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Gandari Succeeds in Goat Farming and Becomes Financially Stable

Gandari Sarder was a hard-working housewife living in the remote village of Dacope in Khulna, Bangladesh. With her husband struggling to make ends meet as a day laborer, Gandari knew she needed to find a way to help support her family financially. That's when she came across the Community Empowerment Project (CEP), Dacope, Khulna, run by ADRA Bangladesh.

"Every day, I had to manage complicated financial circumstances while trying to make sure my family had three well-balanced meals. I got up early to find work to support my family, but debt made this

difficult," Gandari unfolded her agonies.

"CEP gave me two goats to start a goat-rearing business. I didn't know how to care for the animals at first, but the project staff helped me learn. I worked hard, waking up early every morning to feed and care for my goats," said Gandari.

Gandari's hard work paid off. Her goats multiplied and she had nine healthy goats. She was happy and thanked ADRA Bangladesh for their help.

Gandari sold some of her goats to make a profit. She

sold five of her smallest goats. Gandari sold the goats quickly and made 16,000 taka. She was happy with the result, as she hadn't expected to make so much money from her goat business. She used the money to buy more food for her goats and her family. She also put some of her money towards her children's education.

"With the help of ADRA Bangladesh, I continued to receive training and support to improve my goat-rearing skills. I learned about proper breeding techniques, disease prevention, and how to market my goats effectively. I was grateful for the constant

encouragement and guidance I received from the project staff, who believed in my potential and never stopped pushing me to reach greater heights," said Gandari enthusiastically.

As the years went by, Gandari's goat farming business really took off. She now had a thriving herd of goats, which provided a reliable income for her family. Gandari was no longer just a struggling housewife – she was a successful businesswoman, respected and admired by all who knew her.

News & Updates

Charcoal Water Filters: A Sustainable Solution for the Low-Income Community

ADRA Bangladesh is committed to ensuring everyone has access to safe drinking water. By distributing charcoal water filters, ADRA addresses an immediate need and promotes long-term health and wellness in these communities.

Subsequently, ADRA Bangladesh distributed charcoal water filters among the vulnerable community in Daulatpur, Manikganj, through its Community Empowerment Project (CEP). The charcoal water filters, known for their ability to remove bacteria, chemicals, and other harmful substances, are

expected to significantly reduce waterborne diseases and improve the overall quality of life for the recipients.

One of many recipients eagerly awaiting their charcoal water filter, to learn how this work and its benefits. ADRA Bangladesh also arranged a session during which they highlighted the significance of safe drinking water in ensuring good health and showcased how using these filters can effectively remove sediments and other harmful substances.



ADRA Bangladesh Builds Cafeteria for Disadvantaged Children at TCEP School

ADRA Bangladesh has taken a significant step towards enhancing the educational environment for disadvantaged children by establishing a cafeteria at the Tongi Children Education Program (TCEP) school. This initiative aims to provide nutritious meals to students, promote better health, and encourage a supportive learning atmosphere.

The new cafeteria will serve as a centralized location where students can gather for meals, allowing them to socialize and enjoy a nourishing diet that consists of balanced and wholesome food options. This project aligns with ADRA's mission to foster holistic development in children, ensuring that they are not only given an education but also supported with essential resources to thrive.



Community Empowerment Project (CEP) Enhances Local Farming Practices in Gouripur, Mymensingh

In a significant initiative aimed at bolstering agricultural knowledge and skills among local farmers, the Community Empowerment Project (CEP) organized an engaging hands-on experience for 90 farmers in Gouripur. The event, saw the participants segmented into three groups, each receiving practical training in advanced agricultural technologies tailored to their local needs.

The sessions were designed to be interactive and practical, allowing farmers to get their hands dirty while learning about innovative techniques. Each group rotated through various stations where they practiced modern farming

methods, including efficient irrigation systems, pest management strategies, and organic farming practices. Experienced agricultural specialists guided the sessions, providing valuable insights and answering questions from the participants.

The CEP's initiative is part of a broader commitment to community development in Gouripur, where agricultural practices are often challenged by changing climate conditions, market access issues, and financial constraints. By investing in the education and empowerment of local farmers, CEP hopes to pave the way for a more resilient agricultural community.



Strengthening Climate Resilience through Sapling Distribution

The distribution of saplings is significant in our society for several reasons. Firstly, saplings help to improve the environment by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, thus contributing to cleaner air and combating climate change.

To raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and inspire community members to take

action in caring for the planet, the Community Empowerment Project (CEP) in Dacope, Khulna organized a distribution event, during which 3,240 mango tree saplings were distributed among members of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and adolescent clubs. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Md. Shafiqul Islam, the Upazila Agriculture Officer of Dacope, attended as the chief guest.





Delivering Hope through Essential Educational Resources at TCEP!

ADRA Bangladesh has successfully distributed essential educational resources to underprivileged children enrolled in the Tongi Children Education Program (TCEP). The initiative aims to equip these children with crucial materials to continue their education despite facing significant challenges.

Bangladesh is striving to create a more equitable and inclusive educational landscape, where every child has the chance to succeed.

Community leaders and educators praised the efforts of ADRA Bangladesh, highlighting the importance of education in transforming lives.

ADRA Bangladesh is focused on bridging the gap in educational opportunities between children living in slum areas and those in more affluent communities. By providing access to necessary resources, ADRA

ADRA Bangladesh aims to continue its work, reinforcing the belief that with collective efforts, positive change is possible, and every child deserves the opportunity to learn and grow.

Parents' Meeting at CSCDP: Enhancing Collaborative Relationship with Parents

The parents' meeting at Chalantika Slum Children Development Project (CSCDP) holds great significance as it allows parents to interact with teachers and administrators to discuss the academic, social, and emotional progress of their children. It provides an opportunity for parents to gain insights into their children's development, address any concerns, and form a collaborative relationship with the school to support their children's education.

CSCDP recently held a two-day Parents' Meeting, drawing a total of 179 parents. During the meeting, various important topics were discussed, including the importance of child care, hygiene, educational status, literacy sessions, provision of educational materials, addressing issues related to children's irregular attendance in classes, and the follow-up on income-generating activities (IGA).



MYDP Organized a Job Fair to Expand Employment Opportunities for School Drop-out Adolescents in Dhaka

Job Fair by Make-up Your Dream Project (MYDP) Connects Trainees with Employment Opportunities in the Beauty Industry! The Make-up Your Dream Project (MYDP) of ADRA Bangladesh recently held a job fair for aspiring beauty professionals. The event aimed to match trainees with parlor owners, helping skilled people get jobs in the beauty industry.

The job fair helped trainees show potential employers in the beauty industry what they can do. This initiative helps trainees find jobs and build a better future. The job fair was a success. MYDP and ADRA Bangladesh are committed to helping people in the beauty industry succeed. Stay tuned for more updates on how this initiative is making a positive impact!



ADRA Bangladesh Mobilized Support for Flood-Affected Communities in Noakhali

As part of its emergency response efforts, the ADRA Bangladesh Emergency Response team mobilized its resources to assess the damages and identify the specific needs of affected households. The situation in Begumganj Upazila was dire, with many residents losing not only their personal belongings but also access to essential services and livelihoods due to the rising floodwaters.

Community members expressed gratitude for the timely assistance during this challenging period. *"We lost everything, and it is a relief to see support coming in. Our children need basics like clothing, and these supplies really help,"* stated Abu Kashem a local resident, highlighting the critical role of organizations such as ADRA in times of crisis.

ADRA Bangladesh's emergency response team methodically visited various flood-affected areas, conducted surveys, and engaged in dialogue with community leaders and residents. They gathered vital information to tailor their support effectively and ensured that the right resources were delivered to those who needed them most. The organization has a history of swift and effective intervention during crises and is determined to uphold its commitment to helping those in distress.

SSWIM Organized Community Briefing to Underscore the Importance of Vocational Training for Women

The Self-Reliance Support for the Vulnerable Women in Mirpur (SSWIM) recently held a seminar to raise awareness about the importance of vocational training for women in Mirpur. The event was held at the Tali Company Convention Hall and attracted a diverse group of community members and women's groups.

The seminar was called "Awareness Raising Event: Community Briefing." The Community Briefing featured speakers from education, social work, and entrepreneurship. ADRA Bangladesh counterparts said vocational training can help women improve their economic situation, vocational training programs offer women the opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge that can lead to better job prospects and higher earning potential. The seminar ended with a call to support local women by promoting their skills and services.





Joel Sikder

Senior Project Manager, CEP-Mymensingh

Employee Spotlight



When did you first join ADRA Bangladesh and why?

After passing the interview for the managerial position in ADRA Bangladesh, I was recruited by Construction /IGA on 1 April 2007 as Supervisor in Ghior Upazila of Manikganj. Later I was promoted and transferred to Project Manager, Mymensingh, Fulbaria on 1 June 2008. The main purpose is to serve the community and gather different types of experiences.

What do you love most about your position?

I love being exposed to different projects and working with great colleagues. They help me grow as a person. Building friendships, professional development among team members, transferable skills, the satisfaction of completing a project and the satisfaction of rising to a challenge are key elements of my job.

What were the challenges and difficulties you faced during your journey and how have you overcome them?

After passing the interview for the manager's position in ADRA Bangladesh, I was hired by Construction/IGA in Ghior Upazila of Manikganj district for the post of supervisor. I did not protest. I tried to fulfill my duties to the letter. For example, the country director, program director, and finance director from the head office used to visit. Maybe by now, they understood me a little bit, and later on 1 June 2008 I was promoted and transferred to the post of Project Officer in Fulbaria Sub-District under Mymensingh District.

What does the work of ADRA Bangladesh mean to you?

Being a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church myself, I love ADRA. It is an international humanitarian organization. It is a non-profit organization. God's love, affection, and compassion for others are expressed through the work of this organization. ADRA works with the poor and disadvantaged to make a positive difference in their lives. I am very grateful to have been able to serve the poor and needy through this organization.

Sewing-Skilled CBO Women Secure Job Opportunities through Local Agents: A Success Story from CEP Mymensingh



Vocational training programs have become essential for empowering women in rural areas, and the success of Community-Based Organization (CBO) members trained through ADRA Bangladesh's Community Empowerment Project (CEP) in Mymensingh is a prime example. Through the support of local agents like Abu Sayeed, these women secure stable jobs and contribute significantly to their family incomes.

The ADRA CEP Project aims to empower women by providing income-generating skills like sewing, and promoting

financial independence. Over the past two years, 33 women from three CBO groups have received hands-on sewing training, equipping them with technical skills and boosting their confidence. This training has opened up new opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship, enabling these women to contribute to their household finances. Previously, many had little or no access to income-generating activities, but today they actively support their families. Local agent Abu Sayeed, recognizing their potential, supplies raw materials for making shopping bags, allowing them to work

from home and produce items for local markets. The impact on these women has been life-changing. Each now earns BDT 450-500 daily, turning to a monthly income of BDT 12,000-15,000. This income helps cover household expenses, education, and savings.

The sewing program has become a sustainable livelihood for these women, giving them valuable skills and direct market access. Working from home while earning an income has significantly improved their quality of life and strengthened their role within their families and communities.

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