Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina is receiving a portrait of Bangabandhu from in-charge of Dalit Handicraft Program in a jute product fair in Dhaka on March 6th, 2016. The portrait was made by dalit women and materials were jute mat and dried wheat straw.
Letter from the Executive Director

This is the time of year where we take a moment to evaluate our success over the past year and identify areas where we can improve. This letter comes at a time of key transition for our organization; because in 2017, Dalit will celebrate its 20th anniversary.

This annual report is dedicated to the vision of our founders and to the progress we've made over the past 19 years. In some ways, the upcoming year is a new beginning for us as an organization. During these financially difficult times, Dalit is trying to adopt a new business model that moves Dalit away from overdependence on donor support. We need to find a way to assure Dalit's continued existence.

You will see, as you review this annual report, that in this last year we have taken a number of key initiatives to raise awareness on establish of local rights, adolescent girl & women rights in local government and community level. In order to increase social and personal status, our beneficiaries are being provided with education, health services, skill development and income-oriented training, alternative livelihood support and financial services in a coordinated manner. Dalit will go ahead with evolving and creative programs in the coming days for sustainable poverty reduction.

As a not-for-profit organization, Dalit relies on generous contributions from foundations, corporations and individuals. In 2016, Dalit had a 25.55% increase in grant. We are grateful to our donors for their support. With the help of our friends and supporters we will continue to do so ... and realize the ultimate vision of caste-based free societies that respect people's rights and dignity.

As you read this annual report, we hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you for the future as you envision the mission of Dalit in 2016. For those of you who have tirelessly committed time and energy to the success of this organization, I thank you. For the many of you who are new, I welcome you to Dalit. I look forward to working with all of you in 2017.

Best regards,
Swapon Kumar Das
Executive Director
Dalit is working since 1998 for empowering and mainstreaming dalit & other marginalized communities in the south western part of Bangladesh. It is bringing hope to thousand of hopeless families through several programs: Pre-primary, Primary, and Secondary education for children; support to Higher Studies and Vocational trainings for adolescents; Human Rights awareness meetings to eliminate violence against women, trafficking and child marriages; Health care including SRHR, Access to safe water, sanitation & hygiene; Livelihood activities for vulnerable women (as handicraft), an Ayurvedic medicines production unit.
Dalit's Vision
A world in which dalit and other marginalized communities realize their full potential in caste-based free societies that respect people's rights and dignity.

Mission
Achieving sustainable and lasting improvements in dalit's and other marginalized and socially excluded groups' quality of life, facilitating the access to education, promoting and advocating for their basic human rights, boosting community health, increasing the access to livelihood opportunities and WASH facilities.

Target beneficiaries
The target beneficiaries are mostly children, women and men belonging to dalit/ marginalized communities known as Rishi (skinner), Kawra (pig rearer), Dom (post mortem of dead bodies), Methor (toilet/latrine cleaner), Teli (oil producer), Behara (carrying the bridegroom), Nikari (fish sellers), Jula (weavers) Bazadar (drum beater), Jele (fishermen) etc.
Dalit is working in the South-West region of Bangladesh. It covers 174 villages under 15 sub-districts of Khulna, Jessore, Satkhira and Bagerhat Districts. Information is given in the table below:

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Dalit Programs

- Awareness & Leadership
- Food Security
- Education
- Health
- I.G. Training & Handicraft
- Ayurvedic Medicine
- Water Management
Education

[Image of children holding books]
Major Activities

- 67 Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary education & recreation centres
- 43 full-time and 102 part-time teachers involved
- 5,041 children (including 910 children under sponsorship program) attended the classes
- Monthly study materials and guide books distributed
- Monthly stipend, special stipend, and medical support provided to the children
- Drawing & cultural programs arranged
- Higher education support provided to 487 adolescent girls & boys
- An aged education centre operated for 20 Brothel women
- School health care
Dalit transforming dalit girls as an asset of their family, 487 vulnerable adolescent girls and boys receive a monthly contribution to continue their studies at the college/university, postponing their early marriages and establishing women empowerment.
Major Activities

- At Dalit Hospital diagnosis and counseling services have been provided to around 9,665 patients;
- Counseling to pregnant mothers and follow up training to 45 Traditional Birth Attendants;
- Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights promoted among the communities;
- 168 Medical camp/satellite clinic services have been conducted reaching around 12,494 villagers through counseling and medicines distribution;
- Orientation on Menstrual hygiene management for 12 times;
- Coordination meeting with government health institute and Dalit Hospital to develop a referral system for 2 times;
- Orientation session on SRHR among teachers of high schools for 2 times;
- 24 types of Ayurvedic syrups & tablets produced;
- 40 traditional healers received refresher training.
160 adolescents (80 girls and 80 boys) received training on computer office applications and hardware maintenance. 40 women received training on fast food/snacks making. 200 women of 10 groups received training on poultry and duck farming with materials support. Another 200 women of 10 groups received training on homestead gardening & vegetable cultivation. Job placement of 34 adolescents/women in garments industry.
- 120 farmers received inputs for agricultural production (rice and vegetable) and fish farming.
- 657 quintal paddy produced in 29.52 acres of land by the beneficiaries in the first year of the project.
- Total 5.84 acres lands were cultivated for vegetable and 350 quintal vegetables have been harvested in winter season.
- Fish farming in 51 ponds (7.26 acres)
- Floating vegetable garden has been established in Tala upazila
- A box culvert has been constructed;
- A water channel has been constructed and existing one has been repaired;
- A waterway has been excavated;
- 5 farm ponds model are constructed in Assasuni upazila
- 80% beneficiaries got aware on water management and able to implement an efficient way the water management technologies like drip irrigation, tower system cultivation, hanging garden, farm pond model, pitcher irrigation, vegetable cultivation using holder sack or bag;
- Established 18 adolescent Girls club;
- Monthly awareness sessions organized for 60 times at Girls club;
- Training course on leadership for young girls has been arranged;
- Orientation on demerits of early marriage for 12 times to adolescent girls;
- Football tournament for girls has been arranged for 2 times;
Bijoya (Handicraft)

- Training on jute based products has been organized for 3 times to 20 Brothel members;
- Training on block-batik has been organized to 40 participants of 2 groups;
- Training on product diversity and marketing through JDPC under Ministry of Textile & Jute has been organized to 20 participants;
- Participated in handicraft fair for 3 times
- Training on parental skill development has been arranged for 6 times;
- Orientation for teachers and SMC members on reducing drop-out from study for 14 times;
- Yearly orientation sessions for 6 times with parents for improvement of girls education;
- Meeting has been arranged for 6 times with local young boys and community leaders on eve teasing;
Meeting has been arranged for 8 times with UP representatives, local leaders, service bearer and religious leaders on child marriage and drop out;

Awareness raising meeting has been arranged for 14 times with the guardians on safe migration & skill development;

Orientation on gender issues for boys and men reducing gender discrimination for 12 times;

Community mobilization on behavioral change through theater show and pot song for 12 times;

Celebration of International Day of the Girl Child;
Accomplishment

Dalit has been honored with Nelson Mandela Award for the year 2016. The appreciation has been specially recognized on the field of social activism. The award ceremony was organized by 71 media vision in Dhaka on 8th August.
AUDITOR’S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of DALIT of 37/1 Kedarnath Road, KUET, Moheswarpasha, Daulatpur, Khulna, Bangladesh, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2016 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the statement of Receipts and Payments for the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial statements of the Organization in accordance with the Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards (BFRS) and other applicable laws and regulations and for such internal control as management determines as necessary to enable the preparation of financial statement that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (BSA). Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion:

In our opinion, subjecting to the consequential effect stated above, the financial statements, prepared in accordance with ‘Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards (BFRS)’ & ‘Generally Acceptable Accounting Principle’ as applicable, give a true and fair view of the Statement of Financial Position of DALIT as at December 31, 2016.

Dated: Dhaka, Bangladesh
June 10, 2017

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You’ve always believed in us. Thank you!