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Meeting with the honorable minister



The Acting Country Director (ACD) had a meeting with the honorable minister of Industries Mr. Amir Hossain Amu. The ACD briefed the minister about Muslim Aid's work in Bangladesh and the minister gracefully agreed to be present in any of our programme.

Honorable State Minister of Social Welfare Mr. Nuruzzaman Ahmed, MP distributed 25 tubewells in Lalmonirhat

25 tubewells through distributed through Lalmonirhat Branch to mosques, temples and educational institutions. A distribution ceremony held there in presence of the honorable state Minister of Social Welfare Mr. Nuruzzaman Ahmed, MP.



New Project

Management of School Feeding Programme in poverty prone areas under the directorate of primary education (DPE), Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh for Charfasion and Monpura Upazilla of Bhola and Galachipa, Rangabali, Kalapara and Dashmina upazila of Patuakhali district project duration is from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

Completed Projects

- ▶ Project for response to cyclone Roanu in partnership with START Network
- ▶ Ramadan Programme implementation

Programme Highlights

Working in close collaboration with local administration

MAIT Jessore congratulated the DC of Jessore for being the best DC.



The principal of MAIT – Jessore congratulated the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jessore District on the occasion when Dr. Humayun Kabir the DC received the honor of being the best DC of Bangladesh in serving digital services. Various local news medias covered the news.

690 beneficiaries received livelihood support for becoming self-reliant through Ramadan Programme

This year (2016) Muslim Aid Australia (MAA) have taken a good initiative by allocating Livelihood support Items. This support was of BDT. 990,000 (Nine Lac ninety thousand) was distributed through Ramadan Program- 2016 under Education and Child Protection, Food Aid and Wellbeing programme. We were happy to provide assistance/ supports to 138 families counting 690 beneficiaries through distribution of Cows, Sewing Machines, Goats to rear up, Rickshaws, Van, Rice husking machine, and Supporting Small trading activities – so that they can attain sustainability by those supports. The distributing materials were consisting of 21 Sewing Machines, 53 Goats, 06 cows, 35 Small Trade Shops, 06 Rickshaws, Van- 14 and 03 Rice Husking. All these have been implemented directly by 21 Muslim Aid Bangladesh branch Offices and through 04 partner organizations with intensive supervision of MABFO staffs. Few distribution photo is given bellow:

Muslim Aid's Free Community Healthcare Services

Muslim Aid's Pabna Hospital brought normal life back to its 40 patients through free cleft lip surgeries



A cleft lip and palate is a type of birth defect that affects the upper lip and roof of the palate. 40 patients got new life with cleft lip surgery in Muslim Aid Pabna Hospital free of cost in the month of July. The picture above reflects the change of the patients- before and after surgery.

Muslim Aid contributing to the sustainable development of the country by providing livelihood support



Dr Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Honorable Chairman of Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB), Acting Country Director and Senior Programme Manager of Education & Child Protection Programme handed over 03 rickshaw funded by Muslim Aid Australia.



Muslim Aid distributed six goats among the widows and three rickshaw van to poor men on 22nd July in a distribution event where the Chief guest the Mayor of Rangpur City Corporation Abdul Kashem said The news published in Juger alo, Khola Kagaj, New Nation, Notun Sopno etc news medias.



Mr. Hasan Habib, UNO (Upazila Nirbahi Officer) of Jaldhaka distributing Goat and Van



On 26th July Muslim Aid distributed sewing machines through its Siddirganj District to the poor and need by the UNO and Magistrate Ms. Afroja Akhtar Chowdhury



Md. Ziaur Rahman UNO Sadar, Rangpur handing over cash



Food packages also distributed to satkhira



Fuad Hasan, Rangpur received livelihood support for his electric shop

Workshop, Training and major events



● On 20th July, 2016 –Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) hold an workshop at Muslim Aid meeting room on “**Disability Awareness and Organizational Assessment on Disability Inclusion**”. The resource persons are from CDD where the participants are some nominated staff members of Muslim Aid. This training is part of the EU funded SCANED project. It aims to promote better access to rehabilitation services, empower disabled people organisations to lobby and advocate and to support development actors to improve the accessibility of their development programmes.



● 16-18 July 2016 - A training on **Interpersonal Communication & Risk Management for 25 Branch managers** taken place at INM.



● On 31st July – Muslim Aid participated in day long **Disaster Management Innovation Fair- 2016** at the premises of Engineer’s Institution. Different NGOs, INGOs, Disaster Studies departments of different universities and other organizations participated in the fair. Muslim Aid exhibited IEC Materials, training materials, poster, tools and other documents. Md Shah Kamal, the secretary of the ministry of Disaster management and Aid presided over the function and the honorable Disaster Management minister Mofazzal Hossain Maya was the chief guest.



● On 21st July – MABFO hosted EC meeting of **MDF, Market Development Forum** is an association of development practitioners of over twenty five NGOs and projects working with market development approaches in Bangladesh. MDF is run by a Secretariat and overseen by an Executive Committee comprised of seven organizations, these are : Muslim Aid, ChristianAid, VSO, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Save the children, Practical Action and Concern Universal .

Half yearly review programme



Muslim Aid – UK Bangladesh Field Office's (MABFO) half yearly review programme of all its programmes and departments taken place in the month of July, i.e.: Microfinance Programme, TVET – MAITs Programme, Healthcare Programme, Humanitarian Programme, Corporate Services Department, Finance Department, Resource Mobilization and Advocacy (RMA) department and Monitoring Evaluation Learning and Accountability (MEAL) department. The objectives of the review programme were:

- to review the annual work plan of the programmes and departments to keep the entire team on the right track
- to do necessary adjustments in the annual plan to achieve the annual target
- to acquire expected supports from support/aligned departments for the programmes and vice-versa and obtain required resources to the programmes/departments for on time work delivery
- to explore ideas, innovations, recommendations, suggestions, lesson learnt and way forward together with the team.

Participants from field offices joined in the review programme enabled MABFO team to cherish their experiences together. There was active participation of all participants throughout the entire programme. Participant's agreed to take necessary steps to move the organization forward towards its ultimate goal of the year. The half yearly review programme of Microfinance at MAIT Dhaka was covered in several news media, these are: Daily Khabar, Daily Protidin, Barta Protidin, Vorer Angikar, Dhakhinnanchal etc.

Plan for August, 2016

Upcoming projects:

1. Muslim Aid Australia funded project for 80 tubewells "Bangladesh Water Wells 2016" Location: Khulna, Rajshahi and Chittagong; Budget: BDT. 2,040,000, Duration: 22nd Aug to 11th Dec, 2016
2. UMCOR Funded project "Emergency Response to the Flood Affected Communities in Sirajgonj District" Budget: \$60,000, Duration: 20th Aug to 19th Oct 2016
3. START Fund project on flood in Kurigram

Training:

Mustafizur Rahman, Coordinator-Admin will participate in a training on MRA regulatory issues of Microfinance at CDF from 16th – 18th August.

Events:

1. Muslim Aid will observe International Youth Day on 13th August through its MAIT (TVET) Programme
2. Market Jatra 2016 of Market Development Forum (MDF) will begin in August. Market Jatra is a journey with the community and other key stakeholders engaged in pro-poor market development from 21st to 25th Aug, 2016 in Haor areas of 3 districts in Bangladesh. As an EC member of MDF from MABFO Br. Nazmul and a regional manager of MFP will visit Haor areas. Interest free Loan of Fael Khair Programme of IDB - Empowered Sister Nasrinto live with dignity & respect



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Nasrin Begum (Ramchandrapur village, Zianagar Upazila, Patuakhali District) borrowed interest free Loan BDT 10,000 in 2011 from Muslim Aid FaelKhair Programme of IDB and purchased a sewing machine with some clothes to fight against poverty. By tailoring she started gaining profit. One year ago after paying her loans she again received second loan of BDT 15,000 to help her husband to start grocery business. Now Nasrin Begum is a tailor and her husband Elias is a grocery shop keeper. They are having a happy life with their 3 kids whereas they were living under poverty before taking the first loan. Their monthly net earnings are now BDT 10,000-12,000. Sister Nasrin expressed her deep satisfaction on Muslim Aid for empowering her life to live with dignity and respect.

Vegetable gardening at school yard

Primary and Mass Education Ministry and financed by the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP), Muslim Aid has implemented a vegetable gardening project named 'Vegetable gardening at school yard' in 50 schools of Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazar district. The objective of the project is to ensure providing children with nutritious and healthy meals which can help them stay fit and focused in school.

Head Master of Dailpara Govt Primary School Md Abdul Hakim said with our own fund once we made a garden in our school yard, but cattle damaged all of our crops. At present with the technical and financial support of Muslim Aid we have made a garden on our school building roof. Now, not only the students are consuming the vegetables themselves but also they are learning a whole range of agriculture relevant skills. As we have been able to provide food support, children are concentrating on their lessons more, he also said.

Thana Education Officer (TEO) of Ukhiya Shamim Bhuiyan also visited the different gardens. During his visit, he expressed his happiness as the children are consuming vegetables which are helping them stay fit and focused in school.

The vegetables that were planted in the school gardens or roof top are growing well, and students are eating leafy and fresh vegetables with their meals every day. At the same time, young students are learning some important lessons about cultivation and nutrition. Young children are getting inspired to start planting vegetables at home.



Resource Mobilization

Project proposal (PP) & Concept Note (CN) submission:

- IDB PP and budget
- UMCOR PP for flood affected people
- UMCOR PP for cyclone Roanu affected people
- START fund appeal for flood affected people
- Nippon Foundation PP

Microfinance Program

- <http://www.observerbd.com/2015/01/18/67143.php#sthash.D3QpXwBb.dpuf>
- <http://www.observerbd.com/2015/11/09/119814.php>
- <http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2016/01/10/10107>
- <http://www.eobserverbd.com/2016/01/10/>
- <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/dhundal-farming-gaining-popularity-lalmonirhat-1241041>
- <http://dailyasianage.com/news/25447/lalmonirhat-rural-women-get-donation>
- <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/dhundal-farming-gaining-popularity-lalmonirhat-1241041#main-content>

Media coverage Available links:

Education & Child Protection Program

- SFP helping to improve attendance news link: http://www.newstoday.com.bd/index.php?option=details&news_id=2444551&date=2016-06-12
- Stipend distribution news link: <http://www.dhakatimes24.com/2016/06/01/114951>
- <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/lalmonirhat-farmers-expect-bumper-maize-yield-1202104>
- <http://www.amardeshonline.com/pages/details/2016/07/24/345601#.V5WK60OKEKs.gmail>
- <http://www.bdnewstimes.com/?p=1580>
- <http://www.amardeshonline.com/pages/details/2016/07/24/345601#.V5WK60OKEKs.gmail>
- <http://www.risingbd.com/english/young-students-grow-vegetables-in-school-gardens/38019>

Media coverage till July

Programme	News topic on	# of News in Papers	# of News in Electronic Media
MAIT - TVET	Job Fair, Stipend, Sponsorship etc	35	10
MF & SME	Case Study, Distribution events	28	0
Religious Dues	Distribution events & Iftar	133	02
Health & WASH	Free campaigning and WASH	12	0
Humanitarian	Cash/kind distribution & day observation	22	0
Total =		230	12