

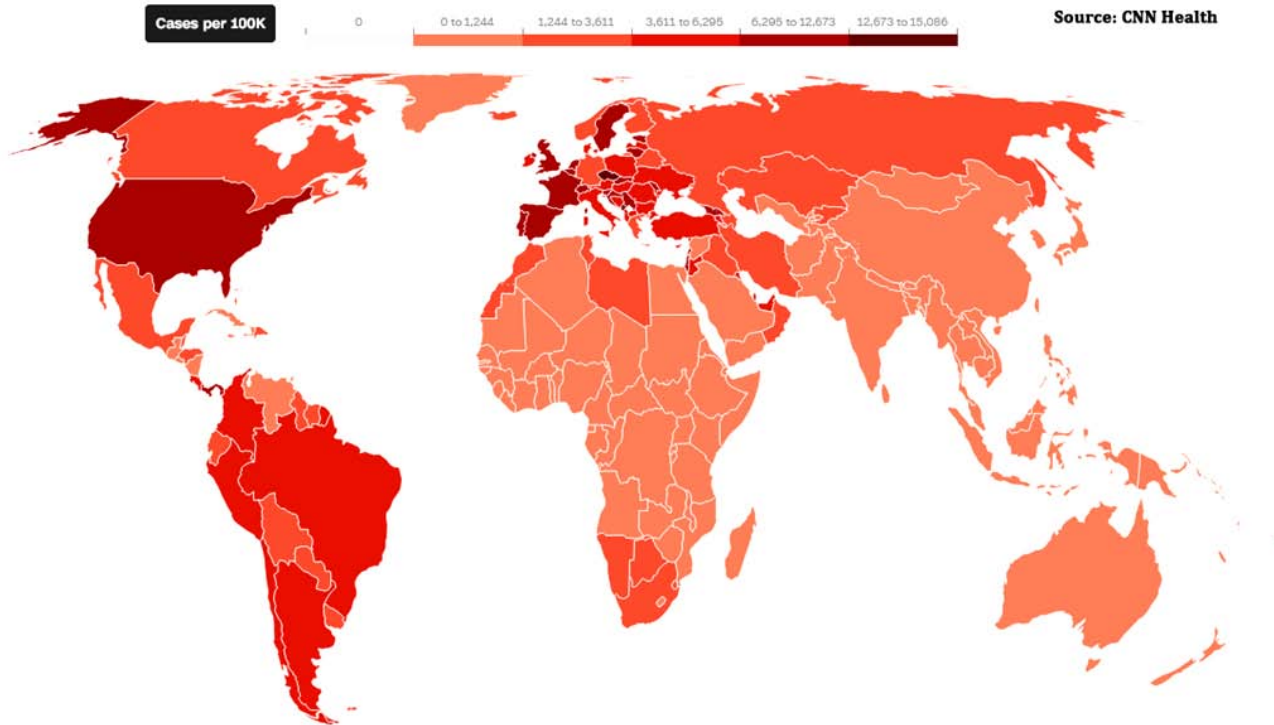


Dalit

Hope for the oppressed

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We Mourn



Covid-19 statistics (as on 31 December, 2020)

Total Cases
83,965,056

Recovered
62,583,756

Death
1,834,746

Source: worldometers.info

We wish peace to the departed souls of people around the world who have died of the Covid-19 pandemic. We wish well to those who are still fighting against the invisible assassin.



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Acronyms & Glossary

ANC	Antenatal Care
Ayurvedic	Herbal/ traditional treatment method
IGA	Income Generating Activities
Kaviraj	Village Healer/ Doctor
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
Miking	Transmitting information through loudspeakers
PNC	Postnatal Care
Polytechnic	Courses at degree level or below, especially in vocational subjects
Rohingya	Citizen of Rakhine State of Myanmar
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights
SSC	Secondary School Certificate
Union Parishad	Lowest local administration
Upazila	Sub-district
UPHCC	Urban Primary Health Care Centre
WASH	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

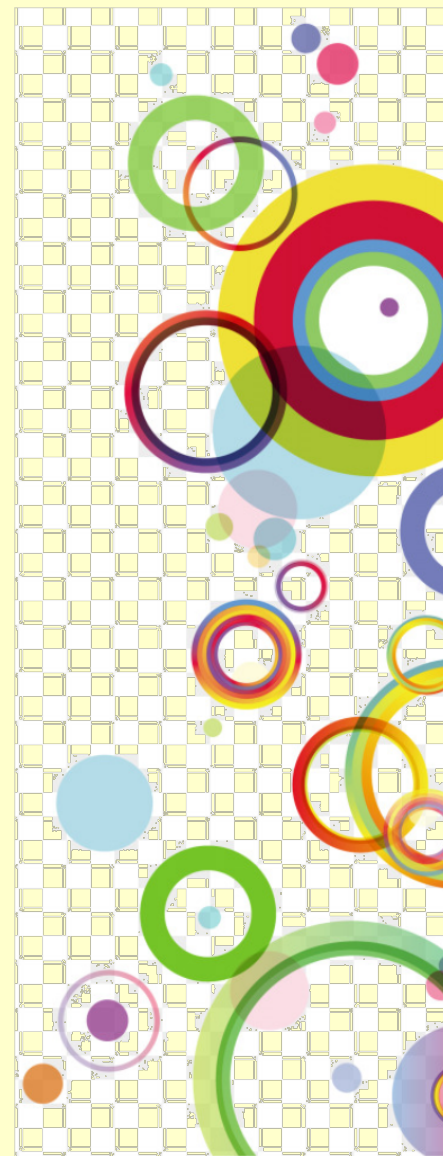


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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all; while I am writing this statement, about 2 million people are gone forever from our beloved world. We are all probably going through the most critical period of our lives. The Covid-19 pandemic made us realize how helpless we are to nature. Due to this pandemic, Dalit has also lost a policy maker, Gobinda Kumar Das, and a member of its General Assembly. I begin my speech by wishing peace to his disembodied soul.

Since the news of the Covid-19 outbreak in Bangladesh in the first week of March 2020, Dalit took various measures to mitigate the health risks of its beneficiaries and staff. Awareness-raising meetings were organized in the second week of March to provide everyone with guidelines on how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020, our projects' activities have been hampered due to the strict lockdown imposed by the Government of Bangladesh from the last week of March to May 2020. After that, the administrative activities of Dalit resumed, but due to the Government restrictions, the field activities were carried out at a limited scale from July. However, during the lockdown, Dalit's activities did not stop at once. In fact, during that period, Dalit implemented four short-term projects. These were related to the provision of food supplies, protection materials and awareness-raising to the people affected by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dalit also conducted similar relief activities for the people affected by Super Cyclone Amphan. We are sincerely grateful to the donors who stood by the side of Dalit amid the coronavirus pandemic. With their support more than 9,790 families managed to survive.

Despite all these restrictions, Dalit has been able to implement various programs and activities for livelihood development, rights and awareness, education, health, Ayurvedic medicines production and leadership development etc. In 2020, the achievements of our projects with regards to women's development, improvement of poor women's menstrual hygiene habits, health & WASH campaign, and Income Generating Activities (IGA) development were remarkable.

Dalit would like to express its sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all our beneficiaries, donors, partners, well-wishers, and friends. Dalit is especially grateful to the donors ICDI and MannionDaniels, whose cooperation in 2020 led to a wave of women's awakening and to the fulfillment of their health and reproductive rights in the region. I conclude wishing the world to be a safer and fairer place tomorrow.

Best regards,
Swapon Kumar Das
Executive Director

Dalit in brief

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 and child marriages; Health care including SRHR, Access to safe water, sanitation & hygiene; Livelihood activities for vulnerable women (as handicraft and homestead agriculture/farming), and Ayurvedic medicines production.

The organization has been named “Dalit” to represent the dalit and marginalized community people. Dalit is a Bengali word which means oppressed, exploited, neglected and deprived. Some dalit people were the visionary-dreamers that created Dalit organization and the autobiography of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar was their immense inspiration. Dalit got registration from NGO Affairs Bureau (N.1374) in 1999 and Ministry of Social Welfare (Khulna/1389/10) in 2010.

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.

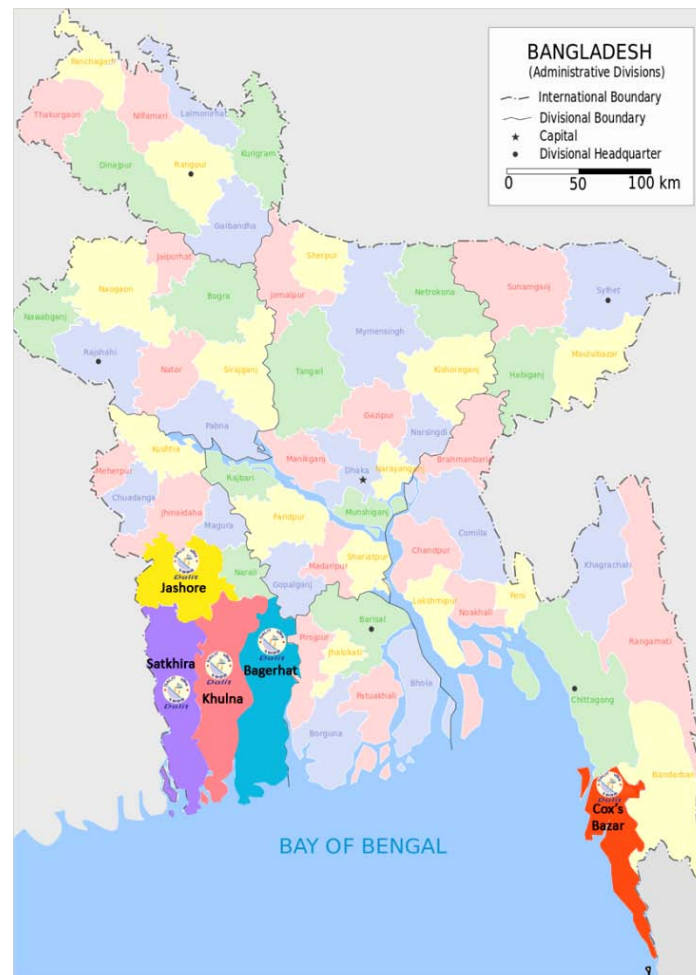
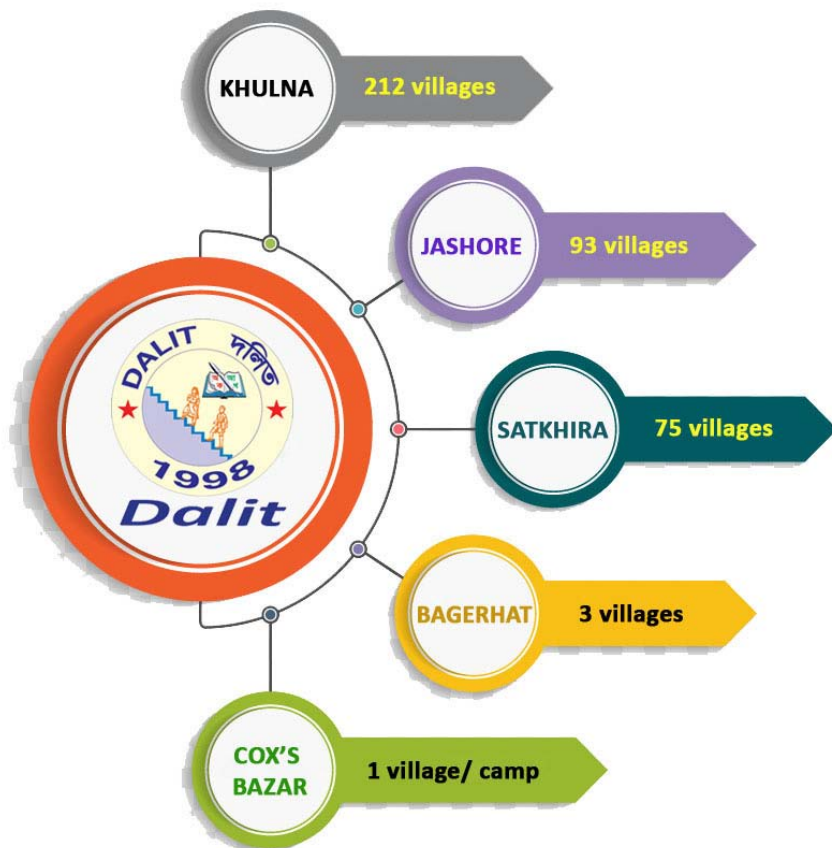
Mission

- 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 (including disable person) 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 (cloth weavers), Bazadar (drum beater), Jele (fishermen) etc.

Working area



Dalit is working in the south-west region of Bangladesh. It covers 384 villages of 73 unions under 17 sub-districts of Khulna, Jashore, Satkhira, Bagerhat and Cox's Bazar districts, serving 35,325 families (direct), and 2,700 Rohingya people.

ACTIVITIES OF 2020

EDUCATION

HEALTH SERVICE

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRODUCTION

LIVELIHOOD

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

RIGHTS & SOCIAL AWARENESS

WASH

Education Program

Although the teaching of Dalit learning centres was going well till March 2020, but all the schools in the country were closed from April as per the government notice due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Bangladesh. However, Dalit adopted alternative method so that the education of the children of the backward communities would not be stopped. That is why the teachers of Dalit learning centres went to the houses of the students and formed a group of 5/6 students and started teaching them. But it has been done in accordance with the physical distance and hygiene rules. In the year 2020, Dalit implemented its education program through 68 learning centres under 6 projects. Among the activities implemented in 2020 were: learning centre based education, materials and financial support, special support to college/ university students, guidance meeting with SSC passed students and teachers orientation.



68 learning centres



5,621 students



40 Brothel children (special support)



573 supported students enrolled in higher secondary

Implemented activities

- All types of teaching materials has been distributed to 5,661 students throught the year. Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, Dalit teachers went to the houses of the students and distributed teaching materials;
- Monthly stipend (class IV to X) and medical support has been provided to the students;
- Financial support has been provided to college going 534 adolescent girls & 39 boys through mobile banking;
- Guidance meeting organized for S.S.C passed students through visiting their village;
- An adult education centre operated for 20 sex workers of Banishanta Brothel (Location: Dacope, Khulna) and special stipend granted to 40 children of sex workers;
- National and International days have been observed.



Assistance to Adolescents' Higher Education

Dalit has been arranged motivational seminar with college and university going girls and boys, encouraging them to raise-up their voice against child marriage and establishing women rights in the society. But due to the increase in coronavirus outbreak, students gathering were stopped from April 2020 as per the government instructions. In total, 534 vulnerable adolescent girls and 39 boys received a monthly stipend (through mobile banking) to continue their studies at the college/ university/ polytechnic and nursing institute. However, due to the lockdown, the students gathering were closed, but Dalit's staff went to their houses and distributed masks, hand sanitizers, soap, etc. to protect them from coronavirus.

Students' (supported) education level

Sl.	Class/ Level	No. of students	
		Girls	Boys
1	Higher Secondary	324	30
2	Graduation	193	7
3	Post Graduation	7	1
4	Nursing	9	0
5	Polytechnic	0	1
6	Bachelor of Laws	1	0
Total		534	39



Health Service

Dalit is running its own hospital, which is located 30 km. west of Khulna city. As the hospital is located in the middle of 3 districts (Khulna, Jashore and Satkhira), a large number of people are benefiting from it. The hospital has been working since 2004, with the view to reduce health risk and providing guidance to the villagers on personal health & hygiene, pregnant mother & infant health, and reproductive health.

Since April 2020, when the number of patients infected with the coronavirus has been increasing in all hospitals, that time the treatment of common diseases in hospitals has been stopped, but Dalit hospital has provided treatment to patients for common diseases. As well as distributed posters and leaflets through an information center and miking to raise awareness about the coronavirus. Dalit Hospital has also worked in natural disaster affected areas and provided health services to the Rohingya refugees.



Treatment & counseling



Medical camp/ satellite clinic



Diagnosis & check-up



Raising awareness on Covid-19

Implemented activities

- 6,122 patients received Allopathic treatment service and 7,015 patients received Ayurvedic treatment service;
- 685 patients received ophthalmic (eye disease) treatment and 232 patients received traditional/ yoga-based healing service. 12,142 patients received 28 types of diagnosis services;
- Dalit arranged 9 meetings with the staff of community clinics to encourage dalit people to go to the clinics receiving health care. 156 community clinic workers were attended at these meetings;
- 5,735 patients received free treatment and medicines through health camps at community level;
- Counseling to pregnant mothers and follow up training to 45 Traditional Birth Attendants;
- Provided free treatment and medicines on dental diseases to 1,319 Rohingya refugees through 57 medical camps and organized awareness sessions on dental care at the same time.



Implemented activities on SRHR

- 163 awareness sessions on SRHR facilitated by trained Watch Group (WG) members;
- 16 meetings arranged enhancing WG members on family planning, ANC, PNC and child care;
- 179 meetings with the management of community clinics to ensure reproductive health services for girls/women;
- 3 meetings have been conducted to create retailers to make sanitary pads easily available at the community level.



Implemented activities on Covid-19

- 6,969 families have been made awareness on preventing Covid-19 through health camps ;
- Mobile campaigns (miking and distribution of posters and leaflets) have been conducted to protect the people of 3 upazilas (Dumuria, Keshabpur, Tala) from coronavirus;
- Dalit Hospital has been provided updated awareness messages to 70 to 80 villagers every day through Covid-19 information center;



Humanitarian Response

From the beginning of the outbreak of Covid-19 virus in Bangladesh, Dalit started awareness raising activities through its staff. In addition, the organization launched a fundraising campaign to distribute Covid-19 safety materials, food and cash to save the lives of the poor and helpless people affected by the long term lockdown.

Amidst this Coronavirus epidemic, on May 20, 2020 super-cyclone Amphan has been made the people of Bangladesh even more endangered, killing at least 27 people and destroying thousands of homes through deadly storm surges and flooding. After the cyclone passed away, lives of affected peoples were very miserable, as there were no food, drinking water, health services and they were unable to repair the demolished houses due to lack of money. In this reality, Dalit continued its humanitarian assistance in 2020 with own funds and financial support and advice from various donor agencies.



Distribution of safety materials



Distribution of food items



Distribution of hygiene products



Raising awareness on Covid-19

Implemented activities (on Covid-19)

- In order to protect the beneficiaries from Covid-19 pandemic, 15,613 pieces of mask and 10,607 bottles (100 ml.) of hand sanitizer distributed to 5,892 families. Also 6,810 pieces of laundry soap, 3,400 pieces of bath soap and 400 KG's of detergent powder distributed to 2,655 families;
- 19 disinfectant corner has been established;
- To take care of women's reproductive health 6,815 packets of sanitary pad distributed to 2,655 girls/women;
- In order to meet the nutritional needs of the family through vegetable cultivation; 9,525 sachets of vegetables seed distributed to 1,905 families;
- As a supplementary food for children 3,587 packets of biscuits distributed to 3,587 families;
- 24,53,000 BDT distributed to 2,123 families;



Implemented activities (on Covid-19)

- With the financial support of the staff of Dalit and in collaboration with the District Social Services Department, Dalit distributed 2,420 kg of rice, 464 kg of lentils, 242 liters of cooking oil, 242 kg of salt, 464 pieces of soap and 1,210 kg of potatoes among the **242** shredded and disadvantaged families in Khulna City Corporation areas.;
- Besides, Dalit distributed 14,250 kg of rice, 4,750 kg of wheat flour, 1,900 kg of sugar, 2,850 kg of onion, 1,900 kg of lentils, 1,900 liters of cooking oil, 950 kg of flattened rice, 950 kg of salt, 1,900 pieces of soap and 4,750 kg of potatoes among the **950** dalit and extremely poor families at the village level;
- Dalit also distributed 900 kg of rice, 90 kg of lentils, 90 liters of cooking oil, 90 pieces of soap and 180 kg of potatoes among the **90** dalit families locked down by the local administration nearby Dalit head office in Khulna;



Implemented activities (on Cyclone Amphan)

The situation was further aggravated by the onslaught of Super Cyclone Amphan while Dalit was doing its utmost to save the lives of the beneficiaries affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. Although most of the villages in Dalit's working area were affected by the cyclone Amphan, but the situation in the coastal areas was the worst. So Dalit provided food aid as well as health protection and health care items to **250** families of 12 villages in 3 unions of Koyra upazila, the most affected coastal upazila of Khulna district. Public awareness has also been created against the virus through printed promotional materials.

- Dalit distributed 3,750 kg of rice, 500 kg of onion, 750 kg of lentils, 500 liters of cooking oil, 250 kg of salt, 750 kg of potatoes and 2,500 liters of drinking water;



Traditional Medicine Production

Realizing the dire consequences of the side effects of the chemical, various pharmaceutical companies around the world are now conducting research to produce drugs from natural ingredients. However, Dalit organization has been producing and marketing herbal medicine free of side effects through Dalit Laboratories (Ayurvedic) since 2008 with far-sighted thinking. In this continuation Dalit Laboratories (Ayurvedic) provided health services through Ayurvedic health camp at village level and traditional Ayurvedic treatment at Dalit Hospital in 2020. In order to ensure low cost primary treatment at village level, Dalit Laboratories also contributed promoting Ayurvedic/ medicinal plants farming, follow-up training to the village Kaviraj/healers and conducted motivational meetings for the use of Ayurvedic medicines.



**Medicine
production**



**Medicinal plants
gardening**



**Medicinal plants
distribution**



**Follow-up meeting on
medicinal plants farming**

Implemented activities

- 24 types of syrups, semi-solids and tablets has been produced and marketed;
- 43 traditional healers trained-up as an Ayurvedic practitioners;
- 80 meetings arranged with the women on uses of medicinal plants and nursing of medicinal plants garden;
- 300 women received several types of medicinal saplings to promote Ayurvedic treatment method among the people and for the purpose of increase women's earning by increasing the production of herbal medicine ingredients;
- Dalit Laboratories participated in an international fair on Natural Chemical Expert, organized by the Khulna University, where the experts of twelve countries attended.



Livelihood Program

Dalit believes that in order to bring disadvantaged and backward community people to the forefront of society, it is necessary to ensure education and social rights as well as their economic emancipation. From the observation of Dalit It is clear that, if the productivity of dalit men as well as women and unemployed youth can be enhanced by providing them with proper training and material support, then it is possible to achieve individual development as well as community development. That is why; Dalit provides income-oriented training and material assistance to women and youth according to their interests. Although the activities of the Livelihood program were hampered by the impact of Covid-19 in 2020, but besides providing computer training to educated youth, Dalit also provided training to the women on agriculture and homestead farming, vermi-compost making, hen and duck farming, etc.



Computer training for students



Income-oriented training for women



Meeting with Self-help groups



Materials distribution

Implemented activities

- Through Dalit's 2 technical training centers, 160 young girls and boys received training on computer operation;
- 80 women received training on agriculture & homestead farming. After completion of the training, Dalit distributed 400 sachets of vegetable seeds, 80 seed preservation pots, baskets; spades, watering cans, nets for fencing and insect traps to all participants. Another 60 women (non trained) received 360 sachets of vegetable seeds;
- 75 women received training on hen farming. Dalit distributed 500 chickens, chicken coops, water pots, feed pots, and chicken feed to all participants as their primary capital of income generating effort.
- 60 women received training on duck farming. They also received 180 ducks and 300 KGs duck feed.
- 10 women received training on vermi-compost making. They received corrugated sheet for making of shed, ring slabs, bamboo, earth worms, net for fencing and soap.



Implemented activities

- 18 young girls received training on beautification. After completion of the training, Dalit distributed 18 set of beautification materials packages including parlor chair, combs, facial products, hair care products, towel, water sprayer, apron, scissor, makeup products.
- 'Bijoya' a sister concern of Dalit, trained up 25 young women on mask making and produced 26,022 face masks;
- 35 follow-up meetings has been organized to encourage the women to be income-oriented on agriculture and homestead farming, hen farming, vermi-compost making and beautification;
- Self-Help Groups were formed for improving the solvency of community women's and creating awareness on many issues to become self-dependent. In 2020, 46 meetings organized to encourage the women to be income-oriented.



Leadership Development

According to the World Bank collection of development indicators, female in Bangladesh was reported at 49.42% in 2019. That means about half of the total population are women. It is easy to assume that it is not possible to develop the country and society without excluding this half of the population. And since women from dalit and backward communities are not considered as human beings, Dalit is working to change this situation by involving dalit adolescents and women to develop women's leadership. During the lockdown due to the outbreak of Covid-19, more than 80 child marriages took place in Dalit's working area in 2020. Most of which have taken place in extreme secrecy. In addition to overcoming this predicament, Dalit is conducting supportive activities to develop women leadership in most of its projects so that adolescents and women can play a key role in preventing social degradation and empowering women.



36 adolescents
clubs



Early childhood
education & care



Innovative
awareness session



Advocacy with the
stakeholders

Implemented activities

- 73 courtyard meetings (monthly) organized on demerits of early marriage, SRHR, Human Rights including women rights with 1,075 adolescent girls at the village level facilitated by peer educator;
- 73 courtyard meetings (monthly) organized on demerits of early marriage, SRHR, Human Rights including women rights with 1,442 young boys at the village level facilitated by peer educator;
- Quarterly awareness sessions organized for 42 times at the clubs with the participation of 943 young girls 469 boys;
- 16 adolescent girls trained in karate participated in district level karate training camp;
- Organized training to the peer educator on child marriage, gender issue and reproductive health rights;
- 19 motivational seminars arranged for college/ university level students to raise-up their voice against early marriage and establish women rights in the society;



Implemented activities

- Cultural and quiz competitions organized for 4 times with the participation of 120 youth and community members on SRHR, child marriage and gender discrimination;
- 25 awareness sessions organized at secondary level schools on demerits of early marriage, SRHR, Human Rights including women rights with 2,129 students;
- Weekly session for 20 times on reproductive health care for the young women (victims of child marriage);
- 2 networking meetings arranged with district & upazila level office for arrangement of IGA training for the community people;
- 2 meetings organized at ward level meeting with Union Parishad members, local leaders, local peoples, service bearer and religious leaders on reducing child marriage and drop out from education;



Implemented activities

- I.G.A support provided to 475 mothers of school going children and 25 mothers of disable children;
- In order to make dalit women's voice against social negligence, a 21-member Dalit Women's Federation has been re-formed by selecting deserving girls among the dalit students studying in college and university level;
- On the occasion of the celebration of women's week, 4 discussion meetings were organized to establish women's rights and develop women's leadership;
- Village based 10 youth clubs have been established with the aim of involving the youth in village development through leadership development;
- 13 capacity development trainings organized in order to building leadership and advocacy ability among dalit youth. Total 413 youth participated in the training.



Rights & Social Awareness

Although Dalit has carried out rights and social awareness activities in almost all of its projects through integrated way, but in 2020 Dalit implemented 3 specialized projects on this issue. As Dalit work with such community people who are socially disenfranchised and mentally unaware. The first problem is that, the so-called modern society does not give social recognition to the people of this backward community, and the second problem is: the men of this community do not care about the views/ opinions of their wives and children. To this end, Dalit has to conduct social and psychological awareness at the village and family level as well as encourage stakeholders and local administrations to play an active role. Efforts to make people's thoughts positive were severely hampered by the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020, but the activities carried out were by no means small. However, public awareness activities have been conducted in compliance with the health rules.



Courtyard meetings



Awareness raising workshop



Local rights program



Involvement of stakeholders

Implemented activities

- 1,106 courtyard meetings arranged, where 14,310 female & 1,299 male were participated. Topics of the discussions were human rights, how to protect human rights and how to claim rights, reducing child marriage, dowry etc;
- 8 workshops organized in order to unite and strengthening dalit youth to take initiatives towards social transformation. Total 350 participants (male 161, female 189) were participated in workshop;
- 12 coordination meetings organized at union and upazila level, in order to find out the barriers, area of discrimination faced by dalit community. Total 337 (male 111, female 226) youth have gathered their knowledge on how they can advocacy with local stakeholders to get access to the govt. services;
- 3 trainings on journalism organized for 121 dalit youth, they learned how to write a quality report to publish in the media. They also developed Dalit Youth Action Platform in online social media.



Implemented activities

- In the Covid-19 situation, 8 meetings of the Child Forum were organized under the sponsorship program to increase the morale of the children, focus on education, acquire leadership qualities, health awareness, etc.
- 2 meetings organized with Community Journalist Group with the presence of local journalists;
- National Child Rights Week was celebrated with the aim of raising public awareness about the mental development of children and children's rights;
- 11 meetings were organized to raise awareness on prevention of sexual violence against women, abuse of women and child marriage;
- Annual meeting with the guardians organized for 34 times to encourage the students and guardians through conversation & cultural events. A total of 1,022 parents and students participated in these events;



Implemented activities

- 19 coordination meetings organized with the ward councilor of Khulna City Corporation for inclusion of dalit and harijon (cleaner) peoples for building better access to service and resources as well as participation & representation on social empowerment;
- 7 coordination meetings organized with the authority of Urban Primary Health Care Centre, in order to building access to UPHCC and community clinics as well as other health facilities for dalit and harijon peoples;
- Rights claim initiatives (Application, human chain, Memorandum submission) have been taken for 19 times to get govt. declared incentive support for Corona protection, risk allowance, Job security, unpaid salary, elimination of caste discrimination;
- To unite dalit and harijon people 29 DCO (Dalit Community Organization) has been formed;



Implemented activities

- 21 bi-monthly meeting organized on child marriage prevention as well as women and adolescents rights. 588 youth participated in the discussion regarding combating against identified gender based violence in the community;
- 8 street theatre organized for community mobilization on behavioral change, more than 1,634 people made aware on Human Rights; caste based discrimination and its effects, exclusion, exploitation and abuse against dalit people;
- 3 campaign organized on reducing violence against women & children at the community level;
- International Children's day, National girl child day, Women's day, Human rights day, Elimination of racial discrimination day, Menstrual hygiene day, Hand washing day has been observed;
- Dalit organized a three-day long policy review workshop with the participation of the Executive Director and all managers/ officers and finance department staff.



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Due to natural causes, the salinity of the water in the south-western part of Bangladesh is high; moreover, due to the deep groundwater level; many tube wells in the region do not receive any water for most of the year. So a significant number of villagers have to drink rain water or water from open reservoirs. People in these areas are affected by various water borne diseases due to not knowing or not following the proper rules of water conservation. In addition, due to poverty, many families do not have sanitary latrines, and even if there is, due to unconsciousness, they are not used according to health regulations. So Dalit implemented a variety of activities to motivate the people in the working area to use safe water and sanitary latrines as well as to get them used to hygiene practices. Village level WASH committee, local administration, teachers, leading people and students were also involved in these activities.



**Deep tube-well
installation**



Repairing of latrine



**Promotion of
hygiene practice**



**Awareness raising
activities**

Implemented activities

- 53 meetings organized with village WASH committee members, where 1,125 female and 143 male participated;
- 58 WASH campaign arranged at village level, 1,405 female and 64 male participated;
- 2 meetings organized with Upazila Multi-sectoral Coordination Committee for WASH related materials support;
- 2 WASH campaign organized for school students on personal hygiene;
- 2 meetings organized with the teachers and school managing committee members;
- 2 deep tube-wells installed and 6 sanitary latrines has been repaired;
- Due to advocacy, the chairman of Sagardari Union Parishad (Keshabpur) has installed a deep tube well in Sagardari Malopara (dalit locality), through which 120 families can get safe drinking water.



Dalit on the media

- As an invited guest on Radio Bangladesh Khulna's biographical talk show 'Story of life', Mr. Swapon Kumar Das, Executive Director of Dalit, spoke about the emergence of Dalit organization, its efforts to improve the living standards of the backward and disadvantaged people and Dalit's future plans.
- Video documentary including TV talk show broadcasted in a national television on the rights of dalit girls and social status of the people of dalit community during Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Badiul Alam Majumder, Secretary of Citizens for Good Governance; Shahin Anam, Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation and Mr. Swapon Kumar Das, Executive Director of Dalit.



Photo Gallery



Mr. Enrico Nunziata, Honorable Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh (in the middle) visiting Dalit Head Office, Khulna



Honorable Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Mr. Talukder Abdul Khaleq is being given the Crest of Honor by Dalit



Mr. Aktaruzzaman Babu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Khulna-6) was present as the Chief Guest at the regional seminar on the occasion of World Human Rights Day



Mr. Badiul Alam Majumder, Secretary of 'Citizens for Good Governance' visiting Dalit's Technical Training Centre in Chuknagar, Dumuria, Khulna



AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of Dalit of 37/1 Kedernath Road, Moheswarpasha, KUET, Daulatpur, Khulna, Bangladesh. Which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at June 30, 2020 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the statement of Receipts and Payments for the period from January 01, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management of Project is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards (BFRS) as well as Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act, 2016, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (BSA) and Terms of the appointment. Those standards require that we comply with the ethical requirement and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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 entity'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 accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of 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, the Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of "Consolidated Account" of Dalit of 37/1 Kedernath Road, Moheswarpasha, KUET, Daulatpur, Khulna, Bangladesh. As at June 30, 2020 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards (BFRS) and other applicable laws and regulations.



We also report that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit and made due verification thereof;
- ii) The annexed Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and in adherence to the provision contained in Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act, 2016;
- iii) In our opinion, the organization as required by usual accounting practices and applicable standards has kept proper books of account, so far as it appeared from our examination of those books;
- iv) The financial statements dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of account; and
- v) The Project Funds have been used exclusively for the purposes of the project in accordance with the Agreement of Cooperation, the Letter of Approval and the Budget.

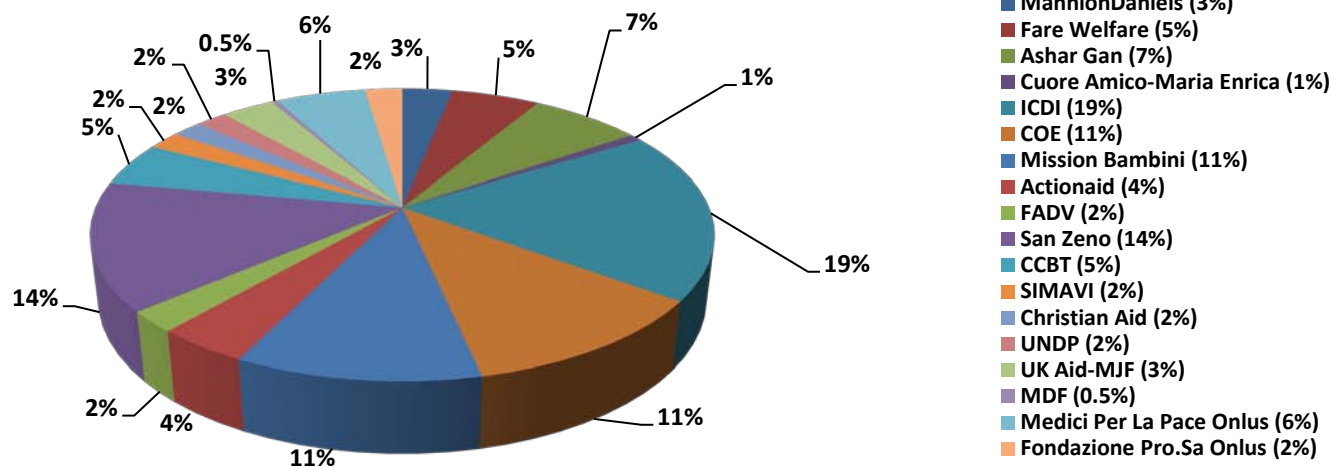
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