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SHEBA MANAB KALYAN KENDRA

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Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

It is my immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of SMKK for the year 2024. As we reflect on this year's journey, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication, resilience, and compassion demonstrated by our team, partners, and the communities we serve. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, remaining steadfast in our mission to build the capacity of poor and vulnerable communities for sustainable development.

In 2024, SMKK continued its unwavering commitment to our vision of a poverty-free nation where every individual can fulfill their basic needs with dignity. Through innovative approaches, inclusive practices, and strong partnerships, we have made meaningful strides in addressing critical issues such as climate change adaptation, food security, livelihood development, and health and WASH services. Our efforts have empowered women, youth, and marginalized groups, fostering a more equitable and resilient society.

The stories and achievements captured in this report reflect not just numbers, but lives transformed. From strengthening community resilience to responding to emergencies and supporting climate-vulnerable populations, each initiative has been driven by our core values of accountability, transparency, innovation, inclusiveness, networking, and respect.

As we move forward, I am confident that the collaborative spirit and unwavering determination of SMKK will continue to drive positive changes. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our donors, partners, and well-wishers for their continued trust and support. To our incredible team — your passion and hard work remain the cornerstone of our success. And to the communities we serve — your courage and hope inspire us every day.

Let us keep working hand in hand to build a future where dignity, opportunity, and prosperity are within everyone's reach.

With warm regards and deep gratitude,

Sharmin

Sharmin Khan

Chairman

SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA



It is my privilege to acknowledge the publication of the Annual Report of Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra- (SMKK) for the year 2024. The remarkable efforts demonstrated by SMKK in addressing critical issues and fostering development in the district of Bagerhat are truly commendable.

SMKK's unwavering commitment to various sectors, especially Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR & CCA), Water and Sanitation (WASH), Livelihoods Development, and Women Empowerment, has left a lasting impact on countless lives and livelihoods in this disaster-prone region of Bangladesh. Furthermore, its regular Emergency Humanitarian Response initiatives, including Religious Dues programs such as Ramadan Food Support, Fitrana distribution, and Qurbani Programs have had a profound impact on communities, contributing to food security, peacebuilding and community development.

The comprehensive insights presented in this report reflect the dedication and hard work of SMKK's team in bringing positive change to our community.

As the Deputy Commissioner of Bagerhat, I extend my deepest appreciation to all the staff, stakeholders, and beneficiaries associated with SMKK. I trust that their continued endeavors will further contribute to the well-being and development of Bangladesh, especially within the Bagerhat district, setting an inspiring example for others to follow.

Once again, congratulations on your accomplishments. I look forward to witnessing SMKK reach even greater heights in the coming years.

Warm regards,

Ahmed Kamrul Hasan

Deputy Commissioner
Bagerhat, Bangladesh



I am proud to reflect on the remarkable impact of the projects implemented by United Purpose in partnership with SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK). These collaborative efforts have not only transformed communities but have also embodied our shared commitment to sustainable development and humanitarian aid.

The SWIFT Project of 2018 stands as a powerful example of our dedication to addressing the pressing challenges of coastal water resource management. Through a community-led resource development model, this initiative has demonstrated innovative solutions and delivered tangible improvements in the lives of countless individuals.

Our engagement with the Rohingya community through the BACHA and SARA Projects since 2018 has been profoundly meaningful. These projects have played a crucial role in supporting the Rohingya population in the camps, helping them overcome complex challenges. SMKK's unwavering solidarity and compassion have been instrumental in paving the way for long-term positive change in the lives of these vulnerable communities.

Looking ahead, the STEP Project, spanning from 2021 to 2025, represents a pivotal opportunity to make a lasting impact in the South-Coastal areas through anticipatory actions. By minimizing the loss of livelihoods and assets resulting from cyclones, this project aims to foster resilience and safeguard the future of these communities.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication and tireless efforts. Together, we will continue to inspire hope, drive progress, and uphold the values of compassion and solidarity that define our work.

With best wishes,



Sriramappa Gonchikara

Country Director
United Purpose (UP)
Dhaka, Bangladesh



Dear Respected Colleagues of SMKK,

It is my honor to share my heartfelt reflections on our enduring partnership and the remarkable projects executed by SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK). The initiatives undertaken, particularly in the realms of humanitarian aid and community development, have not only exemplified our organizational values but have also made a profound and lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Our collaboration on the Qurbani/Udhiya Projects from 2020 to 2023 stands as a testament to our commitment to fulfilling sacred obligations and extending compassion to those in need. Through this initiative, we have provided essential sustenance and solace, ensuring that the spirit of generosity and care continues to thrive within our communities.

Furthermore, the Safe Drinking Water Supply and Hygiene Promotion Project under the Muslim Charity Safe Water Project, spanning from 2021 to 2024, underscores our shared dedication to addressing fundamental human needs. By ensuring access to clean water and promoting hygienic practices, we have not only improved health outcomes but also empowered individuals to lead dignified and resilient lives.

As we move forward in our mission to serve humanity, let us draw inspiration from the successes of these projects and renew our commitment to this noble cause. Together, let us strive to create a world where every individual has access to life's basic necessities and experiences the unconditional love and compassion that define our collective efforts.

I extend my deepest appreciation to each member of the SMKK team for your unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment. Your contributions are the cornerstone of our shared vision for a brighter, more equitable future for all.

With sincere gratitude,

MD FAZLUL KARIM

Country Coordinator, Bangladesh
Muslim Charity-UK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SMKK is a non-profit, non-political voluntary development organization, established in January 1996. Since its inception, SMKK has been implementing integrated development projects and programs focused on improving the lives of the poorest sections of the community, with a particular emphasis on promoting the rights of children and women. Through its efforts, the organization aims to bring about positive and sustainable changes in their livelihoods.

Over the years, SMKK has gained extensive experience and institutional capacity by addressing various development issues with technical and financial support from a diverse range of donors. This has enabled the organization to implement larger initiatives aligned with its development objectives.

SMKK is supported by a dedicated team of 159 well-qualified and experienced staff and volunteers who specialize in project implementation across key areas such as livelihood development, vulnerable group empowerment, and poverty alleviation. To date, the organization has engaged over 838,267 households through its ongoing development initiatives.

The organization strongly believes in a target population approach, focusing its development efforts on the most destitute and disadvantaged groups, with a special emphasis on children and women. SMKK follows a rigorous system of regular monitoring, feedback, experience sharing, and immediate action to ensure the successful implementation of its projects and programs.

SMKK is committed to fostering both qualitative and quantitative improvements in the living standards of its target beneficiaries. It prioritizes working in areas where communities are particularly vulnerable, with programs designed to establish and uphold the rights of women, adolescent girls, and children. Through its efforts, SMKK strives to eliminate social injustice and build a society free from discrimination.



M. Manjur Kadir

Executive Director

SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA



ABOUT SMKK

SHEBA MANAB KALYAN KENDRA

SMKK is a non-profit, non-political, non-government humanitarian nexus organization working in the development sectors since March 1996. SMKK is committed to serve the underprivileged people in different geographical locations of Bangladesh. Since inception, SMKK has tremendous achievements on Women Empowerment, Climate Change, Humanitarian & Emergency Response, DRM, Agriculture, WASH, Energy, Health & Nutrition, Education, Skill Development Private sector engagement and Organizational Development through implementation of various projects supported by donors, USAID, UN agencies, and the government. Behind SMKK's success stands a robust management structure, a team of dedicated staffs and experienced professionals across different sub-sectors.



VISION

A poverty-free nation where everyone has access to fulfil their basic needs with dignity.

MISSION

Building capacity of the poor and vulnerable communities through diversified social actions for sustainable development.

CORE VALUES

- Accountability & Transparency
- Innovation
- Inclusiveness
- Networking and partnership
- Respect & Integrity

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Improving the socio-economic conditions of poor, marginalized and vulnerable people.



GENDER EQUALITY

SMKK is a women led and gender friendly organization and have been working for gender sensitive, rights-based activities since 1996. Its gender policy privileged women for recruitment of staff and also selecting beneficiaries. At present, about 50% staff members are female who are equally treated in all cases. Women employees allowed work with flexible duty hours and they enjoy maternity leave, annual leave, earned leave etc. There are separate fresh rooms for the women employees and a congenial working environment in the offices and fields. For prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), SMKK provides safeguarding training to all staff and creates an enabled working environment. If any staff disobey safeguarding policy; SMKK HR department take action against the law breaker and give punishment as per policy.

THEMATIC AREAS OF SMKK

CLIMATE CHANGE, DRR AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Alleviate human suffering and reduce the impact of disasters and climate change.
- Emergency Humanitarian Response (Food, Shelter, Health, WASH, Protection and Non-Food Item-NFI distribution) and cash grant support
- Disaster Risk Reduction-DRR, Recovery and Rehabilitation,
- Climate Change Adaptation (Green economy, Climate smart WASH, Skill & Capacity Building and community resilient).
- Climate Justice, Gender, and Social Inclusion
- Climate-Smart Livelihoods and Sustainable Agriculture.
- Seasonal & Religious Support:
 - Ramadan, Qurbani, Akikah, Sadaqah & Fidayah and Winter Cloth support to vulnerable.
 - Mosque and School Construction & Maintenance ect.

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SECURITY

- Enhance food security sustainably through agriculture practice.
- Capacity development on production and post-harvest technologies of Crops, Fisheries, Livestock and Poultry
- Climate Smart Agriculture Technology Transfer
- Agriculture Value Chain and market linkage
- Livelihood Improvement & Food Security
- Food based nutrition training.
- Cash and kind support for IGA operation.



WASH, HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services.
- Safe drinking Water through Shallow Tube-well, Deep Tube-well, Rainwater Collector (RWC) & PSF installation etc.
- Pipeline Water Network & Solar Operated Water Well.
- WASH Block & Sanitary Latrine installation.
- Waste management & Hygiene Promotion
- Climate Resilient Water Options
- Maternal Child Healthcare and Nutrition Services
- Emergency Ambulance Services
- Health Camp & Mobile Clinic Services
- Reproductive health awareness to adolescent
- Free Friday Clinic and other support.



EDUCATION & INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Non-Formal Pre-primary Education-NFPE
- Quality school program
- Adolescent girls and adult education.
- Skill Development training.
- Vocational & Technical training.
- Mainstreaming Differently abled persons
- Disability Inclusion Programs
- Assistive Device distribution
- Skill development & Technical training for IGA
- Women, Girls, Children empowerment activities
- Human rights & Good governance



SOCIAL INCLUSION & GOVERNANCE

- Mainstreaming Differently abled persons
 - Disability Inclusion Programs
 - Assistive Device distribution
 - Skill development & Technical training for IGA
- Women, Girls, Children empowerment activities
- Human rights & Good governance

SECTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

SMKK focused on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in Bangladesh from January to December 2024, funded by various donors and partners. We installed 3 deep tube-wells, 452 hand pumps. Additionally, we organized hygiene promotion meetings, ensuring pure drinking water and safe water access for 4640 households directly or indirectly.

EDUCATION & INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, SMKK made significant strides in the Education & Institutional Development sector by distributing 606 school library corners to primary schools and implementing Quality Early Childhood Education programs, benefitting 30,720 children. The organization also designed preschool education initiatives for children in impoverished coastal communities, fostering a love for learning and encouraging continued schooling. To reach underprivileged children, SMKK launched a Mobile Primary School operating in a bus, bringing education to slums in Dhaka and Chittagong. Furthermore, SMKK constructed two classrooms for a school severely affected by Cyclone Remal, ensuring continuity in education for the affected community.



SOCIAL INCLUSION & GOVERNANCE

During the year 2024, SMKK, as a humanitarian organization, prioritized human rights, women empowerment, good governance, and gender development in all its programs:

- Promoted gender equality among landless, climate-vulnerable communities
- Addressed human rights violations, governance issues, gender inequality and women right exacerbated by climate change through capacity-building workshops, community mobilization and policy dialogues to empower women and youth in decision-making processes.
- Trained staff and community facilitators on these issues.
- Ensured women's participation in all events.
- Established women and child-friendly spaces to address gender-based violence.
- Prioritized persons with disabilities (PWDs) and women with disabilities (WWDs) in beneficiary selection.
- Provided makeup materials and training, especially for adolescent girls and women.
- Trained 200 adolescent girls on various topics including family planning and human trafficking.
- Organized events to celebrate International Human Rights Day and Women's Day.



HUMANITARIAN & EMERGENCY RESPONSE & DRM

In 2024, SMKK prioritized Humanitarian & Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in Bangladesh, focusing on community resilience and preparedness. Engaging local community-based organizations (CBOs) such as women's committees, youth groups, and adolescent clubs, we promoted disaster preparedness across various regions. We established 11 Upazila-Based Disaster Preparedness Committees, trained volunteers for the Feni Flash Flood, and formed Protection Watch Committees to strengthen community safety. We also set up five adolescent clubs, training 100 volunteers on disaster readiness. SMKK provided emergency assistance, including health, WASH, protection, solar energy, and non-food items to the coastal zones. As part of seasonal and religious support, we conducted Qurbani, distributing meat to the poor, including widows, orphans, disabled individuals, and destitute women and children. Additionally, we constructed two mosques, planted trees around their premises, and distributed 215 Ramadan food packs.



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SECURITY

In 2024, SMKK made significant strides in Agricultural and Food Security Development by promoting high-yielding rice varieties, ensuring the rapid dissemination of newly released varieties to farmers, and motivating them to produce and preserve quality seeds. This initiative enhanced the availability of quality seeds at the farm level, fostering seed exchange programs among farmers. Additionally, SMKK provided extensive training sessions to farmers and supported local milking cow rearing programs, distributing cows to ultra-poor families. A total of 16 cows were provided to beneficiaries, with hands-on livestock experience training on cow husbandry. An experienced animal husbandry doctor was also made available to ensure proper care and treatment of the cows during their rearing period.

PROJECT SUMMARIES OF 2024

Throughout 2024, SMKK implemented 21 projects across Bangladesh, covering various sectors such as WASH, Emergency Humanitarian Response & DRM, Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons, Education, Skill Development & Training, Food Security & Livelihood Development, Empowerment and Rights, Seasonal & Religious Dues, and many more aspects.

We gathered extensive experience working with national and international donors, government authorities, and national organizations. We eagerly await opportunities to elevate our experience to



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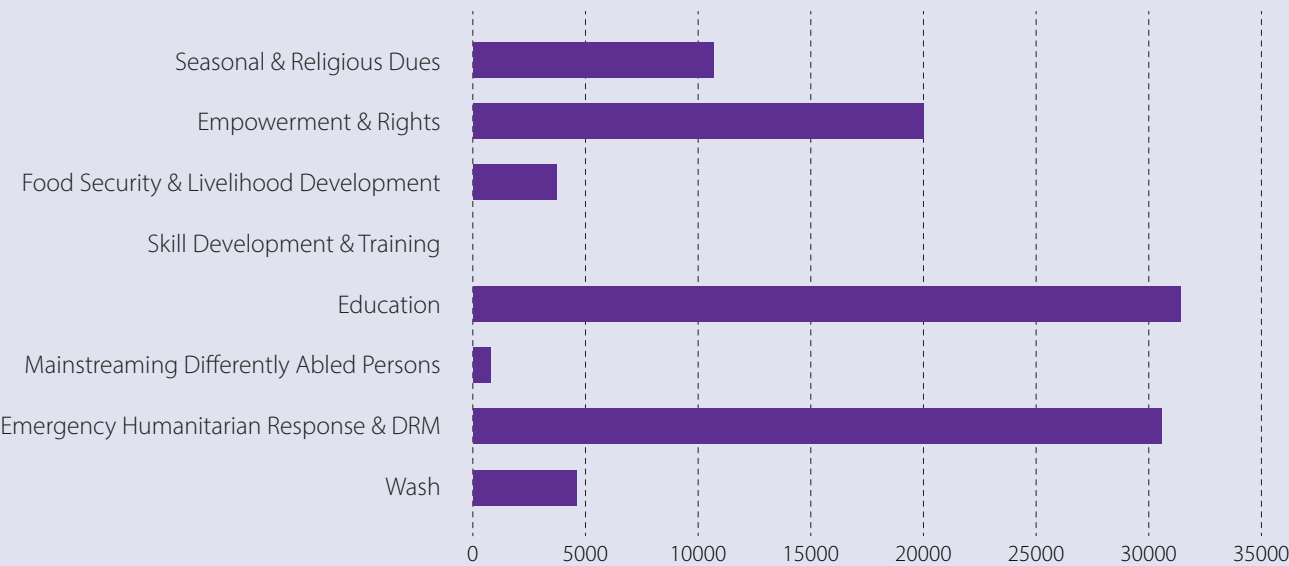


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PROJECT SUMMARIES OF 2024



	Wash	Emergency Humanitarian Response & DRM	Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons	Education	Skill Development & Training	Food Security & Livelihood Development	Empowerment & Rights	Seasonal & Religious Dues
Beneficiaries	4640	30308	400	30720	0	3880	20000	10475



ESHO SHIKHI ACTIVITY

The Esho Shikhi Activity (ESA) is an innovative initiative aimed at improving foundational literacy among Grade 1 and 2 students by enhancing Bangla reading skills. In 2024, SMKK partnered with Winrock International under USAID's grant to support quality program implementation in Kurigram district, focusing on creating a print-rich learning environment and promoting reading habits for the students. Key interventions include providing high-quality, age-appropriate Bangla reading materials; setting up child-friendly reading spaces like classroom corners and mini-libraries; training teachers in effective reading instruction strategies; and promoting a reading culture through storytelling, read-aloud, book talks, and peer reading. By embedding these elements in Esho Shikhi-supported schools, SMKK fosters engaging, child-centered environments that encourage daily reading and a creativity for learning. This initiative supports Bangladesh's National Education Policy and aligns with SDG 4, advocating for inclusive and quality education. SMKK has reached over 700 schools and impacted more than 100,000 early-grade learners in Kurigram, laying the groundwork for improved learning outcomes and lifelong educational success.

Location : Kurigram District (Bhurungamari, Char Rajibpur, Chilmari, Nageswari, Fulbari).
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 30,300
Funded by : Winrock International- USAID's





PROGRAM ON AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION FOR NUTRITION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND RESILIENCE IN BANGLADESH (PARTNER)

The Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER), funded by the BRRI (Bangladesh Rice Research Institute) GoB & World Bank, is set to take place in Barishal, Barguna, Pirojpur, Bagerhat in 2024, benefiting 2520 individuals.

This project focuses on the development, adaptation, and widespread dissemination of high-yielding rice varieties to farmers. It aims to ensure that newly released rice varieties reach farmers quickly, enabling them to benefit from improved productivity. Additionally, the project seeks to motivate farmers to actively produce and preserve quality seeds of modern rice varieties, thereby increasing the availability of high-quality seeds at the farm level. A key component of this initiative is the promotion of farmer-to-farmer seed exchange, fostering sustainable access to superior rice varieties and strengthening community-based seed systems.

Location	: Barishal (Banaripara), Barguna (Amtali, Betagi, patharghata), Pirojpur (Mathbaria,Kaukhali), Bagerhat (Fakirhat, Mongla).
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 2520
Funded by	: BRRI (Bangladesh Rice Research Institute) GoB & World Bank.





STRENGTHENING FORECAST-BASED EARLY ACTIONS IN CYCLONE PRONE COASTAL REGION AT IN BANGLADESH (STEP) PROJECT

The Strengthening Forecast-based Early Actions in Cyclone-Prone Coastal Region in Bangladesh (STEP) project, Funded by UNITED PURPOSE (UP) & ECHO, is a vital initiative aimed at enhancing disaster preparedness in Bagerhat's Sharankhola area from 2024, benefiting 3158 individuals.

The project focuses on engaging community-based organizations (CBOs), including women committees, youth groups, and adolescent clubs, to promote disaster preparedness. It emphasizes strengthening the capacity of shelter management committees (SMCs) and local stakeholders to face shocks and stresses caused by cyclones and other disaster.

Additionally, the project highlights the importance of developing risk-informed early action plans. These plans involve anticipating potential disaster scenarios based on reliable forecasts and proactively implementing measures to mitigate their impact. Testing forecast-based early action financing options is also a key component, ensuring resources are available to respond swiftly to forecasted events. By engaging with CBOs and strengthening local capacity, the project aims to build a resilient community capable of responding effectively to cyclones and other disasters. It seeks to reduce vulnerability and minimize the impact of disasters, ultimately safeguarding lives and livelihoods in the cyclone-prone coastal region of Bangladesh

Location	: Bagerhat (Sharankhola),
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 3158
Funded by	: UNITED PURPOSE & DG-ECHO/EU.



LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND FOOD-SECURITY ENSURING OF THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE OF COASTAL REGION IN BANGLADESH (LIFE-BD) UNDER BANGLADESH WOMEN EMPOWERMENT LIVELIHOOD.

The Livelihood Improvement and Food-security Ensuring of the Vulnerable People of Coastal Region in Bangladesh (LIFE-BD) under Bangladesh Women Empowerment Livelihood project, funded by the Penny Appeal, Canada, is set to take place in Bagerhat (Rampal) in 2024, benefiting 1250 individuals.

The project focuses on organizing an Entrepreneurship Development Training program for 250 women and 250 men. It includes linkage development meetings, providing small cash grants, advocating with local government, offering nutrition training, and conducting quarterly sessions on social issues and human rights. These sessions cover topics such as women empowerment, gender parity, dowry, child marriage, and violence against women. Through the Economic Development Training program and other activities, the project aims to empower individuals, especially women, by enhancing their economic skills and knowledge, promoting gender equality, and raising awareness about social issues. This holistic approach seeks to improve the livelihoods and well-being of the community in Rampal, Bagerhat

Location : Bagerhat (Rampal),
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 1250 (250 Household)
Funded by : Penny Appeal, Canada





COW REARING PROGRAM FOR INCREASING INCOME OF ULTRA-POOR FAMILIES.

The Cow Rearing Program Increasing Income of Ultra-poor Families, sponsored by the Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF), is set to take place in Pirojpur in 2024, benefiting 60 families.

The Project focuses on empowering ultra-poor families by providing them with the necessary tools and training to increase their income through cow rearing. Key aspects of the project include:

Full-Day Long Training: Beneficiary families will receive comprehensive training on cow rearing techniques, including feeding, healthcare, and breeding practices.

Support on Local Milking Cow Rearing Programs: The project will offer ongoing support to participants in establishing and maintaining local milking cow rearing programs, ensuring sustainable income generation.

By providing training, ongoing support, and the means to start own cow rearing enterprises, the project aims to lift these families out of poverty by increasing their income and fostering self-sufficiency. Ultimately, this initiative contributes to poverty alleviation and economic empowerment in the Pirojpur region.

Location	: Pirojpur (Nesarabad),
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 60
Funded by	: Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)





ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS OPTIONS FOR THE COASTAL REGION CLIMATE VULNERABLE POOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROJECT.

The Alternative Livelihoods Options for the Coastal Region Climate Vulnerable Poor Women's Empowerment Project, sponsored by the Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF), is set to take place in Barguna in 2024, benefiting 50 families. The project focuses on conducting a comprehensive survey to identify and prepare a list of poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in the target coastal communities. Providing hands-on training to beneficiaries through livestock management programs, equipping them with the necessary skills for proper cow rearing and care. Allocating one cow to each selected beneficiary family, with a total of 10 cows distributed to enhance their economic stability. Ensuring visibility of the initiative through appropriate signage and awareness postings in the project area during the implementation phase. Arranging regular visits by experienced animal husbandry doctors to provide medical care and treatment for the cows at beneficiaries' homes. Continuous monitoring and support from SMKKG NGO to ensure effective implementation and sustainability of the cow husbandry program. This initiative aims to empower coastal families with a sustainable source of income, improve their livelihood, and promote long-term economic resilience.

Location	: Barguna (Betagi),
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 50
Funded by	: Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)



RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE FOR THE FLOOD AFFECTED PEOPLE IN FENI DISTRICT PROJECT

The Reconstruction of house for The Flood Affected People in Feni District Project, sponsored by the Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF), is set to take place in Feni in 2024, benefiting 100 families.

This project aims to rebuild homes for individuals and families in the Feni District who have been affected by recent flooding. By providing safe and stable housing, we seek to restore the dignity and improve the living conditions of these vulnerable communities. The initiative will involve local construction teams to ensure the use of appropriate materials and techniques suited to the area's environmental conditions.

This project will provide a long-term solution for the flood-affected families in Feni District by reconstructing safe and sustainable homes. By focusing on disaster resilience, community engagement, and sustainable development, we aim to restore hope and dignity to the affected people.

Location	: Feni (Dagonbhuiyan),
Duration	: 1 October to December 2024
Beneficiaries	: 100
Funded by	: Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)





EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO PROTECT FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD IN THE CYCLONE-REMA AFFECTED AREAS & PROTECTING LIVELIHOOD ASSETS THROUGH PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN CYCLONE AFFECTED COASTAL AREAS.

The Emergency Support to Protect Food Security and Livelihood in the Cyclone-Rema Affected Areas & Protecting Livelihood Assets through Provision of Humanitarian Assistance in Cyclone Affected Coastal Areas, funded by Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), targets Barguna, Bhola, Khulna, Noakhali, Patuakhali, Satkhira in 2024, benefiting 26650 individuals. Aims to enhance food security and support smallholder farmers by distributing essential agricultural inputs. This initiative focuses on providing high-quality vegetable and rice seeds, farming tools, fertilizers, and food safety storage solutions to farmers, enabling them to increase productivity, improve soil fertility, and ensure safe post-harvest storage.

Distribution of Vegetable Package Spade, Watering Can, Food Safety Drum/ Silo, Indian Spinach Seed, Red Amaranth Seed, Tomato Seed, Eggplant Seed, Sweet Gourd Seed, Bottle gourd Seed, Fertilizer (MoP), Fertilizer (DAP), Rice Package, Spade, Food Safety Drum/ Silo, Rice seed, Fertilizer (MoP), Fertilizer (DAP) etc.

This initiative aims to empower farmers by providing essential agricultural inputs, fostering resilience, and ensuring long-term food sustainability.

Location	: Barguna (Amtoli, Patharghat), Bhola (Borhanuddin & Char Fasson, Manpura), Khulna (Koyra, Paikgacha), Noakhali (Companiganj, Subarnachar), Patuakhali (Kalapara, Rangabali), Satkhira (Ashasuni, Shyamnagar),
Duration	: October to December 2024
Beneficiaries	: 26,650
Funded by	: Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



MAINSTREAMING DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSON PROGRAM

The Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons project, scheduled for 2024 in Pirojpur (Nesarabad) and Bagerhat (Sadar), aims to benefit 400 individuals. The project is funded by SMKK and other donor's overhead. The project focuses on empowering differently abled persons through various initiatives: Skill Development Training: Providing training to develop practical skills and enhance employability. Technical Training: Offering technical training in areas such as tailoring, handicraft, phone/mobile servicing, computer skills, beautician courses, and jute bags production. Assistive Devices Support: Providing necessary assistive devices to aid individuals in their daily activities and improve their quality of life. By offering skill development and technical training tailored to the needs of differently abled persons, as well as providing assistive devices support, the project aims to integrate them into mainstream society and empower them to lead independent and productive lives. This initiative not only enhances their socio-economic status but also fosters inclusivity and diversity in the community.

Location	: Pirojpur (Nesarabad) & Bagerhat (Sadar),
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 400
Funded by	: SMKK & Others Donors Overhead





SAFE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND HYGIENE PROMOTION PROJECT

The project's primary focus is on ensuring access to safe drinking water and promoting hygiene in these areas. It includes several key initiatives:

Installation of 100 Hand Pumps: These hand pumps provide immediate access to clean and safe drinking water for communities in need.

Water Quality Testing (Pre-Installation): Before installing hand pumps and water wells, the water quality is tested using testing kits to ensure it meets safety standards.

Water Quality Testing (Post-Installation): After installation, water quality is tested again to verify that the implemented systems are providing safe drinking water. Aims to address water scarcity and ensure the availability of clean drinking water. Additionally, promoting hygiene practices alongside safe water access contributes to improving overall community health and well-being.

Location	: Bagerhat (Sadar ,Kachua) Kustia(Mirpur) & Pirojpur (Nesarabad ,Kawkhali, Bhandaria)
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 1000 (100 Household)
Funded by	: MUSLIM CHARITY, UK



ENSURING SAFE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH (ESWS)

The Ensuring Safe Water Supply for the vulnerable people of Bangladesh (ESWS), funded by the Penny Appeal, UK targets Bagerhat sadar & Sirajganj sadar in 2024, benefiting 2430 individuals.

This project aims to enhance access to safe drinking water and promote good hygiene practices within the community. The key activities include:

- **Coordination & Assessment:** Conduct a consultation meeting with the local authority. Perform a needs assessment using the Community Consultation Method (CCM) and surveys. Identify and select beneficiaries based on the assessment findings.
- **Formation & Capacity Building:** Establish WASH Committees (WASHCOM) to oversee water facility installations and hygiene promotion. Provide orientation to WASHCOM members on monitoring water facility installations and basic hygiene.
- **Water Infrastructure Development:** Install 228 shallow tube wells (STW) by engaging local boring teams and masons, following the approved design. Install 3 deep tube wells in selected locations to improve water access.
- **Water Quality Testing:** Conduct pre-installation water quality testing using testing kits before platform construction. Perform post-installation water quality testing through a certified laboratory. Test 5 tube wells for arsenic and iron contamination to ensure safe drinking water.
- **Community Engagement & Awareness:** Conduct hygiene awareness sessions to promote good hygiene practices within the community.

Through these efforts, the project seeks to improve community health by ensuring access to clean water and fostering sustainable hygiene practices.

Location	: Bagerhat (Sadar), Sirajganj (Sadar)
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 2430 (231 Household)
Funded by	: Penny Appeal, UK





SAFE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COASTAL PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH

The Safe Drinking water supply for the coastal people of Bangladesh, funded by the Penny Appeal, UK targets Barguna (Pathorgatha) in 2024, benefiting 1210 individuals.

This project aims to enhance access to safe drinking water and promote good hygiene practices within the community. The key activities include:

- **Coordination & Assessment:** Conduct a consultation meeting with the local authority. Perform a needs assessment using the Community Consultation Method (CCM) and surveys. Identify and select beneficiaries based on the assessment findings.
- **Formation & Capacity Building:** Establish WASH Committees (WASHCOM) to oversee water facility installations and hygiene promotion. Provide orientation to WASHCOM members on monitoring water facility installations and basic hygiene.
- **Water Infrastructure Development:** Install 121 shallow tube wells (STW) by engaging local boring teams and masons, following the approved design.
- **Water Quality Testing:** Conduct pre-installation water quality testing using testing kits before platform construction. Perform post-installation water quality testing through a certified laboratory. Test 5 tube wells for arsenic and iron contamination to ensure safe drinking water.
- **Community Engagement & Awareness:** Conduct hygiene awareness sessions to promote good hygiene practices within the community.

Through these efforts, the project seeks to improve community health by ensuring access to clean water and fostering sustainable hygiene practices.

Location : Barguna (Pathorgatha)
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 1210 (121 Household)
Funded by : Penny Appeal, UK



RAMADAN FOOD PACK SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN BANGLADESH

The Ramadan Food Pack Support for Vulnerable Muslim Communities in Bangladesh, Funded by Muslim Charity, UK. Fitrana Food Pack Distribution for Eid-ul-Fitr 2024 is a charitable initiative aimed at supporting underprivileged families by providing essential food supplies for the Eid celebrations. This project is designed to ensure that struggling individuals and families can observe Eid with dignity and joy by receiving nutritious food packages.

To distribute food packs containing essential grocery items to 115 Muslim low-income families. To promote the spirit of giving and community support during Eid-ul-Fitr. To fulfill the Islamic obligation of Fitrana by ensuring that donations reach those in need before Eid prayers. To enhance social solidarity and bring smiles to families facing financial difficulties. Select beneficiary Low-income households, Orphans and widows, Daily wage workers and unemployed individuals, Refugees and marginalized communities. Distribution food pack item, Rice, pulses, Sugar, Soybean oil, Dates, Potato, onion, Chili Powder, Turmeric Powder, Vermicelli, Powder milk, Polao Rice.

Alleviating hunger and food insecurity during Eid. Bringing communities together through collective charity efforts. Ensuring that families in need can celebrate Eid with joy and dignity.

This initiative is a meaningful way to fulfill Zakat al-Fitr obligations and spread happiness during this blessed time.

Location : Bagerhat (Sadar)
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 575 (115 Household)
Funded by : Muslim Charity, UK





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To distribute food packs containing essential grocery items to 100 Muslim low-income families. To promote the spirit of giving and community support during Eid-ul-Fitr. To fulfill the Islamic obligation of Fitrana by ensuring that donations reach those in need before Eid prayers. To enhance social solidarity and bring smiles to families facing financial difficulties. Select beneficiary Low-income households, Orphans and widows, Daily wage workers and unemployed individuals, Refugees and marginalized communities. Distribution food pack item, Rice, pulses, Sugar, Soybean oil, Dates, Potato, onion, Chili Powder, Turmeric Powder, Vermicelli, Powder milk, Polao Rice.

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Location : Sirajganj (Sadar)
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 500 (100 Household)
Funded by : Penny Appeal, UK



QURBANI/UDHIYA PROJECT

The Qurbani/Udhiya Project, funded by Muslim Charity, UK, targets Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Barguna, and Kustia in 2024, benefiting 5200 individuals. The project's focus is on conducting qurbani on behalf of Muslim Charity and distributing qurbani meat to the poor and ultra-poor, including widows, orphans, disabled individuals, destitute women and children, and elderly men and women. Qurbani, a significant Islamic tradition, involves sacrificing livestock and distributing the meat among those in need during Eid al-Adha. By conducting qurbani on behalf of Muslim Charity, the project ensures that this religious obligation is fulfilled efficiently and that the meat reaches those who need it the most. The beneficiaries, including vulnerable groups such as widows, orphans, and the disabled, receive qurbani meat, providing them with nutritious food during the festive season. This project not only upholds religious traditions but also addresses the nutritional needs of marginalized communities, contributing to their well-being and fostering a sense of solidarity and care within the community.

Location : Patuakhali (Rangabali), Pirojpur (Nesarabad, Kawkhali), Betagi (Barguna)
Bagerhat (Sadar), Kustia (Sadar), Chottogram (Fotikchori),
Sylhet (Jokigong), Manikganj (Sadar)

Duration : 2024

Beneficiaries : 5200 (1300 Household)

Funded by : Muslim Charity UK





PAC QURBANI PROGRAM

The Qurbani Project, funded by Penny Appeal-Canada, targets Barguna (Batigi) in 2024, benefiting 800 individuals. This project aims to identify and support the most vulnerable members of society, including widows, orphans, persons with disabilities, destitute women and children, elderly individuals, and women-headed households. Through a transparent and equitable selection process, we will ensure that Qurbani meat is distributed to those most in need. Our goal is to bring joy and nourishment to underprivileged families during this significant occasion, fostering a sense of community, compassion, and shared well-being.

Location	: Barguna (Batigi)
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 4000 (800 Household)
Funded by	: Penny Appeal-Canada



SUSTAINABLE MOSQUE FOR AMICABLE RELATION AND ENHANCE RELIGIOUS TRANQUILITY (SMART)

Conduct a Consultation meeting with Upazila Administration, Moaque Management Committee for the smooth implementation and management of the facility construction work. Construction of Purba Shehangal Talukder Bari Jame Mosque at Samudaykathi Union at Nesarabad sub-district in Pirojpur including WASH facility for ablation. Muhammadia Jame Mosque in Pirojpur including WASH facility for ablation. Painting and coloring inside and outside of both of Mosque. Plantation tree around the Mosque premises and fencing. Awareness Meeting of Safeguarding issues with management committee and labor. Handover ceremony to management committee of Mosque.

Location : Pirojpur (Nesarabad)
Duration : 2024
Beneficiaries : 200
Funded by : Penny Appeal, UK





INTEGRATED CONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCE FOR ACADEMICS OF KAZIRABAD SECONDARY SCHOOL (ICRA) IN BANGLADESH

Conduct a Consultation meeting with Upazila Administration, Department of Education, Management committee for the smooth implementation and management of the facility construction work. Awareness Meeting on Safeguarding issues with management committee and labor. Consultation of two semi-pucca classrooms with Brick wall and durable CGI sheet roofs including two full-pucca latrines of Kazirabad Secondary School. Plantation tree around the school premises and fencing. Handover ceremony to management committee of School.

Location : Barguna (Betagi)
Duration : August to December 2024
Beneficiaries : 300
Funded by : Penny Appeal, UK



STRENGTHENING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE-VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. NAGORIKATA: SCEGE-CVC PROJECT

To enhance civic engagement and promote gender equality among landless, climate-vulnerable communities in Barguna and Patuakhali Districts of Barishal Division. The project will address human rights violations, governance issues, gender inequality and women right exacerbated by climate change through capacity-building workshops, community mobilization and policy dialogues to empower women and youth in decision-making processes.

Location	: Barguna Sadar and Betagi Upazila of Barguna District, Kalapara and Golachipa upazila of Patuakhali District.
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 20000 (4800 Household)
Funded by	: GAF Consulting Group GmbH Germany and Switzerland & Canada





PRE-PRIMARY CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Pre-Primary Education Program, operational in Pirojpur (Nesarabad) and Barguna (Betagi) in 2024, aims to benefit 120 children. Funded by SMKK's own fund and donor's overhead, it focuses on designing pre-school education initiatives for children from impoverished coastal communities. The project's core focus is to instill enthusiasm for continued schooling among these children. It includes developing age-appropriate educational programs tailored to their needs and circumstances. Through engaging activities and methodologies, the program aims to foster a love for learning and prepare children for formal education. By designing pre-school education initiatives specifically for children from impoverished coastal communities, the project aims to lay a strong foundation for their future academic success. This initiative is vital in breaking the cycle of poverty by providing children with better educational opportunities and empowering them to build brighter futures.

Location	: Pirojpur (Nesarabad) & Barguna (Betagi)
Duration	: 2024
Beneficiaries	: 120
Funded by	: Donor's overhead



EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR FENI FLASH FLOOD

The Emergency Response for Feni flash flood, sponsored by Penny Appeal, is set to take place in Feni in 2024, benefiting 400 families.

Severe flooding in the Feni District has caused significant disruption to daily life, displacing families and limiting access to food, clean water, and basic hygiene necessities. In response to this crisis, this emergency relief project aims to deliver urgent support to 400 flood-affected families through the distribution of cooked food, essential non-food items, and safe drinking water.

The project focuses on providing immediate nutritional and health-related assistance to mitigate the hardships caused by the disaster. A total of 2,000 cooked food packs will be distributed to ensure that each family receives a minimum of five meals during the critical emergency period. Additionally, 400 comprehensive relief packs will be provided, containing essential items such as water purification tablets, oral saline, sanitary napkins, gaslights, candles, and mosquito repellent coils—critical for maintaining hygiene, safety, and health in temporary living conditions.

To further support safe hydration, 400 units of 250ml bottled mineral water will be distributed, prioritizing households with limited or no access to potable water.

This intervention is designed to alleviate immediate suffering, reduce health risks, and support the resilience of affected communities as they recover from the flooding.

Location : Feni (Dagonbhuiyan)
Duration : August, 2024
Beneficiaries : 400
Funded by : Penny Appeal, UK



CONCLUDING WORDS

In the pursuit of its mission, the SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK) remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing the multifaceted socio-economic challenges that hindering community development and progress. Our approach is to increase partnerships and facilitate participatory program planning and implementation, empowering beneficiaries to take ownership of their development journey, creating women's empowerment, focused on supporting people affected by flood and disasters and reducing dependence on external aid.

Throughout the year 2024, SMKK continued to prioritize baseline studies and performance evaluation at various project stages, SMKK built schools, mosques, and installed safe water (rain water harvesting system, tube wells, and solar operated wells) for community development. It has always been there to protect the food security and livelihoods of people in flood-affected areas and disaster-affected areas, improved service delivery processes, and strengthened staff skills through feedback and shared lessons. The dedication of the project coordinator, director, and field teams ensured the successful implementation of planned activities within the project timeframe, resulting in a highly satisfactory overall project performance.

As a non-profit organization reliant on support from national and international development partners, SMKK appeals for financial assistance to address urgent development needs, particularly for disaster victims and vulnerable communities. We assure donors that resources received will be optimally utilized, with transparent financial management practices upheld through annual audits by reputable Chartered Accounting Firms.

Our enduring partnerships with local administrations and governments enable us to reach deserving beneficiaries without discrimination, standing alongside them with unwavering support despite resource limitations. As we persist in overcoming challenges, we recognize the invaluable patronage and encouragement extended by a multitude of national and international friends and development partners. Looking ahead, SMKK seeks continued cooperation and collaboration with fellow development stakeholders, acknowledging the collective effort required to effect meaningful change. We express gratitude for the support received thus far and remain hopeful for sustained partnerships in our shared pursuit of inclusive and sustainable development.

CASE STUDY: 01

Project Name : Integrated Construction and Resilience for Academics of Kazirabad Secondary School (ICRA) in Bangladesh
Location : Betagi, Barguna.

Kazirabad Secondary School, located in Kazirabad Union of Betagi Upazila in Barguna District, was originally established in 2003. The school infrastructure was modest, featuring tin and wooden roofs, which provided only minimal protection against the region's harsh climatic conditions. The school had 5 male teachers, 3 female teachers, and catered to 164 male students. In 2024, Cyclone Remal struck the coastal areas of Bangladesh with devastating force. Kazirabad Secondary School was not spared. The cyclone destroyed the school's tin roof and perimeter fence, leaving the classrooms exposed and unsafe for academic activities. Despite the damage, the teachers showed unwavering dedication by continuing to teach students amidst the broken infrastructure. Upon hearing about the school's dire condition, the Executive Director of SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK) promptly visited the site. He met with the school's managing committee and teachers to assess the needs and possibilities for reconstruction. Recognizing the urgency, the Executive Director assured the community of his commitment to rebuilding the school. He made a Penny appeal for emergency educational infrastructure support, which was soon answered by Penny Appeal, UK, a charitable organization known for funding humanitarian projects worldwide. Under the initiative titled Integrated Construction and Resilience for Academics (ICRA) of Kazirabad Secondary School in Barguna District in Bangladesh, Penny Appeal UK, in collaboration with SMKK, funded and oversaw the construction of:

- Two new classrooms with durable tin sheds and secure side walls
- Separate pucca (brick-built) toilets for boys & girls, enhancing hygiene and privacy







This initiative ensured that the school not only resumed normal academic activities but also gained more resilient and safer facilities to withstand future climate events.

Safe Learning Environment: The construction of the two classrooms created a secure space for learning, protecting students from the elements and encouraging regular attendance.

Improved Sanitation: The addition of pucca toilets drastically improved hygiene conditions, especially benefiting female students who previously struggled with the lack of proper facilities.

Increased Morale: Teachers and students alike expressed immense gratitude. With new infrastructure in place, students now attend classes regularly and with renewed enthusiasm.

Resilience Building: The project demonstrated a practical model of how local NGOs and international donors can collaborate to build back better after climate disasters.

“We are very happy to have paved toilets and a new classroom. Now we can study without fear or discomfort.” – A student of Kazirabad Secondary School

“This support from Penny Appeal and SMKK has changed everything. Our children now feel safe and respected.” – Member, School Managing Committee

The ICRA initiative at Kazirabad Secondary School stands as a successful example of climate-resilient school reconstruction through community engagement and international cooperation. It showcases how timely intervention and targeted support can restore hope and dignity to affected communities, especially in vulnerable coastal regions of Bangladesh.

CASE STUDY: 02

Project Name : Livelihood Improvement and Food-security Ensuring of the Vulnerable People of Coastal Region in Bangladesh (LIFE-BD), Under “Bangladesh Women Empowerment Livelihood”

Location : Rampal, Bagerhat.

Anwara Begum, a 31-year-old resident of Kalekharber-Eastpara in Rajnagar Union, began her family life around eight years ago with her husband, Md. Mosharef Mollah. Together, they are parents to two young daughters. Her husband, who operates a small fish business, has always worked hard to provide for the family and support their daughters' education. However, the family's economic condition remained fragile due to their limited income.

Determined to change their circumstances, Anwara aspired to support her husband financially and improve her family's living conditions. Her opportunity came when she attended a community consultation meeting organized by the SMKK LIFE-BD Project in her village. The project aims to enhance the quality of life for women by encouraging their active participation in economic and social development.

Recognizing her motivation and commitment, the LIFE-BD team visited her home and selected her as a member of the Kalekharber-Eastpara Women's Self-Help Group. Since joining the group, Anwara has been a regular participant in courtyard meetings and training sessions, showing consistent dedication to learning and self-development.





One of the turning points in her journey was her participation in the Entrepreneurship Development Training, where she received specialized instruction in cow husbandry. With renewed confidence and practical skills, she set her sights on starting a small livestock venture.

On May 14, 2024, Anwara received a grant of 20,000 BDT through her bank account under the LIFE-BD Project. The next day, she withdrew the funds and used them to purchase a dairy cow and build a small cow shed. Her investment soon paid off the cow gave birth to a calf, and Anwara began milking it, thereby providing her family with a steady supply of nutritious food and contributing to their financial well-being.

In just one year, Anwara's life has transformed. What began as a modest dream has now evolved into a concrete plan she aims to become a full-fledged entrepreneur, expanding her livestock business while supporting her husband and educating her children. Her story reflects the true spirit of women's empowerment, showcasing how access to opportunity, training, and small-scale financial support can unlock the potential of rural women.

Anwara Begum and her family are now living with greater hope, stability, and happiness a testament to the power of community-driven development and self-empowerment.



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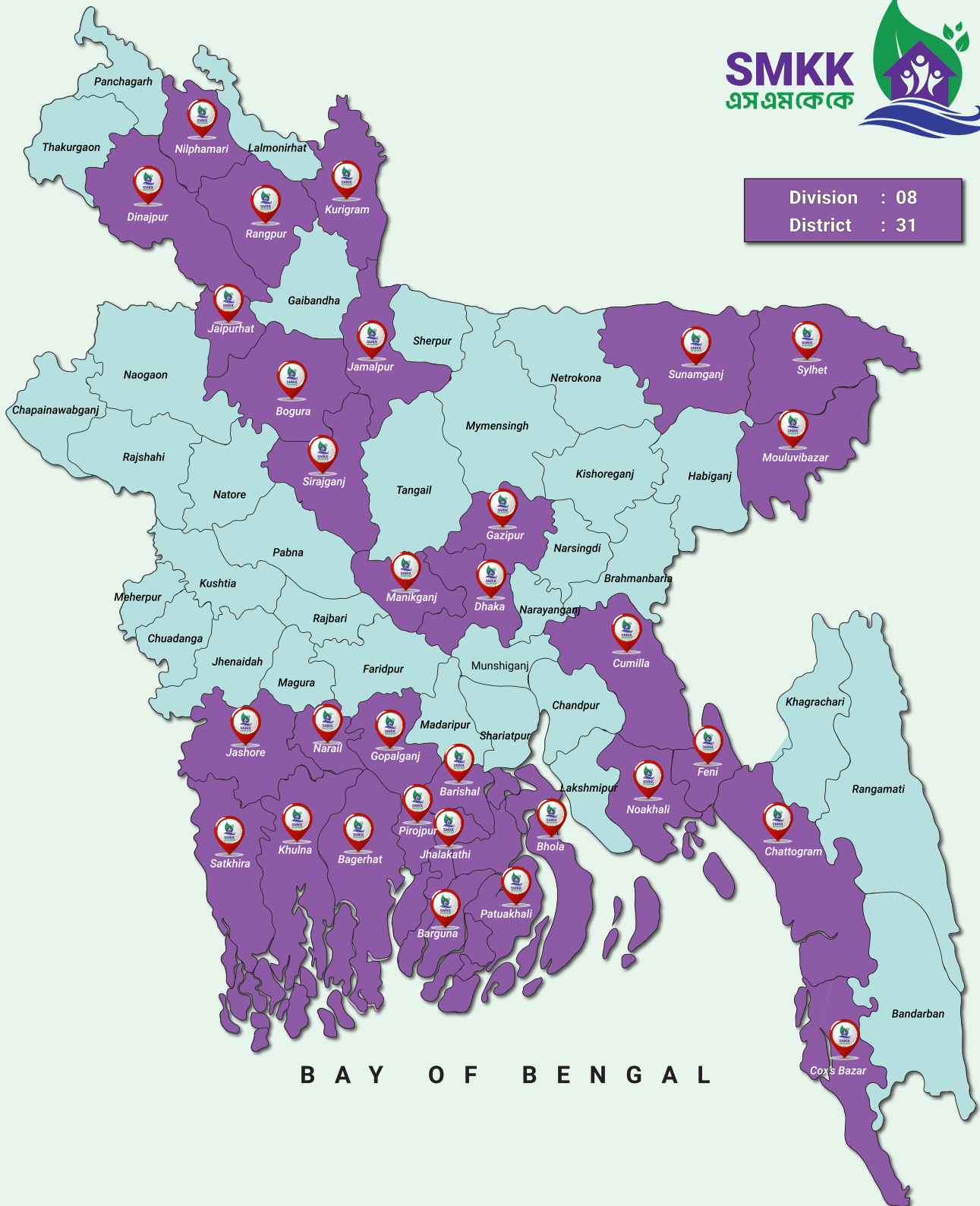
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