

Muslim Aid's Country team visits Cox's Bazar

Muslim Aid's Country Director Mainuddin Ahmed, Education Programme Manager Abdus Samad and Admin Coordinator Mostafizur Rahman visited its programmes in Cox's Bazar in cooperation with the programme team there. The team visited WFP local office representatives in Cox's Bazar. George Suman Karmakar, Programme Associate represented WFP. It was the first mission of the Country Director and the Education Programme Manager to Cox's Bazar operation since their joining in Muslim Aid.



Muslim Aid's Programme Demo wins 1st Prize

The Government of Bangladesh organized a development fair in Ukhiya Upazila Parishod, Cox's Bazar, during 4-6th October, 2018. Muslim Aid's School Feeding and Literacy Programme set up a stall in the fair and participated in of the Library Opening Ceremony at Upazila level, Little Doctors' activity, Book Captain's activity, and demonstration of overall School Feeding activity. Different government and non-government organizations also displayed their programmes in their stalls. Stakeholders from different Upazila and Union level primary schools, school children and people related to secondary and primary level education sector were present in the fair and learnt very important things from visiting the stalls.



Muslim Aid's stall and activity demonstration secured first position in that fair and received an award from the Upazilla administration.

Muslim Aid also participated in development fairs organized by the Government of Bangladesh in various other parts of the country.



District Primary Education (DPE) Officer visits Muslim Aid's programme.

The DPE Officer participated in the Library Opening ceremony in one of the schools of Ukhia Upazila, Cox's Bazar. Besides opening the library he visited the schools, talked to the teachers, SMC members and the students. He distributed prizes to the winners of a quiz competition.



Reya: A proud daughter of a proud father

Reya Khatun, daughter of Md. Nur Islam, an ambulance driver of Muslim Aid Community Hospital, Pabna secured 44th position in the combined MBBS medical admission test under Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) where more than 90,000 applicants nationwide took part on 5th October 2018. Reya sat for the test at Rajshahi Medical College. She will be able to enroll in Dhaka Medical College, the top medical college among 29 public medical colleges in Bangladesh. She secured a number of awards on her outstanding demonstration of merits in her previous academic career and she secured an award from the Minister of Education on National Math Olympiad.



National Sanitation Month and Global Hand Washing Day observed in Pirojpur

In October 2018, Muslim Aid participated in various events of national sanitation month and global hand washing day organized by Pirojpur District Administration. The events, chaired by Abu Ali Md. Sazzad Hossain, Deputy Commissioner (DC) and President District Sanitation Taskforce Committee, Pirojpur saw the participation of all government offices including Department of Public Health Engineering jointly with Muslim Aid, BRAC, World Vision, Asa and many other NGOs working in the district. There were series of discussions, a colorful rally, hand washing demonstration, and sanitary latrine installations at the low income communities in the area.



Qurbani Review Programme

Muslim Aid organized a review meeting on its Qurbani programme at its Dhaka office in October 2018, where there were participants from implementing offices and key personnel from various parts of the country, responsible for branch/ programme offices.

This year Muslim Aid sacrificed a total of 71 cows with the support of its Headquarters, London across 49 Upazilas of 22 districts in 4 divisions of Bangladesh.





National Youth Conference participation

Muslim Aid participated in national youth conference on 19th October at Krishibid Auditorium, Dhaka. Three participants including Md. Iqbal Ahmed, Shamim Imtiaz and Abeda Saleha Ranesa participated there on behalf of the organization.

New face



Abdus Samad has joined Muslim Aid Bangladesh office as Programme Manager-Education Programme to lead Muslim Aid's education programme including the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Mr. Samad has more than twelve years of experience in developing and implementing projects in national and international NGO settings in Asia and Africa. His experience in the NGO sector is a mixture of field level implementation, coordination and project management, as well as technical support and capacity building of field level staff from a central country office position. He has significant involvement in community mobilization, government liaison and program

management. He was, most recently, Senior Program Manager for Education of BRAC International in Liberia where he was responsible for proper planning and timely implementation of projects, leading and coordinating project activities, managing and providing technical guidance to team, reporting in adherence with BRAC and donor guidelines and standards, developing new projects for fund raising (in coordination with the country and head office team), and working closely with government counterparts and stakeholders.

Prior to BRAC, Mr. Samad was Senior Program Officer (Instructional Design and Teacher Support) in Room to Read, Bangladesh. Before that, he also worked with Environment Council Bangladesh and Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA) as Project Coordinator. He holds a Masters of Development Studies (MDS) from Dhaka University, a Masters of Social Science from Shahjalal University of Science & Technology-Sylhet and another Masters of Clinical Social Work from Dhaka University. He has earned a certificate on Leadership & Managerial Communication from IBA, Dhaka University. Mr. Samad is married and the couple has a very cute, lovely and sweet baby named Muhaimin. He has a good hand in writing. Two books he has written are 'Scattered Ideas (বিক্ষিপ্ত ভাবনা)' and 'West African Diary (পশ্চিম আফ্রিকার ডায়েরী)'.

Programme Update

School Feeding and Literacy Programme



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 technical support from Room to Read Bangladesh in Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar district.

In October, a total of 32.24 Metric Tons of high energy biscuits were distributed to 57,118 children (girls-27,145, boys-29,973) in 281 schools (GOB and GOB registered MPO school 146, NGO school 122, and Madrasa 13) in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazar.



Mobile money transfer introduced for Rainbow Family: Child Sponsorship Programme

418 Children under sponsorship programme received cash support for education, health and nutrition through Mobile money transfer with the support from Rocket service of Dutch Bangla Bank Limited in Bangladesh.

Stipend proposal-2019 has been submitted to ECHO-USA, the donor for stipend programme of Muslim Aid.

Interim Report: Flood Recovery Project

Muslim Aid has submitted interim/ midterm report on one of its donor funded projects “Flood Recovery and Resilience to Flood Affected Communities in



report.

Sirajgonj District Bangladesh” (Ref: IDR1017416MA), which started on 1st May 2018. This project aims to support 1500 households. In the month of October, major progress has been accomplished including staff orientation and inception, beneficiary selection, and procurement of solar lamps and water wells. The report has been prepared covering the last day of October 2018.

The report package was composed of full Narrative Report, Financial Report and a number of annexes: ME Recovery, Inception meeting report, beneficiary survey report, report on staff training, and field monitoring

Healthcare Programme Update

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

Hospitals	Staff members			Patients (October 2018)		Cumulative patients (Jan-October 2018)	
	Male	Female	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor
Kulaura	24	13	37	317	2,319	2,773	27,696
Pabna	20	13	33	134	761	608	4,172
Pirojpur	6	1	7	0	578	180	7,809
Total	50	27	77	400	3,251	3,110	36,019

Technical and Vocational Education and Training

4 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres run in Dhaka, Jessore, Chittagong and Rangpur.

Overall status:

Location	Staff			Beneficiary youths			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	PWD	Total
Dhaka	14	3	17	157	40	3	200
Jashore	22	5	27	605	95	5	705
Rangpur	14	2	16	350	110	0	460
Chittagong	9	0	9	77	30	0	107
Total	59	10	69	1189	275	8	1472

Important events:

- Mainuddin Ahmed, Country Director participated in a number of events with various stakeholders of Muslim Aid including the office of the Prime Minister, DG-NGOAB, World Food programme, City Corporation, etc. in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar.
- Md. Iqbal Ahmed, Head of Resource Mobilization and Advocacy participated in a 2-day anticipation workshop organized by START Fund Bangladesh in Dhaka.
- Masum Billah, Programme Coordinator, Child Protection, participated in a training on Cash Transfer Programming / cash based interventions (CTP/CBI), Level-2 during 23-26 October, 2018 organized by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).
- Kaniz Fatema and Abeda Saleha Ranesa participated in a number of meetings and workshop with Unicef, Cash Working Group, Food security clusters and Gender working group, etc.