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# **Acronyms**

Abbrevi ations	Acronyms	Abbrev iations	Acronyms
ME	Millennium Enterprise	CC	Climate Change
MP	Meherpur Pouroshava	CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
BR	Birth Registration	CDMP	Comprehensive Disaster Management Program
СВО	Community Based Organization	CSO	Civil Society Organization
CFS	Child Friendly Space	DLAC	District Legal Aid Committee
IDCOL	Infrastructure Development Company Limited	EC	Executive Committee
IOM	International Organization of Migration	ЕСНО	European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil
MMC	Meherpur Municipal Corporation	PD	Protection department
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal	GoB	Government
NGO	Non-Government Organization	GB	General Body
UK	United Kingdom	IOM	International Organization of Migration
UNDP	United Nation Development Program	MUK	Manab Unnayan Kandra
UP	Union Parishad	LEB	Local Elected Body
UPLAC	Union Legal Aid Committee	LGED	Local Government Engineering Department
USAID	United State Agency for International Development	LGI	Local Government Institution
UZLAC	Upazila Legal Aid Committee	LGU	Local Government Unit
VGD	Vulnerable Group Development	MDG	Millennium Development Goal
VGF	Vulnerable Group Feeding	NGO	Non-Government Organization
VSO	Voluntary Services Overseas	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
WaSH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene	SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
CDD	Centre for Disable in Development	UDMC	Union Disaster Management Committee
GP	Gangni Pouroshava	UK	United Kingdom
BR	Birth Registration	UNDP	United Nation Development Program
BDT	Bangladesh Taka	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
СВО	Community Based Organization	MUK	Manab Unnayan Kandra
BNF	Bangladesh NGO Foundation	BNFE	Bureau of Non-Formal Education
PEDP	Primary Education Development Program		

### CHAIRPERSON'S FORWARD

It is great honor to write this message on behalf of the Executive Committee's and indeed, to publish this annual report for the period of July 2020 to June 2021. The successes that we achieved and the challenges that we faced professionally, these deserve the Executive Committee of MUK and its dedicated & committed staff members. This report summarizes the activities of the MUK carried out during the mentioned period. MUK has been working around 26 years in the field of development in Bangladesh to improve the status of population health, through bilateral features with service delivery, awareness raising and policy advocacy



It is committed to serve the poor and disadvantaged people particularly, women, adolescents and children in both urban and rural areas in Meherpur district by undertaking various programs and projects with special focus on (i) Governance, Democracy, Political Empowerment & Social Accountability, (ii) Peace & Tolerance, (iii) Children and Youth Rights, (iv) Environment and Disaster Management and (v) Economic empowerment through Microfinance program.

There are huge challenges in the implementation of the activities in this Covid-19 crisis of the country. However, the MUK Secretariat has worked hard to prepare this report in a timely manner. Thanks to all the officers / employees of MUK.

I must acknowledge the role and contribution of the stakeholders from different level, in particular, the community people. I am thankful to all the members of the general body and staffs for carrying out their responsibilities to bring dynamism to the organization and fulfill the community requirement. I would like to express my gratitude to all of its development partners and the government of Bangladesh involved in the results highlighted within this report.

I wish every success of MUK in the coming years!

Meherpur July 2021 S.M. Saiful Islam Chairperson

# Chief Executive's Message

This is our great pleasure to share annual report of MUK for July'20 to June'21. MUK follows right based approach (RBA) in its program operations to ensure civic rights for reducing all forms of discriminations among the society. Considering this MUK has an attention for strengthening democratic practice and governance system in the LGIs, public institutions and within the organization. MUK believes that without peace, tolerance and inclusive human society no development can be sustained. MUK also concerned to make competent leadership for future. MUK believes that the most effective investment for the nation is to work for the children and youth. Another fundamental issue is environmental sustainability which is also top



concerned issue of MUK as a South-West boarder belt NGO. By nature MUK has an exceptionality to deal with human culture social economic development. In fact MUK is claimed as a unique organization to use indigenous culture in development communications as a model. Therefore as per its strategic plan from 2020 to 2025; MUK has been moving forward with five programmatic objectives towards the way of a just society. The UN declared the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as well as Bangladesh also planned out her five years plan. So it has been challenging to adopt many new things with the well-shaped structure of the organization. MUK is very much context focused organization and the five determined objectives of MUK are also very much context specific. Considering the context MUK has been concentrating on peace building and conflict management issue through treating the insurgencies and radicalization processes as men made disasters and so far MUK has been playing a lead role for functioning of 'Stop Violence Coalition' consisting with local and regional NGOs in boarder areas. This is the scope to share our success, learning, challenges and compliances towards many stakeholders of MUK during 2021. MUK has been performing 15 projects considering five programmatic outcomes across its working area by the reporting period with the support of different donor agencies. So we are now gratefully acknowledging the role of partners, donors, government, media and above all the trust of its beneficiaries. We are thankful towards members of Executive and General Body of the Organization for their noble cooperation and support to bring MUK's grant success.

This is the time to express thanks to the dedicated staffs for rendering committed services to make this period meaningful. Our sincere gratitude to LGI elected members and officials, members of the citizen committee, members of the disaster management committee and women groups which in turn contributed on promoting democracy, good governance, transparency and accountability at the local level.

MUK has been working closely with different stakeholders including central government, local government, civil society, lawyers, community, children, adolescents, and youth and women groups. We expect continuous support and cooperation from all our well-wishers towards our future endeavors helping us move forward to further evolution and success of my organization, MUK.

With kind considers and best requirements,

Assaduzzaman Selim Chief Executive, MUK, Meherpur.

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# MUK General Body (GB)

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### **Executive Summary:**

MUK has been treating as envisions of the society, which fosters harmonize with the larger community, culture and nature. To make the vision true, MUK works under five different programmatic outcomes as per its strategic plan 2020-2025. Currently our work traces the lives of over 2 million people across Bangladesh, through intervention in five broad development programs including (i) Governance, Democracy, Political Empowerment & Social Accountability,(ii) Peace & Tolerance, (iii) Woman, Children and Disable Rights, (iv) Education Program and (v) Agriculture Development & Income Generating Activities(IGA) mark another successful year of performance.

MUK is transforming public institutions legitimate and effective. MUK try to ensure and promote universal human dignity by practicing of holistic cultural approach. It gradually adds values not just when these remain diverge, but when they actively are engaged in conflict and whether there is proof of strategies that work, in the long term if not in the short term. MUK facilitates to engage community, which belongs multiple people with different intra- religion and cultural back grounds keep their own tradition in a given peace process would take into consideration from the outset which contributes towards a pluralistic approach within community.

MUK's role is to enhance the agenda for numerous congregations in community to perform as a lens for decision-making around a process as a first step. Through intervening an inclusive process, in depend in gone the context, the main actors like, Religious leaders, Teachers, moreover Students as well youth community is included. Building resilience in peace process it is proven to be beneficial for other reasons, such as making governance mechanisms or institutions more effective and responsive, providing capacity, or addressing the concerns and grievances of constituencies that becomes important bottom of support.

MUK is bringing contextual changes through intervening by popular folk cultural in engaging community are showing ability to resolve existing problem of conflict within the community. Building peace consensus in enabling community to prevent MUK's program initiatives for respective age groups and professional groups bring engagement to be a willingness to embrace pluralism's value proposition: that diversity has approached in a positive way with the interests, values and participation of different groups being respected. It needs to mention here that MUK has added some new practices organizationally such as monitoring the development context in formal way collaboration with SCAN/CBR and use the information on programmatic areas, regular assess of check and balance practices within the organization through using monitoring & evaluation tools, trying to practice 'Do no harm' analysis in project planning stage.

For mainstreaming gender in the organization as well as social spheres, MUK's Gender Forum has been functioning independently for the promotion of women rights within the organization with a separate Gender Plan. Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell is active towards an equitable co-relation among men and women within the organization and society.

## **Development partners:**

We receive continued support from government organizations, international and national organizations for constant improve and innovation.

# **Development Partners of the Organization**



















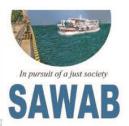






























#### **Our Vision:**

MUK predicts of a society, which fosters synchronization with the larger neighborhood, culture and Nature.

#### Our Mission:

MUK is dedicated to unfasten human potential empowering people, strengthening democratic practice, promoting cultural diversity, enhancing disable person, agriculture and protecting atmosphere.

## Specifically, MUK's role is to:

- 1. Establish democracy and governance through people's participation
- 2. Promote the rights of children, youth, women the differently able and marginalized people.
- 3. Resuscitate, develop and foster folk cultural forms and methods to sensitize grassroots people.
- 4. Build peoples' capacity to cope with the impacts of climate change and natural/manmade disaster and to conserve natural bio-diversity.
- 5. Build resilient strategic planning for agriculture through community intervention.

#### **MUK Values**

We endeavor to practice the following values within MUK and to promote them outside of

- 1. Recognition and respect for basic human rights
- 2. Equal respect and value for all persons, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, color, caste and class
- 3. Promoting and practicing the values of democratic participation at all levels
- 4. Respect for culture and tradition
- 5. Promotion of equal, respectful and sensitive relationships between men and women
- 6. Special care for children, old age and physically challenged persons
- 7. Respect for nature and bio-diversity
- 8. Practicing the values and not just the methodology, of "Participation"
- **9.** Downwards accountability and openness.

#### **Organizational Management**

#### Governance

MUK is governed by two-tier governing bodies comprising of general Body (GB) with 21 members and Executive Committee (EC) with 7 members. The day-to-day management of the organization is conducted by a senior management team lead by Chief Executives.

## **Human Resource Management**

The human resource ensures MUK's team has the capacity, commitment and professionalism necessary to meet the challenges of implementing MUK's latest2020-2025 strategic plans. In 20-21 periods, 105 paid Staffs (about 40% of them are Women) have worked in the Organization and 17 Volunteers that are dedicated to implement various activities aimed at achieving the goal of human development in Bangladesh.

#### **Financial Management**

Financial capacity of the Organization: MUK has been handling funds for more than 26 years and in course of time has gained sufficient level of experience in handling project funds. At present MUK operates 23 bank accounts with different bank for smooth operation of all

projects with separate accounts for each project and departments. MUK financial management system maintains national and international standards and policies for best use of resources and technological control. Activities that are carried out under financial management are.

## **Audit System and Reporting**

MUK has two auditing system, an internal and external. The internal audit is conducted by two internal auditors. They directly report to the executive directors. The auditors make field visit and prepare quarterly audit report for each and every project. The external audit is conducted by MUK's audit committee headed by the executive director and approved by executive committee. MUK has enlistment of audit firms who are the top ten firms of the country and are affiliated internationally and to NGO affairs bureau.

## Resources and Others Facilities Available To Support the Program

MUK is able to support its most implemented program through its resources, assets, human resources, skills and technical equipment. MUK has individual related following department with related professional skilled staff,

- 1. MUK Administration Department
- 2. MUK Training Unit
- 3. MUK Finance Department
- 4. MUK Logistic department
- 5. MUK Monitoring and Evaluation Department
- 6. MUK Development program Department
- 7. MUK Audio Visual & IT department.
- 8. MUK School Unit

Aforementioned departments have skilled staff with different job responsibility as per organizational need. The departments have also developed its policy, which is dully approved by the management. The departments are also capable to perform their job as per policy independently.

# **Ongoing Programme Display**

### **VGD** program:

The Manab Unnayan Kendra MUK has been implementing the VGD program for the last 10 years. In the financial year 2020-2021, technical assistance has been provided to 2103 VGD card holders in 15 unions in Gangni and Meherpur Sadar Upazilas of Meherpur district with the support of the Department of Women's Affairs. In the last financial year, the monthly savings of 2103 women were raised to Taka 3155630/-. In addition, women's health, nutrition and social awareness have been increased, including financial training.



#### The information of the activities of the last one year is given below.

SL	Name of Duration of Number of Partici				
3L	Activities	training	Woman	Man	Total
1	Income Generating Training	05 Days	2103	-	2103
2	Motivational Meeting to increase Monthly Savings	03 Days	2103	-	2103
3	Personal Hygiene & Health care training	03 Days	2103	-	2103
4	Human Chain & Social awareness Raising program	03 Days	2103	-	2103

## **Out of School Children Education program:**

Manab Unnayan Kendra MUK is working as the ISA of the Department of Non-Formal Education Bureau for the implementation of Out of School Children Second chance education Program-03 under PEDP-4 in Meherpur district. This program focus on the age of 08-14 years old the children whom are either drop out or never got a chance in formal education. As we all that Education is the backbone of a Nation. To develop the country, first we need to develop the education for the



mass people. The governments Bangladesh have achieved enormous accomplishments in many sectors but couldn't meet the expected target in educational sector. So the government has taken the initiative to insure education for every child in the country. As the part of the governments initiative by Bureau of Non-formal Education under PEDP-4 MUK is actively working in Meherpur district`s 18 union in 210 school. Out of School Children Second chance education Program-03 is a 30 month project. Many of its primarily work already been done such as field survey, teacher recruitment, student selection, Data entry etc. There are total 6203 students are beneficiary by the project. But due to covid-19 it is not possible to start the classes. After the pandemic the project will continue working.

No. of Unions	No. of schools	No. of students/boys	No. of girls	Teacher	Total
18	210	3305	2898	210	65570

## Micro Credit for socio-economic development program:

This is an important program of MUK though in elementary stage of this organization it was considered as a minor program. But considering the surroundings and reality this program receives special and extraordinary status in the field of development in this organization. Through this program 1298 beneficiaries from 47 villages under 6 unions of Sadar Upazila Meherpur getting



loan service for raising their family income by combating money lender's loan with high rate of interest. It considered as income generation program of this Organization also. For fund limitation within a very limited spaces we are launching this program, the rate of loan refund is 95%. Loan balance of the year is Tk.2,85,67,000/- and group's savings balance is Tk. 65,59,711/-. The number of group is 81 among them 77 are female groups and the rest are four male's. Total group members 2,426, male-77 & female- 2349.

S/N	Activities	Particulars/amount	Beneficiaries			
272 (		2 02 430,200,3	No. of Groups	Female	Male	
01	Loan disbursement	2,85,67,000/-	81	2349	77	
02	Savings Balance	65,59,711/-	81	2349	77	
03	Group Meeting	-	65	50	15	
	Total		227	4748	169	

# Marginalized indigenous women & Child rights & People's Cooperative Project:

To make people aware about land laws and to establish people's rights on land untidily this project is going on, with the technical and financial assistances of ALRD. To develop socio-economic condition of the under privileged women 10 cooperatives are formed in Amjhupi and Pirojpur Union. Under this program 300 persons are getting training and financial help. Now a day skills for IGA, decision making ability are increased even the proved their capacity to



raise voice against any injustice. For future common capital they raised savings fund with their own initiative.

S/N	Activities Particulars/amount		Beneficiaries		Total
3/11	Acuviues	Parucularyamount	Female	Male	Beneficiaries
01	Cooperation in khas land distribution	Application and advocacy	15	3	18
02	Awareness building on land laws and land rights	District seminar	35	35	70
1 ()3	Formation of People's cooperative	Committee building and orientation	250	50	350
04	weekly group meeting	weekly meeting	144	45	190
05	Campaign against early marriage and Dowry	Village based meeting and legal aid support.	450	125	575
06	Combined/Joint Cultivation	team to team wise	69	8	77
	Total			266	1280

## **Protect victims of Human trafficking in Bangladesh:**

This project is running by the collective financial help of **Rupantor Khulna** & **TDH Netherland.** The project has been operational since 2017 in 04 Upazills of Meherpur & Kushtia district. In 2020-2021 fiscal years 2350 adolescents have got awareness training through the project. At the same time Home gardening and vegetable cultivation training has been provided to the ultra-



poor and venerable families. These are those programs that have been implemented in this fiscal year and due to Covid-19 the program have to face many hindrances. In hope of coming year will be Covid-19 free where the entire programs can run at its best level.

# **Program on covid-19**

# Covid-19 Pandemic health and food security development project:

When Bangladesh was going through that disaster of Global Pandemic of covid-19, at that time in 1st April 2021 special trained team from MUK was deployed in the district, they announced through mike to keep people inside their house and to make people aware about the hygiene rule of the government, and distribute Mask along with other sanitizer item and to ensure social distancing the team draw safe distancing circle in Haat, Bazer, clinic & in front of many institution. Besides this, when people are not getting



proper treatment for cold and fever that special team distributes free medicine to 2500 people on their doorstep. When earning the opportunity of a people has been closed for the global

pandemic of covid-19 at that time MUK beside the government distributed food to 350 poor families and "nutrition packs" to Infant and old age people. Placed many large size banners/festoons in important places of the district. MUK was admired by the district commissioner, local political leader, and civil society and from general people for supplying food to the covid-19 patients and looking after their Physical conditioning Meherpur General Hospital.

Location of activities and beneficiary information are given below:

<b>70</b> 0	Program	numb	number of beneficiary			
no.	name	Place	Woman	Child	Man	Total
1	Mask Distibution	meherpur Sador, Mojibnagar upozila	3000	550	4000	7550
2	Miking to spread awareness to prevent covid-19	meherpur Sador, Mojibnagar upozila	11350	6830	15250	33430
3	Safe distancing circle	amjhupi union	275 institute	ı	275 institute	550
4	Distribute food to the poor/helpless	Meherpur Sador upozila	150	00	50	200 family
5	one minute mobile Ifter distribution	Meherpur Sador upozila	250	150	570	970
6	Distribution nutrition pack to the disadvantaged old people	Meherpur Sador upozila	50	100	50	200
7	Normal cold and fever medicine distribution	Meherpur Sador and Mojibnager upozila	250	ı	250	500
8	Spraying disinfectant	In important place and institute of Meherpur district	40,000	1150	12,400	53,550
	Total		55,050	8780	32,570	96,675

#### **Result and effects:**

- ➤ Most of the people become aware about covid-19.
- Most of the people of the district fellow the hygiene and stay inside of their home.
- Less cocid-19 patient compare to the other nearest district.
- > Meherpur district was out of red zone.
- Able to ensure food for the disadvantaged people of the district.

#### **WATSAN/Arsenic Mitigation Project:**

To ensure good health of the people of the command areas of MUK, the above mentioned project has been implementing from the foundation stage of the Organization. NGO – Forum extend their financial supports in 2000 and under the program 5 nos. Rain water harvesting plants and 9 nos. arsenic and iron removal plants pwere installed. Courtyard meeting, school seminar, drama, Jari song etc. were performed. In the reporting period one



water treatment plant is installed in village Beltolapara under Meherpur District with cost 30,00,000/- Funded by Drink well International, Bangladesh 3750 people of the area

consuming fresh and safe drinking water facility.

S/N	Activities	Particulars	Benefic	ciaries	Total
5/11	Activities	rarticulars	Female	Male	Beneficiaries
01	Survey conduction	Survey to vulnerable women	252	166	418
02	Installation of Tumbrel	Installation of 10 shallow tube well with platform	35	42	77
03	Preparing platform	Preparing 10 shallow tube well's platform	27	31	58
04	Installation of Their treatment Plant	Committee formation with the beneficiaries	2175	1750	3925
05	School Seminar	Student, Guardian	1530	1350	2850
06	Community Meeting	Emam, Teacher, Village Head	70	1800	150
		Total	4089	5139	7478

#### **Training support for the Antenatal mothers:**

With the motive to save the vulnerable women from extreme poverty and their livelihood security Women Affairs Bureau implements this project with the joint collaboration of NGOs. Ultra poor women, Female with disability, widows, and divorced women are the primary stakeholders of the project. From the project as a beneficiary each of them got 30 kg. of Rice/wheat for two years at a stress, Training on Income Generating Activities and privileges to form savings



capital. Due to MUK involvement corruption in thus sector in Meherpur district meaningfully decreased. No of 2105 vulnerable women enjoying the project benefits. Under the same Department Antenatal Grants project is implemented through MUK where 575 women getting benefits by cash without any botheration in 2 Upazila under Meherpur district.

S/N	Activities	Particulars/amount	Beneficiaries		Total Beneficiaries
			Female	Male	
01	Social Awareness	Yard meeting, Door to Door Campaign	2103	-	2103
02	Income Generating Program	Poultry Farm, vegetables	2103	-	2103
03	Human Right Program	Against Oppression Legal Aids, Law Right.	2103	-	2103
	Total			-	6309

## **Livelihood and Food security:**

In 2020-21 fiscal years around 450 families in Meherpur district from 03 Upazilas, 2127 man and women have benefited through the project Though due Covid-19 the normal work operation of the program has hampered a lot. This project is running with the help of USA NAHER a donor organization. through this project 250 ultra-poor families got tube well so that they could get pure drinking water and around 200 destitute women got income



generating training to ensure the food security for them and their families.

S/N	Activities	Particulars/amount	Beneficiaries		Total Beneficiarie
5/11	Activities	Parucuaryamount	Female	Male	S
	Home gardening and production training	Production & Marketing		42	42
02	IGA training support	Small Business Training	250	120	37
03	Supplies drinking water by providing tube well to 204 families	Freshwater supply	670	708	1378
04	Arsenic patient meeting on water treatment	Individual counseling service	112	112	224
	TOTAL				1681

#### **ICS/Eco-friendly Improved Cook Oven Installation:**

In Bangladesh, the majority of the population relies on biomass for cooking and heating. About 90 percent of the energy to meet household cooking needs comes from biomass sources. In spite of this reliance, attention to the problem of indoor air pollution (IAP) resulting from burned biomass has received little attention from the development sector until recently. Efforts to date have promoted improved cook stoves and wood fuel conservation without direct attention to the health problems inherent to current household practices. From a health



perspective, acute respiratory infections (ARI) are one of the leading causes of under-five deaths in the country, which has an under-five mortality rate of 77 per 1,000 live births.

In the interest of addressing both the health and energy problems associated with household cooking practices, MUK has found that the Improved Cook stove can save 50-60% fuels compared with traditional ones and make kitchen smoke free. More than 1300 Improved Cook stoves have been installed by MUK in Bangladesh over the past five years.

MUK aimed to expand its program at 3 upazilas in Meherpur district. The rural households of all these districts are using hand-constructed traditional mud cook stoves and suffering different hazards including acute respiratory infections. ICS projects have been saving trees and rural women health. In the reporting period MUK has produced and distributed 9150 nos. improved Chula/oven. Observations and experience from our presence in the area estimated that the per/urban and rural people in these areas are most vulnerable to IAP from cooking

CAI	A od store	David and and American	Type of Ov		en	Total	
S/N	Activities	Particulars/ Amount	1-Faced	2-Faced	Portable	Beneficiaries	
01	Improved Chula Supply	Chula/Oven supply	1489	616	3545	4650	
02	Courtyard Meeting	Group Meeting	-	-	-	2442	
03	Miking & street play	Miking & street play	-	-	-	3384	
04	Community Meeting	Village level	150	250	-	400	
05	Advocacy Lobbing	Government Service Sector	10	05	-	15	
	Total	1649	871	3545	10891		

smoke exposure due to non-ventilated housing conditions.

#### **Major Achievement:**

- > By receiving equipment their arability is visual now a days
- > Family male behave reduce gradually

## **Primary health care and nutrition protect:**

In 2017 MUK has started this program to support the hard core poor by extending health, pain killers, Formation of pain - free family is another objective of the organization. To achieve these goals MUK with its own initiative and resources has started Community Health services to the underprivileged, Pain victim families. This program is very much reputed and accepted to the people of all levels, 2 physiotherapists, 1 counseling assistant and 1 homeopathic doctor are engaged for



rapid and adequate health services. During the reporting period 3362 patients and victims received these services and 85% of them became free from health problem.

S/N	Activities	Services	В	enefici	Total	
5/11	Activities	Services	Female	Male	Children	<b>Beneficiaries</b>
01	Treatment Service	Prescription and medicine supply	1225	150	50	1425
-(1)	Provide nutrition kits to the children	sale with minimum profit	-	1	860	860
03	Primary health care support to the mother and child	sale with minimum profit	-	1	650	650
04	Courtyard meeting	Discussion in small groups	315	112	-	427
	Total	1540	262	1560	3362	

**Period**: Since June 2017 to continue.

#### **Major Achievement:**

- > Ensure healthcare, educational materials support
- > Enjoy healthy life
- ➤ Hard core people are included in Governments social safety net activities

# **Child and women rights advocacy (Samriddho):**

Ideologically MUK is very vulnerable or sensual of children and women rights as well as beginning the organization has been implementing right based activities in favor of children and women. During the reporting segment project officers in favor of Action Aid Bangladesh and both JNNPF and MUK organized, two advocacies meeting with 10 groups where present 150 children are members. The aim of the initiative is to make the children as mini advocate on education. health and treatment



simultaneously 150 women through 10 groups trying to develop themselves as a local advocate as much as possible. During the reporting segment 2 GO-NGO coordination meeting, 2 women gatherings were held, 1 regional child forum and women council was formed. School meeting, court yard meeting and legal aid service provide can extend the project.

Sl	Intervention	Type of intervention	No. of	Type of beneficiaries			Total	
No	intervenuon	Type of intervention	Intervention	Female	Male	Child	Total	
1	Female group formation	Discussion meeting	10	150	0	0	150	
2	Formation of children council	Formation of committee and discussion meeting	10	0	0	150	150	
3	Mothers meeting	Discussion meeting	2	222	0	0	222	
4	Courtyard/community meeting	Female and male	15	372	150	150	672	
5	School meeting	Student of high school	5	425	385	0	810	
6	Salish conduction	Family conflict solving	250	235	0	15	250	
	Grand 7	292	1404	535	315	2254		

#### **Major Achievement:**

- Increasing of woman acceptance
- > Family male behave reduce gradually

- > Ensure participation in UP election
- Woman access in decision making institutions

## Initiative to create privilege to offer services to the neglected ageing people:

During the reporting time of June 2021 ageing people from the district received financial assistance from BNF. As well as Primary health care service and monthly allowance from the program. Regular counseling, cultural functions are available in the ageing people centers. Indirectly 441 people from 300 families are enjoying human dignity in their respective families and locality. The implemented project information is furnished below:



Sl	Milestones/Intervention	Noture of Activity	Benefic	Total		
No	winestones/intervention	Nature of Activity	Female	Male	Total	
1	Formation of 3 old age groups	Formation of committee	20	55	75	
2	Monthly allowance distribute/payment	Monthly allowance payment	20	03	23	
3	Counseling	Counseling individually	36	44	100	
4	Medical service	Treatment	120	123	243	
	Grand Tot	196	225	441		

#### **Major Achievement:**

➤ 23 grant receivers feel free and social recognition increase 190 senior citizens received direct medical support

# Treatment and rehabilitation of the person with disabilities

# **MUK Disable & Autism School:**

MUK has been launching this program from the very beginning by giving high priority and CDD and Jatio Protibandhy Foundation have extended their technical and financial cooperation to the initiative. In June 2021 with technical and financial support of CDD, 10 orientation meetings and advocacy meetings held with the beneficiaries and concerned Govt. officials. Through this program skill develop steps were taken for the Public/local government representatives,



MUK management staffs and field level staffs. In the last financial year 4 people's representatives, 2 staffs and 2 leaders from the civil society received Training through SCAN

Program, 65 persons came under survey activitiy.35 persons with disability got device support, 155 persons received medical supports by mobile clinic as well as even in every union information board is installed. MUK took part in survey work compelled by the Government and also organized yard meeting, seminar and community meeting in the schools. Through the implementation of the program hundreds of inhabitant became aware on the rights of the persons with disability and worldview of the people in general to the changed positively. Statistical reports are given bellow:

S/N	Activities	Services	Benefic	ciaries	Total
5/11	Activities	Services	Female	Male	Beneficiaries
101	PRT and Therapy services	Exercise	20	15	35
02	Device supports	Spectacles and crutches distribution	16	8	24
03	Treatment	Mobile camp	96	59	155
04	MUK Disable & Autism School	Education (Stopped by Covit-19)	15	25	40
		147	107	254 Person	

#### **Major Achievement:**

- > By receiving equipment their arability is visual now a days
- Family male behave reduce gradually
- > Disable people are included in Governments social safety net activities

#### **Formal Education activities:**

MUK has been strengthening qualitative education is a central government priority and

various legislations have been enacted or reformed to this end, which presents opportunities for organizations working on strengthening qualitative education under governments SDG Goal-4 program. Bangladesh is under obligation to ensure IEQE as a UN member state as per the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 13 and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 28 and 29. Our commitment has been reflected in Articles 15 and 17 of the Constitution, and other domestic laws and policies



such as the Compulsory Primary Education Act, 1990; the Rights and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Act 2013; the Perspective Plan 2010-2021; Vision 2021; National Sustainable Development Strategy; and the SDG Plan 2016-30.

Communities are not too aware about above mention legislative system. In this regarding participation and representation of communities remains unsatisfactory. In deploying this opportunity it is important to ensure that the voices of the communities in particular, are heard.

MUK has been executing a total of two projects in the above objective with the grant supported by **CAMPE & local communities** in Meherpur district. During the reporting period a total of BDT 17, 45,500.00spent. The Project provided back stop support to properly conduct SMC, PTA, SLEIP & UP education standing committee at 3UZs which addressed the organizations objects 2. School base information given below:

MUK has been implanting Educational Program in the project areas since 2004 and discovered the drawbacks of quality education. On the basis of the information and situation MUK management started formal education program in 2006 from Class I to class VIII to ensure quality education and by doing this MUK got Primary school Registration up to class VIII. Locations of the school, student and teacher information are given bellow:

Information regarding Trinamul Model Academy and other education program of MUK is given bellow:

Sl. No	Name of schools with address	No. of student	Age limit	Name of Class	No. of class	No. of Teachers	Type of school	Location
01	Trinamul Model Academy Amjhupi, Meherpur	310	6-12	I - VIII	8	15	Formal Primary school	Amjhupi Union
02	Trinamul Model Academy Baradi, Meherpur	175	4-12	Play- Five	8	10	Formal Primary school	Pirojpur Union
03	Trinamul Model Academy Pirojpur, Meherpur	150	4-12	Play- Five	7	7	Formal Primary school	Pirojpur Union
	Total	635				32		

## National and international Day observation implemented by MUK:

MUK, as is known to all, it is a Rights Based Organization and so it gives proper values and respect to all rituals and traditions. It observes such occasions and festivals that reflect Bangladeshi culture with the essence of its soil. The following days are being observed in colorful banner with its contribution and participation of the staff.

**Nababarsha:** The observance of Pahela Baishakh (14th April) is a tradition in Bengal and we observe this day as a special occasion.

**International Women Day:** On 8th March of every year MUK observes this day in a befitting and colorful manner through organizing rally, discussion meeting and cultural program.

**International Right to Food:** 15th October is a day for the rural women and is being observed at the rural level in the areas where MUK works.

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities:** This day is observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in each year in support of the Disable person in the world.

**International Mother Language Day:** MUK currently expands its journey for countering of mother language. In the reporting year MUK observed International Mother Language Day on 21th February through organized series of events as road show, Rally, press conferences and discussion meeting.

#### **Initiatives of MUK**

MUK is a non-profit development organization dedicate to unfastening human potentials. MUK also has specialty on health areas. MUK has also adequate expertise in Arbitration sector. This shall make the organization major scope to earn revenue for its existence and mitigate grievance of community. MUK feels overconfident share its revenue generation activities through the following Units:



Human chain program by MUK to celebrate the occasion of Woman's Day.



Rally on the occasion of International food Right's Day/2020 by MUK.



Jointly MUK and CAMPE submitted a local demand to the Upazila Education Officer to establish the right to education for all.



Demand letter presentation by the mothers of the epical child on the occasion of International Autism Day.

# **Newspaper Clippings:**



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সাদ আহমেদ, ভলেন্টিয়ার

সানজিলা খাতুন, ওয়াজেদ আলী।





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একটি সতন্ত্র, ব্যক্তিক্রম গবেষণামূলক শিকা প্রতিষ্ঠ আমঝুপি, বারাদী, ও পিরো একাডেমীর কার্যক্রম পরিচ আসহে। সরকারি ঘোষণা সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের পাশাপাশি

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# **Acquaintance with Ongoing activities and Donors:**

SL	Project Title	Name of Donor	Project Duration	Working Area
1	VDG program	Bangladesh women Affairs Bureau	02	Meherpur District
2	Out of School Children's program	Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE)	04	Meherpur & Magura District
3	Micro Credit for socio-economic development program	Muk Sponsored and BRAC	20	Magura, Jhenaidah & Meherpur District
4	Marginalized indigenous women & Child rights &People's Cooperative Project	HRDC/ALRD-Dhaka/ Misereor	03	Kushtia & Meherpur District
5	Protecting Victim of Human trafficking in Bangladesh	Rupantar/ Decmocracy International	03	Kushtia & Meherpur District
6	Covid-19 Pandemic health and food security development project	Muk Sponsored & personal grants of local people	01	Meherpur & Chuadanga District
7	WATSAN/Arsenic Mitigation Project	Drink-well International& NGO Forum for Public Health	03	Meherpur District
8	Training Support for the Antenatal mothers	Bangladesh Women Affairs Bureau.	02	Jhenaidah & Magura District
9	Livelihood Food Security Programme	SAWAB Bangladesh & Naher USA	03	Meherpur District
10	ICS/Eco-friendly Improved Cook Oven Installation	IDCOL-Dhaka/USAID	07	Meherpur & Kushtia District
11	Primary health care and nutrition protect	Bangladesh women health coalition & Ministry of Health and Family Planning	01	Meherpur & Chuadanga District
12	Child and women rights advocacy Program	JNNPF and Action Aid Bangladesh	04	Meherpur, Chuadanga District
13	Initiative to create privilege to offer services to the neglected ageing people	Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)	01	Meherpur
14	Treatment and rehabilitation of the person with disabilities & Disable and autism School	Center for Disability in Development (CDD) and Colour Style Bangladesh Ltd.	05	Meherpur District
15	Formal Education; Trinonul Model Academy	CAMPE and Muk Sponsored	15	Meherpur District

# Network Mr[nbers of MUK

