Success story

Unleashing of doorway to fortune for Monirul with computer training

Figure: Monirul Islam working at his own office

Md Monirul Islam a guy from a poor family belonging to Prasadpur village, Khalilnagar union at Tala upazila (sub-district) in Satkhira district. His father’s name is Insar Ali and Mothers name is Taslima Begum. He is the youngest offspring of his family. He has a couple of brothers and a sister. They have only 0.20 decimal of land to dwell in. They have a huge family size of 8 persons. Their family members are his parents, siblings and granny. As the family size was very large so they had to go through a lot of hardship. Yet his father used to maintain the family and provide cost incurred to education of his children by toiling hard at other people’s farm. His father had the monthly income of 3,500 BDT only. His parents had a dream that their children would be reared up with lights of education and in future they would achieve something bigger. His family tried to orient him towards the desired direction. After passing the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) Monirul was looking for a job but ironically his computer and technical literacy was not profound. So he was not being able avail a decent job. He got disappointed and confused about his career. Then he decided to receive training at any computer training center. But alas! The contemporary commercial training centers ask 5,000-6,000 BDT which was not affordable in any sense. In this circumstance, SANZENO, Italy funded TPSYE project (Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment) of
DALIT organization, few brilliant students were selected and he was one of them. He was given 6 month training on computer course. Monirul started receiving the training after his HSC (Higher Secondary Certificate) examination and within this time he got the chance to change his fate. The postmaster of Khalilnagar post office gave him the opportunity to work as a government force. Generally there are government recruitments that ask for computer operators for serving mass people on “E-service center” with several services like online applications, electricity bill payment, providing training on computer applications etc. Like the other candidates Monirul appeared on the practical competition and successfully passed the test. At present he has been given a laptop, digital laser printer, keyboard, digital scanner, mouse, speaker etc by government. Monirul has set up a “E-service center” at Khalilnagar bazaar to serve downloading memory, photocopying, delivering photo, filling up online forms for job application, filling up result & admission forms, viewing results of various public examinations, paying electric bills etc. According to the terms and conditions of government, he has to pay the 20% of his daily earning to government revenue. Now he is earning 100 to 150 BDT per day. Monirul shows his homage to DALIT by saying that “If I did not get the computer training by DALIT then I might not avail the government job”. He is planning to expand his work-spare and becoming self reliant. He has cordially gratitude DALIT for the support.

Computer training redefined the fate of Anjona

Khanpur is a village of Satkhira district. Anjona Das belongs to extremely impoverished households of Khanpur village. Her father’s name is Kunjan Das and her mother is Laxmi Das. Their household size is 4. She is the youngest offspring of her parents. Due to the poverty trap her education has always been hindered so far. She was in a quest of a job beside study. Nevertheless every job advertisement asks for literacy and skill on computer knowledge. Meanwhile she managed to get a job in a diagnosis center. However her job
description asked to work on tasks relevant to computer operation. Hence she made up her mind to get trained on computer. Unfortunately her brittle economic status was holding her back from the initiative as her family always had shy of money. At this circumstance, Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment (TPSYE) project, funded by SANZENO, ITALY and implemented by DALIT came into action and started serving students who are economically challenged. The project chose 4 unions of Tala upazila as intervention area. Anjona was selected on the basis of her potentiality and socio-economic status. She was given an effective training on Computer office Application Course for around six month of duration. The training module included proper way of stuffing internet, working on Microsoft office program and many other similar expertise aspects. As a result of that service by DALIT she was capacitated to skillfully operate and spontaneously work on computer based tasks. Not only that later she also got trained from Sotota diagnosis center. She gained efficiency in preparing several sorts of report and documents by the process. Anjona gratefully reckoned about DALIT organization that if DALIT did not have implemented the program then it would not have been possible for her to learn all these things and hence she would not have availed that current job so fast. She is indebted to DALIT for changing her life.

The Afflicted women finally finding smile in her face

Mohandi is a village of Tala upazila (sub-district) in Satkhira district. Despite being an agricultural zone the area is inundated every now and then. Sukhi Das is an inhabitant of this village. Her family is comprised of five members and they are: she, her husband, her daughter and son and her mother in law. Ganesh Das is her husband who is a barber. He has a rented chamber in Tala bazaar and anyhow manages to earn 150-200 BDT per day. Every month after paying the rent, it is very difficult for him to bear the family well with the residual money. However they still dream of a day when they would smile happily. Not only had they had scant livelihood but also their property was very negligible. Ironically in the catastrophic flood of 2011 they got their dream crunched and their house was flooded away.
During post disaster period they had to borrow money from different sources for rehabilitation. However these loans became a burden to them later on. Poverty was chasing them up like their shadow. They were living hand to mouth. They got insulted and persecuted by many of the money lenders. She was losing all her hope and decided to lift her family and her husband by any mean. She even decided to keep her breastfeed child to others house for working as a day labor. Meanwhile through TPSYE project (Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment) of Dalit organization with the fund of SAN ZENO, Italy, Shukhi got selected after a subtle series of scrutinizing. After inspecting her socio economic condition Dalit stretched his hand of assistance to her and she received a month long training on poultry farming form the project. Dalit cherished the vision of upgrading the socio economic status of marginalized people like her. After being supported by this project Shukhi started combating with poverty and bringing solvency in her family. With the aid of Dalit she was initiated with 8 chickens and now they are all laying eggs. Besides she received a travel allowance of BDT 500 during the training days. Shukhi sold these eggs in the market and started saving some money. After a few days she bought a couple of goats and similarly by rearing up to a healthy level she sold and bought a cow with that money.

She blissfully reckoned that she will always be grateful to Dalit for their contribution. If Dalit would not have provided that training on poultry farming then she would never had escaped from poverty trap. She prays that Dalit will always be at the side of poor people for helping them to accelerate them toward the path of progress.

Now she is owner of a cow
Meri Das dreams of solvency

Nurullahpur village is located at Tala upazila under Satkhira district. Most of the people here are occupied by agriculture and they are harshly trodden with poverty. Majority of the farmers are sharecropper. The area remains inundated in most part of the year. Water logging is originated during the monsoon in this village but poor drainage does not discharge the clogged water afterward. This is the time when the households undergo a terrible suffering and have to borrow a lot. Meri Das is one of the dwellers of this village. Her household is consisted with four members videlicet she and her husband along with their son and her mother in law. Meri is a housewife and her husband Ashok Das is a van puller. He used to earn 100-150 BDT per day. It does not help them bearing all the expenses. Often they had to frown about the family expenditures like mothers treatment cost, household cost etc. The amount of money they borrowed has already put stress in their honor. Especially Meri has a standard set of self esteem and she cannot tolerate any disgrace of her husband due to the loans. Meanwhile he had to spend a bulk amount of money for arranging medical treatment of his father. Unfortunately he still could not save his father’s life. Even the cost of his funereal hurt them economically. They had no asset but 1 decimal of land to be sold off. In this circumstance Meri could realize that she has conceived but they are too poor to welcome the new born. Meanwhile through TPSYE project (Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment) of Dalit organization with the fund of SAN ZENO, Italy, Meri got selected after a subtle series of scrutinizing. After inspecting her socio economic condition Dalit stretched his hand of assistance to her and she received a month long training on poultry farming form the project. Dalit cherished the vision of upgrading the socio economic status of marginalized people like her. After being supported by this project Meri started combating with poverty and bringing solvency in her family. With the aid of She also started with chickens
Dalit she was initiated with 8 chickens and now they are all laying 3-4 eggs per day. Besides she received a travel allowance of BDT 500 during the training days. Meri sold these eggs in the market and started saving some money. Meri ensured some savings and with this money she bought a baby sheep. She did lend some money from social cooperatives and bought a motorized van. She acknowledged that not only she worked hard but also Dalit organization gave her a big support. She held Dalit responsible for her inspiration and motivation.

She thankfully mentioned that she will always be grateful to Dalit for their effort to change her destiny. If Dalit would not have provided that training on poultry farming then she would never had escaped from the trap of poverty. She prays that Dalit will always be at the side of poor people for helping them to accelerate them toward the path of progress.

Mita Das want to change her fortune

After completion of the training on homestead farming; Mita Das of Mohandi village under Khalilnagor union has transplanted different saplings in fellow land with the assistance of Dalit. After transplantation Mita Das has been able to keep all the saplings alive through intensive care. Besides she also shared her training experiences with her husband and established a mini nursery in her own land. At present different fruits and wood saplings are there in her nursery. Mita Das wants to change her fortune within next 2 years and
become economically self-independent. She said that, *I was very helpless before receive training from Dalit I felt indecision how I run my family and educate my children. After receiving training from Dalit I am now confident that I will be able to earn money through vegetable gardening and sapling nursery. I strongly believe that I will be able to make free my family from poverty and also will be able to educate my children and establish them as a human being. So that after receiving the skill training I start to use my skill in production activities. Now I am hopeful that I will be economically independent and run my family well. I thank Dalit from my heart because Dalit has developed my skill to proceed towards economical independency and without Dalit’s support I would not have reached at this successful stage.*

Dalit organized 3 months long training on agriculture and homestead gardening in 2015 and Mita was selected due to her financial vulnerability. Dalit has build up skills of 40 extreme poor women through training on above events. Dalit expected that these women group may socially and economically independent through using these skills. And Mita Das is one of the pioneers making Dalit’s effort realistic.

**A changing life story of Shankori Das by endeavor and encouragement**

Islamkati village belongs to the 3rd union of Islamkati union at Tala upazila in Satkhira district. It is an agrarian village. Most of the villagers use to occupy by agriculture. Shankori Das is the dweller of this village. There are five people in her family including she, her husband, her girls, mother in law. Her husband Laxman Das is a day labor who earns 200-300 BDT per day. Ironically because of her mother’s illness the household expenditure is always greater than the family income. For this reason they have to borrow money from others almost in every month. Meanwhile the children are growing up. Their future is getting unsecured as there are bulk amount of loans. Shankori is not being able to help her family but not also being able to endure the strain. They are in search of finding a solution to the relentless poverty but every time they end up finding no clue. Meanwhile she met a project staff of Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment (TPSYE) project implemented by Dalit. The project staff went to her house for conducting a survey to find out destitute women. She was selected for a month long training on poultry and livestock. She received 500 BDT as travel allowance and 8 Chick after the completion of the training. She started rearing poultry after the training. At
present the chicken are laying 4-5 eggs per day. Shankori started selling eggs and saving money from the income. She has purchased another 10 duck with this 500 taka. After some months nursing the hen and duck, they started laying eggs.

By selling eggs she started saving some money and she used to save one fist of rice and got some money from her husband.

Eventually she managed enough money to buy a calf. She believes that hard work and devotion can change the fate of distressed people. She reckoned Dalit as the savior of their gloomy days and because of the organization she and her family are now having better days.

Shankori acknowledged Dalit as the training provider which made her encouraged and vigor for these IGA's. She is very happy with Dalit and expected that the organization will serve more people who are destitute and helpless. Then they will be encouraged and proceed toward the stand of advancement. She prayed that everyone like she may be self reliant by the efforts of Dalit.
Rumki Das became solvent by receiving computer training

Rumki Das is a girl from Malopara of Srimantokathi village belonging to Tala upazila in Satkhira district. Majority of the people at Malopara use to occupy through catching and selling sea fish. Their livelihood is very challenging as they have to navigate surging sea and endure hostile weather conditions for their earning. Rumki Das belongs to that sort of family. Her family is comprised of parents and a brother. Their father was the sole earning person in the family. With regard to extreme poverty it was kind of impossible for their family to bear the educational expenses as they could hardly manage three meals a day. Despite all these obstacles, Rumki continued her study with great courage. Her father died of accident by the irony of fate. With two daughters and a son her mother fell in deep trouble. The younger son had to give up study and Rumki was about to follow the same. Anyway Rumki decided not to give up on struggling. Together they went on to hold the family. The mother started working as maid and knitting net, Rumki started earning through giving tuitions; the brothers started earning through undertaking ambivalent sea fish catching. Despite these adverse situations Rumki could still be able to pass the SSC examination. For surviving in the life race and to support the family she badly needed a job. Unfortunately she had only one certificate to apply for a job. It was not very easy to find job passing only SSC examination. Rumki got herself admitted in HSC. All on a sudden she came to know that “e-center” will be launched at every union and post office and people having knowledge on computer skill will be appointed. But alas! Rumki had no knowledge on computer. However fortune favors the brave. Meanwhile 4 unions of Tala Upazila were selected for Technical and Practical Skills for Youth Empowerment (TPSYE) project, funded by SAN ZENO and implemented by Dalit. The intervention selected some destitute and meritorious students from each union and that is how she got a chance to learn about computer.
She was registered in computer training for six months. As a result she got the chance to appear in the recruitment exam for computer operator in the post office of Jalalpur Union. Rumki converted her learned lessons from training provided by Dalit into practical application. After showing her skill and proving her worth finally she was selected for the post she applied. Her responsibilities are to provide “e-services” to people at union level. E-services include online application, paying electricity bill, snapping picture, preparing several application form, providing training on computer allocations etc. At present for her convenience the government has provided her with a laptop, digital laser printer, keyboard, digital scanner, mouse, speaker etc. Rumki hired a room inside the Jethhua bazaar for establishing the “e-center”. Currently she is serving in photocopying, delivering photographs, applying online job applications, admission form downloading, filling up result sheet form, checking results of public examinations, paying electricity bill etc. According to the government legislation she has to pay 20% of her daily earning to government and the rest 80% would be her profit. Now she is earning 100-150 BDT a day. She is contributing her family besides continuing her study as well. Her mother does not need to work outside. The brothers have even got chance to get involved into studies.

Rumki mentioned that if Dalit did not allow me to take the six month training then I might not have got the job and my family could have drown down. She is currently planning to be self reliant by widely deploying her employment. She has cordially thanked Dalit and prayed for the cumulative excellence of the organization.
A micro-biography of Rukhiya; a trodden girl finding Midas touch

Name: Rukhiya Aktar Rani  
Father’s Name: Md. Jahangir Hossen Biswas  
Mother’s Name: Aklima Begum  
Village: Aroshnagar  
Upazila: Dumuria  
Dist: Khulna

Rani has come from a family that is well to do. Her father is a Farmer. But he doesn’t have land tenure. He has to cultivate on the land of land lord as a sharecropper. So he can’t maintain his family expenses conveniently. Usually he uses to catch the fish from sea and maintain normal life for his all family. Rani has two sisters and one brother and among which she is the elder one. Other two sisters and brother study in class nine and class six.

In these circumstances, it’s a delusive dream for her to learn computer. She knows that computer training will be helpful for her to get a decent job. But she finds no way to actualize her dream. Meanwhile Dalit’s offerings come to her as a light of hope. She contacted with the responsible person of Dalit in this regard. After communicating with Dalit she came to know that Dalit wants to give scope to the dalit (scheduled cast) and marginalized teen aged girls learning computer literacy. She takes the chance to fulfill her dream and got herself admitted into computer training course.

In every week come she gets 3 days for 3 hours for learning computer course. Within six months, she has learnt Microsoft Office Program including operating system, MS word, excel, Access, power point, Adobe Photoshop and internet browsing etc.
Now she is capable of operating computer including Microsoft Office Program. She can submit application and resume where any institution wants computer skilled candidates. At present she is doing the job in Non Government organization **HUNGER PROJECT**. She has been designated as UNION COORDINATOR on that occupation. So now she is successful and thankful to DALIT Organization.
Azmal Hossen; a blooming bud of merit

Name: Md. Azmal Hossen
Father’s Name: Md. Azibur Sheikh
Mother’s Name: Mrs. Romesa Begum
Village: Nagarghata
Upazila: Tala
District: Satkhira

Azmal is a very clever boy at the same time he is very honest and a responsible person. He has one brother and one sister living with their parents. So the household size is 5. Azmal is a little person in the family. Other brother and sister are illiterate and they were doing the labor in other owner’s lands. He passed in the S.S.C exam in 2010 and H.S.C Passed in 2012. His father is a village doctor.

But his father cannot carry the educational expenses of his children. As Azmal’s mother has been very ill since 2012 to the middle of 2015. Most of the earning of his father was disbursed to his mother’s treatment. So her family was living in very dangerously. He could not understand how to sort things out. Suddenly he came to know about Dalit facilities from her neighbor.

Azmal came to Dalit organization and he shared all of his problems to the responsible personnel. Dalit organization delivered good advice to him and said him to learn computer course for prospering in life. One day Azmal hossen came to Dalit Technical Center and knew the facilities of computer learning. He got admitted into the Dalit computer training center for six months. At the moment he is a good operator of
computer and recently he has joined a job as computer operator. His organization’s name is S.B.A.C Bank (South Bangla Agriculture and Commerce Bank) limited. Branch Chuknagar, Dumuria, Khulna. Azmal’s family is now very happy and his family has thanked Dalit organization.