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Findings of Need Based Assessment
Conducted in 6 highly impacted upazilas of Sunamganj and Sylhet: Taherpur, Sunamganj Sadar, Bishwambarpur, Jamalganj, South Shurma and Gowainghat

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<th>In need of medical assistance</th>
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<td>Monthly household income less than BDT 5,000</td>
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Rehabilitation Interventions
Upon findings from Need Based Assessment Survey, 5,000 individuals will receive tailored interventions

Livelihood Support to 1,000 individuals
- Rickshaw/Van
- Small Business
- Boat and Fishing Equipment
- Sewing Machine
- Livestock

WASH Support to 500 individuals
- 250 Water Filters
- 250 Hygienic Toilets

Livestock Support to 750 individuals
- Veterinary Support
- Consultation
- Awareness

Education Support to 750 individuals
- Education Materials

Primary Health Care Support for 2,000 individuals
- Free Consultation
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- Referral
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### HEALTH

SAJIDA Hospital, Keraniganj

### GENERAL SERVICES

- **5,371 patients** were served at hospital’s outdoor facility, while **667 patients** required admission.

- **199 caesarian sections** and **31 normal deliveries** performed, and **36 babies** were served at NICU.

- Provided discounts from poor fund to **855 vulnerable patients**, performed **534 dialysis** for **60 patients** and **151 physiotherapy sessions** for **25 patients**.

- **888 clients vaccinated** under the Government’s Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), of them **751 were children** and **137 women**.

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It was wonderful to be able to access quality hospital care so close to my home.

- **Yarunnessa**, 60
  Patient, Keraniganj
SAJIDA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM (SMHP)

- 63 calls received by Tier 1 counsellors out of which 20 were referred for Tier 2 psychotherapy and 1 call was referred to Tier 3 for psychiatric consultation.

- From SHOJON Tier-2 counselling services, 176 counselling sessions were facilitated by SHOJON’s counsellors.

Diploma in Community Mental Health Care

- From 16th to 20th October, 5 theory classes of 35 hours and 1 debrief session of 4 hours have been conducted with the participants, alongside the completion of 70 hours of fieldwork in their respective project areas. Till now, total 10 classes (70 hours) and 140 hours of fieldwork have been completed.

- From 25th October, Master Trainers have started their supervision with faculties from The Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health (BALM).

- Apart from the Master Trainers, 3 guest lecturers - Dr. Ashique Selim from SAJIDA Foundation, Ashik Abdullah Shuvo from Kaan Pete Roi (KPR) and Trishia Nashtaran from Ognie Foundation have taken classes on Common Mental Health Disorders, Suicidal Case Management and Gender Based Violence respectively.

Proshanti - Community Based Transitional Care

- SMHP has initiated the implementation of the Proshanti Project at Chunarughat, Habiganj. As such the program has started the process of its first house set up.

- Selection of 5 clients along with home visits completed in Habiganj

- 7 SMHP personnel received 5 days training from BALM on the “Home Again” model of India.

Psychosocial Well-Being for RMG Workers

- Initiated the preliminary phase of project implementation with British Asian trust and Primark to onboard RMG factories for providing required training to RMG employees.

- Joined hands with Lutheran Aid to Medicine in Bangladesh (LAMB) Hospital at Dinajpur, to provide training and enhance capacity of primary health care providers. Alongside, a campaign was held at the premises of LAMB hospital - raising awareness among community members through engaging mental health related activities and disseminating information on various mental health services.
Economic Inclusion Stream

Microbusiness

- Developed and approved a new Microbusiness product, orientation on product SOP and business management training manual conducted across SUDIN field team and Microfinance branches.

- Completed Microfinance assessment and SUDIN Enterprise selection with 88 members.

- 343 households received microbusiness mentoring and follow-up.

SUDIN Savings

- 455 out of 502 households registered for savings initiative made their monthly deposits.

Community Building

- All communities of Cohort 1 across 4 Towns, Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Gazipur & Chandpur, celebrated 1 year initiation anniversary of community building interventions. Steering committees arranged participative activities for community members.

- In Cohort 2 of the Women and Adolescent Group Monthly Social Development (MSD) meeting, “Identification of Gendered Space in the Community” was discussed.

- In Pavement groups, the topic of Monthly Social Development (MSD) was to discuss avenues to make meetings more inclusive for participants.

- Steering Committee members are decorating community neighborhood spaces - Boithok Khanas and developing a “Community Map”.

- Monthly Social Development (MSD) meeting in Women and Adolescent groups (Cohort 1) encircled the topics of “Dowry & Bangladeshi Laws regarding Dowry” & “Internet Safety” respectively.

Health Camps

- A total of 12 camps have been held across Dhaka, Gazipur and Chandpur, with 458 community members receiving services this month.
Education

- Targeting completed to expand services to other Cohort 1 community children, enabling them to attend SUDIN tutoring sessions in areas with capacity to incorporate additional students.

- In Cohort 1 communities, 269 students of pre-primary to class 5 participated in classes on a regular basis.

- Tutoring support program is under expansion in SUDIN Cohort 2 communities. In total 161 students are receiving this service through 8 groups across 4 new centres. 7 teachers were recruited and trained up to take the classes.

- Teachers and team leaders received a two-day capacity building training, led by BRAC Institute of Educational Development (IED).

MICROFINANCE

Program Data

25 Districts Covered

328 Branch Offices

520,696 Active Members

6,066,268,780 Savings Balance (BDT)

21,398,315,404 Loan Outstanding (BDT)

*As of September 31st, 2022
**Capacity Building**

- 18 community capacity-building sessions were held, with a total of 234 participants. The sessions focused on issues regarding Sanitation, Hygiene, Gender-based violence, Physical & Mental Health, also maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems.

**Green Skills Training**

- 50 participants from the Mongla Municipality have been selected for receiving four packages of green skill training (refrigeration and air conditioning, tailoring, mobile phone servicing and electrical house wiring).

**National Event**

- **World Bank’s CCDR Report Launching Ceremony**
  CCDM Program participated in the launch of the Bangladesh Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR) which is developed by The World Bank. This report identifies near-term policy and investment priorities that will support Bangladesh to continue accelerating development while building resilience to the effects of climate change.

- **National Consultation on Update of Climate Change Gender Action Plan (CCGAP)**
  CCDM Program participated in the CCGAP National Consultation Workshop in Dhaka, organized jointly by UN Women in partnership with Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT) and IUCN under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

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**WASH**

**Improving Public Health, Sanitation and Dignity**

- Provided hygienic sanitation services to **1,36,142** individuals
- **112,168** male
- **29,109** female

**Global Handwashing Day Celebrated**

Celebrated **Global Handwashing Day** with participation of **96 households** in WASH4UrbanPoor project. Under WASH4RMG, 6,093 RMG employees were briefed on the importance of handwashing and 345 employees were shown awareness raising videos, 107 children participated in events conducted at schools and **450 community members** joined in events.

**WASH4RMG

- **COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS**
  - **86 individuals** attended 2 handwashing and 2 MHM sessions.

- **FACTORIES**
  - 18 handwashing session were organized at factory level reaching **497 individuals**.
  - **4 Menstrual Health Management (MHM) sessions** were organized, **90 individuals** participated.

**Hardware facility construction at community and school level**

- Two hardware facility (one for each intervention) built at community and school level in the month of October, enabling access to WASH facilities, encouraging good hygiene behaviors.

**Ensuring Sustainable Access to Improved WASH Services for Rural People**

- Two WASHCOMs meetings have been arranged.
- **271 beneficiaries** attended hygiene awareness sessions on hand washing, importance of safe water and hygienic toilets.
- Of the planned 2,500 meters, **2,300 meters** of piped water supply construction has been completed.
- Celebrated **National Sanitation Month & Global Handwashing Day** at Nurruddin Matborer Kandi SESDP Model High School.

**WASH4UrbanPoor**

Project set to phase out in December 2022. Endline survey conducted by WaterAid through Neilson survey team.

**Shastha Nirapatta Scheme**

Participated in **8 hospital** orientations with Waada & Chartered Life Insurance.
Making Your Mark

**Location:** Hotel Bengal Canary Park, Dhaka  
**Date:** 15th October

An exclusive training program for administrative and support staff of SAJIDA Foundation. The training aimed to enrich participant’s knowledge on customer orientation, communication, behavioral etiquettes, conflict management and team building to ensure quality services.

Microfinance Operational Training

**Location:** BLC, Comilla  
**Date:** 11th-13th October

Provided a three day long training to field staff of Microfinance Divisions (Biborton and Suchona). The training aimed to enhance operational activities at field level and develop practical knowledge on field force application.

International Workshop on Performance Review & Feedback

**Location:** Hotel Bengal Canary Park, Dhaka  
**Date:** 30th October

An international workshop for managers to accelerate and analyze employee performance potential. The workshop elaborated on the importance of engaging employees in right conversations, redirect off-target performance by articulating clear and actionable future response, enhancing motivation and inspiring improved performance.
Potluck and kids day Celebration

On 10th October, all SAJIDA Foundation staff arranged a potluck session. All departments and branches participated and the best team (Head Office and Branches) was evaluated on their participation, creativity and environment friendly initiatives. Administration Department from Head Office and Maniknagar PDC from field offices won the competition, receiving a prize of BDT 10,000.

On the day, employees were encouraged to bring their kids to offices. Day care center of HO was equipped with toys, books and puzzles. Additionally, three trained caregivers from HCCL accompanied the little ones.

Uttaran (Ascension)

First Inception Meeting with Government completed in Shariatpur.

Initiated Operational Training of SAJIDA Shastho Bondhu and Program Officer (Health).

Household registration training initiated across 43 branches with 104 field staff, simultaneously registration is being conducted in six districts.

Program orientation provided to Microfinance branches.

“Training of Trainers” on enterprise development training given to 3 Zonal Managers and 12 Team Leads.
MoU Signing with Baridhara Society:

On 18th October, Home and Community Care Ltd. signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Baridhara Society at Baridhara Society office.

An MOU was signed by Tajwar Hoque, Chief Operating Officer, HCCL, Fozia Zabin, Sr. Coordinator, HCCL and Md. Abdur Rauf, President, Baridhara Society, and Dr. S. M. Akbar, Secretary General, Baridhara Society. This partnership aims to provide on-demand holistic home caregiving services to Baridhara Society’s members and seniors. Under this agreement, Baridhara Society’s members and their immediate families may avail all kinds of Caregiving/Nursing and Healthcare services at Home and Community Care Ltd.

World Mental Health Day initiatives

- Arranged an open conversation session at Gulshan Lake Amphitheatre encircling the topic- “Let’s talk about Mental Health!”

- Sushama Mahumda, Wellbeing Trainer, PHWC conducted two sessions. An interactive online session on “Family and Work-Life Harmony” arranged by Mind Boost and an on-site session with employees of Gigatech Limited, on “Mental Health Awareness and Burnout”.

- In his appearance in the flagship health program of CHANNEL 24, Dr. Ashique Selim, Lead Consultant Psychiatrist, shared his insights from his extensive experience of working with individuals and the importance of community’s role in safeguarding mental wellbeing of individuals.

- Mariyam Sultana, Psychological Counsellor, PHWC appeared on the TV show: Promises-Jante Chai by Bangla TV. The discussion shed alight on the theme of this year’s Mental Health month: Make mental health for all a global priority.
COME FORWARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SAJIDA family is grateful for your thoughtful and generous contribution.

Your contribution has made it possible for us to serve vulnerable communities across the country. There is, however, more work to be done.

Come forward to pave the way towards a dignified life for millions across the nation.