

Muslim Aid Celebrated Independence Day and MAIT's March Past received Runner Up award in Jessore
Message from the Acting Country Director of Muslim Aid – UK Bangladesh Field Office

Md. Enayet Hossain (Jakaria), Acting Country Director of Muslim Aid Bangladesh Field Office (MABFO) conveyed his heartiest gratitude to colleagues, volunteers, donors, partners, community representatives and beneficiaries for their continuous cooperation to manage Muslim Aid's work in Bangladesh. He also thanked all branch office managements to celebrate various national and international events jointly and individually. By the grace of Al-mighty ALLAH significant number of meetings with MABFO's invaluable donors/partners and government high officials taken place in the month. Hopefully, these meetings will help us to explore with new opportunities of work in near future, Inshallah.

External Communications of Acting Country Director

Br. Enayet Hossain Jakaria, Acting Country Director attended several external meetings and discussed various issues with the govt. officials and other stakeholders. He met DG of NGOAB and requested for govt. permission to work in Cox's Bazar district where 3 MF branches are closed from April 2016. He also invited DG to visit to MAIT, Dhaka. On 2nd March he met Mr. Ram Chandra Das, Joint Secretary (JS) and the new Project Director (PD) of School Feeding Programme (SFP) along with WFP representative. He had an exclusive meeting with the Chairman of PKSf to make partnership with PKSf. Br Jakaria also met the Chairman of Bangladesh Technical Education Board –BTEB and updated him on the TVET activities of MABFO. Ms. Christa Rader, Country Representative, World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh visited MABFO and met with Br. Jakaria and they discussed about ongoing partnership with MABFO. Beside this, Br. Jakaria met Oxfam CD, ACF CD, DanChurch Aid CD and discussed about DISHARI partnership and new project of ECHO.



Independence Debate competition in at MAIT-Jessore



Independence Day Cricket Tournament at MAIT-Dhaka



MAIT-Jessore students receive runner up March Past award on Independence Day -2016 from Dr. Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Md. Anisur Rahman, Superintendent of Police (SP), Jessore.

Visit from NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB)


Md. Shekhabur Rahman, Deputy Director- Audit & Inspection and Md. Shahidul Islam, Audit Office, NGOAB visited MAIT-Dhaka on 5 March 2016. They visited some class rooms and discussed with students and instructors of Computer, Electric and Electronics Trades of MAIT.

They also discussed with students and instructors about future opportunity of Technical Education in Bangladesh. Finally checked and verified various records and reports.

They provided some valuable suggestions and recommendations.

Visit from STEP to MAIT-Jessore


12/3/2016 Md. Mizanur Rahman, Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Government and Director (Admin), Directorate of Technical Education visited MAIT-Jessore with the accompaniment of Dr. M Abdullah, Principal of Jessore Polytechnic Institute.

They visited academic class and laboratories and also visited official records and documentations.

They expressed their satisfaction after first hand observation of MAIT activities.

of staff members
in MABFO at the end of
March 2016: **557**

External Audit 2015 starts:

External Audit firm M.J. Abedin & Co is one of the leading Chartered Accountancy (CA) firms of Bangladesh, an Independent Member Firm of Moore Stephens International Ltd. They will do the external audit of 2015 financial year of MABFO.

Headquarters' visit ends in 3 March 2016

Br. Muhammad Zamir, Treasurer, Board of Trustees of Muslim Aid EC has left Muslim Aid Bangladesh Field office as the last member of a 4-member team of Trustees and Senior Executives from Muslim Aid Headquarters who visited the office for reorganizing the MABFO management in February.

Lalmonirhat farmers' contentment in farming



Asma Begum, a beneficiary of Microfinance programme of MABFO of Lalmonirhat branch, who became a successful

cultivator of Black Pepper due to her fondness on various types of spices, she also cultivates cardamom, mint, coriander, cinnamon, cumin, zinger, garlic, etc. in her tiny homestead. She is preparing for large scale commercial production of those items with the assistance of Muslim Aid.

Qurbani programme helping the poor to meet up their protein requirements

Lack of protein, the most vital element for a healthy body, causes various illnesses that can lead to death. The daily protein requirement for adults is slightly more than one gram of protein per pound of bodyweight. The Qurbani programme of MABFO is helping the poor people to get protein from qurbani meat. Local Bangla Newspaper, the Daily Ichhamoti and other media published the mutton distribution programme of MABFO. MABFO distributed 6 sacrificed Goats in Pabna and Rangpur among the orphans and very poor families as a part of performing Aquiqah on behalf of Muslim brothers and sisters of London, UK. Ms. Samsunnahar Sumi, UNO of Bera Upazilla certified the successful distribution of the programme with thanks. Destitute people out there are not able to eat mutton more than once in a six months.



After the last Qurbani Eid (September 2015) my family has got the taste of mutton. Muslim Aid gave me both the Qurbani meat last year and mutton from animal sacrifice this year." Somiron Bewa (a 69 years old widow of Moitrobadha, Bera, Pabna) cried out with joy after getting the packet of raw mutton from MABFO

- Daily Observer and Tribune <http://www.dhakatribune.com/agriculture/2016/jan/23/spice-farming-getting-profitable-northern-districts>
- The Daily Star also published a case study on beneficiaries of MABFO's MFP titled Lalmonirhat farmers expect bumper maize yield. <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/lalmonirhat-farmers-expect-bumper-maize-yield-1202104>



Upazilla wise celebration

Muslim Aid Celebrates National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD)-2016

Muslim Aid Bangladesh Field Office celebrated National Disaster Preparedness Day centrally with all relevant actors including the Government of Bangladesh, NGO and civil society organizations. Regionally it organized various events including rally and Discussion sessions jointly with Islamic Relief and other local level organizations at Lalmonirhat district. It participated with the joint events of District and Upazilla administrations in the working districts and Upazilas.



Joint publications of NDPD

Knowledge Fair on Resilient livelihoods, Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

On 30 March 2016 the day-long knowledge fair was participated by Tanvir Elahi and Saiful Islam in Dhaka included dialogue, experience sharing, reflection sessions and exhibition of knowledge products.

The objective of the fair was to showcase research, advocacy, and capacity building related knowledge products generated under Capacity Building, Advocacy and Partnership for Resilient Livelihood (CBAP-CAid) project by BCAS and Christian Aid partners over last two years.

International Women's Day: 8 March

Muslim Aid organized and participated in various events at local and nation level to celebrate international Women's Day, the 8th of March this year.



Health Campaign in Kulaura

Muslim Aid Community Hospital, Kulaura, Moulvibazar organized health camps in 19 Primary Schools and 10 Schools & Colleges in participation of more than 7000 participants including students, teachers, committee members and local community representatives. There were discussions, health & hygiene awareness and free distribution of AmeriCares-USA's donated items i.e., tooth brush, paste, body lotion, cream, shampoo, deworming tablet, mask, etc. to participants.

Sustainable Livelihood Programme: Agro-based microfinance (IDB supported) 13 branch offices in Satkhira, Bagerhat, Khulna, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna New enrolled members: 142, Service (credit) recipient: 784 Microcredit & SME: 54 Branch offices (including the 13 above) in 31 districts (including the 6 above); New enrolled members: 465; Service (credit) recipient: 2112 TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Enrollment of students in 5 MAITs: 276; (Mirpur>Jessore>Dhaka>Chittagong>Rangpur) Self-employed: 20, Job placement: 108 Revenue trend: Jessore>Dhaka>Rangpur>Chittagong	Humanitarian Programme: Early Recovery Facility (ERF) Project: A UNDP supported project with DFID funding for Jan-May 2016 implemented in NageswariUpazila of Kurigram district. Cash for Work (CFW) is going on for 4076 families. Plinth raising of family shelters are one of the major interventions of CFW. Arrangements of mobile money transfer already made. Enhance Resilience plus Programme (ER+): A WFP supported project is going on for Jan-June 2016 period at Baliatoli, Dalbuganj&Dhulasware Unions of KalaparaUpazila, Patuakhali district for 1,000 families. There were participations in NDPD-2016 and in coordination meeting with UNO office. Besides the regular group work vaccination program for Hen & Duck went on Household level. Build Safer and Resilient Community against Earthquake and Waterlog vulnerability in Bangladesh: An Al-Asmakh (AFIF) Foundation supported project for May 2015 – October 2016 period at Tala and SadarUpazila Under Satkhira District for 2500 families is going on.
Programme Highlights Healthcare Programme Total patient received services from hospitals & community clinics: 9,952 (Kulaura: 5,344. Pabna: 2,022. Pirojpur: 1,813. Mirpur: 773) Patient & Revenue flow: Kulaura (+)>Pabna (+)>Pirojpur (-)>Mirpur (-) = -Ve WASH programme is going on with the support of ECHO-USA, MAHQ and MA Australia. Education and Child Protection Programme School Feeding Programme (SFP): High Energy Biscuit distributed: 356.767 Metric Tons to 283,952 Students in 1,525 Schools. Schools monitored: 1459 in Bhola, Patuakhali and Cox's Bazar districts School monitored by Managers of SFP (DC/PC/PS/MRO/AC/SFM) - 77 schools	Newly formed Committees Fund Allocation/Selection Committee for Religious Dues Programme: 1. Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Sr. Programme Manager of ECP, Convener 2. Md. Ariful Islam, Sr. Coordinator, Evaluation & Learning, Member 3. Rahana Sultana, Sr. Finance Officer, Member Project Implementation Committee (PIC) for Religious Dues Programme: 1. Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Sr. Programme Manager of ECP, Convener 2. Md. Ariful Islam, Sr. Coordinator, Evaluation & Learning, Member 3. Rahana Sultana, Sr. Finance Officer, Member 4. Md. Shah Oliullah, Sr. Programme Officer, ECP, Member Project Implementation Committee (PIC) for Rainbow Family Programme: 1. Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Sr. Programme Manager of ECP, Convener 2. Md. Ariful Islam, Sr. Coordinator, Evaluation & Learning, Member 3. Rahana Sultana, Sr. Finance Officer, Member 4. Md. MasumBellah, Sr. Programme Officer, Rainbow Family, Member <i>As per SMT meeting of 27th March Project Implementation Committee (PIC) and fund allocation/selection committee for Religious Dues and Rainbow Family is effective from 15th March.</i>
 WORKSHOPS 21&22/3/2016 Training on Core Humanitarian Standard organized by Oxfam GB in Dhaka participated by <i>Shoful Alam</i>, Humanitarian programme Coordinator. 23/3/2016 National Workshop of Islamic Relief and ARCAB participation by <i>Iqbal Ahmed</i> Organized& Implemented ELT (Enhance Women Leadership Training) & CMW (Community Mobilization Workshop) with 2 batches in each topic under SFP; And 12 awareness sessions for 683 students on School Gardening and established 12 new	Programme Visits by the distinguished personalities 1/3/2016 Muhammad Zamir, Treasurer, Md. Enayat Hossain Jakaria, In-Charge, MABFO to MAIT-Dhaka 1/3/2016Mamunur Rahman, Sr. Manager and BushraHaq, Project Officer visited MAIT-Jessore from Swiss Contact 5/3/2016 Md. Shekhabur Rahman, Deputy Director, NGOAB visited MAIT-Dhaka 10/03/2016Afroza Ahmed from UNDP, Dhaka 10, 22, 23, 24, 27 & 28/03/2016 Mr. Asad Uddin Khan, UNDP, Kurigram visited the beneficiaries at Berubari, Nunkhawa, Kachakata, Ballobherkhash&Narayanpur Union. 12/3/2016 Md. Mizanur Rahman, Joint Secretary, BD Govt., Director (Admin), Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) 25-28/4/2016 Visit from the donor Al-Asmakh (AFIF) Foundation

Vegetable Gardens under SFP in Cox's Bazar; Orientation programme on Emergency Early Warning for 521 students organized with 12 under SFP, Cox's Bazar.	17 & 23/4/2016 ECHO-HQ's Deputy Head of Unit for B5 (South/East/Central Asia, Pacific and Caribbean) Mr. Martin Landgraff, and its South Asia Team Leader Mrs. Anne Clear with the Head of Regional Office Mr. David Sevcik.
Monthly Plan: April 2016 Project development ✚ CN-TVET for ECHO ✚ PP for Nippon Foundation ✚ ECHO resilience project preparation cooperation ✚ PP for ECHO-USA (WASH in educational institution) ✚ PP for ECHO-USA on Lohalia response Reporting/ response ✚ Final Report to UNDP on shelter refurbishment ✚ Online survey response to Save the Children International MoU ✚ MoU with Access Agriculture ✚ MoU with Harvest Plus ✚ MoU Jalalabad Foundation ✚ MoU with Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA)	Resource Mobilization & Compliance: Update New submission ✚ Concept Note for European Commission on its call for PRISM- project in partnership with local partner NGO, FBCCI, CDCS, BSCIC and AFE in Jessore and Bagerhat area. ✚ 4 PP revision on health, education, TVET and livelihood for MAHQ ✚ Dig a well PP for MAHQ ✚ Ramadan PP to Muslim Aid Australia (MAA) ✚ 100 TubeWell PP to MAA ✚ EOI and Budget proposals to Swiss Contact for MAIT-Jessore& Dhaka ✚ EOI to max foundation ✚ Ramadan PP to Muslim Aid Head Quarters (MAHQ) Major Reports and Queries ✚ Respond to ECHO Queries on the Final Report - NW consortium project ✚ Respond to UMCOR queries on DRR-Bhola Final report ✚ Respond to UMCOR-Komen final report queries ✚ Respond to queries from Al Asmakh on Q3 report ✚ Response to START network (DEPP preface) for its Annual Review report – cooperation with programme

Some of the decisions from last SMT meeting

Agenda: Microfinance Programme Review

Earlier, there was a decision of review MFP, the SMT decided to make a four members team to carry out the review of the whole programme and submit a report to In charge of MABFO by 30 April. Specific ToR will be given to the committee.

The committee members will be as follows:

- 1) Nazmul Haque, Consultant MF & SMEs
- 2) Ariful Islam, In charge MEAL
- 3) Masudul Islam, Finance coordinator
- 4) Md. Tarequzzaman, Coordinator MFP

Agenda: Recruitment and Placement, Cost-cutting issue and Office Floor Plan

Recruitment, placement, cost cutting and floor planning issues will be reviewed by a committee comprising the following members:

- 1) Aftab Ahmed, Finance manager
 - 2) Ariful Islam, In charge MEAL
 - 3) Ashraful Alam Razu, HR coordinator
- HR coordinator Ashraful Alam will finalize the floor plan in consultation with In charge of MABFO.

Agenda: PF issue

Provident Fund and gratuity issue will be included in the ToR of external audit. Iqbal Ahmed (HoRMA), Nazmul Haque (consultant MF & SMEs) and Aftab Hossain (finance manager) will work on the PF issues. Reviewing the existing constitution, deed and other docs.

Agenda: Bank account transfer of MAIT to Pallabi and open a new account

Finance manager Aftab Hossain will take necessary action regarding bank account transfer of MAIT to Pallabi, close SIBL account and open IBBL account in Kalapara, Patuakhali.

Agenda: External audit 2015

Aftab Hossain (finance manager) will arrange a meeting with senior colleagues for necessary guideline and facilitate external audit functions. Meeting also decided that inventory will be done by Mir Asibul Hassan (Coordinator procurement).

Agenda: Implementation of RD programmes

Ramadan and Qurbani programme 2016 will be managed by project offices where program/project focal will be incorporated in decision making process. Br.Mahfuz will lead the program and take whole responsibility of smooth implementation. The committee members will facilitate him to select proper beneficiaries and partners ensuring due diligence and compliance issues. Mentionable that potential partners will be engaged where MABFO offices do not exist.

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