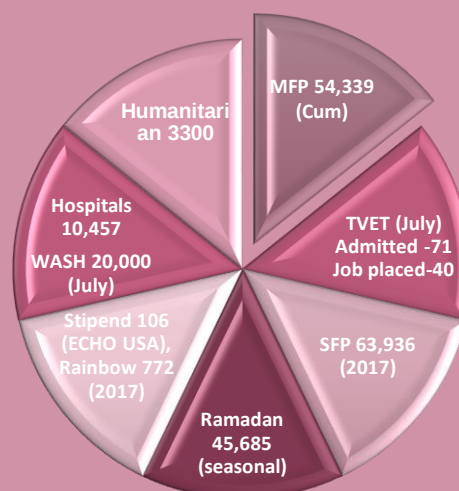


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Beneficiary Coverage of Programs



Mid-Year Review 2017 and EC meeting

Muslim Aid's Microfinance Program/Muslim Aid Bangladesh (MAB) has organized a mid-year review workshop on 6th July at PHA, Ganashastha, Savar. The program was chaired by the General Secretary of MAB, Mr. Khairul Hafiz. The Chief Guest of the program was Mr. M. Azizul Huq, Chairman and Special Guest was Mr. Md. Abdul Awal, Vice Chairman of MAB. Mr. M. Azizul Huq is a noted Expert on Islamic Banking & Former MD of Social Investment Bank Ltd, Former Executive President, Islami Bank. Mr. Md. Abdul Awal is the CEO of CDF (Credit and Development Forum). In the program, Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman, the Country Director (CD), MABFO were also present. Field Coordinators shared their innovation and suggestions to improve the program further in the workshop. Top Ten Branch offices received award for their performance from 2014-2016. The first Executive Committee (EC) meeting with new EC members had also held there. This is for the first time, a beneficiary of MAB, Ms. Shamsun Nahar, Savar have participated the EC meeting as EC member.



Emergency equipment distribution to FSCD

MABFO has distributed emergency response equipment to Bangladesh Fire Services and Civil Defense (FSCD) at the auditorium MAIT, Dhaka on 22nd July. The program was chaired by the CD of MABFO while Mr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Brigadier General, Mr. Ali Ahmed Khan, PSC were present. Mr. Md. Mozammel Haque, Principal, FSCD, Mirpur-10 station have received the aids on behalf of FSCD. Mentionable that Al-Haj Elias Uddin Mollah, Honorable Member of the Parliament, Dhaka-16 were supposed to be

present as the Chief Guest in the program but due to sickness he were unable to participate. On his behalf, his personnel assistant delivered a short speech in the program. Among the distributed tools and equipment, there were 2 sets of mobile hospital, 3 generators, 30 patient-beds, 2 water purifier machines, 10 water tanks, 1 speed boat, etc.

**Total Staff
of MABFO
in July -
437**



Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT), Chittagong initiated a skill training program on sewing machine operation of Ready Made Garments (RMG) for 2 ½ months starting from July, 2017 till 15th September, supported by ILO. The objective of the program is skill development of 50 unemployed youth and their job placement. These 50 students will get fully free training with BDT 2400 stipend for each of the student.

Inauguration of STEP Project

MAIT, Jessore organized inaugural ceremony of STEP Project jointly initiated by Bangladesh Government, World Bank and Canadian Government on 24 July. Mr. Md. Mazadur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner (DC) -Acting was present there as Chief Guest while Mr. Monotos Bosu-Vice President Bangladesh Federal Journalist Association & Vice President Press Club Jessore, Mr. Md. Ehsanur Rahman Litu, Chairman Upposohar Union Parishad, Mr. Md. Humayan Kabir, Assistant Inspector, District Education Office were present as special guests. Total 120 students enrolled in six months free training course of STEP from the underprivileged youth community of Jessore have participated there.



These students will also receive BDT 4200 stipend from the Project.



MABFO completed 791 water-well installation in July under Dig-a-well program of Muslim Aid UK



MAIT Dhaka organized a program for the newly enrolled 60 diploma students in Computer, Electronics, Electrical, and Civil technologies.



MAIT Dhaka has also organized an Orientation Program with 180 students who enrolled in six months free training course under STEP Project.



SFP Visit by Australian High Commission

Ms. Jane Hardy, Second Secretary, Ms. Romena Parvin, Program Manager of Australian High Commission and Ms. Janerose Alvers, Support officer of WFP Dhaka visited School Feeding Program (SFP), Cox's Bazar of MABFO on 26, July.

106 poor meritorious
students received
stipend with support
of
ECHO-USA



Stipend distributed to 62 poor meritorious students of school, college, universities and medical colleges of Rangpur on 30th July by MABFO with support of ECHO-USA. The UNO of Rangpur Ms. Joyoshree Ray was present in the distribution program as Chief Guest. These 62 students were selected based on their merit among 1200 students applied for stipend. The program was well captured in the media and telecasted in 71-television channel.

Similarly, stipend distributed to 44 poor meritorious students of school, college, universities and medical colleges of Barisal with support of ECHO-USA on 22nd July, the Chief Guest in the program was Prof. M Hanif, Former Principal of BM College & Former Chairman of Jessore Education Board while Mr. Md Rejaul Karim, Additional SP & Co-Adjutant of Armed police Battalion, Barisal was presented as a special guest. The programme was chaired by Mr. Khairul Hafiz, Country Director (Outgoing), MABFO.

Special Meetings



Khairul Hafiz, CD -MABFO (Outgoing), Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, CD (Incoming)-MABFO and Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Senior Program Manager (Sr.PM) visited the honorable Minister - Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, Mr. AKM Mozammel Haque, MP on 31st July at his residence.



Mr. Dipayan Bhattacharyya, Deputy Country Director and Mr. Iqbal Hossain, Senior Program Officer of WFP visited MABFO's Banani Office on 27th July for a meeting with MABFO team including - Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, CD-MABFO, Md. Iqbal Ahmed, Head of Recourse Mobilization & Advocacy (RMA), Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Sr.PM, Tanvir Elahi, PM. Both the parties shared their experiences and program activities.

Program Development in July

- Submitted project proposal (PP) to Dhaka WASA on WASH
- Submitted PP in consortium to DFID/UKaid on “Emergency response for cyclone MORA affected people”

Plan of August

- Submit PP to EU on urban health, nutrition and population by 20th Aug and WFP on SFP in Pirojpur and Sylhet
- Host WASH and HR Cluster meeting
- Prepare PP on flood response for submitted to START Network

Workshop and Meeting

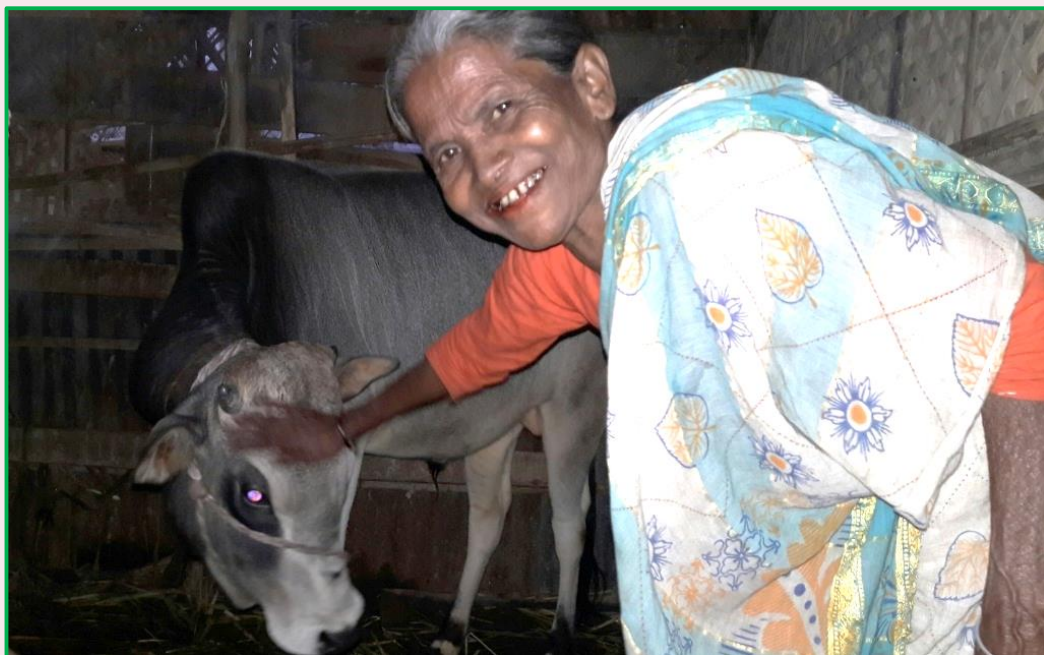
- Tanvir Elahi, Program Manager, on behalf of MABFO participated in the National convention on disaster management innovation fair from 30th to 31st July.
- MABFO is the active member of knowledge sharing platform of 66 INGOs/NGOs of National Gender Working Group (GWG). The GWG meeting had taken place at the meeting room of MABFO on 5th July. Sharmin Shobnom Joya, Coordinator of RMA Department shared a short presentation on women empowerment by MABFO.



Case Study: Marina Baowa is no more a burden to her family but a role model for the community

Marina Baowa (Address: Kazirhat, Dangapara, Jaldhaka, Nilphamari) lost her husband 16 years back. Poor and helpless, widow, Marina struggled hard to raise two of her sons, all alone. At the time, two of her sons became young enough to earn, she started dreaming for a happy, well-off life together with her sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. Her sons got married. But after few days, her sons and daughter-in-laws started treating her like a burden to their family. All of a sudden, all her dreams of a united happy family broke down into pieces. She became so update.

But still then, she was a strong women with strong will power. She started thinking of earning by herself for her living and help her sons. She came to know from the leader of the association of Muslim Aid's Microfinance Program (MFP) that Muslim Aid is providing interest free loan to the needy. In the year 2011, she enrolled herself in the MFP and had taken a loan of BDT 5000 to start a business. This time, bad luck failed against her pursuit and good fortune followed her; she started getting profit from her earning by selling different types of traditional cakes made by her. Since then she did not have to look back, she managed her food and expenses by herself and started returning the loan from profit. Every year her profit started to rise. She stepped into a new life of prosperity and happiness. In the year 2016, she took a loan again of BDT 20,000 and purchased a cow. After few days she sold that in BDT 40,000. Now a days she helps her sons to run their family. She is no more a burden for her family rather everybody admire her. She is now a role model for the community people around her.



Marina Baowa said “Baba, when I was starving Muslim Aid gave me interest free loan. May ALLAH help all of Muslim Aid”/“বাবা মুই যখন ভাতের নাগাইল নাই পাং তখন মুসলিম এইড মোক লাভ ছাড়া টাকা দিছে। আল্লাহ যেন মুসলিম এইডের সব্বারে ভাল করে।”