Food Security' which will cover the all the four Sub-Thematic areas. The Sub-Thematic areas are the following:

- Access to quality inputs
- Access to extension services
- Market linkages
- Post-harvest loss and waste

Pictures of the Project



Grant's Award Program



Agreement signing