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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2023

**15**  
Projects

**36,515**  
Beneficiaries  
Impacted



**SMKK**  
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**7**  
Programs

**11**  
Donors

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SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA

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## The Chairman's Perspective on Our Remarkable Journey

Dear Members, Staff, and Partners of SMKK

I am honored to present the Annual Report 2023 of **SHEBA MANAB KALYAN KENDRA (SMKK)**, marking the completion of 26 successful years in the development sector. Throughout this period, SMKK has tirelessly dedicated itself to improving the lives of poverty-stricken individuals in the southern region of Bangladesh. The organization continues to grow and gradually expand its programs.

In 2023, SMKK implemented **15 projects**, benefiting a total of **36,515 individuals**. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government and UN Agencies for their unwavering support and assistance.

We also wish to express our deep appreciation to the Executive Director and all SMKK staff members. Their unwavering dedication and commitment have been instrumental in achieving our success and maintaining confidence in our development activities.

SMKK is proud to be an active member of various networks and partnerships. The collaboration with local government officials, local administration, fellow NGOs, CBOs, and other stakeholders has been invaluable. The knowledge and insights gained from these partnerships since SMKK's inception have been profound.

A special thanks is due to our hardworking staff members. Their dedication and positive attitude have been crucial in achieving our project goals. It is with a heavy heart that I announce this as my final message as Chairman of SMKK.

I wish continued success and prosperity for SMKK. I extend my deepest thanks to my colleagues and the beneficiaries of our programs for their unwavering devotion.

**Mst. Naznin Kadir**  
Founder & Chairman  
SHEBA MANAB KALYAN KENDRA

## "Transforming Lives, Strengthening Communities."



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt gratitude and admiration to SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK) for their relentless efforts in executing a series of impactful projects funded by Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF) aimed at uplifting the lives of communities in need. The projects implemented in various locations across Bagerhat and Pirojpur reflect a steadfast commitment to addressing pressing socio-economic challenges and fostering sustainable development.

The Water & Sanitation Program in Bagerhat (Sharankhola) funded by BNF stands as a testament to SMKK's dedication to improving public health and hygienic infrastructure in underserved areas. The construction of 73 dwelling houses and many mosques for SIDR victims in Bagerhat (Morelganj) funded by BNF not only provided shelter but also restored a sense of stability and community resilience in the aftermath of a devastating natural disaster.

Moving forward, SMKK's initiatives in Pirojpur (Nesarabad) have significantly impacted the livelihoods of ultra-poor families through local poultry farming and cow-rearing programs funded by BNF. By empowering individuals with the necessary skills and resources, these projects have not only alleviated poverty but also fostered economic independence and self-reliance within the community.

In addition to implementing various programs funded by BNF, SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA has been implementing various programs for the welfare of poor people with its own funding and with the funding of other donor organizations.

I wish all the success of SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA.

**Md. Rezaul Ahsan**  
(Former Secretary to the Govt.)  
Chairman  
Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)



## *"Empowering the Vulnerable, Fostering Resilience."*



I am proud to reflect upon the impact of projects that United Purpose in partnership with SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA have implemented together. These endeavors have not only transformed communities but have also embodied our shared commitment to sustainable development and humanitarian aid.

The SWIFT Project of 2018 stands as a testament to our dedication to addressing pressing challenges of coastal water resource management demonstrating a community led resources development model effectively. Through this initiative, we have navigated complexities and delivered tangible improvements in the lives of countless individuals.

Our engagement with the Rohingya Community through the BACHA and SARA Projects since 2018 has been profoundly meaningful supporting the most Rohingya populations in the camps to Over come the complex challenges. Thanks to SMKK in this journey which has demonstrated solidarity and compassion, paving the way for long-term positive change in the lives of these vulnerable communities.

Looking ahead, the STEP Project spanning from 2021 to 2025 represents a pivotal opportunity to make a lasting impact in South-Coastal Areas through anticipatory actions to minimize loss of livelihoods and assets resulting from cyclones. Let us harness our collective expertise and passion to empower communities, foster resilience, and catalyze sustainable development.

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

With best wishes ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sriramappa Gonchikara'.

**Sriramappa Gonchikara**

Country Director

United Purpose, UK



*"Empowering Lives Through  
Sacrifice and Service."*

Dear Respected Colleagues of SMKK,

I am honored to share my sentiments with you as we reflect on our partnership and the significant projects executed by SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA-SMKK. The endeavors undertaken, particularly in the realms of humanitarian aid and community development, have not only exemplified our organizational values but have also left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals.

The partnership for Qurbani/Udhiya Projects of 2020-2023 reflects our commitment to fulfilling the sacred obligations of sacrifice and reaching out to the needy. Through this initiative, we have provided sustenance and solace to those in need, ensuring that the spirit of compassion and generosity thrives within our communities.

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

As we continue our mission to serve humanity, let us draw inspiration from the successes of these projects and rededicate ourselves to the noble cause we dedicate ourselves for. Together, let us strive to create a world where every individual enjoys the basic necessities of life and appreciates the unconditional love of the creator for mankind without any discrimination.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member of your team for the unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment. Your contributions are like the cornerstones of our collective efforts and the driving force behind our shared vision of a brighter and more equitable future for all.

**MD FAZLUL KARIM**

Country Coordinator, Bangladesh  
Muslim Charity-UK



# Executive Summary

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/programs 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.

A team of 159 staff and volunteers who are well qualified and experienced in 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 615,523 people through development initiatives presently being implemented

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/programs. It is dedicated to foster qualitative and quantitative improvement in the living standard of the target beneficiaries

Has a policy to work in that area where the people are comparatively more vulnerable. Its programs 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.

<b>Established</b>	<b>: January 1996</b>
<b>Total Staff and Volunteers</b>	<b>: 159</b>
<b>Total Beneficiaries Involved</b>	<b>: 601,893 people</b>
<b>Target Population</b>	<b>: Destitute and disadvantaged poor, with an emphasis on children and women.</b>



# ABOUT SMKK

## SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK)

SMKK is a non-profit, non-political, non-government humanitarian nexus organization working in the development sectors since January 1996. SMKK is committed to serve the underprivileged people in different geographical locations of Bangladesh. Since inception, SMKK has tremendous achievements on Women Empowerment, Climate Change, Humanitarian & Emergency Response, DRM, Agriculture, WASH, Energy, Health & Nutrition, Education, Skill Development Private sector engagement and Organizational Development through implementation of various projects supported by donors, UN agencies, and the government. Behind SMKK's success stands a robust management structure, a team of dedicated staffs and experienced professionals across different sub-sectors. Till now, the organization implemented 159 projects through community led approach and covering 601,893 households (HHs).





## Vision

A poverty free nation to fulfil their basic needs with dignity

## Mission

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

## Core Values

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

## Overall objectives

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

## Gender Equality

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





# Thematic Areas of SMKK

## Humanitarian & Emergency response

- Alleviate human suffering and reduce the impact of disasters and climate change.
- Emergency Humanitarian Response (Food, Shelter, Health, WASH, Protection and Non-Food Item-NFI distribution) and support
- Disaster Risk Management-DRM, Recovery, and Rehabilitation, Climate Change Adaptation
- Seasonal & Religious Dues:
  1. Ramadan, Qurbani, Akikah, Kaffara, Sadaqah & Fidaya
  2. Mosque Construction & Maintenance

## Agricultural & Food Security

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







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## WASH, Health & Nutrition

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



## Social Inclusion & Governance

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



## Education & Institutional Development

- Non-Formal Pre-primary Education-NFPE
- Quality school program
- Adolescent girls and adult education.
- Skill Development
- Vocational & Technical training.

# Sectorial Highlights of SMKK

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

SMKK focused on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in Bangladesh from January to December 2023, funded by various donors and partners. We installed 7 deep tube-wells, 822 hand pumps, constructed 33 rainwater harvesting systems, and 1 solar water station. Additionally, We installed 100 water tanks and organized hygiene promotion meetings, ensuring pure drinking water and safe water access for 55,000 households directly or indirectly.

## Humanitarian & Emergency response & DRM

During January to December 2023, SMKK focused on Humanitarian & Emergency response & DRM in Bangladesh. We established 11 Upazila Based Disaster Preparedness Committees, trained 70 volunteers for Super Cyclone Amphan, formed 10 Protection Watch Committees, and trained volunteers on various disaster preparedness issues. Additionally, We set up 5 adolescent clubs and trained 100 volunteers on disaster readiness. SMKK provided emergency support including health, wash, protection, solar energy, and non-food items distribution to the coastal zone of Bangladesh.

## Agricultural & Food Security

In 2023, SMKK facilitated Agricultural & livelihood improvements and food security for vulnerable communities:

- Provided cash grants to 500 women for income-generating activities.
- Assisted 2500 individuals with homestead gardening and crop cultivation.
- Offered cows to 45 vulnerable women for livelihood security.
- Agricultural Technical Training for 150 farmers.
- Entrepreneurship Development Training for 25 entrepreneurs.
- Training for 20 community facilitators on facilitation and psychosocial treatments.
- Training for 10 staff members on community mobilization, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Gender and Development training for 20 staff members.
- Foundation training for 15 staff members on facilitation, occupational health and safety, and personal protective equipment usage.

## Climate Change Adaptation

In 2023, SMKK is addressing climate change and environmental issues by:

- Planting 500 coconut trees and 750 ornamental and flowering plants.
- Establishing adolescent clubs and training volunteers on disaster preparedness.
- Developing horticulture fields and greening 13,000 square meters with lawn grass.



## Social Inclusion & Governance

- During the year 2023, SMKK, as a humanitarian organization, prioritized human rights, women empowerment, good governance, and gender development in all its programs:
- Trained staff and community facilitators on these issues.
- Ensured women's participation in all events.
- Established women and child-friendly spaces to address gender-based violence.
- Prioritized persons with disabilities (PWDs) and women with disabilities (WWDs) in beneficiary selection.
- Distributed assistive devices to 500 PWDs and WWDs.
- Formed adolescent clubs and watchdogs with women in leadership roles.
- Provided makeup materials and training, especially for adolescent girls and women.
- Trained 200 adolescent girls on various topics including family planning and human trafficking.
- Organized events to celebrate International Human Rights Day and Women's Day.

## Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

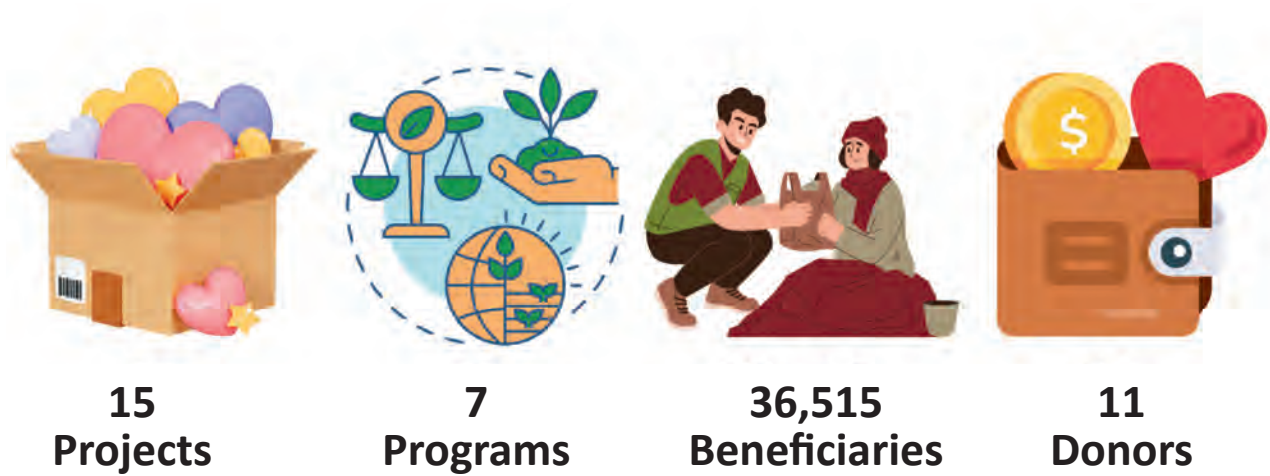
- During 2023, SMKK prioritized Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), providing various skills training programs:
- Technical Training on Mobile Phone Technician for 60 unskilled youth.
- Technical Training on Beautician for 90 unemployed youth.
- Technical Training on Tailoring/Sewing for 250 unemployed youth.
- Technical Training on Basic Computer for 140 unemployed youth.
- Workplace Based Training for 350 unemployed youth.
- Job placement for 150 graduates and self-employment for 150 youth in various occupations.
- Financial linkage programs for entrepreneurs.
- Training on Labor Rights and Decent Work for informal sector employers.
- Employers days to advocate for employment creation with 200 informal employers.



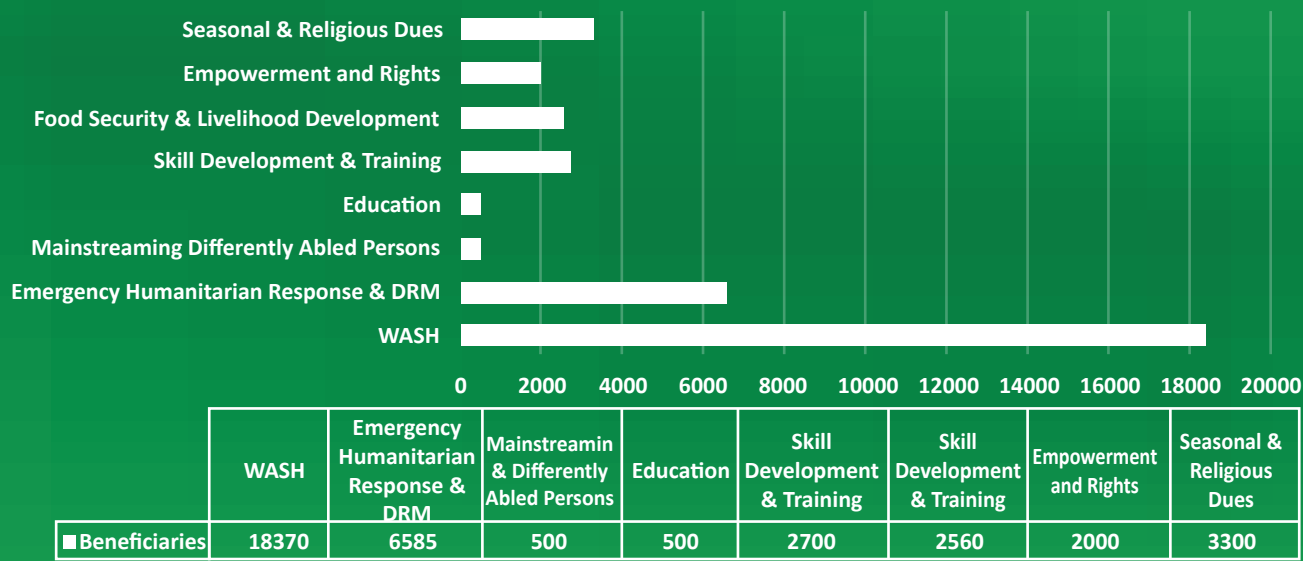
# PROJECT SUMMARIES OF 2023

Throughout 2023, SMKK operated 15 projects across Bangladesh, covering various sectors such as WASH, Emergency Humanitarian Response & DRM, Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons, Education, Skill Development & Training, Food Security & Livelihood Development, Empowerment and Rights, Seasonal & Religious Dues, and many more aspects.

We gathered extensive experience working with national and international donors, government authorities, and national organizations. We eagerly await opportunities to elevate our experience to the next level. In 2024, we aim to serve approximately 120,000 beneficiaries.



## PROJECT SUMMARIES OF 2023











## SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO SAFE WATER AND STRENGTHEN HYGIENE PRACTICES (S-WASH)

The project's primary focus was to address water scarcity and ensure access to clean water for 12,220 beneficiaries across Joypurhat, Bogra, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Gopalganj, and Sunamganj in Bangladesh.

It included installing shallow and deep tube wells to provide immediate access to clean water. Additionally, small, medium, and large rainwater harvesting systems were set up to utilize rainwater effectively, reducing dependency on groundwater sources. Moreover, solar-operated water wells were installed to provide reliable access to water.

By implementing these measures, the project aimed to alleviate water scarcity, promote sustainable water management practices, and ensure long-term water security in the targeted communities, thereby enhancing the well-being and livelihoods of the residents.

**Location** : Joypurhat, Bogra, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Gopalganj, Sunamganj  
**Duration** : March to December 2023  
**Beneficiaries** : 12,220  
**Funded by** : Penny Appeal, UK





## Livelihood Improvement And Food-Security Ensuring Of The Vulnerable People Of Coastal Region In Bangladesh (Life-Bd) Under Bangladesh Women Empowerment Livelihood

The project focuses on organizing an Entrepreneurship Development Training program for 250 women and 250 men. It includes linkage development meetings, providing small cash grants, advocating with local government, offering nutrition training, and conducting quarterly sessions on social issues and human rights. These sessions cover topics such as women empowerment, gender parity, dowry, child marriage, and violence against women.

Through the Economic Development Training program and other activities, the project aims to empower individuals, especially women, by enhancing their economic skills and knowledge, promoting gender equality, and raising awareness about social issues. This holistic approach seeks to improve the livelihoods and well-being of the community in Rampal, Bagerhat.

**Location** : Rampal, Bagerhat  
**Duration** : 2023 to 2024  
**Beneficiaries** : 500  
**Donor** : Penny Appeal, Canada





## Ensure year-round safe water for vulnerable people of Bangladesh

In Chattogram, this initiative aims to benefit 3000 individuals. The primary objective is to ensure year-round access to safe water for vulnerable people in Bangladesh. By installing Hand Pumps and Water Wells, the project addresses immediate water needs while ensuring the water's quality through regular testing. Courtyard meetings are organized to promote hygiene practices among the beneficiaries, emphasizing the importance of clean water and sanitation.

**Location** : Chattogram (Sathkania & Chandanaish)  
**Duration** : 2023  
**Beneficiaries** : 3000  
**Donor** : LOURATY LANGUE DU COEUR, FRANCE





## Monitoring of drinking water qualities in respect of ensuring the sound human health at coastal Fakirhat upazila of Bagerhat.

The project, funded by the Ministry of Science & Technology focuses on monitoring drinking water quality to ensure sound human health.

The project involves various activities, including site selection, procurement of materials, data survey, water sample collection and analysis, and report preparation for a water quality study. By carefully selecting sites and collecting water samples, the project aims to analyze the quality of drinking water in coastal Fakirhat upazila.

This study is crucial for identifying potential health risks associated with water contamination and developing strategies to address them. By improving water quality, the project aims to safeguard the health of residents in Fakirhat, Bagerhat, contributing to overall well-being and quality of life in the region.

**Location** : Bagerhat (Fakirhat)

**Duration** : 2023 to 2024

**Beneficiaries** : 50

**Donor** : Ministry of Science & Technology





## Strengthening Forecast-based Early Actions in Cyclone Prone coastal region in Bangladesh (STEP) project

The Strengthening Forecast-based Early Actions in Cyclone-Prone Coastal Region in Bangladesh (STEP) project, funded by UNITED PURPOSE (UP) & ECHO, is a vital initiative aimed at enhancing disaster preparedness in Bagerhat's Sharankhola area from 2021 to 2025, benefiting 1785 individuals.

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

Additionally, the project highlights the importance of developing risk-informed early action plans. These plans involve anticipating potential disaster scenarios based on reliable forecasts and proactively implementing measures to mitigate their impact. Testing forecast-based early action financing options is also a key component, ensuring resources are available to respond swiftly to forecasted events.

By engaging with CBOs and strengthening local capacity, the project aims to build a resilient community capable of responding effectively to cyclones and other disasters. It seeks to reduce vulnerability and minimize the impact of disasters, ultimately safeguarding lives and livelihoods in the cyclone-prone coastal region of Bangladesh.

**Location** : Bagerhat (Sharankhola)  
**Duration** : 2021-2025  
**Beneficiaries** : 1785  
**Donor** : UNITED PURPOSE (UP) & DG ECHO





## The Qurbani/Udhiya Project

The Qurbani/Udhiya Project, funded by Muslim Charity, UK, targets Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Barguna, and Kustia in 2023, benefiting 3300 individuals.

The project's focus is on conducting qurbani on behalf of Muslim Charity and distributing qurbani meat to the poor and ultra-poor, including widows, orphans, disabled individuals, destitute women and children, and elderly men and women.

Qurbani, a significant Islamic tradition, involves sacrificing livestock and distributing the meat among those in need during Eid al-Adha. By conducting qurbani on behalf of Muslim Charity, the project ensures that this religious obligation is fulfilled efficiently and that the meat reaches those who need it the most.

The beneficiaries, including vulnerable groups such as widows, orphans, and the disabled, receive qurbani meat, providing them with nutritious food during the festive season. This project not only upholds religious traditions but also addresses the nutritional needs of marginalized communities, contributing to their well-being and fostering a sense of solidarity and care within the community.

**Location** : Pirojpur, Barguna, Bagerhat & Sylhet

**Duration** : 2023

**Beneficiaries** : 3300

**Donor** : Muslim Charity, UK





## Safe Drinking Water Supply and Hygiene Promotion Project

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

**Installation of 1500 Hand Pumps:** These hand pumps provide immediate access to clean and safe drinking water for communities in need.

**Installation of 150 Water Wells:** Alongside hand pumps, water wells are installed to diversify water sources and increase access to safe drinking water.

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

**Water Quality Testing (Post-Installation):** After installation, water quality is tested again to verify that the implemented systems are providing safe drinking water.

Aims to address water scarcity and ensure the availability of clean drinking water. Additionally, promoting hygiene practices alongside safe water access contributes to improving overall community health and well-being.

**Location** : Bagerhat & Pirojpur

**Duration** : 2021-2024

**Beneficiaries** : 3100

**Donor** : Muslim Charity, UK



# Cow Rearing Program for Increasing Income of Ultra-poor Families

The Cow Rearing Program for Increasing Income of Ultra-poor Families, sponsored by the Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF), is set to take place in Pirojpur in 2023, benefiting 60 families.

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

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

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

**Milking Cow Distribution:** Ultra-poor families will receive milking cows, enabling them to start or expand their own dairy operations.

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

**Location:** Nesarabad, Pirojpur

**Duration:** 2023

**Beneficiaries:** 60

**Donor:** Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)







## Livelihoods Improvement of Urban Poor Communities (LIUPC)

The Livelihoods Improvement of Urban Poor Communities (LIUPC) project, jointly funded by UNDP and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), aims to benefit 2000 individuals in DNCC from 2020 to 2023. The project focuses on enhancing the livelihoods of urban poor communities through targeted training programs.

It begins with a Training Need Assessment to identify specific skills required. Candidates are then selected from urban poor communities for a three-month training program. This training includes computer skills and tailoring, with a focus on sewing machine operation.

Upon completion of the training, participants receive certificates. Computer training equips them with digital literacy, enhancing their employability in various sectors. Tailoring training enables them to pursue opportunities in the garment industry or start their own businesses.

By providing practical skills and certification, LIUPC aims to empower urban poor communities, fostering economic independence and contributing to poverty alleviation in Dhaka North City Corporation.

<b>Location</b>	: Dhaka (Mirpur, Agargaon, Kallyanpur & Mohammadpur)
<b>Duration</b>	: 2020-2023
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	: 2000
<b>Donor</b>	: UNDP & DNCC





## Providing Computer and Sewing/Tailor Skill Development Training

Sponsored by Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Ltd., a project in Bagerhat Sadar in 2023 aims to benefit 200 individuals. The project focuses on providing computer and sewing/tailoring skill development training to enhance employability and livelihoods.

Starting with a Training Need Assessment, the project identifies specific skill requirements. Beneficiaries are selected for a 2 to 3-month training program, tailored to their needs.

Training includes basic computer operations to improve digital literacy and sewing/tailoring skills, including machine operation, preparing participants for employment in the garment industry or entrepreneurship.

Upon completion, participants receive certificates recognizing their achievements.

By offering practical skills and certification, the project aims to empower individuals, enhance their employability, and contribute to socio-economic development in Bagerhat Sadar.

<b>Location</b>	<b>: Rampal, Bagerhat</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>: 2023</b>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>: 200</b>
<b>Donor</b>	<b>: Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Ltd.</b>





## Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons

The Mainstreaming Differently Abled Persons project, scheduled for 2023 in Pirojpur (Nesarabad) and Bagerhat (Sadar), aims to benefit 500 individuals. The project is funded by SMKK and other donor's overhead.

**The project focuses on empowering differently abled persons through various initiatives:**

**Skill Development Training:** Providing training to develop practical skills and enhance employability.

**Technical Training:** Offering technical training in areas such as tailoring, handicraft, phone/mobile servicing, computer skills, beautician courses, and jute bags production.

**Assistive Devices Support:** Providing necessary assistive devices to aid individuals in their daily activities and improve their quality of life.

By offering skill development and technical training tailored to the needs of differently abled persons, as well as providing assistive devices support, the project aims to integrate them into mainstream society and empower them to lead independent and productive lives. This initiative not only enhances their socio-economic status but also fosters inclusivity and diversity in the community.

**Location** : Pirojpur (Nesarabad) & Bagerhat (Sadar)

**Duration** : 2023

**Beneficiaries** : 500

**Donor** : SMKK & Other Donor's Overhead





## Free Friday Clinic Program

The Free Friday Clinic Program, scheduled for 2023 in Pirojpur and Barguna, aims to benefit 1000 individuals through funding from SMKK's own fund and donor's overhead. The project's focus is on providing essential healthcare services to underprivileged communities.

It includes organizing free medical camps staffed by MBBS doctors or village doctors to offer health checkups and free prescriptions for poor patients. Additionally, support is provided every week for necessary treatments and medicines, ensuring patients receive proper care. The project also facilitates referrals for patients in need of advanced treatment or specialized care.

Through these efforts, the Free Friday Clinic Program aims to address the healthcare needs of disadvantaged communities in Pirojpur and Barguna. By providing access to essential medical services and treatments, the project contributes to improving overall health outcomes and the quality of life for the beneficiaries.

**Location** : Pirojpur  
**Duration** : 2023  
**Beneficiaries** : 1000  
**Donor** : SMKK own fund & Donor's overhead





## Empowering Ultra-Poor Communities through Sustainable Access to Safe Drinking Water in Bangladesh

The "Empowering Ultra-Poor Communities through Sustainable Access to Safe Drinking Water in Bangladesh" project, funded by Al' Maoun, targets Sathkania and Chandanaish in Chattogram in 2023, benefiting 1000 individuals. The project focuses on beneficiary selection, installing water tanks for sustainable water access, water quality testing, and organizing courtyard meetings for hygiene promotion.

Beneficiary selection ensures assistance reaches those most in need. Water tanks installation ensures a reliable supply of safe drinking water. Regular water quality testing maintains safety standards. Courtyard meetings promote hygiene practices to maximize the benefits of clean water.

Through these efforts, the project aims to empower ultra-poor communities by providing them with sustainable access to safe drinking water and promoting good hygiene practices, ultimately enhancing their health and well-being.

**Location** : Pirojpur (Nesarabad)  
**Duration** : 2023  
**Beneficiaries** : 1000  
**Donor** : Al' Maoun





## Pre-Primary Education Program

The Pre-Primary Education Program, operational in Pirojpur (Nesarabad) and Barguna (Betagi) in 2023, aims to benefit 1000 children. Funded by SMKK's own fund and donor's overhead, it focuses on designing pre-school education initiatives for children from impoverished coastal communities.

The project's core focus is to instill enthusiasm for continued schooling among these children. It includes developing age-appropriate educational programs tailored to their needs and circumstances. Through engaging activities and methodologies, the program aims to foster a love for learning and prepare children for formal education.

By designing pre-school education initiatives specifically for children from impoverished coastal communities, the project aims to lay a strong foundation for their future academic success. This initiative is vital in breaking the cycle of poverty by providing children with better educational opportunities and empowering them to build brighter futures.

<b>Location</b>	: Pirojpur (Nesarabad) & Barguna (Betagi)
<b>Duration</b>	: 2023
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	: 1000
<b>Donor</b>	: SMKK's own fund & Donor's overhead



# Concluding Words

In the pursuit of its mission, SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA (SMKK) remains steadfast in its commitment to uplifting communities and addressing the multifaceted socio-economic challenges hindering development. Our approach centers on fostering partnerships and facilitating participatory program planning and implementation, empowering beneficiaries to take ownership of their development journey and reducing dependency on external aid.

Throughout the year 2023, SMKK continued to prioritize baseline studies and performance evaluations at various project stages, enhancing service delivery mechanisms and strengthening staff competencies through feedback and shared lessons. The dedication of project coordinators, managers, and field teams ensured the successful execution of planned activities within project timelines, resulting in highly satisfactory overall project performance.

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

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

## CASE STUDIES

### The S-WASH project opens a new window of Firoja's Family (Case Study-01)

Firoja Begum, a 45-year-old resident of Bakpal Uttor Para, Zianagar, Dupchanchia, Bogura district, has 4 daughters and 3 sons in her family. One of her daughters, named Suriya Akter, is physically disabled. Firoja's husband works as a day laborer and belongs to a backward community. He is the sole earner in the family, bearing the entire cost of the household.

One day, Noor Barik, a community volunteer from the S-WASH project, visited her household. Noor Barik observed that Firoja Begum was collecting water from a neighbor's water point, and the water point was located so far away that hours of travel (by foot) were required to meet the family's daily water needs. Firoja's family members were suffering from various waterborne diseases.

Firoja Begum explained that the groundwater level in Zianagar Union and surrounding areas had been depleting over recent years due to erratic rainfall, and the increasing demand for irrigation, especially for Boro crop cultivation during the dry season, required an adequate water supply for irrigation. There was a non-functional tube well in the catchment area of Firoza Begum's house, which was fully out of order.

By this time, the Penny Appeal-funded S-WASH project team had coordinated with Union Parishad and the Department of Public Health and Engineering, conducting a Community Consultation Meeting (CCM) to select a site and location for installing a tube well. Through CCM, she was informed that the NGO SMKK would provide some tube wells in the area free of cost. Finally, she was selected for a STW, and the S-WASH field team installed an innovated Shallow Tube well for Firoja's household, providing her with adequate safe water for drinking and personal hygiene purposes. After getting the water facility, she was overwhelmed with gratitude to Penny Appeal and SMKK for relieving their water scarcity problems.





## Solar Powered Water Solutions (Case Study-02)

Sabita Rani Hira, aged 48 years, is the widow of Late Bhaves Chandra Hira. She resides in Village: Choto Dumuria, Ward No 6, Union: Choto Dumuria, Upazila: Tungipara, District Gopalganj, and has one son and one daughter. She has lived in this village since her parental time. The natural environment of this village is very beautiful, with a small tributary river named Shaildah River flowing by the side of the village. The village is located on the banks of the river, and 70 families, comprising about 450 people, including women, men, children, and teenagers, reside in this community. The village features a Government Primary School, a High School, a Market, a Temple, and a Union council.

As the village is in the river basin, most of the community people use the river for bathing, cooking, washing clothes, and washing dishes. However, there is a lack of safe water in this village due to the shallow layer, making it impossible to uplift available water. The community lacks the ability to install a Deep Tube Well.



One day, Md. Nayeem Hossain, a community volunteer and Soumitra Roy, a field Engineer of the S-WASH project, SMKK, went out searching for a place for the construction and installation of the Solar Well water supply scheme and met with Sabita Rani during a field visit. They discussed in detail with her about the solar-operated pump. After initial discussions, a community consultation meeting was held with local dignitaries of the area. Following the meeting, an agreement was signed with Sabita Rani to install the pump on her own land.





This solar-powered pump has been built on a 4-decimal land site, featuring a 12-feet high pump with a water capacity of up to 10,000 liters, a depth of 840 feet, a 1 HP motor, a tank with 4 taps, 2 basins, backwash, and a control room. A 1400-watt solar panel is used, located on top of the tank. It takes about 3 hours to extract 10,000 liters of water. Next to it, there is a two-chambered WASH block with 2 toilets and 2 showers. A guard wall measuring 27ft by 37ft with a height of 4ft has been constructed on all sides, and a gate has been built in front of the solar-operated pump. Water will be dispensed from the control panel, and 10 lights of 5 watts each will be illuminated.

From the solar operated well 1600 beneficiaries will directly be benefited, including community people and institutions such as mosques, religious temples, markets, schools, and bazaars. As a result of this project by Penny Appeal S-WASH Project, carried out through SHEBA MANAB KALLYAN KENDRA-SMKK, the people of this community, as well as the students who come here to study in the school, and the people who come to the market, will also benefit significantly. Sabita Rani expresses her gratitude to Penny Appeal for installing such a safe water system in her yard





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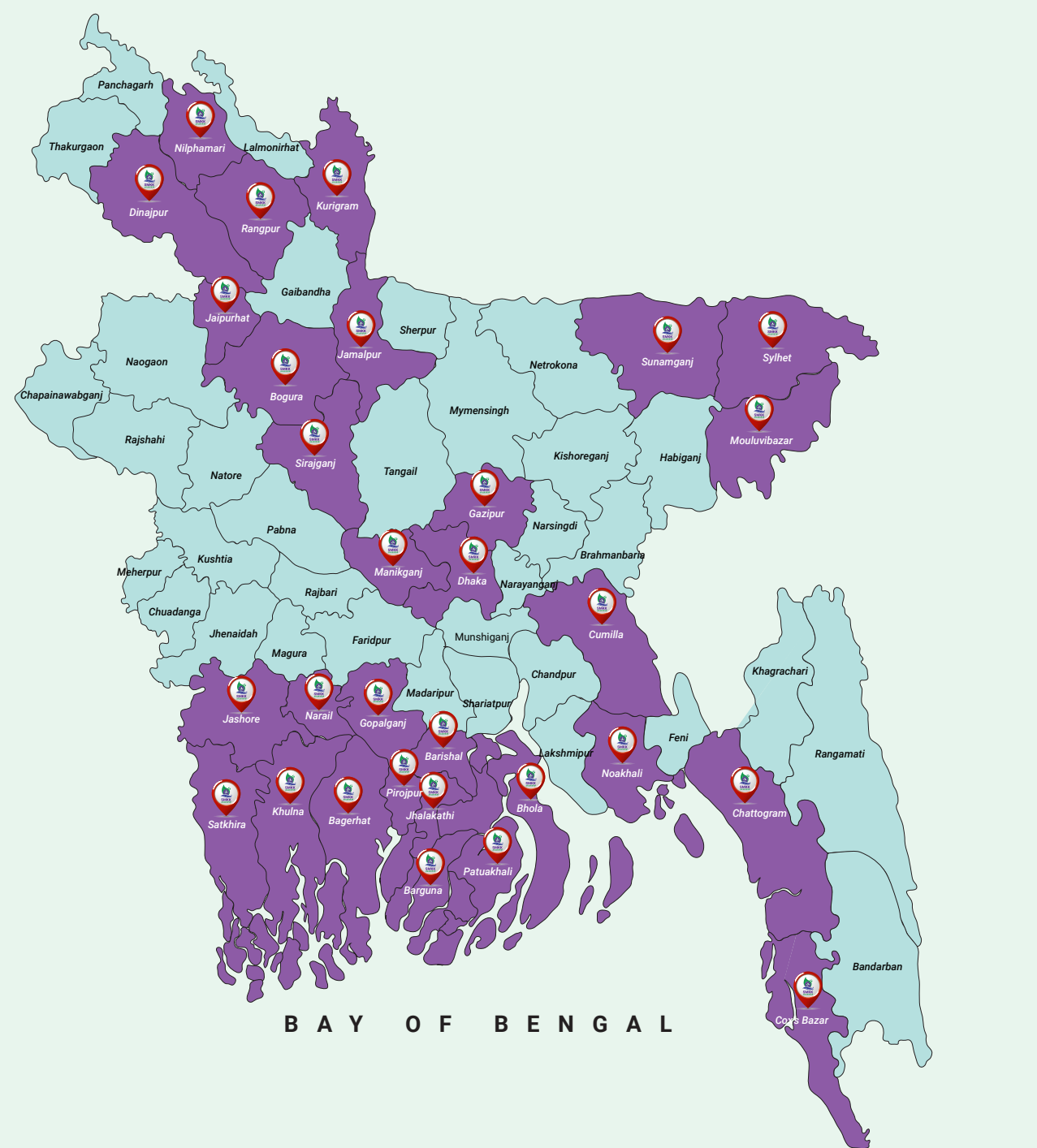


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## GEOGRAPHICAL AREA COVERED BY SMKK



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Khulna	Pirojpur	Gazipur		Rangpur	Sunamganj	Chattogram	Sirajgonj
Jessore	Patuakhali	Gopalganj		Dinajpur	Moulavibazar	Cox's Bazar	Joypurhat
Satkhira	Barishal	Manikgonj				Noakhali	
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We have covered 8 divisions out of 8, 30 districts out of 64, and 92 upazilas out of 495 in Bangladesh.





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