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We remember a message
about partnership between
Muslim Aid and World Food Programme (WFP)

Muslim Aid has, as a highly competent and reliable partner, whole-heartedly put its efforts into achieving substantial improvements in food security and nutrition for vulnerable families together with WFP - when it comes to increasing school attendance and reducing short term hunger by feeding primary school children; to supporting communities and households in building resilience to natural disasters; and to improving maternal and child nutrition.

As an example, Muslim Aid demonstrated its competence and capability under the MDG-F programme of the UN agencies WFP, UNICEF and FAO. Muslim Aid's excellent female nutrition trainers became a shining example for the undernutrition prevention efforts of the programme with their groundbreaking behaviour change communication work.

A key lesson from the fruitful MDG-F programme was that such programmes call for a substantial shift towards a focus on prevention rather than only on treatment. This is valuable knowledge that WFP has taken to heart, and that the Government and organizations working within nutrition-focused development ought to consider when designing programmes. We truly appreciate the close and successful partnership between WFP and Muslim Aid.

Christa Räder,
Representative,
World Food Programme Bangladesh



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It is with the greatest pleasure I present the 2017 Annual Report of Muslim Aid in Bangladesh, and I am delighted to highlight the fact that Muslim Aid has been a development player in Bangladesh for over a quarter century. Though the initial engagement began with rehabilitation work in the aftermath of the devastating cyclone that hit the coastal belt in April 1991, over the decades, Muslim Aid transformed its role and programme interventions to meet the needs and priorities of the country and poor and disadvantaged people. Today, we deliver programmes across many areas of development. Ensuring the wellbeing of men, women and children is at the heart of our work. Driven by a desire to meet the needs of people living in Bangladesh, Muslim Aid ensures inclusivity, partnership, collaboration and a focus on results in its programmes and projects.

Muslim Aid plays a complementary role in advancing the government's development goals and priorities, anchored in the Vision 2021. Alongside the government, donors and other NGOs, we contribute to a several sectors to achieve the key targets of the seventh five-year plan.

Muslim Aid looks forward to stronger partnerships in the years to come for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an overarching global developmental aspiration. My colleagues in Bangladesh and around the globe are highly committed to the key message of the SDGs that 'no one will be left behind'. We aim to become a major champion of SDGs, an effective collaborator of the government to achieve its developmental plan and a great hope for poor and disadvantaged men, women and children.

We are grateful to many government ministries and agencies, including local administrations for their cooperation and support. We also acknowledge the contribution of many development organizations including those that supported us in 2017 in different ways.

We envisage a world in which people live decently and without insecurity and fear. Despite great economic development, stronger partnerships and collaboration, the world is exposed to many challenges that may undermine our collective developmental gains. We urge all human beings to come forward to work together to build a global culture of empathy, cooperation, diversity, inclusivity and justice. It has been my great privilege to be Muslim Aid's country director in Bangladesh in 2017, and I look forward to handing the reins to my successor in 2018.

Message from the Country Director

M. Mahfuzur Rahman
Country Director

ABOUT US

Our Vision

Our vision is the alleviation of poverty, education for all, and the provision of basic amenities for those in need; in order to create a world where charity and compassion produce justice, self-reliance and human development.

Our Values

**Justice,
Accountability,
Compassion
Empowerment.**

Muslim Aid is a British charity, established in London in 1985, operational in several countries including Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Iraq, Myanmar, Indonesia, Cambodia, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Lebanon, Jordan, and Bosnia. It has worked in Bangladesh since 1991 when it responded to the needs of communities affected by a deadly cyclone in the coastal regions. It is registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh Government (FD-552). Muslim Aid has projects in the following areas: emergency response and recovery; healthcare and nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene; food security, technical and vocational education and training, student stipends, and child sponsorship. Muslim Aid works for distressed and needy communities regardless of their religion, caste, and ethnicity.

In Bangladesh, Muslim Aid has developed technical and management skills to organize and develop capacity of its beneficiaries. We have approximately 180 staff members.

For the last 26 years, Muslim Aid has been supported by several donors: ECHO, UMCOR, AmeriCares, CIDA, START Fund, UNICEF, UNDP, IDB, WFP, WHO, ILO, FAO, ROTA, the World Bank (STEP), Center for Zakat Management (CZM), PKSF, Plan Bangladesh, Muslim Aid Australia, ROTA (Qatar Foundation), AFIF Charity Foundation, Educational, Charitable and Humanitarian Organization (ECHO)-USA, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO, Directorate of Primary and Mass Education.

In 2017 Muslim Aid worked in 162 upazilas in 57 districts. Around one million people have benefited from our interventions in livelihoods, food aid, emergency relief, school nutrition, child sponsorship, stipend, youth development, health and WASH.

Muslim Aid in Bangladesh is affiliated with the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB), Drug Administration and DG Health. Muslim Aid is a member of Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS).

2017 in Numbers

Programme Coverage



Donors and Partners

- Directorate of Primary and Mass Education, Government of Bangladesh
- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO)
- Educational, Charitable and Humanitarian Organization (ECHO)-USA
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Muslim Aid Australia (MAA)
- Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), The World Bank
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- United Muslim Relief (UMR)
- World Food Programme (WFP)



THE PROGRAMMES

01

*Vocational Training for
Livelihood Programme*

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

In line with the government's priority we continued to implement the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme to enhancing skills of disadvantaged young people through our 4 vocational education and training centres called Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT) located in Dhaka, Jessore, Chittagong and Rangpur.



Vocational Training Courses for 3-6 Months

Jessore

- ▣ Mobile Phone Servicing & Repairing
- ▣ Electrical House Wiring
- ▣ General Electrician
- ▣ Refrigerator & Air Conditioning
- ▣ Dress Making & Tailoring
- ▣ Block & Batik Printing
- ▣ Driving & Auto Mechanics
- ▣ Motor Cycle Mechanics
- ▣ Computer Office Application
- ▣ Hardware & Networking
- ▣ IT Support Technician (2018)
- ▣ Database Programming
- ▣ Auto CAD 2D/3D

Dhaka

- ▣ Electrical House Wiring
- ▣ Electrical Machine Maintenance
- ▣ Refrigerator & Air Conditioning
- ▣ Dress Making & Tailoring
- ▣ Sewing Machine Operation
- ▣ Driving & Auto Mechanics
- ▣ Electronics
- ▣ Computer Office Application
- ▣ Graphics Design
- ▣ Web design & Development
- ▣ Out Sourcing
- ▣ Hardware & Networking
- ▣ Database Programming

Rangpur

- ▣ Computer Office Application
- ▣ Graphics Design
- ▣ Mobile Phone Servicing & Repairing
- ▣ Electrical House Wiring
- ▣ Engine Mechanics
- ▣ Dress Making & Tailoring
- ▣ Industrial Sewing Machine

Chittagong

- ▣ Mobile Phone Servicing & Repairing
- ▣ Electrical House Wiring
- ▣ Knit machine Operation
- ▣ Woven machine Operation
- ▣ Dress Making & Tailoring
- ▣ Driving & Auto Mechanics
- ▣ Computer Office Application

4-Year Diploma Engineering Courses

MAIT-Jessore

- ▣ Computer Technology
- ▣ Electrical Technology
- ▣ Civil Technology

MAIT-Dhaka

- ▣ Computer Technology
- ▣ Electrical Technology
- ▣ Civil Technology
- ▣ Electronics Technology

MAIT-Rangpur

- ▣ Computer Technology
- ▣ Electrical Technology

Muslim Aid runs 4-year diploma courses in engineering in Jessore, Dhaka and Rangpur. It follows the curriculum and guidelines of Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB).

MAIT-Jessore organised Freshers' Reception for diploma engineering students on 14th September where Md. Mustafizur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) was the Chief Guest.



"I received 6-month skills training course from Muslim Aid Institute of Technology, Jessore with the support of ECHO-USA and after the training I have set up an electrical workshop in my area. With the income gradually I am getting self-reliant. I think if Muslim Aid helps to give skills training to the unemployed young people like me who come from poor families Bangladesh will be free from unemployment one day. I would like to thank Muslim Aid and ECHO-USA for supporting people like me and getting us involved in income generating activities."

*Alamin Biswas
Bejerdanga, Mandartola, Jessore*



Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT), Chittagong ran a practical skills training project for women on how to use sewing machines for ready made garments. Supported by the **ILO**, this project ran for 10 weeks between July and September. Fifty women who took part in the training received a stipend of BDT 2400 each.



Muslim Aid in partnership with Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP) of World Bank



Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT)-Jessore implemented the Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), which is funded by the Government of Bangladesh, World Bank and the Government of Canada. Its inaugural session was held on 24 July. 120 students from low-income backgrounds received 6-month free training and business start-up capital.



'Auto Tester' an invention of Al-Amin, a student of electrical Trade of MAIT-Jessore came second in the Science Fair-2017 and received an award from Ponkoj Gosh Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Jessore Sadar.

CBT Assessment on RMG at Dhaka MAIT

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) assessment on Ready Made Garments (RMG) was conducted at MAIT-Dhaka in January.

Muslim Aid signed an agreement with Centre of Excellence for Bangladesh Apparel Industry (CEBAI) to run training on RMG, with a focus on Sewing Machine Operators (SMO) as per NTVQF (National Technical and Vocational Qualification Framework) of level-I leading to improved training and employment outcomes for women and disadvantaged groups from June until September.



Muslim Aid is thankful to Dr. Humayan Kabir, Joint Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of Jessore for participating in events organised by Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT)-Jessore.

MAIT's training on Sewing machine operation : right choice for Hosnara

Hoshnara is a graduate of Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT), Chittagong on Sewing Machine Operation (SMO). She lives in a slum of Chittagong. As her father does not have any earnings her mother's income as a construction worker was the only source of income for their large family, which includes her two sisters.

When Hoshnara's sisters grew up, she started looking for a suitable job for herself to help her mother. Both Hoshnara and her mother wanted to work in the RMG sector. Hoshnara's mother found out about the sewing machine operation course in MAIT Chittagong from a neighbor and made an application for her daughter. Hoshnara studied hard and completed two months' skills training on SMO funded by ILO. After training she successfully got a job as Operator in UNI Garments Ltd. with a monthly salary of BDT 8,800. Hoshnara and her family members became very happy for the job. Hoshnara said that, the training of MAIT was very useful at her workplace. The training on sewing machine operation helped Hosnara to acquire adequate knowledge to get a job within a short span of time as she required. The training was the right choice for her.



Hosnara would like to develop her career in the RMG sector. She is thankful to ILO, CEBAI and Muslim Aid for providing her with support when she was in need of it.



02

Education Programme

SCHOOL FEEDING

Muslim Aid has been implementing the WFP School Feeding Programme (SFP) in Cox's Bazar district since 2010. The SFP operations in Patuakhali and Bhola were phased out in January. The School Feeding Programme in Cox's Bazar district benefitted more than three hundred primary schools including government schools, and NGO schools in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas in which more than sixty thousand students received High Energy Biscuits (HEB) on a daily basis and essential learning packages and kits on health, nutrition and hygiene. They also received deworming support and vitamin-A supplements.



Key Activities:

Location	Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar			
Total School covered	304 Schools.			
Total Students covered	62,627 (Girls 32,788 and Boys 29,839)			
Amount of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) consumed	763.718 Metric Tons (MTs) consumed over the period of one year. Quarterly consumption in Metric Tons shown in the table below:			
	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
	265.514	59.513	240.483	198.208
Amount of Saudi Dates consumed	104.138 Metric Tons			



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২৯ জানুয়ারি - ০৪ ফেব্রুয়ারি

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স্থান: উপজেলা ক্যান্টিন, টেকনাফ।

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National Primary Education Week 2017

Muslim Aid celebrated National Primary Education Week 2017 in Teknaf, sharing project activities among the students, teachers and Upazila

stakeholders. The event was chaired by the Upazila Education Officer. Sensitization and awareness meeting with SMCs in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilas attended by 362 SMC members. The topics discussed included school latrines and children's hygiene, students' attendance, child trafficking, and leadership of women SMC members.

Awareness sessions on health and hygiene for school students with a quiz competition was organized in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas in which 10,322 students (class 4 and 5) took part.

Ms. Jane Hardy, Second Secretary and Ms. Romena Parvin, Program Manager of the Australian High Commission and Ms. Janerose Alvers, Support officer of WFP Dhaka visited School Feeding Program (SFP), Cox's Bazar of MABFO on 26 July.

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Muslim Aid established vegetable Gardens in 20 school premises in Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazilas.



Saudi Dates contribute in increased school attendance:

Muslim Aid distributed Saudi dates to 52,069 students in 281 primary schools in Ukhia and Teknaf in May. Student attendance increased by 100 percent during and after the date distribution.

STIPEND



ECHO
Educational, Charitable and
Humanitarian Organization

With the support of ECHO-USA, Muslim Aid provided cash stipends to 340 deserving currently enrolled in universities, colleges and schools. His Excellency Mr. Amir Hossain Amu, MP, Minister for the Ministry of Industries participated in the cheque distribution ceremony in Dhaka. Similar events were organized in Patuakhali, Barisal, Jessore, Rangpur and Chittagong.



Breakdown

Level of Education	Number of Students	Amount* (per head)
University (General)	70	7,000
College	75	8,000
Medical College	35	10,000
Engineering & Technology	15	7,000
Agriculture University	10	7,000
School	100	5,000
Disable	10	10,000
Diploma Engineering	25	5,000

(*BDT)



"I study in the Education and Research Department in the University of Dhaka where every semester I have to pay about BDT 7000 and there are two semesters in every year. My father is an ordinary farmer, the only earning member of our 7-member family. My parents don't have the ability to help with my further

education although I am the eldest daughter. I want to earn for myself by tuition or part time job but unfortunately I am hundred percent blind since my early

childhood. I can't support my parents but I am still trying to complete my graduation and then I will look for a decent job. As I come from a poor large family it was very hard for me to attain today's position without help of others like Muslim Aid. I pray for ECHO-USA as well for their stipend support."

Taslima Sultana Mitu, Mirzapur, Tangail.



rainbow
family Child Support Programme

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Total	:	443
Male	:	270
Female	:	167
PWDs	:	6

Muslim Aid implements a child sponsorship scheme called Rainbow Family Programme under which there are 443 students in 41 districts who receive monthly cash support to bear expenses for their education, health and nutrition.

Muslim Aid's child protection policy covers all contact with children across the world and ensures that staff, volunteers, donors and other representatives of Muslim Aid and also our partners:

- are aware of the problem of child abuse;
- safeguard children from abuse through good practice;
- report all concerns about possible abuse;
- respond appropriately when abuse is discovered or suspected



"I was just born when my father who was a ship worker was killed by thieves in 2003. My elder brother and I were helpless as was my mother. My mother became a housemaid and brother started working at the age of only eight. Those were hard times for our family. We had no dreams, and enrollment in a school was out of question. In 2009 Muslim Aid selected me for the monthly child sponsorship programme and with that support I enrolled into pre-primary school. Gradually I passed grade five with good academic results and I was awarded a government stipend. This year I will appear in the Junior School Certificate Exam. I am so excited and grateful to Muslim Aid."

*Lamia, Dakuabari, Sialkathi Union,
Kawkhali Upazila, Pirojpur District.*



03

Healthcare Programme



At the beginning of 2017 Muslim Aid ran four community hospitals in Dhaka, Pabna, Pirojpur and Kulaura in Moulvibazar. But by the end of the year we phased out the hospital in Dhaka (Mirpur).

"I gave birth to my child in the Muslim Aid hospital in Pabna. I heard about this hospital from a neighbor. I received all necessary prenatal and post-natal care. I think the doctors, nurses and people working here are experts and so well behaved. I pray for them."

*Maleka Begum (40)
Ataikola, Pabna.*

Muslim Aid Hospital, Pabna was established in March 2003. Since inception it has been serving communities from Pabna sadar and from the other upazilas of the district. The delivery of quality of its healthcare services is giving it a good reputation in the area.

Muslim Aid Hospital, Kulaura is located in Brahminbazar and it provides inpatient and outpatient services at a minimum cost or free of cost ever since it was set up in 2003.

Muslim Aid Hospital, Pirojpur was established in March 2009 and it provides indoor, outdoor and diagnostic services.



Muslim Aid Mother and Child Health Center, Mirpur has been running since 1996 in Mirpur area, Dhaka to provide free of cost and low cost services to the mothers and children from low income communities. It ended its operation in August 2017.

Hospital Services

Muslim Aid Community Hospitals have been organizing annual cleft lip and cleft palate surgical treatment camps, free of cost, since 2009. A 3-member specialist team of the plastic surgery department of Dhaka medical college hospital led by Dr. Sajjad Hossain Khondokar, Chief of the Department, visits Muslim Aid Community Hospital in Pabna to perform cleft lip and cleft palate operations.



Health support

With ECHO-USA's support, Muslim Aid implemented a health support project comprising a health voucher scheme, TBA training, and free medicine distribution.

Muslim Aid Community Hospitals in Mirpur, Pirojpur, Pabna and Kulaura contributed financially to poor and vulnerable pregnant women for normal delivery and caesarean delivery through the health voucher scheme.

TBA training was organized for 60 TBAs: 30 in MACH-Pirojpur, 15 in MACH-Pabna and 15 in MACH-Kulaura.

Muslim Aid hospitals and community health camps distributed free medicines. 704 poor patients received free treatment and free medicines under this scheme.





Muslim Aid community hospital, Pirojpur organized a health campaign in February, at Kumirmara Asrayan project where Mr. Khairul Alom Sheikh, Deputy Commissioner, Pirojpur was the chief guest. Muslim Aid distributed family health cards and antenatal cards. Visitors received free blood grouping and RBS checking services.

Patient Table

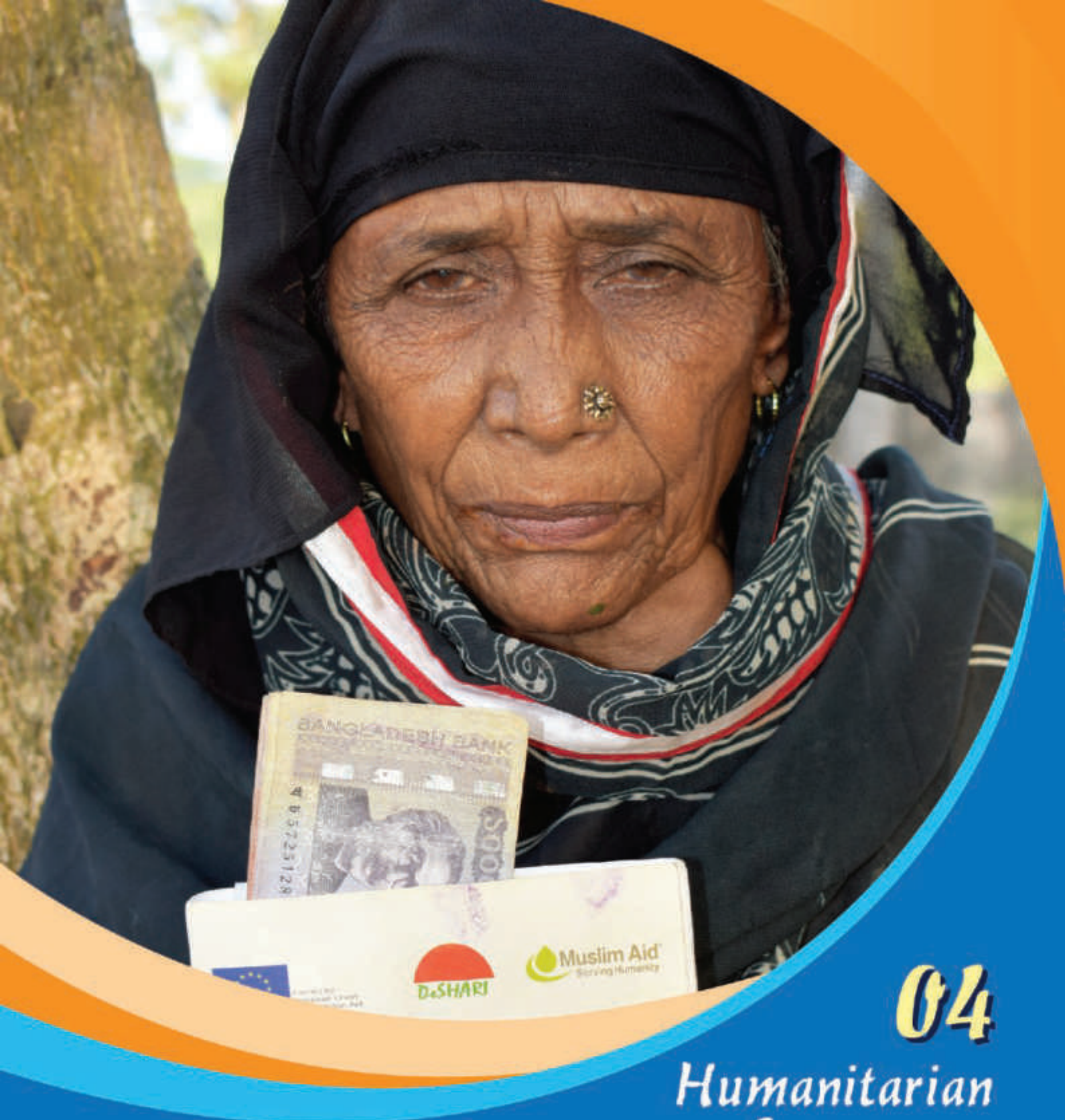
(Number of patients)

Activities	Total	Kulaura	Pabna	Pirojpur	Mirpur
Outpatient services	48,077	25,592	8,184	11,215	3,086
Inpatient services	5,363	3,579	1,177	421	186
Diagnostic services	41,374	16,428	14,566	6,886	3,494
Normal delivery	233	79	88	8	58
Caesarean delivery	1,033	197	480	285	71
Normal surgery	920	255	541	52	72
Community health camp	144	19	103	4	18
School health camp	62	7	11	34	10
Antenatal care	9,888	3,077	6,391	58	362
Postnatal care	5,852	3,012	2,538	226	76
Treatment of <5 children	8,581	7,983	359	-	239



Safe Delivery at Muslim Aid Community Hospital, Pirojpur

Mrs. Sathi Akter is a 20-year old housewife. Her husband, a ticket seller in local bus stations is the sole bread winner for a family of 7, which includes his mother and 3 siblings. Mrs Akter was admitted to the Pirojpur hospital on 16 November 2017 and four hours later she gave birth through a caesarean delivery to a baby girl. She chose this hospital for its close proximity to her home and its low cost good facilities.



04

Humanitarian Programme

.....In Banskhali Upazila I was personally engaged in dealing with some important issues related to beneficiary selection and provided Muslim Aid my best efforts. I was updated very frequently by Muslim Aid's Banskhali office.

.....We found that Muslim Aid implements the project directly that helps the community getting services timely. To the best of my knowledge, Muslim Aid has maintained enough transparency in beneficiary selection, cash for work scheme selection, complaints handling to ensure quality work delivery. I am happy to certify Muslim Aid as one of the important development partners of Bangladesh Government.

Kazi Mohammad Chahel Tostori

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Banskhali, Chittagong

ECHO Supported consortium project

Muslim Aid implemented a project on "Early Recovery support to Tropical Storm Roanu affected communities in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Bhola Districts of Bangladesh" for five months (September 2016-January 2017) in Banskhali in Chittagong and Monpura in Bhola.

District	Upazila	Union	Total
Chittagong	Banskhali	Chhonua	1,116
		Gandamara	1,108
Bhola	Monpura	Monpura	475
Total			2,699



Muslim Aid's contribution in infrastructure development

In January the UNO Kazi Mohammad Chahel Tostori inaugurated 881 metres of road repair and renovation work in Banskhali. The renovated new road helped the affected communities to get relief, and an improved communication network, business and health treatment. Muslim Aid distributed livelihood support to 2,119 families, in Gondamara and Chonua Unions, funded by European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO).



Cash For Work (CFW)

- 16 schemes earthen road repairing and renovation, with an area of 17,740 square feet.
- A scheme with earthwork to raise playground of educational institute.
- A special scheme to raise grave yard.

Renovation Schemes

- Renovation of 26 tubewells
- Reconstruction and renovation of 55 community latrines

Unconditional Cash Grant

- Cash distribution to 2,599 families



National Disaster Preparedness Day

Muslim Aid participated in the National Disaster Preparedness Day-2017 in March, organizing a range of events including rally, human chain, art competition, etc. where 300 people took part from NGOs, civil society groups, business community, journalists and persons with disability (PWD).



Earthquake and Fire Safety Drill



Muslim Aid organized an earthquake and fire drill with technical support from Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD) on 21th March at MAIT-Dhaka. Around 30 personnel from FSCD facilitated the drill in which 85 students and volunteers took part.

Emergency equipment distribution to Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD)

Muslim Aid distributed emergency response equipment to Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD), which included 2 sets of mobile hospitals, 3 generators, 30 patient-beds, 2 units of water purifying devices, 10 water tanks and a speed boat.



ECHO Supported project



Humanitarian Aid
and Civil Protection

Muslim Aid implemented an ECHO supported project "Enhance resilience of the most vulnerable community to cope with waterlogging in Satkhira and Jessore districts in Bangladesh" as a member of the DeSHARI consortium, between February 2016 and December 2017, in Tala Upazila in Satkhira district. Under the project the following beneficiaries were provided with services and support:

Project beneficiary	:	1,617
Male	:	828
Female	:	789
Male children	:	408
Female children	:	366
Elderly male	:	30
Elderly female	:	64
Disable	:	46



Muslim Aid also renovated four schools with wash facilities in Kumira and Khalilnagar Unions.



"I am happy that now I can feed one or two eggs to my son every day along with arranging three full meals for my family members including myself. I have been selected as group chairman that dignified me. My husband behaves well with me because of my hard work and contribution in family earning. I am so proud that an organization like Muslim Aid selected me as one of the project beneficiaries. I pray for Muslim Aid, I pray for ECHO for their generous support for hundreds of disadvantaged people like me in the society".

Nila Biswas (45)
Kumira, Tala, Satkhira.



UMCOR supported project on Emergency Response to the Flash Flood Affected Communities in Sunamgonj District

Between June and September, Muslim Aid implemented a project in Tahirpur Upazila in Sunamgonj district for flood affected communities. The overall implementation was done by maintaining regular communications and coordination with the Upazila Parishad and Union Parishads. The project ensured participation of the most vulnerable and marginalized: women, children, people with disabilities and elderly people.

This project had two components: unconditional cash grant and distribution of hygiene kits.



Enhancing resilience in waterlogging, Satkhira

The project 'Build Safer and Resilient Communities against Earthquake and Waterlogging Vulnerability in Bangladesh' aimed at building capacity of the communities in Satkhira and Dhaka to cope with disaster induced by waterlogging and earthquake. It covers five unions of two upazilas (Tala and Satkhira

Sadar) under Satkhira district and four wards of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC). The project included these four wards because, vulnerability of DNCC area to earthquake. Also, waterlogging is currently a common phenomenon in the project operational areas of Satkhira district.



Muslim Aid has designed and implemented the project to building communities safer and resilient to water logging and make the schools more resilient to hazard (specially water logging and earthquake). The approach for the work is quite successful in terms of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of increasing resilience of the communities as well as schools against disaster.

External Evaluation Report

WASH

Dig-a-Well is Muslim Aid's special programme which was implemented in several regions in the country with context specific designs and specifications. In 2017 Muslim Aid installed 1,778 wells, including deep, semi-deep and shallow tube-wells for benefitting 10 thousand families in 51 upazilas in 29 districts.

Muslim Aid implemented a sanitation project in a slum locality in Mirpur, Dhaka with financial assistance from ECHO-USA. This project included the construction of 9 latrines for men and 6 latrines for women, the construction of a road leading to the latrines and hygiene awareness materials. As a result of the project 450 families got access to sanitary latrines.

Shallow Tube-well : 1731

Semi-deep Tube-well : 38

Deep Tube-well : 9

Family coverage : 9,215

Population coverage : 46,075



Lohalia, Patuakhali

With funding from ECHO-USA Muslim Aid implemented a WASH project under what 32 latrines were constructed, 12 tube wells repaired, 1 deep tube-well installed and hygiene awareness materials distributed.



maa

Muslim Aid implemented water well project in various parts of the country with the support of Muslim Aid Australia. Eighty semi-deep tubewells were installed in remote rural areas of the country where there was scarcity of fresh water for the poor people.



Seasonal programme

Ramadan

Muslim Aid has been delivering its Ramadan projects annually since its inception with the support of Muslim Aid Australia, ECHO-USA and other institutional and individual donors. Their main purpose is to help people from impoverished backgrounds who are fasting during the Holy month of Ramadan. In 2017 Muslim Aid provided support to 48,876 people from 16,384 families of 104 Upazilas in 41 Districts. Food and clothing were provided to beneficiaries under Feed the Fasting (Suhur & Iftar) Food Packs, Zakatul fitr, Eid Gift/Clothes and livelihoods support.

30-day family pack

Rice	18 Kilo
Pulse	2 Kilo
Potato	6 Kilo
Sugar	2 Kilo
Soya oil	2 Litre
Salt	2 Kilo

Qurbani

In 2017 Muslim Aid helped sacrificing 138 cows and 15 goats in Qurbani with the support from Muslim Aid Australia and ECHO-USA. Qurban meat was distributed to 9,140 families in 81 Upazilas of 37 Districts. Distribution events were organized on Eid day in presence of community representatives, Members of Parliament (MP), Upazilla Nirbahi Officers (UNOs) and other government officials.



HH covered	Beneficiary	Male	Female	Children	Orphan	Widow	PWDs	Beggar
9,140	45,700	18,325	11,790	4,083	4,828	3,587	1,974	1,114

Animal Sacrifice

Small ruminants were sacrificed at the orphanages in various parts of the country.



New Publications



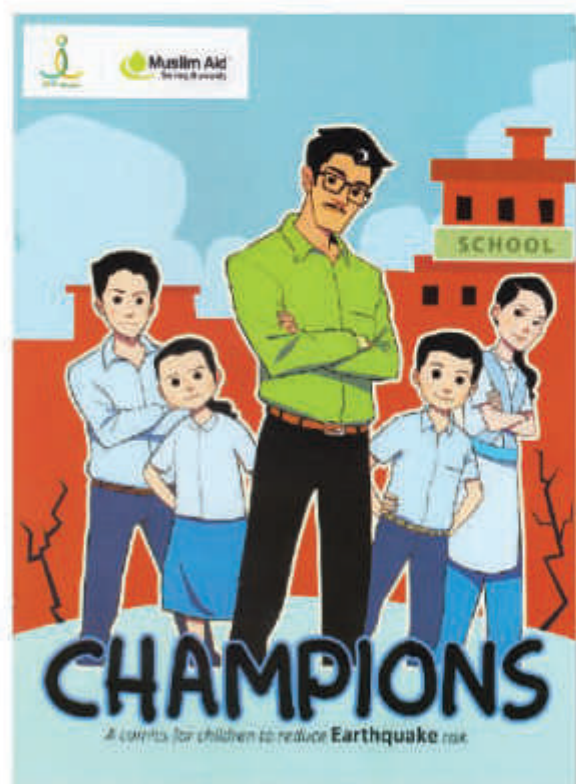
Photo Book on waterlog resilience



Monthly e-bulletin



Comic Book-Bengali version on Earthquake preparedness at schools



Comic Book-English version on Earthquake preparedness at schools

**Muslim Aid-UK
Bangladesh Field Office
Consolidated Financial Position
As at December 31, 2017**

	Notes	Amount In Taka	
		31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16
Assets			
Fixed Assets:		111,821,717	120,115,434
Property, plant & equipment	7.00	111,561,991	119,855,708
Work-in-progress-MAIT centre construction	7.01	259,726	259,726
Current Assets:		57,453,039	132,404,700
Inventories	8.00	10,224,479	53,006,208
Debtors	9.00	4,775,019	7,487,976
Receivable from Muslim Aid-UK, Head Office	9.01	25,355,616	23,021,737
Receivable from Donor	9.01 a	843,013	14,680,581
Short term investment in FDR	9.02	1,292,493	9,194,845
Security deposits	9.03	1,610,000	2,060,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9.04	13,352,419	22,953,353
Current liabilities:		56,555,438	88,223,939
Creditors	10.00	16,065,108	18,666,396
Security money received	10.01	141,200	712,175
Loan Received	10.02	6,977,631	6,691,433
Deferred Income	10.02 c	9,013,278	33,820,625
Gratuity Fund	10.02b	24,358,221	28,333,310
Net Current Assets		897,601	44,180,761
Net total Assets		112,719,318	164,296,195
Represented by			
General fund	13.00	112,719,318	164,296,195

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.


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Muslim Aid-UK
Bangladesh Field Office
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended December 31, 2017

	Notes	Amount In Taka	
		31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16
A. Income:			
Incoming resources:			
Donations, grants and Others	2.00	302,397,675	800,696,827
Investment income	3.00	527,112	-
Total incoming resources		302,924,787	800,696,827
B. Resources Expended (Expenditure):			
Programme cost	4.00	312,134,516	781,681,146
Programme support cost	5.00	26,558,428	26,469,230
Total resources expended:		338,692,944	808,150,376
C. Fund balance transfer (A-B)		(35,768,157)	(7,453,549)
 Total fund brought forward	13.00	 164,296,195	 171,433,770
Add: Adjustment during the year	13.04	(15,808,720)	315,974
Add: Fund received as non cash items	13.03	-	-
Total funds carried forward	13.00	112,719,318	164,296,195

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