

Programme Update

Muslim Aid's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Muslim Aid-USA's Executive Director (ED) visit the country programme



Jehangir Malik, CEO of MA and Mansoor Sakhiy, ED of MA-USA visited the country team on 16-20 July. Their visit included an exposure trip to START Funded emergency response project and community healthcare programme in Kulaura, Moulvibazar. They also visited Muslim Aid's humanitarian programme and WFP Funded School Feeding Programme in Cox's Bazar.



Muslim Aid Office, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar.

Jehangir Malik and Mansoor Sakhiy visiting the Rohingya camps



Akik Noor, Regional Programme Officer | South Asia

Akik Noor was in Bangladesh between 29 July and 10 August to do an evaluation of Muslim Aid's Rohingya response project in Kutupalong-Balukhali campsite, which was delivered by GUSS, a national NGO.

START Fund Project

Major Interventions:

- Multipurpose cash Grants: 820 HHs @ BDT 4500
- Hygiene kits: 518 HHs.
- Health camp with consultation and free medicine: 10 camps for 1000 persons.
- Additional cash grants to 82 HHs @ BDT 1,000.



START Fund: Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM)

Muslim Aid distributed cash grants to 820 households with the amount of BDT 4500-5500 with flexibility of its use. In the PDM that was conducted on 10% of its grants recipients it was identified that beneficiaries used the amount for various purposes ranging from food to buying items for self-employment. The breakdown of how the grants were used has been shown below:

Food: 22%; Shelter: 31%; House repair: 6%; Medicines: 13%; Paying debts: 12%; Savings in hand: 5%; Agricultural/livelihood: 5%; Tools & Supplies for self-employment: 1%; Education for children: 2% and Clothing for family members: 3%



Flood Recovery Project in staff recruitment process with UMCOR Funding

A 1-year project, "Flood Recovery and Resilience to Flood Affected Communities in Sirajgonj District Bangladesh" started on 1st May with funds from UMCOR (\$500K). Due to heavy rainfall and flash flood the project has made a delayed start with the plan of its no cost extension at the end. Staff placement and orientation, bank account opening and networking with the local administration and local government bodies were the key activities in the month. Beneficiary selection process has also been started on the ground.

Muslim Aid ends stipend project-2018

Area	Date of Distribution	No. of Student
Dhaka	21 July 2018	88
Jashore	25 July 2018	33
Chattogram	30 July 2018	10
Total		131

Muslim Aid organized three events in Dhaka, Jashore and Chattogram to distribute cash stipends to 131 students who were from schools, colleges and universities.



Ramadan Project: Lessons Learnt workshop

Muslim Aid organized a day-long lessons learnt workshop in Dhaka on 24 July where there were participation from the key people who implemented the project, including MF Branch managers, MAIT principals and Dhaka office staff members.



Districts	Category	Beneficiary Coverage				
		Male	Female	Children	Direct (HHs)	Indirect (Direct*5.5)
1. Manikgonj	Food Voucher	60	56	9	125	688
2. Dhaka		110	79	11	200	1100
3. Jashore		55	60	10	125	688
Sub-total		225	195	30	450	2,475
4. Barisal	Food Pack	172	56	1	229	1260
5. Rangpur		56	119	10	185	1018
6. Sylhet		130	68	3	201	1106
Sub-total		358	243	14	615	3,383
	Total	583	438	44	1,065	5,858

Key lesson learnt:

- Food voucher scheme has been accepted widely by the community including the beneficiaries, local representatives because it gives freedom to the recipients to choose their items by visiting the markets/ shops.



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School Feeding and Literacy

Muslim Aid continued to deliver WFP's McGovern Dole International Food for Education and Children Nutrition Programme and School Feeding Programme (SFP) combining literacy component with the technical support of Room to Read Bangladesh.



In July 101.056 Metric tons of high energy biscuits were distributed to 60,320 children (girls-31,585, boys-28,735) in 282 schools (GOB and GOB registered MPO school 146, NGO school 123, and Madrasa 13) in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas in Cox's Bazar.



Jehangir Malik and Mansoor Sakhiy are visiting the programmes in a school in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar.

Rainbow Family: Child Sponsorship Programme

429 Children under sponsorship programme received cash support for education, health and nutrition.

Healthcare Programme Update

Muslim Aid continued to delivery its healthcare programme through its 3 community healthcare centres called “Muslim Aid Community Hospitals” in Pabna, Pirojpur and Kulaura.

Healthcare Centre	Indoor	Outdoor	Total
Kulaura	324	3,155	3,479
Pabna	97	816	913
Pirojpur	0	646	646
Total	421	4,617	5,038



ECHO-USA supported Healthcare programme:

From ECHO-USA Muslim Aid received funds 50% of its annual allocation for healthcare programme in Sylhet region (Kulaura, Moulvibazar), Pabna and Pirojpur districts. Further details are presented below:

Beneficiary coverage:

Area of implementation	Health voucher (Number of mother)		Free medicine camp (number of camp)		Beneficiaries covered			
	Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Female	Male	Children	Total
Sylhet region	90	45	8	4	353	242	238	833
Pabna	24	12	3	2	223	109	75	407
Pirojpur	24	12	3	2	248	46	112	406
Total	138	69	14	8	824	397	425	1646

Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT)

Muslim Aid continued to provide technical and vocational education and training (TVET) to unemployed young men and women through its four technical institutes called MAIT in Dhaka, Jeshore, Rangpur and Chattogram.

Trade	Activities	Description	Total	Dhaka	Jashore	Rangpur	Chattogram
Diploma	Student enrolment		89	19	55	15	
	Graduation completed		25	0	0	25	
	Job placement:	Wage-employment	11	2	5	4	
		Self-employment	13	0	9	4	
Vocational Training	Student enrolment		564	205	189	115	55
	Graduation completed		395	182		203	10
	Job placement:	Wage-employment	28	2	14	4	8
		Self-employment	25	3	12	5	5

Progress: ECHO-USA supported TVET Programme

Centre	Planned total coverage	Planned coverage with 50% Fund	Achieved coverage (graduated)
Dhaka (Skills Development)	50	25	25
Dhaka (Women Development)	30	15	15
Rangpur	108	60	60
Jashore	90	46	41
Chattogram	220	110	108
Total	498	256	229



Training on vegetable gardening for the School Kids

Fifty training sessions organized by 12 FMs and facilitated by SAAO (Sub Assistant Agriculture Officer) were held on Vegetable gardening among the Little Agriculturists (Grade-III, IV & V), concerned school teacher and SMC/PTA Members in Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazilas. Those meetings were held during



the school lunch break and free time of students. Contents of the training were plant cultivation, good seed, application of fertilizer, nurturing vegetable garden, cooking demonstration on healthy meal, Vitamin in vegetables, role and responsibilities of little agriculturists in vegetable gardening at school premises and homesteads. At first there were formations of 30 little agriculturist groups in Ukhiya upazila and 20 in Teknaf upazila in consultations with the head teachers. Two preparatory meetings were held on Little Agriculturist Training with the Upazila Agriculture Officer and Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer before organizing the training for the students.

Some other Updates of the month:

- Procurement: School Feeding Programme (Printer, photocopier, camera, Laptop, Raincoat, Polo shirt, water filter, Teknaf building renovation, etc.)
- HR: Programme Manager-Education (almost finalized), WASH Manager (re-advertised), Sr. Finance Officer (written test done), Finance office (UMCOR supported recovery project-interview done)
- Programmes: Animal Sacrifice is going on through partner NGO
- Qurban preparation is going on in partnership with local ngos and community based institutions
- Submitted a new funding application to a UK based organization Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission (GOAC)-UK
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**Asalaam Alaykum,
May the peace and blessings of God be upon all of you.**

Dear colleagues in the UK and around the world, I wanted to take this moment and welcome in the blessed month of [Dhul Hijjah](#).

I have been traveling over the last few weeks and again witnessed first-hand our teams and their efforts in Bangladesh and Pakistan, the work is truly amazing and humbling. [Alhamdulillah](#) for God's blessings, we are blessed at Muslim Aid with dedicated teams in the UK and around the globe, working tirelessly for the service of humanity.

With the beginning of the blessed month of Dhul Hijjah on Saturday night, Eid has been declared for Tuesday 21st August 2018. These ten days are some of the most holy days in Islam and we encourage everyone to increase their worship bringing us closer to the Almighty.

We also would like to remember all of our colleagues who have made the [Haji](#) pilgrimage this year and pray God Almighty accepts their worship and sacrifice.

May this special occasion bring you all happiness, joy, peace and prosperity you so deserve. Enjoy the celebrations and give thanks to Almighty and be blessed.

Please remember Muslim Aid and all the people we serve in your prayers. Please do forward to your teams.

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CEO