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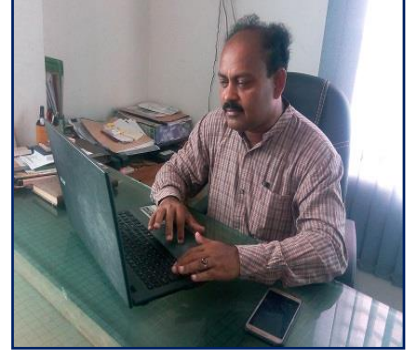
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FORWARD

It is my immense pleasure that **SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA-SMKK** is going to publish its Annual Report 2017. SMKK has traversed successfully another eventful year 2017, its 21st year of operations in the field of livelihood, food security/poverty reduction, women empowerment and capacity building. Some new areas have been covered during the year under the partnership with government, national & international donors including. As part of the commitment to keep informed the stakeholders including donors and local government authorities on the activities undertaken during the year, this Annual Report has been publishing for year 2016 containing statement of different activities, achievement, outcomes and successes as well constraints.



Since its inception in the year 1996, SMKK has unremittingly been working hand in hand with the poverty stricken people of different districts with particular focus in the southern districts of Bangladesh. During the year 2017, a total of 17 projects are being implemented by SMKK through which more than 82,512 beneficiaries were covered under its services.

Our deepest gratitude to Bangladesh Government, WFP, FAO, UNDP, DFID, WorldFish Center, EU, USAID, United Purpose, PRICE, HOPE'87-Austria, CARE Bangladesh, Winrock International, DAI, CDD, PPRC, Muslim Aid-UK, Bangladesh NGO Foundation, STROMME Foundation, BRAC, NGO Forum DWSS, Islamic Relief, Bangladesh Bank, LGED, DAE, DoF, DLS, BWDB, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, SONNE International Austria, The Art of Living Foundation & UNEP, Save the Children, Ministry of Labor and Employment for their financial and technical assistance and guidance in implementation of the projects.

We are delighted to recognize the active cooperation from the local administration, especially the Deputy Commissioners (DC) of Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Khulna, Satkhira, Jessore, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Sylhet, Comilla, Dhaka and Gazipur. The Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of the respective upazilas who were provided timely and active support in different phases of the project implementation. I thankfully acknowledge the patronage and inspirations received from the Mayors and UP Chairmen, Ward Members and other elites from the working area.

I am indebted to who have rendered their support to SMKK for its institutional growth. Finally I am taking the opportunity for appreciation to all hard working staff members who have been found to be enthusiastic in their respective field. It would not be possible to uphold the image of the organization without having their dedication and sincerity toward accomplishing the assignments; I would like to thank project participants for their active participation and devotion.

M. Manjur Kadir
Executive Director
SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA

31 December, 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra (SMKK) is a non-profit, non-political voluntary development organization, established in January 1996 and working since the inception of the organization, it has been implementing integrated development projects/programmes with the poorer section of the community with particular focus to address the rights of children and women for bringing a positive change in their livelihood. Over time SMKK has gained experience and capacity by working on various development issues with technical and financial support from multifarious donors. It has gained a significant institutional competency to implement larger initiatives for achieving development objectives.

SMKK has a team of 322 staff and volunteers who are well qualified and experienced to project implementation of livelihood, vulnerable group development & empowerment for wider adoption by its target beneficiaries, thus enabling them to attain improvement of livelihood standard. The organization has so far been involving over 356,386 people through development initiatives presently being implemented.

SMKK strongly believes in target population concept for its basic development efforts in which the focus is the destitute and disadvantaged poor with emphasis on children and women. The organization follows regular monitoring, feedback, sharing experiences and immediate action for the successful implementation of the projects/programmes. It is dedicated to foster qualitative and quantitative improvement in the living standard of the target beneficiaries.

SMKK has a policy to work in that area where the people are comparatively more vulnerable. Its programmes specially targeted to ensure its support to establish rights of the women, adolescent girls and children to remove social injustice and bring a society free from discrimination.

Vision

The poor and extreme poor people would be capable of building sustainable socio-economic status through active participation in diversified social actions.

Mission

To promote own resource mobilization through strengthening capacity of the poor and extreme poor people and to facilitate them in undertaking need-based activities through active participation for their gradual development towards sustainable growth.

Governance of SMKK

SMKK is governed by two- tier governing body and general by body governance system. The basic governance lies with the governing body of SMKK. It comprises of 7 members, including the Executive Director of the organization as an ex-officio member. Mr. M. Manjur Kadir is working as Executive Director. In addition to the general body there is an executive committee which is assisted by advisors.

Working Area Covered by SMKK:

Over the years SMKK has grown into multifaceted development organization covering a total of 70 upazilas of 19 districts & 6 division and urban area 3 CC, 6 Municipality of the country till December 2016 and gradually expanding its programs to other areas.

Sl.No	Division	District	Upazila	Union	Villages
1	Khulna	Bagerhat	Sadar, Rampal, Saronkhola, Morelganj, Fakirhat, Kachua&Mongla	34	183
		Khulna	Sadar, Dacope, Koyra, Dumuria, Dighalia, Terokhada&Boithaghata	14	126
		Jessore	Sadar, Monirampur, Keshobpur, Jikargasha&Ovoynagar, Bagharpara	22	250
		Satkhira	Tala, Shyamnagar, Assasuni	5	105
		Narail	NarailSadar	4	70
2	Barisal	Barisal	Barisal city corpor, Muladi, Babugonj, Wazirpur, Bakergonj, Banoripara, Gurnoddi&Agailjhara	27	97
		Barguna	Sadar, Betagi, Bamna, Amtoli&Pathorghata	16	80
		Patuakhali	Mirzagonj, Golachipa, Kalapara, Dumki&Baufal	11	25
		Bhola	Sadar&Doulatkhan	22	127
		Jhalakati	Kathalia	3	9
		Pirojpur	Nesarabad, Kawkhali, Bhandaria, Mothbaria, Nazirpur&Jianagor	36	180
3	Dhaka	Dhaka	Gulshan, Badda, Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Saver&Dhamrai	27	10
		Gazipur	GazipurSadar, Kapashia&Kalikor	5	15
		Gopalganj	Kotalipara&Tongipara	4	14
		Jamalpur	Sharishabari	2	16
		Manikgonj	Ghior, Daulatpur, Harirumpur, Shibalaya	14	20
		Tangail	Sadar, Nagarpur	2	8

4	Rajshahi	Bogra	Dhunat	1	3
		Sirajgonj	Chauhali, Sahjadpur	10	30
5	Rangpur	Rangpur	Rangpur City	1	17
		Dinajpur	Dinajpur City	1	11
6	Sylhet	Sylhet	Sylhet Sadar, Gowainghat, South Surma&Kanighat	9	36
7	Chittagang	Comilla	AdarshaSadar, Debidwar&Burirchan	9	18
8		Cox's Bazar	Sadar, Ukhia	1	1
Total	7	24	82	280	1451

Urban Working Areas of SMKK

Sl.	Division	District	City Corporation	Municipality
1	Khulna	Bagerhat	--	Bagerhat Municipality
		Jessore	--	Jessore Municipality
2	Barisal	Barisal	Barisal City Corporation	--
		Pirojpur	--	Nesarabad Municipality
3	Dhaka	Dhaka	Dhaka City Corporation	--
			--	Savar Municipality
		Gazipur	--	Gazipur Municipality
4	Rangpur	Rangpur	Rangpur City Corporation	--
		Dinajpur	--	Dinajpur Municipality

1. Livelihoods and Micro-finance with Agricultural Rural Credit Program



During the period January 2017 to December 2017 SMKK has been focused on livelihood and microfinance programs. The program is supported by CODEC/STROMME Foundation and Pubali Bank Limited to open an opportunities for starting and/or re-starting income generation activities for improving overall livelihood situation of the poor and marginal families. This initiative for disbursement of micro-credit to the poor farmers was started in the year of 2006 as pilot basis. The ultimate results in poverty reduction through supporting in increasing agricultural production were found to be highly effective and now the program has been extended other area. Currently the program is successfully operating in 18 upazilas under Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Barguna district.

2. Human Resource Development /Capacity Building

During the year, SMKK organized different Human Resource and skill development training for the beneficiaries to increase their basic awareness, knowledge, behavior, attitude and entrepreneurship. Well designed training materials (mostly visual) were used for the target recipients and practical sessions were organized for the skill development training. SMKK hired some experienced resource persons from other organization besides its own training personnel. Strong emphasis was given to utilize the knowledge in their daily life to increase income. Regular mentoring and extension support and in some cases



refresher training was organized for the beneficiaries.

A total of beneficiaries were trained on 20 courses under 6 sectors during the reporting year, out of which 101,81 were female and 2,910 were male.

For selection of training participants, a care selection process was followed, especially for the off-farm IGA. Physical facilities in operation of the selected trade, its market opportunity and financial capabilities are considered during the process of selection. These exercises have prevented misuse of resources and more than 85% trained beneficiaries have utilized their skills. Similar approaches also applied for other agricultural training.

Follow-up services were rendered at the community level for ensuring proper utilization of the skills and micro-finance supports were given to the trained beneficiaries. A strong business development services have also been provided to establish a market linkage with the input supplies and bulk buyers. For agricultural activities, local officials from DAE, DLS, DoF, DH&FP were invited in the training courses and a viable linkage have established that enabled the beneficiaries for taking necessary technical advises as and when required. These approaches also help in sustainability of the project activities and long term impact has been created.

As it has been mentioned, SMKK has been working to empower the women and providing necessary support in increasing their awareness, skills, knowledge and income earning opportunity.

DRR, Emergency Response and Humanitarian Assistance

One of the prime strategic objectives of SMKK is reducing risk through disaster risk reduction initiative which is one of the cross-cutting issues for any development activities. During the reporting period a number of aspects have been identified to effectively increase resilience and decrease vulnerability of communities to natural disasters. Approaches must be flexible and holistic, and they must include the innovative use of adaptable structural and non-structural measures. Gaps include the adoption of a systems based perspective, a focused and results-based approach, and building of broad partnerships and stakeholders for the implementation of the complete cycle of disaster risk management areas (prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction) to reduce losses from the occurrence of cyclones, floods and droughts. SMKK's mandates to quick response to any types of disaster occurred in operational areas. Since its inception SMKK ran huge number of operations in coastal region of Bangladesh.

Capacity Building and education:

In line with SMKK's mission statement to contribute to the capacity building of the organizations engaged in integrated community development, SMKK introduced skill development and management courses in order to develop skill manpower especially the women workforce. Over the period SMKK conducted hundreds of courses for young women entrepreneurs and farmers.

The executive committee of SMKK has constituted a training pool where training experts of different sectors are actively involved in training designing and facilitation, finally team evaluates the training courses. Based on the needs SMKK invites/hires sector specialist to deliver quality training.

Completed and Ongoing Projects of 2017



1. Feed the Future Bangladesh Women's Empowerment Activity Project



Activities Performed:

- Enroll targeted numbers of women beneficiaries and form women's groups
- Facilitate community-led monitoring system and ensure online data gathering into web database and application of mobile phone based data collection system
- Provide Entrepreneur Literacy Training (ELT) to the all beneficiaries
- Engage men and family members in activities and to encourage their support for women's empowerment
- Ensure LAC's members participation in different forums
- Work with/for other partners (ACI and other) of the Feed the Future Bangladesh Women's Empowerment Activity and other relevant stakeholders for better coordination at field level
- Link targeted number of women beneficiaries with potential Micro Finance Institute (MFI)
- Employment (not individual business or IGA) ensuring for women beneficiaries
- Organize Court Yard session on household responsibilities Sharing
- Organize different events for awareness raising on women empowerment and gender issue
- Village Savings and Loan (VSL) Program
- Establishing collection center



2. Support to Working Lactating Mother Programme



Funded by : Department of Women Affairs (DWA) under the Ministry of Women and Child, on going project, Barisal City Corporation

Objectives of the project and Activities Performed:

- Save mother and children life
- Reduce health disease and nutritional crisis
- To build up their skill for IGAs work for increasing income in their family.
- To reduce poverty in local community and nationally.
- To ensure hygiene practice in their family.
- To empower the rural women

Main activities of this project the total 2200 working lactating mother are covered by the training services on mother and child health, nutrition, hygienic practice and IGAs with the concern of department of women affairs.

3. Local Poultry Farming for ultra-poor



Funded by : Bangladesh NGO Foundation, July 2015 to June 2017, Nesarabad Upazila of Pirojpur district, Beneficiaries : 200 poor families. SMKK is implementing a project for income generation through rearing of local poultry birds.

The specific objectives of the project were.

- ❖ To reduce poverty and increase income of the extreme poor families.
- ❖ To increase nutritional intake of the target families
- ❖ To build their skill on local poultry farming.
- ❖ Provide 2 days long training support on local poultry farming for 200 beneficiaries.

- ❖ Distribution of poultry cages each beneficiaries 1 cage.
- ❖ Distribution of 9 hens and 1 cock total 10 to among 100 beneficiaries.
- ❖ Distribution of 10 duck among 100 beneficiaries

4. Free Friday Clinic Program



Funded by : SMKK own fund, 2002-2017, Upazila : Nesarabad under Pirojpur District & Betagi under Barguna District.

Objectives of the project and Activities Performed:

- To reduce disease in village poor communities.
- To help treatment, medicine, in poor communities.
- Reduce mother and child diseases
- Awareness about vaccination during pre and post pregnancy
- To support village poor patient treatment, medicine every holiday in every week.
- SMKK selected village doctor to treatment their disease in SMKK selected self-medical caps.
- Without visit or fee for all activities for patients.

5. Dig A Well Project under WASH Program



Funded by : Muslim Aid-UK, April 2009 to December 2017, Pirojpur & Bagerhat Districts,
Beneficiaries : 5000

Objectives of the project and Activities Performed :

- Pure Drinking Water Supply
- Reduce water infectious disease

Main activities of the project 2 nos. deep tube-well and 5 nos. shallow tube installations for pure drinking water supply in SIDR & AILA affected coastal zone of Bangladesh.

6. Qurbani (Eid-ul-Azha Festival) Programme:



Funded by : Muslim Aid – UK & SAWAB, 2004 to On going project, Nesarabad Upazila of Pirojpur District, Beneficiary: 100 families.

Objectives of the Project and Activities Performed:

- ❖ To share the happiness of religious festival among the poor communities.
- ❖ To share the beef and meat among poor and vulnerable Muslim families.
- ❖ Distributed beef and meat among poor.
- ❖ Organized Qurbani of 1 Cows distributed meats among 100 most vulnerable families during Eid- ul-Azha (1 Kgs for each family) during.

07. Inclusive Protection and Empowerment for Children with Disabilities (IPEP) Project



Funded by: European Union , Save the Children International , Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra (SMKK) July'2016 to August'2017 , Dhaka City Corporation, Sylhet City Corporation & Barisal City Corporation

Activities for Disabled People

During the year 2016, SMKK implemented activities for disabled people to increase their socio-economic condition. The mention below activities has done during the year 2015.

Disability Development Program Major Activities:

- Group Formation
- Skill Development through Training
- Technical Training such as tailoring, handicraft, jute bags production etc.
- Assistive devices support

Project Goal/Objective: Building and strengthening capacity of CBCPCs to be more responsive towards CWDs

Project Activity:

Awareness raising activities for CWDs i.e. Discussion Session, Colorful Rally, Day Observation, Art program, School camping etc; Referral and provide assistive devices to the CWDs; Sensitization and mobilization; Building capacity of disable persons; Increasing livelihoods options of disable people; Vocational training; Linkage and networking with government, non-government and private agencies.



o8. Low Cost Housing Program for Poor Families:

Funded by: Bangladesh Bank (GrihayanTahabil)

Duration of the project: 14 August 2003- July 2020

Location: Nesarabadupazila of Pirojpur and Betagiupazila of Barguna district.

Objectives of the project:

- To support in poor families for reconstruction/construction houses

Activities Performed:

- Disbursed long term credit to poor families with minimum interest and flexible Repayment schedule



09. Local Poultry farming for Ultra-poor Families:

Funded by: Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)
Duration of the project: 1 September 2009 to Ongoing
Location: Union: Somudoikati, upazila: Nesarabad
District: Pirojpur.



Objectives of the project:

- To reduce poverty and increase financial income in their family.
- To build their skill on local poultry farming and increase money for their better life.

Activities Performed:

- Provide 2 days long training support on local poultry farming for 100 beneficiaries.
- Distribution of poultry cages each beneficiaries 1 cage.
- Distribution of 9 hens and 1 cock total 10 to each beneficiary.

10. SMKK School (Pre-primary Education and Early Childhood Development Program)

Funded by: SMKK own fund
Duration of the project: January 1999 to Continue
Location: Bagerhat, Pirojpur & Barguna

Objectives of the project:

- To reduce Illiteracy and increase literacy in poor community.
- To build their educational capacity and prepare their primary school education.



Activities Performed:

- Provide child education for children of women beneficiaries who involved SMKK micro-credit program.
- Since 1998 till to date among 5000 child were educated under this program.
- Each micro-credit group used their school center and SMKK field level staff to teach them

11. Working Lactating Mother Program

Funded by: Department of Women Affairs (DWA)
under the Ministry of Women and Children
Duration of the project: 2012-Dec 2018
Location: Barisal City Corporation, Barisal

Objectives of the project:

- Save mother and children life
- Reduce health disease and nutritional crisis
- To build up their skill for IGAs work for increasing income in their family.
- To reduce poverty in local community and nationally.
- To ensure hygiene practice in their family.
- To empower the rural women



Activities Performed:

Main activities of this project the total 3300 working lactating mother are covered by the training services on mother and child health, nutrition, hygienic practice and IGAs with the concern of department of women affairs.



12. Disability Development Program

Funded by: SMKK & Others Donors Overhead

Duration of the project: January 2015 to continue

Location: Pirojpur, Bagerhat, & Jessore District

Beneficiaries: 1000

Objectives of the project:

SMKK always involve with the development process and it believes inclusive development for all. So, it has undertaken disability development program in its working areas. SMKK has been implementing various types of development program with a view to improve the socio economic conditions of the specially ultra-poor, vulnerable women & children, persons with disabilities (PWDs), women with disabilities (WWDs) and children with disabilities (CWDs) in the society where these persons are very much neglected and they have no any scope to attain in any development activities. That's why they could be able to take initiatives to participate in social development activities and they would be empower and to be able to improve their living standard and livelihood like other general people of the society.



SMKK primarily think that these WWDs will received technical training on tailoring, handicrafts, jute bags production process and they are working in SMKK Enterprise and received training on the above technical issues.

SMKK management finally decided to undertaken a new dimension in the development process by including disability development issues in the working area for greater interest of the disabled people for change the life style as a hole like other general people of the society. It is now the important national issues for the development of all the people in Bangladesh by including the PWDs

Major Activities:

- Group Formation
- Skill Development through Training
- Technical Training such as tailoring, handicraft, jute bags production etc.
- Assistive devices support

13. Strengthening Capacity and Networking of NSAs and LAS on Disability (SCANED) Project



Lead Partner: Centre for Disability in Development-CDD

Funded by: European Union and Light for the World, & The Netherlands

Duration of the project: February'2016 to August'2017

Location: Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Barguna and Jessore District

Beneficiaries: 500

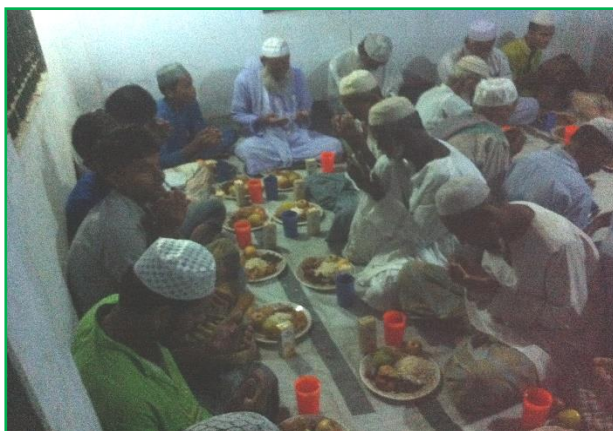
Objectives of the project:

Better service for the disable people and empowering disable better life.

Project Activities:

- Provide skill training
- Awareness raising and campaign
- Making enabling environment for disable people.

14. Ramadan Programme:



Funded by : Muslim Aid – UK, 2004 to 2016 (On going project), Kazirabad, Betagi, Borguna
Total Beneficiary: 248

15. Investment Component for Vulnerable Group Development (ICVGD) Programme



Funded by: Bangladesh Government, UK-AID and WFP, Supported by: World Food Programmes April'2016 to April'2017, Bhola Sadar under Bhola District, Total Beneficiary: 927

Project Activities & Objective:

To demonstrate the potential for integration of promotional safety net approaches into existing systems to assist ultra-poor women to sustainability lift themselves and their families out of extreme poverty. Provide 30.30 kg Fortified Rice to the ICVGD Beneficiary; Intensive Entrepreneurship training; Comprehensive IGA trainings; Pragmatic Business Plan; Cash grant 15,000 taka; Nutrition, hygiene and health training; Linkage with private and public service providers; Local resource mapping (veterinary station, medical service, other supports etc.); Risk coverage assistance fund; Savings mobilization; Formation of Apex Committees at Union level and register under the Department of Women Affairs; Support given by local woman (Contact Woman); Orientation and Training of Trainers; Bi-monthly coordination meetings with the cooperating partners.

16. Building Skills for Unemployed and Underemployed Labour (B-Skillful)



Funded by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Swiss Contact & EU.

Duration of the project: 2017 to 2018

Location: Jessore of Khulna Division **Beneficiaries:** 1600

Activities:

To improve the well-being of poor and disadvantaged men and women by increasing their access to the labour market and increased income, while safeguarding their fundamental rights at work. The project facilitates implementation of demandable skills training programmes i.e. beautician, jute and box making, mobile phone servicing and tailoring training and job placement of the trained beneficiaries.



17. Event Management Programme

Funded by: UN-World Food Programme (WFP).

Duration of the project: 2017 to 2018

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Beneficiaries: 2000

Activities:

Organizing Meeting, Workshop, Training and seminar etc.



18. Plantation of Coconut Trees & Flowering/Ornamental Plants and Maintenance

Funded by: Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Ltd.

Duration of the project: 2017 to 2020

Location: RampalMaitree Project Site, Bagerhat.

Beneficiaries/Plantation: 1000

Activities:

Plantation of Coconut Trees, Flowering, Ornamental Plants, Nursery and Maintenance.



19. Rohingya Refugees Emergency Relief Program

Funded by: SMKK own Fund, Human Relief Foundation & HELP THE NEEDY

Duration of the project: Sep.2017 to ongoing

Location: Kutupalong and Balukhali Camp, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar.

Beneficiaries: 2000 Household

Activities:

Distribution of daily hot food and Non-Food emergency items.



CONCLUDING WORDS

As a development organization, SMKK is committed to its target communities in eradicating their poverty and trying to address multifarious socio-economic issues which are encumbering the process of development. The organization follows the strategy of partnership and participatory program planning and implementation to build an ownership attitude among the target service recipients from which those beneficiaries can go forward with their own initiative and ultimately reduce the dependency on the external.

The Baseline Survey is a prime tool to learn about existing situation and also necessary to assess the needs of the target group and to determine what was important for facilitation of effective implementation of the project. Through household level survey, discussions with community members and key informants and relevant stakeholders, the survey provided benchmark information on the variables/ like levels of awareness/knowledge of community members on their rights and legal issues, their vulnerability to violence, overall existing pattern and prevalence of violence in the community, access to and availability of support services, which would be used for assessing the project impact. This information would help develop a vulnerability mapping for the purpose of determining appropriate intervention spots.

Similarly, outcome survey, periodic review and mid-term evaluation and end evaluation will help in understanding about the effectiveness, efficiency, performance level, deviation and what extent the services are given that is relevant for the sustainability.

SMKK has given much importance on baseline study and performance evaluation at different stages of the project implementation to improve the service delivery mechanism. These strategies are also improving the competences of the staff members through the feedback and lessons sharing from the evaluation. As usual, the overall performance of the projects implemented during the year was found to be highly satisfactory. The project coordinators, assigned for each project and the field team have shown their dedication in accomplishing their duties and tried to complete all planned activities within the time frame allowed for the project.

SMKK has running with the support from different national and international development partners. It is absolutely a non-profit organization and has no large fund for undertaking long term program for the target beneficiaries. Therefore, SMKK is placing its appeal for financial assistance from institutions and individuals to support in the development initiatives that urgently needed to support the disaster victims and other vulnerable communities.

SMKK has experienced and dedicated staff members who are committed to their jobs and the organization follows the strategy of human development for which we can assure that any resources received from the donors would be best utilized. Our financial management is more transparent and audited by the competent Chartered Accounting Firm in each year and has no restrictions for any donor agencies for verification.

We have strong relationship with the local administration and local government that privileged to ensure our services to the most deserve beneficiaries without any discrimination. We tried our best to reach the most vulnerable and deprived people and stands beside their initiative with our limited resources.

SMKK has persistently trailing forward to overcome those issues which are mentioned above. SMKK need cooperation and sharing of other development partners for consolidation of their hands. We acknowledged patronage and encouragements received all way long from a host of national and international friends and development partners and hoping their continual support in coming days as well.

SHUPAL IS NOW SELF DEPENDENT

Shupal Biswas, age-25, Village: Joukhola, Union: Baghutia. Upazila: Aghoynagar, Jessore lives with her parents. read in Masters

Singgari Local Advisory committee (LAC) selected him as a Peer Leader for Joykhola ELTE Women Group Through the Feed the Future Bangladesh, Women's Empowerment Activity of SMKK by the process of collaboration CAA dated on 20/2/16.

His father is a farmer; He is living two brothers with his father & mother. Beside his study he helps her father of agricultural works. As a peer leader he got the opportunity for 337 Beneficiaries house hold profile data entry by the Tabe devise and before he gets a two days training on Tab Base data entry from Winrock International.

At the end of the Work Tab Base data entry he earn money 16,850/- (Sixteen thousand eight hundred fifty) from Winrok International and It was first time in his life, her father and mother is very happy and pleased their son. Shupal Jointly purchases a power tiller of his first time income. He thinks that this business will come through of his family's economic solvency.

He says that, he has been able to learn about the data entry work and he has been gained a great experience. He was able to recognize of his own area. He is very happy to work of his own community and he is more interested to work with community as a peer leader.

He is thankful to SMKK for changing his life through training and all others supports.



JHORNA RANI CAN TAKE FAMILY DECISION

Jhorna Rani Biswas (Age 37), Husband of Santos Biswas lives in Monirampur Upazila, Jessore with her husband one son and only daughter. She got married at the age of 15. She has to stop her education after completing class one. Her husband is a poor farmer and has to manage his family poorly with his income. They had 30 decimal cultivable



but most of the time it was unused they only depended one crop which was rice production.

So, Jhorna Rani used to stitch Nakshikantha and earn about 400-500 Taka a month to support her husband.

In December 2015 Jhorna Rani came to know about Feed the Future Bangladesh Women's Empowerment Activity project from Ms. Khadija Khanom, Field Officer of SMKK and showed interested in involving with the project. In January



2016 she participated in the Community Asset Appraisal (CAA) and the LAC member selected her as an ELTE member. Jhorna Rani received 7 month long Entrepreneurship literacy training for empowerment (ELTE) training from March 2016. Meanwhile she

also received Agricultural Technical Training (ATT) from ACI. Every day, after

training she have been shared training related issues with her husband. Her husband Sontas Biswas was interested in the training of his wife, he was also admitted to the male's ELTE group and took part in 7 months of ELTE training and also received ATT. Being involved with such kind of training they decided to do increase their family income through increasing agricultural products. They took lease another 35-decimal cultivable land and started to farm the total of 65 decimal land. Earlier Jhorna did not work in the crop field but after receiving the training she also started working in the crop field with her husband. They cultivated gourd, egg plants and yard long bean in their crop field adopting improved technology they learnt from the ATT and EDT during the period. According to her statement "In last season we have earned around 25,000 takas by selling the vegetables and we do not have to buy vegetables. From the earned money she bought a cow for beef fattening. Jhorna Rani said that "I can take takes a decision of what kind of vegetables will be cultivated during the vegetable cultivation sessions. Other Female ELTE members of her village are inspired by her involvement in agricultural sectors and earnings and started taking IGAs like Jhorna.

They have started savings for the future. with the help of Women's Empowerment Activity project. Jhorna Rani's husband said, "I can't believe that my wife will work with me and can support me in the field of agriculture and increase our family income".

JHORNA RANI SAID, "I CAN TAKE MY FAMILY DECISION AS I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MY FAMILY ECONOMY".

AWARD OF SMKK -

1. Gyantaposh Dr. Mohammad Sahidullah Award-2016



M. Manjur Kadir, Executive Director, SMKK receives Gyantaposh Dr Muhammad Sahidullah Peace Award-2016 from the State Minister of the Ministry of Home Affairs Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku

2. Nelson Mandela Gold Medal-2016



৭ আগস্ট ২০১৬ ঢাকার জাতীয় প্রেস ক্লাবের কনফারেন্স লাউঞ্জে মহাত্মা গান্ধী গবেষণা পরিষদ আয়োজিত আলোচনা সভা ও মহাত্মা গান্ধী পিস এওয়ার্ড ২০১৬ প্রদান অনুষ্ঠানের প্রধান অতিথি পদ্মপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বিমান ও পূর্বতন মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী রাশেদ খান মেনন এম পি এর কাছ থেকে সমাজ সেবার বিশেষ অবদানের জন্য মহাত্মা গান্ধী পিস এওয়ার্ড ২০১৬ প্রদান করছেন সোনা মানব কল্যাণ কেন্দ্র এর নির্বাহী পরিচালক এম. মনজুর কাদির। অনুষ্ঠানে বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন ওয়ার্ড ইউনিভার্সিটির ডিসি আব্দুল মান্নান চৌধুরী। অনুষ্ঠানে সভাপতিত্ব করেন সাবেক তথ্য সচিব সৈয়দ মার্তব মোর্শেদ।

3. Mahadma Gandhi Peace Award-



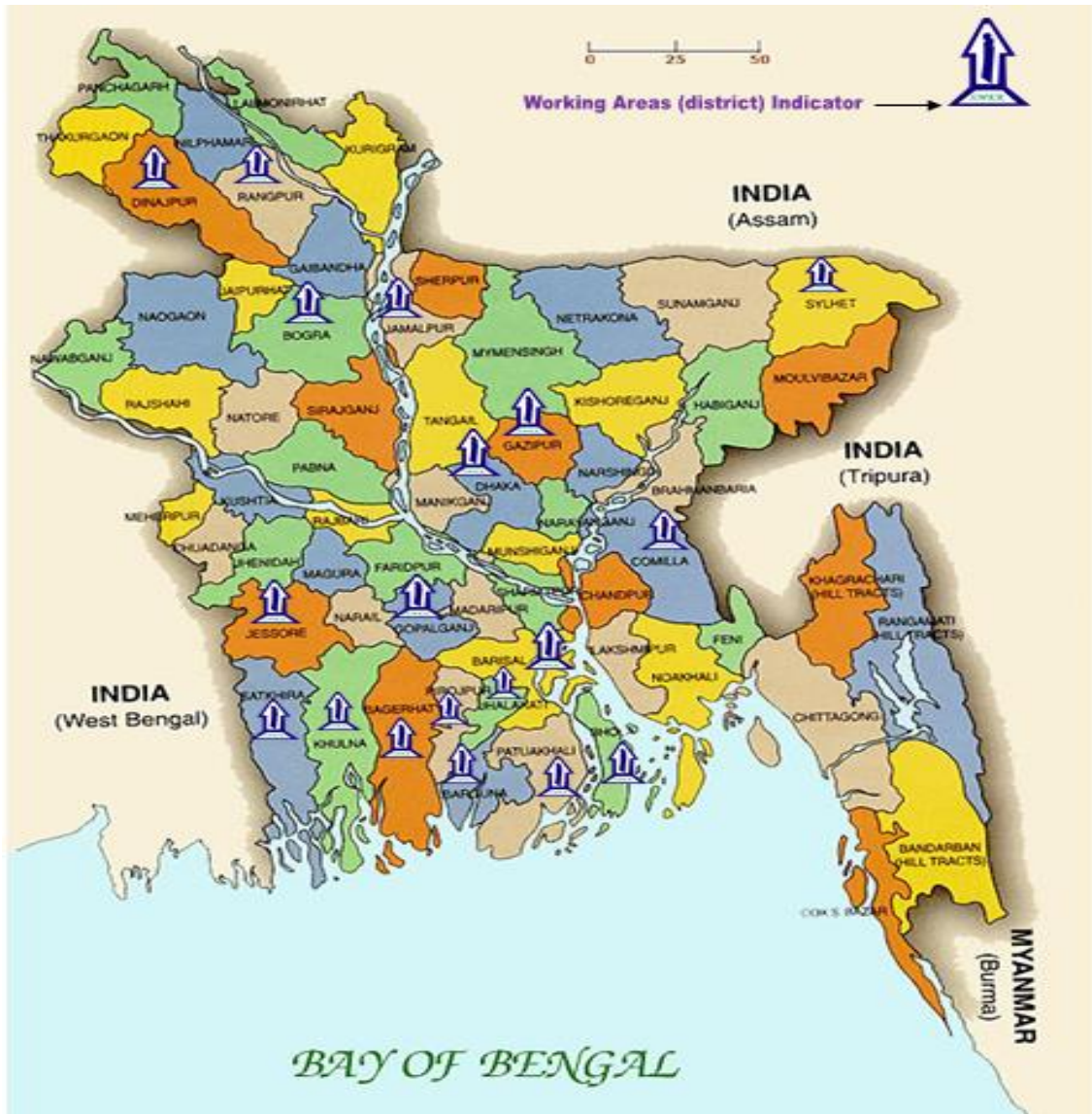
State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibur Haque Chunnun hands over the Nelson Mandela Gold Medal-2016 to M Manzur Qadir, executive director of Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra, at a programme at a city hotel on Wednesday.

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 <p>Department of Women Affairs</p>	 <p>World Food Programme (WFP)</p>	 <p>Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)</p>
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 <p>CARE Bangladesh</p>	 <p>Winrock International</p>	 <p>World Fish Center (WFC)</p>
 <p>European Union (EU)</p>	 <p>Netherlands Embassy</p>	 <p>Blue Gold Program</p>
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 <p>Department of Social Welfare</p>	 <p>Ministry of Health and Family Welfare</p>	 <p>Islamic Development Bank (IDB)</p>
	 <p>Ministry of Labor and Employment</p>	

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 Save the Children International	 Development Alternatives Incorporated	 Centre for Disability in Development

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