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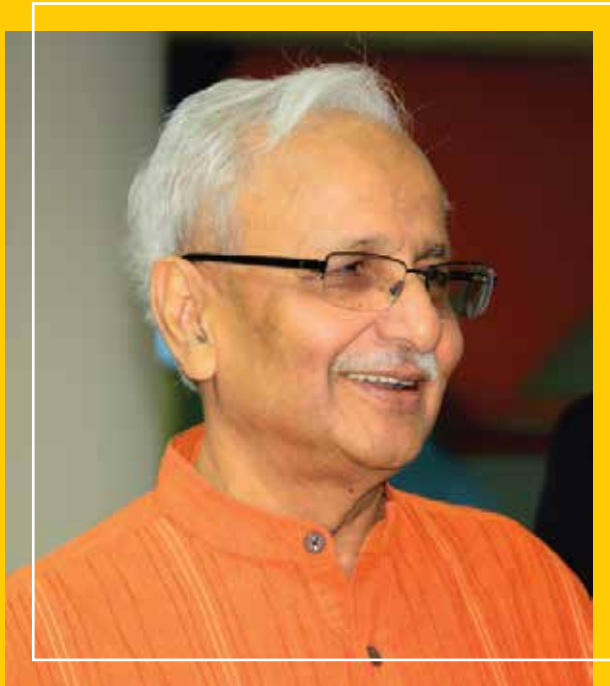
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Message from The Country Director



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The year 2022 has been a notable year for The Hunger Project-Bangladesh as we have made remarkable progress amid the corona-induced challenges and political instability. Throughout the year, our unwavering commitment to our mission has impacted the lives of our community partners, particularly women, girls, and youth.

Utilizing Community Led Approach (CLD) along with mobilizing our volunteer forces in 2022, we have successfully implemented several projects. Keys to their successes have been the mobilizing and empowering communities, particularly women and girls as key change agents; strengthening local governance; and creating alliances for advocacy, action, and adoption. The Hunger Project-Bangladesh is unique in that it is a volunteer-based organization. In fact, we are the largest volunteer-based development organization in the nation with seven networks, including for the youth, women, concerned citizens, and most disadvantaged facilitators. Working together, they act as agents for meaningful and long-lasting change, causing substantial improvements in the lives of people of their communities.

By elevating the voice of people living in hunger and poverty, we continue to support the collective action of grassroots people toward achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We value and acknowledge their efforts and salute their commitment to fellow human beings.

List of Abbreviations

BNN	Bikoshito Nari Network	RPO	Representation of People Order
CEC	Chief Election Commissioner	RTI	Right to Information
CLD	Community Led Approach	SAP	Social Action Project
COC	Code of Conduct	SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019	SHUJAN	Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik
CSO	Civil Society Organisation	SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health Right
CVA	Citizens, Voice and Action	THP	The Global Hunger Project
DI	Democracy International	THP BD	The Hunger Project Bangladesh
ENA	Essential Nutrition Action	TOT	Training of the Trainer
EVM	Electronic Voting Machine	UP	Union Parishad
FGD	Focus Group Discussion	VCA	Vision, Commitment and Action
FHI360	Family Health International	VDT	Village Development Team
GGS	Self-help groups	YAG	Youth Ambassador Group
GIZ	German Ministry of Foreign Affairs	YEH	Youth Ending Hunger
IFES	International Foundation for Electoral Systems		
LGI	Local Government Institution		
NED	National Endowment for Democracy		
NGCAF	National Girl Child Advocacy Forum		
NGO	Non Government Organisation		
NIS	National Integrity Strategy		
PAR	Participatory Action Research		
PE	Pure Earth		
PFG	Peace Facilitators Group		

Background of THP Bangladesh

The Hunger Project (THP) Bangladesh, which was registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau under Registration No. 557 on November 11, 1991, is the largest volunteer-driven development organization in the country. THP is an affiliate of the Global Hunger Project, a 501c3 organization incorporated in 1977 and in consultative status with the United Nations since 1985, with its headquarters in New York. THP's programs in Bangladesh are supported by a highly committed staff based in 10 regional offices, with its national office in Dhaka. The organization is funded by bilateral donors and private citizens worldwide.

THP Bangladesh aims to end hunger and poverty with strategies that are affordable, effective, replicable and sustainable. It implements a gender-focused, community-led approach to empower rural communities throughout the country. THP's "mantra" is: start with women, mobilize everyone and make local democracy work. We mobilize and strengthen the capacity of people through workshops and training which are both transformative- awakening people to their rights and power and educative, in terms of skills and knowledge.

In a radical departure from traditional service delivery approaches and in an intentional drive to overcome Bangladesh's deeply entrenched mindset of resignation and dependency, THP Bangladesh bases its strategies on the principles of:



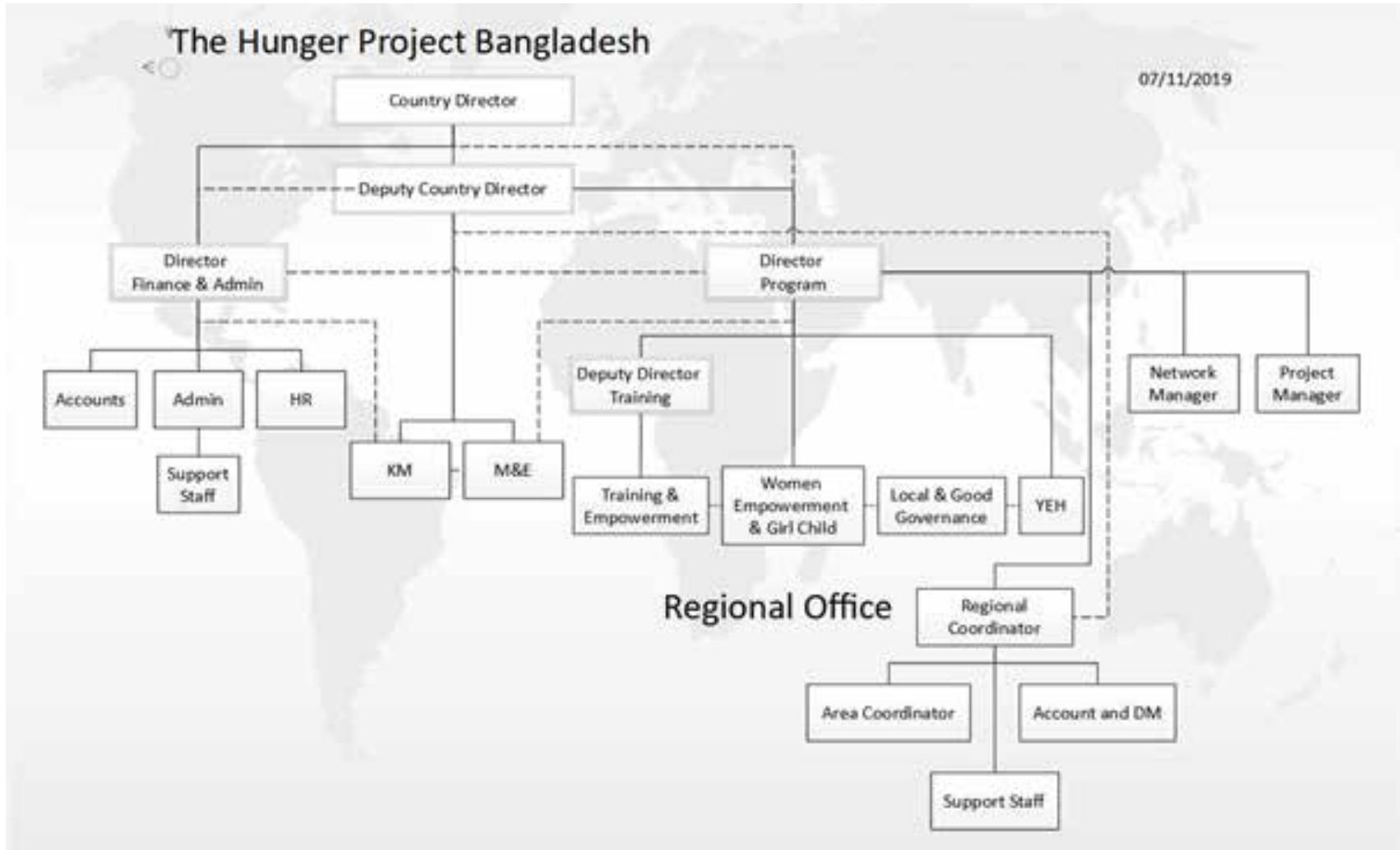
Vision

THP's vision is a world without hunger.

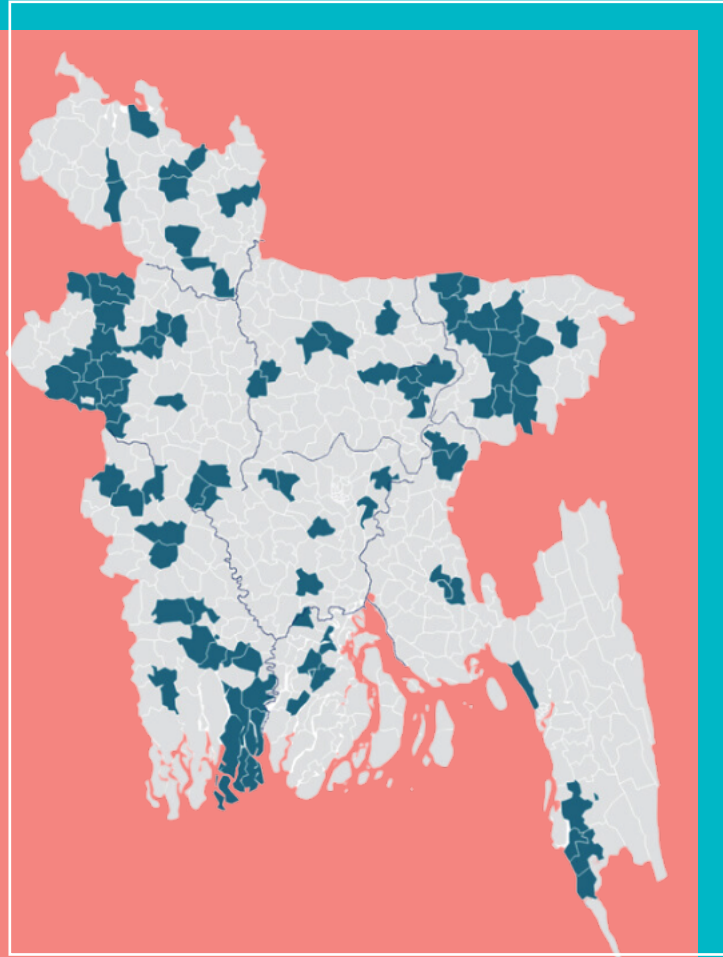
Mission

THP's mission is to facilitate individual and collective action to transform the systems of inequity that create hunger and cause it to persist.

Organizational Structure



Working Area of THP BD



■ Upazila

Total SDG Unions 185

Total Upazilas 94

Total Districts 30

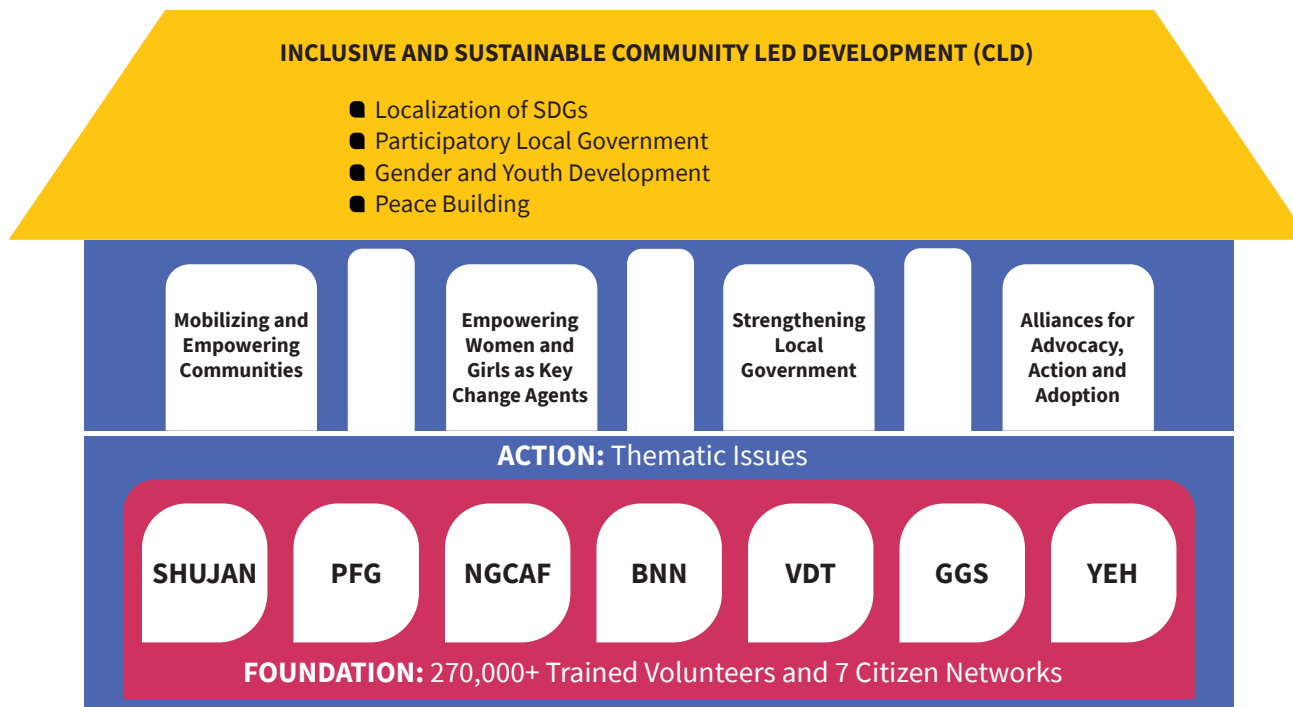
Total Divisions 08

Implementation Strategy

Inclusive and Sustainable Community Led Development (ISCLD)

The Hunger Project Bangladesh focuses on a Community Led Development (CLD) approach at the core of its development strategy, harnessing volunteer power. CLD empowers local communities, volunteers and animators to identify prior needs, innovative solutions and collectively implement solutions while managing local development resources. THP Bangladesh enhances the capacity of these stakeholders to ensure gender-responsive, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable development actions, prioritizing future generations and environmental well-being.

With the above wider approach, the other key approaches of THP BD's development work are:



Implementation Strategy

Mobilising and Empowering Communities

THP Bangladesh empowers community members, volunteers and animators to drive positive change in their areas. They promote sustainable development by building capacities, providing support and fostering engagement. Through effective training and facilitation, THP Bangladesh ensures value for money, desired outcomes and lasting impact.

Empowering Women and Girls as Key Change Agents

THP Bangladesh empowers women and girls by mobilizing and building their capacities to exercise their rights. They support marginalized women to achieve financial independence through income-generating activities and accessing essential services. Additionally, THP Bangladesh facilitates advocacy efforts, helping women and girls unite against violence, discrimination and injustice.

Strengthening Local Governance

Strong LGIs drive local governance and development through transparency, accountability and people's participation. THP Bangladesh supports LGIs, especially Union Parishads, for SDG-focused capacity-building and inclusive project planning. By involving people in projects and activities, THP Bangladesh strengthens Union Parishads for better local governance.

Alliances for Advocacy, Action and Adoption

THP Bangladesh advocates for inclusive and fast service delivery to marginalized groups. They form alliances, propose innovative solutions and work with policymakers to replicate successful models. Volunteerism's power drives their cost-effective development efforts.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Localisation of SDGs

Transform community mindset to achieve SDGs

- 1460 VDTs in 129 Unions are active and functional.
- More than 29 thousand volunteers are actively contributing.

Nourishing change: hunger, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture

- 1839 self-help groups (GGS) in 129 Unions are active.
- 23 self-help group members achieving self-employment through skills training and support.
- Creation of 2808 income-generating activities.
- Community contribution of BDT 23,20,57,325 aiding numerous vulnerable individuals.
- Assistance provided to 1452 impoverished individuals to enroll in Social Safety-Net Schemes.
- 225 villages, 9 Unions, organic farming at household (no fertilizers or pesticides).

Enhancing people's health and well-being

- Increased confidence and 80% satisfaction rate with community clinic services.
- 100% vaccination coverage for all children.
- 50% of targeted UPs providing WASH and nutrition support to undernourished children.
- Successful implementation of the Citizens, Voice and Action (CVA) tool in 7 Unions, enhancing community clinic services.

Eradicating illiteracy

- 2,079 students reintegrated into school.
- Female student attendance in secondary schools increased from 70% to 90%.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Localisation of SDGs

Promoting equity and gender balance

- Reduced child marriage rate to 13%.
- Eliminated child marriages in 16 villages.
- Successfully resolved 270 family disputes.

Ensuring sustainable water and sanitation management for all

- Ensured 100% sanitation in 46 villages.
- Installed 525 sanitary latrines in 56 Unions.
- Installed 470 tube-wells in crop fields and households for farmers in 48 Unions.

Taking action to combat climate change

- Planted 60,280 tree saplings in 77 Unions.
- Installed 22 community dustbins.

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies

- Completed 80% of the five-year plan formulation work for 5 UPs;
- Filed 151 applications under the Right to Information Act.
- Resolved 92 local disputes among villagers.
- Settled 92 social, political, religious, and economic disputes.

Inclusion and diversity

- Inclusion of 91 CSO leaders in UP standing committees.
- Trained Women Leaders advocated for allocating 50% of the budget for child health and nutrition in the UP open budget session of 2022-2023.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Good Governance

Strengthening knowledge and engagement on NIS & RTI

- Formed 61 district-level teams consisting with four journalists and one SHUJAN member.
- Held 29 inception meetings with journalists and SHUJAN representatives.
- Conducted a baseline survey with 184 participants, providing insights on NIS, RTI, and investigative journalism.
- Developed 3 online training modules on NIS, RTI, and investigative journalism.
- Created a web portal with training materials, video episodes, quizzes, and relevant links.
- Organized divisional-level interactive sessions on NIS, RTI, and investigative journalism over two-day and five-day sessions.
- Conducted an extensive awareness-raising campaign with 183 initiatives in 61 districts.
- Participants generated 365 reports as part of their training, which were published on the web portal and in the media.
- Organized 8 divisional-level seminars on NIS, RTI, and investigative journalism.

SHUJAN's engagements and initiatives

- Held 5 executive committee meetings, 1 annual planning meeting and 8th National Conference.
- Held 8 press conferences, 3 roundtables on topics like CEC appointment, EC Bill-2022, Cumilla City Corp. elections, RPO amendment and more.
- Arranged 11 meetings with SHUJAN leaders at the district, city corporation and divisional levels.
- Published 2 issues of SHUJAN Sangbad and four e-newsletters.
- Organized face-to-face events and pre-election press conferences for the Rangpur City Corporation Election 2022.
- Conducted an online SHUJAN Adda on the issue of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).
- Unveiled books containing information of candidates in the 10th and 11th National Parliament elections.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Gender and Youth Development

Parliament member and youth engagement

- Partnered a photo exhibition on inclusion and freedom of religion, having 25 photos from 2000+ submissions shown at Drik Gallery.
- 4 interfaith dialogues in Cox's Bazar, Bagerhat, Sunamganj, Rangpur engaging 399 youth and 52 distinguished guests including MPs to aware people.
- 13 Harmony Workshops in 6 divisions, including 5 universities by engaging 500 participants (244 F, 256 M) for community harmony.
- 20 online Leadership for Development batches held engaging 505 participants (238 M, 267 F).
- 16 in-person refresher trainings by engaging 306 participants (115 M, 201 F) to review LEAD modules and focus on Social Action Projects (SAP).
- 240 follow-up meets (virtual & in-person) by engaging 500 LEAD leaders to enhance SAP understanding, safeguarding and more.
- SAP grant disbursed among 40 SAPs.

SRHR to stop child marriage

- 459 (Girls: 404; Boys: 56) adolescents and young girls have gathered knowledge on SRHR and health rights to stop child marriage.
- 59 (Female: 17; Male: 42) youth participated in 2 Youth Leaders training, aiming to sensitize and gather knowledge to generate information with their fellows.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Gender and Youth Development

Mobilised and empowered to make voice strong for girls right

- 1680 (Girls: 1135; Boys: 545) youth involved in 56 groups per educational institution to stop the dropout of young girls.
- 59 youth leaders participated in the session to initiate campaign against child marriage free school and sending back dropout girls to school.

Sensitised local civil society to combat child marriage

- 50% teachers in 56 schools gained SRHR knowledge, confidence via ToT, supported students as mentors.

Peace Building

Promoting pluralism and social harmony

- Facilitated 54 social harmony and life skills workshops, involving 1,315 youth from the community to promote pluralism, tolerance, and social harmony across the entire Upazila.
- Youth from 90 villages acquired 12 essential life skills, empowering them to address identity-based prejudices, hate speeches and hate crimes with efficiency, confidence and courage.
- PFGs played key role in renewing Codes of Conduct (CoC) between political rivals in two Upazilas, along with agreements in 10 other Upazilas to promote peaceful dispute resolution.
- PFG members also successfully mediated conflicts in their Upazilas, covering political, religious, ethnic, and social issues.
- Youth and Interfaith Forums resolved 120 incidents through discussions, ensuring peace amid religious tension.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Peace Building

Engaging stakeholders

- Youth leaders organized 48 initiatives, engaging 7,862 people, including government representatives, leaders, teachers and parents to address 31 issues on prejudice and hate speech and hate crimes.
- Organized 15 interfaith dialogues with 657 attendees, including local ethnic and Christian leaders.
- Organised a successful diversity fair, drawing thousands of participants from diverse backgrounds by pledging to independently promote social harmony going forward.
- Organised PAVE program across political party leaders and civil society activists to prevent and mitigate conflicts that may escalate into violence.
- Peace Facilitator Groups (PFG) grew from 20 to 30 members across 27 Upazilas in five Districts.
- 27 Youth Ambassador Groups (YAG) formed in PFG areas to amplify the PFG movement and groom future leaders.

Emergency Response

COVID-19 prevention initiatives

- 32M+ reached via campaigns: miking, theater, folk songs, TV, social media, radio.
- Created 16 vaccination and preventive behavior jingles, broadcasted 4,791 times on 11 radio stations, reaching 80,39,296 community members.
- Promoted COVID-19 prevention (3W messages: washing hands, wearing masks, watching distances) and vaccine uptake, distributed a total of 9,63,805 items including posters (2,73,266), leaflets (1,21,000), class routines (3,43,410) and stickers (6,88,400).

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Emergency Response

Facilitate COVID-19 preventive behavior and vaccine uptake

- 22 day-long orientations engaging 955 volunteers in 22 Districts.
- Planning workshop for 33 partner organization staff including 90 top professionals in Dhaka to develop implementation plans.
- Organized 166 orientations in 154 Upazilas, engaging leaders (teachers, youth, elected reps, journalists) by reaching 6,640 participants, indirectly impacting 75,570 people.
- 5,096 religious leaders, including boys, girls and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), were engaged through 166 Upazila workshops, reaching 61,148 community members.
- Volunteers held 7,770 courtyard meetings, discussing COVID and more, reaching 1,97,604 attendees and a total of 23,71,229 people outreach.

Social listening and outreach

- Organized 177 town-hall meetings attended by 5,786 government officials and health workers in 761 Districts and 5,025 Upazilas.
- National workshop with Prothom Alo, 22 attendees from govt., partners, experts, reaching 3,50,000 people.
- Conducted 84 focus group discussions (FGDs) with 914 community members (reaching 10,968 individuals) to gather feedback on COVID prevention and vaccination understanding.
- Implemented social listening and feedback mechanisms through Kobo platform, collecting 30,047 feedback, boosted 6 PSAs on Facebook, reaching 5,59,337 viewers.
- Organized 44 advocacy meetings with government service providers, engaging 1,213 participants and reaching 14,553 individuals to share citizens' views.

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Training Programs and Workshops

Events	Female	Male
Capacity assessment and develop capacity building for Local government representatives	6	21
Community Facilitator training on VCAW and citizenship/Social Harmony	157	260
Community Philanthropy trainings	2	49
Conduct Capacity building (CSO and government staffs) training	167	109
Training on Capacity Building of VDT Members	37	140
Training on Entitlements and Linkages	8	23
Training on SRHR and child marriage prevention for students	417	56
Training on transparency, accountability, good governance & inclusivity	10	0
Training on youth leadership and influencing skills with the leaders of newly reformed youth unit	21	22
Arrange TOF for creating youth facilitators for YLT/ACYLT	32	31
PAVE Introductory Training for PPG	154	367
Refreshers training for Youth facilitators	8	14
Women Leader Follow Up Training	2904	4
Women Leader Foundational Course	417	0
Animators training	120	200
VCAW with community people	1937	1954
(Active Citizens) Youth Leadership training	214	345
PAR workshop for PAR facilitators at Union	75	42
Periodic PAR reflection workshop	858	523
Workshop on organization and savings management for GGS leaders	50	0

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Training Programs and Workshops

Events	Female	Male
Refreshers workshop with standing committee	12	19
Workshop with Standing Committees	29	62
Learning sharing workshops (adult)	242	304
Social harmony and citizenship workshop	1671	1598
Social Harmony Gathering	1187	1359
PAVE Harmony Workshop	661	840
Village Development Committee Planning Workshops	12201	7978
Workshop on SDGs	881	1344
TOT on ENA to Women Leaders	13	0
Refreshers training on business skill	192	201
Training on electronics for youth (computer, mobile, refrigerator, etc)	6	12
Training on small entrepreneurship promotion	358	117
Skill Training for Non School Going Girls (sewing, block boutique, carchupy, candle making, clay, bamboo/cane, wood, etc)	160	0
Training on handicraft (sewing, block boutique, carchupy, candle making, clay, bamboo/cane, wood, etc)	168	24
Training on Tailoring	344	19
RTI Workshop at different level	395	475
PAVE Lead Training	259	398
PAVE PPG Formation & Ambassador Development Meeting	13	27

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Training Programs and Workshops

Events	Female	Male
PAVE Workshop for UPFG Formation	12	25
Peace Ambassador Regional Meeting	100	371
Training on homestead gardening	1195	922
Training on nursery	16	4
Training on organic agriculture	204	90
Training on animal husbandry (poultry, duck, rabbit, pigeon)	622	88
Training on cow fattening/rearing	350	106
Training for UP representative	153	286
VCA workshops with students and youth	1831	986

Thematic Areas and Accomplishments

Publications

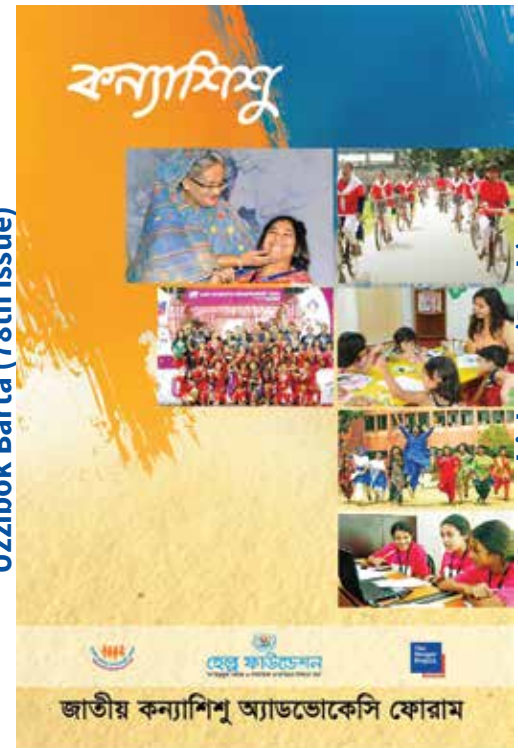
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02	Uzzibok Barta (78th Issue)	20 October 2022	1,000
03	Konnashishu-17 (Book)	30 September 2022	700



Narir Katha-18



Uzzibok Barta (78th Issue)



Konnashishu-17 (Book)

Volunteers and Networks

Bikoshito Nari Network (BNN)

The Bikoshito Nari (Enlightened Women) Network empowers Bangladeshi women by developing leadership skills and confronting gender inequality. Women Leaders undergo a four-year empowerment process, gaining a clearer understanding of gender rights and advocating at the policy level. They organize social awareness events and mobilize women in their communities for change.



308 Units

51 Districts
68 Upazilas
199 Unions

**9701
Network
Members**

Volunteers and Networks

National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF)

The Hunger Project established the National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF), which is an alliance of 198 civil society organizations working to address gender discrimination. NGCAF aims to raise awareness about valuing girls, create a supportive environment for safeguarding their rights, and advocate for policies that enhance opportunities for girls' well-being. The Hunger Project leads and manages the NGCAF.

253 Units

30 Districts

52 Upazilas

171 Unions

**4,421
Network
Members**



Volunteers and Networks

Village Development Teams (VDT)

Village Development Teams (VDTs) are local volunteer groups aiming to achieve the SDGs. Comprising 15-25 members from active volunteers, women leaders, youth representatives, Union Parishad elected members, professionals and respected community members, VDTs engage in community outreach and mobilization. THP implements SDG Union programs through these teams, providing training and support for their development initiatives and activities.

1,460
VDTs in
20 Districts

29,411
Network
Members



Volunteers and Networks

Participatory Action Research (PAR) with Ultra-Poor: Barefoot Researchers

SDG Union's vital component is PAR: Mobilizing the "Ultrapoor" by transforming them into Peoples Researchers. Primarily women, they analyze their condition, find solutions and form Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for implementation. This process empowers the poorest, promoting social responsibility and leadership. Selected Animators facilitate the PAR process within communities, capacitating the "Ultrapoor". GGS units, led by THP, promote economic empowerment through savings and income-generating activities, addressing various issues like education, health, climate change and sustainable agriculture.



1,839
GGS

45,175
Network
Members

Total Savings
232,057,325
BDT

Volunteers and Networks

Youth Ending Hunger (YEH)

Youth Ending Hunger (YEH) Bangladesh, a belief, a commitment, a social movement for a hunger-free, self-reliant future. Motivating and organizing youth, fostering talent and social consciousness. Equipping them with skills for voluntary leadership and active citizenship. Addressing social issues through youth-led movements.

1,371 Units
in
52 Districts

33,105
Members
Institutions
and Community



Volunteers and Networks

SHUJAN: Citizens for Good Governance

SHUJAN-Citizens for Good Governance, a non-partisan platform promoting democracy and good governance in Bangladesh. Aims to make citizens aware, active and organized for justice, transparency and accountability. Management principles include neutrality, honesty and non-communalism. Started as "Citizen for Fair Election (CFE)" in 2002, evolved to focus on democracy, development and good governance, officially named SHUJAN in 2003.

1,280 Units

64 Districts

432 Upazilas

656 Unions

32,152
Network
Members



Volunteers and Networks

Peace Facilitator Groups (PFG)

PAVE program by THP, aims for peace, social harmony and democratic values in Bangladesh. It trains diverse leaders in conflict resolution. Forms Peace Facilitator Groups (PFGs) and Peace Ambassadors for community peacebuilding. Promotes non-violent citizen engagement and political cooperation in 20 Upazilas.



73 PFGs
32 Districts

1,833+
Network
Members
Political Leaders and CSOs

Spotlights

No Conflict, Light of Reconciliation

Md. Alimuzzaman, a Zoology student at Govt. PC College in Bagerhat Sadar Upazila, resides in Dakshin Khanpur village, Khanpur Union. The village boasts harmonious cohabitation between Hindus and Muslims. The only concern Alimuzzaman has is the proximity of the central mosque and the main temple in the Kalibari market. Their sounds intermingle due to their close proximity, causing disturbances during worship ceremonies. Alimuzzaman, introduced to BRAVE project, attended a training on extremism prevention and harmony. Advised by the instructor, he formed a youth team, discussed the issue with the mosque and temple committees, emphasizing the peaceful coexistence and urging a resolution.



“We learned the value of religious peace from BRAVE project and I am now able to lead the way in promoting societal harmony. Today, I am well-liked and respected by society.”

Alimuzzaman, Youth of Khanpur, Bagerhat Sadar

Consequently, mosque and temple committee heads met at a tea shop. Following discussions, the temple agreed to limit noise during ceremonies and the mosque would notify if holding a Waj Mahfil to avoid clashes. Since then, they coordinate events, ensuring harmony between the adjacent places of worship.

Spotlights

My Youth Ending Hunger: A Journey to Vision and Transformation

Back in 2018, Arshi learned about Youth Ending Hunger Bangladesh through friends and decided to join with an open mind. What she didn't anticipate was how deeply it would affect her. Operating from Chattogram, she took charge of the Green Heart Project, which involved educating children about recycling and presenting them with plants as gifts.

Her involvement with the Hunger Project and YEH bestowed upon her the self-assurance needed to chase after her aspirations for society. The ingenious ideas of the youth she worked with gained international recognition. They secured funding from COP-26 for their exceptional projects and took on issues like discrimination, enriching the community through initiatives such as tree planting, education campaigns, anti-violence efforts and awareness drives. These endeavors not only improved the present but also nurtured the leaders of tomorrow.



“As Youth Ending Hunger's National Coordinator, what seemed impossible is now reality. YEH showed we shape youth for the future when we can't predict it.”

Arshi Hore, National Coordinator, Youth Ending Hunger Bangladesh

Spotlights

Sadikatun's Initiatives to Protect the Rights of Transgender

Sadikatun Nisa, a Youth Ending Hunger member from Jagannath University. Having trained from THP, launched a campaign titled 'Blowing the Third Eye' to improve healthcare rights for transgender individuals. They targeted Sir Salimullah Medical College and Hospital, focusing on their ticket counter. Transgender people often face humiliation and lack of healthcare access. At the hospital, they were mistreated due to separate queues. We raised awareness, gathered signatures and collaborated with the hospital. They allowed a special transgender service sticker at the counter in October 2022.



“ Thanks to this effort, transgender individuals now get fair healthcare, a significant change in Bangladesh's context. Thanks to The Hunger Project and Lead Bangladesh for this opportunity.”

Sadikatun Nisa, Volunteer of Youth Ending Hunger, Jagannath University

Spotlights

Asma's Struggle to be Self-reliant

Asma Yasmin, a gender-based violence survivor from Saharbati Union, Meherpur, was married at 14 and faced dowry abuse. Divorced in 2012, she returned home with her sons, unsure how to support them. Introduced to The Hunger Project, she received Women's Leadership and sewing training in 2014-2015, empowering her.

Now, she earns BDT 4000-5000 monthly as a tailor. Additional training enabled her to start homestead gardening, poultry, goats and cows, earning around BDT 5-6k more monthly. With a sanitary latrine and tubewell, her sons attend school. An active VDT member, she promotes women's safety, sanitation, water and the environment.



“Thanks to The Hunger Project, I have regained confidence and dignity despite early struggles.”

Asma Yasmin, Saharbati Union, Meherpur

Spotlights

Diba Rani's Journey from Struggle to Leadership

Diba Rani, from Damiha village in Kishoreganj, struggled due to her husband's limited income. Unexpectedly, she became part of a school's managing committee, through THP's intervention. Initially an ordinary housewife, she attended a leadership training in 2021, discovering her potential. She formed a self-help group, accumulating BDT 6,00,000 as a low-interest loan pool for livelihood improvement. With group and government support, she started a poultry farm and chicken-feed business, earning around BDT 10,000 monthly and building a brick house using BDT 40,000 from the group. Her success empowered others in the group, breaking the cycle of poverty.



“This newfound stability allowed me to engage in community work and be selected for my village's primary school management committee.”

Diba Rani, Damiha village in Kishoreganj

Challenges and Learning

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war

COVID-19 worsened poverty, child marriage, violence in 2020-2021. In 2022, Ukraine-Russia war increased prices, hindering ultra-poor's self-reliance efforts therefore, THP Bangladesh's 2022 goals affected.

Religious and Political Intolerance

Unity and solidarity is vital for sustainable development, but conflicts and intolerance harm harmony and SDGs.

Inactiveness and Dropout of Volunteers

Trained volunteers are vital, but departures and inactivity lead to leadership gaps and movement stagnation.

Scope of Social Movements Gets Narrowed

Top-down approach, lack of participation and corruption have hindered sustainable development. Sometimes, government officials' negligence frustrates local initiatives, narrows social problem-solving scope and ownership.

THP-B Partners



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Democracy
International



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