## October 2017

### e-Bulletin







**Total Staff of Muslim Aid in** Bangladesh - 200

Free treatment, medicine and Health Voucher Scheme provided to 486 patients with support from ECHO-**USA** 

Muslim Aid implemented ECHO USA funded "Capacity Building Traditional Birth Attendants. implementation of health voucher scheme and free medicine distribution in Muslim Aid Hospitals and the catchment area of the hospitals" project from 01 January to 31 December 2017. In Pirojpur and Pabna hospitals - 486 poor patients received free treatment medicines. These hospitals have started Health Voucher Scheme from 20 October 2017 and will continue it

up to December. Patients will receive services using the Health Voucher Scheme are-

- 1. BDT 3,500 support for 1st Cesarean Surgery while the total cost is BDT 13,500
- 2. BDT 4,500 support for  $2^{nd}/3^{rd}$  Cesarean Surgery while the total cost is BDT 14,500
- 3. BDT 1,500 support for normal delivery while the total cost of normal delivery is 35,00

#### **Entrepreneurship Development Training**



**BSCIC Iessore** Organized closing programme Entrepreneurship

Development Training on 25

October at Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT), Jessore. Md. Asraf Uddin, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jessore was present there as a Chief Guest. Media coverage: The Daily Sopndon, The Daily Somajer Khata, The Daily Grammer Kajog, The Daily Loksomaj, The Daily Jessore

#### **Contract Extension**

The contract between Muslim Aid and CEBAI extended on Sewing Machine Operation (SMO) NTVQF Level ½ for providing RPL orientation and assessment.

#### **Skill Competition 2017:**



MAIT, Jessore organized Institute level Skills Competition-2017 on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. The Programme was inaugurated by Sabina Shakhwat, Consultant, World Bank Funded STEP Project, Ministry of Education.

## Mentor of Rainbow Programme received award from the Honorable President:

Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, a mentor of Rainbow family programme has

achieved an award on YOUTH DEVELOPMENT-2017 from the honorable President of Bangladesh. He came to meeting with Mr. Siddarth Deva, Regional Programme Manager, Muslim Aid Headquarters and Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Country Director of Muslim Aid to share his winning moments.



#### Grant for a Rainbow children for treatment:



Muslim Aid delivered a BDT 20,000 grant for the treatment of Md. Sumon (ID-3273), a Rainbow family children (Muslim Aid's child sponsorship programme). Sumon has been suffering from Thalassemia since his birth. He was brought to PG hospital for treatment in the month of October when his condition was getting worsen. His mother collected the Cheque from Mr. Siddarth Deva, Regional Programme Manager of Muslim Aid's

Headquarter while Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Country Director (CD), Md. Aftab Hossain,

Finance Manager and Masum Billah, Senior Officer of Education and Child Protection Program were present.



Staff Refresher training on WFP assisted School Feeding Program (SFP) conducted on  $4^{\rm th}$  October at BGS Training Centre in Ukhiya Upazilla of Cox's Bazaar. This appraisal was exclusively on the professional knowledge on SFP



#### **Development in October**

- Rebuilt and launched website
- External communication strategy
- 3rd Quarterly report
- Two VIDEO documentary released on Dig-a-well programme and building resilience on Earthquake and waterlogging

#### Plan of November

- Annual planning 2018
- Strategic planning for 2018 to 2019
- Meeting with the honorable Advisor of Honorable
   Prime Minister, Mr. Gawhar Rizvi
- 5th Urban Dialogue 2017 organized by urban INGO forum Bangladesh
- Lesson learnt workshiop on our Cox's Bazaar
   Humanitarian response
- Humanitarian response strategy

# Case study: Team work is essential to build a community resilient to climate change

A total 13 small and marginal farmers jointly formed a Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) in Mohandi village, Khalilnagar Union, Tala upazilla, Satkhira district. According to the team plan they jointly have started cultivating different seasonal vegetables in 361 decimal land joined together. They have also opened a joint account in Bangladesh Krishi Bank, at Tala Upazila. They are depositing BDT. 100 each month/person in said Bank account since January 2017 and they have saved BDT 13000 till October. Mr. Paritosh Sarder Chairman of the VSLA group, shared their story of joint farming and village saving loan association.

On September 2016 they heard that Muslim Aid is going to



TVET/MAITs: 1758 Total Students,
In Oct: Admitted -98 Job placed-77

SFP 62,627

Rainbow (Child Sponsor) 462,
Stipend 305 (ECHO-USA)

Hospitals 1,482; WASH 21,000 (Cum)

Humanitarian 3300

select 13 small and marginal farmers who are willing to farm jointly, have land alongside/ linked/connected at Khalilnagar union. Muslim Aid has organized a series of meetings with the interested small and marginal farmers group at different places of Khalilnagar. After one month Mr. Paritosh Sarder, Mr. Uttam kumar Basak, Mr. Md. Ajiar Rahman Shaikh and other ten small and marginal farmers are selected as per selection criteria. After few days Muslim Aid's staff members met with them and collected some essential information including HH asset analysis and business plan. Afterwards organized different orientation training on vegetable cultivation, poultry farming, livestock rearing, fish culture, Muslim Aid also organized exposure

visits at Ashasuni and Fingri union of Satkhira District at Solidarities international and Action Against Hungers working areas.

Marginal Farmers' group fenced their field and developed joint plan for diversified agriculture crops and vegetables cultivation. Muslim Aid had linkage with the marginal farmers group with the Tala upazila agriculture department, seed distributors and different business actors. The assigned sub assistant agriculture officer of Mohandi village of Tala upazila, seed distributors were present in regular meetings of the marginal farmers group and visited their farming areas as well as provided suggestions for

better farming. The marginal farmers cultivated Eggplant, Beetroot, Bitter Gourd, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Ginger, Green chilli, Lady Finger, Pointed Gourd, Potato, Turmeric etc. They are always using bio-pesticides, organic fertilizers for safe vegetables cultivations. Each farmer's received BDT 18,000 by DBBL agent banking through their own bank account by ECHO project. Based on the requirements each farmers invested approximately BDT 30,000 for vegetables and field crops cultivation on January 2017 and harvested those on April 2017. Each farmer profited BDT 25,000. On 2<sup>nd</sup> round the farmers invested approximately BDT 15,000 for vegetable and field crops cultivation on May 2017 and harvested those on August 2017 each farmer profited around BDT 25,000. They started their 3<sup>rd</sup> round on September 2017 and will harvest on December 2017, they think they will be profited at least BDT 15,000.



Khalilnagar marginal farmers started to provide loan to the VSLA group members. Farmers will return the loan by the given time with 4% interest. They have a desire to increase the VSLA members from 40-50 and improve the savings, after two year of saving they want to purchase a tractor or an irrigation pump from their joint account as they have to irrigate and plough their land for agriculture and vegetable farming.

#### We are grateful to our development partners

















