



BS Education for Underprivileged Children Project



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Dear Friends and Families,

Greetings from Jashore (new spelling of Jessore), Bangladesh.

We are happy to introduce ourselves with you again, and to tell you about all the activities that have been happening in January 2019.

New Class, New Books: Students started new class and enjoy new books. 7 pre-school students enrolled in local government school and 7 new Jogahati kids enrolled in BS Pre-school. As like previous time we take body measurement of each supported students to prepare school uniform and distributed to the 132 sponsored and 24 non-sponsored pre-school students.



Student start new class with new books....

Warm Cloth Distribution: During this month DC office we received supply of warm cloths, we distributed warm cloths to the 350 women, children and men of Jogahati village.

New Teachers: Sorupdaho teacher Ms. Tuhina Khatun quit from job due to her marriage. She now living in husband house another district. We call for application in the vacant position and after oral and written interview from 6 candidates we found one competitive who willing to take the responsibility of Sorupdaho children. The teacher name is Sufia Khatun, she studying in Masters in Political Science at Jashore collage. Beside her study, she will take tuition classes everyday. She is very live and enthusiastic, we very much hopeful that she will do her best to improve students result.

Guardians' Meetings: During this month, 7 guardians meeting arranged at Jogahati, Churamankati, Mohishati and Sorupdaho village. In these meetings, we discuss on the role of the parents at home and student's attentiveness into the study at school & home. In the meetings, Guardians participated actively.



Monthly parents meeting

School Visits: During the month, to check the attendance at school of the adopted students, Community Motivator visited **fourteen schools & collage**.

Community Visits: To follow-up, the community progress activities, students study at home and to supervise the tuition programmes- Community Motivator visited **13 times** at Jogahati village, **12 times** at Churamankati village, **5 times** at Lolitadaho village, **6 times** at Mohishati and **3 times** at Sorupdaho village during this month.

Door-to-door Visits: To follow-up the students study at home, Tuition Teachers and Community Motivator together and separately visited all the **132** student's houses during this month. The door-to-door visit ensures the family involvement with project & student study, progresses for domestic cattle's care, cleanliness of house & dresses, proper utilization of the distributed materials, kitchen gardening etc.

Tuition Programme: To improve student's school attendance and scholastic development every working days tuition teachers providing after school study support to the students. Through this programme, we ensuring study progress of the student. During this month, total **24 days** tuition class has conducted at **4-study centre**. 7 tuition teachers provide support to 183 students. Among them 128 students are sponsored and 56 students are non-sponsred. 5 individual adopted students receive private tuition support. (See the attached nutrition & attendance report files for detail)

Nutrition Programme: Pre-school warm 'Khitchury' meal programme helping children to cover nutrition in early age, also, children are more attentive and regular in classes and parents are more aware and interested to sending children to Pre-school. 'Khitchury' cooked each day by different mothers according a cooking schedule. For preparing the 'Khitchury' we providing Rice, Potato, Dhal (lentil), Soybean Oil, Salt, Garlic, Onion etc.

Vegetables for the 'Khitchury' are provided by parents and collected from kitchen gardens. (See the attached nutrition report file for detail)

Also we provide biscuits in each tuition classes, students receive pack of biscuits every day. The biscuit helps children daily nutrition as well as motivating to attend tuition programme daily.

School Attendance: Now the **133** supported students are studying at **14** different schools & Collage, the attendance reports attached for your kind review.

Distribution Programme: We distributed the materials in Jogahati, Sorupdaho, Churamankati, Lolitadaho & Mohishati during 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th January. All sponsored students receive the materials. The details as follows;

Nutrition Materials: To ensure basic nutrition support we provided 'Khitchury' to 26 kids for 26 days in pre-school.

8 Elderly people receive Khitchury to cover their daily food. Due to old age the 5 men and 3 women unable to work so, they live their life by begging some time they feed, sometime not. For that reason, every school days the elderly people receive the tummy full Khitchury.

Education Materials: To continuation of the smooth study, we distributed 364pcs Copy Book, 131pcs Pen to 133 sponsored students. Chalk distributed to 4box. Register book for record keeping 4pcs.

Hygiene Materials: To cleanliness and improve personal-hygiene, we distribute Body Soap and Washing Soap to 165 sponsored and community members.



Materials Distribution

Tuition Fees: To cover the regular education expenses, we provided tuition fees to the 5 adopted students and the students are Alryma & Amlina Sarkar (BS0023), Karuna Rani Das (BS0098) & Boishakhi Rani Das (BS0099), Pinky Rani (BS0092), Urmi (BS0226).

Awareness & Motivation: Before each distribution or visit, BS Officials follow-up the student study progress, cleanliness and motivate on importance of the education among the students and parents.

Case Story: Chonda Biswas (BS0021) is from Jogahati village. She is a 5th in 6 brother and sisters. Her father died in 2013 and her mother is a physically challenged. After death of her father, the family struggle lot. Even her mother do some bagging! Therefore, through Prerona project IDEA support the family through Cow and Rickshaw van to sustain the family economy.

All other brother and sister has been married and living separately. She and her mother with other brother living together with sister & her husband. They give place to live her sister husband. So, her brother-in-law now run the family, earning through the rickshaw we provided. In addition, sell the cow and bought the goat and income coming through from goat rearing. To run the 5 members family is costly so, in free days Chonda also work in the field for family income.



Chonda going to school, she want to be a teacher...

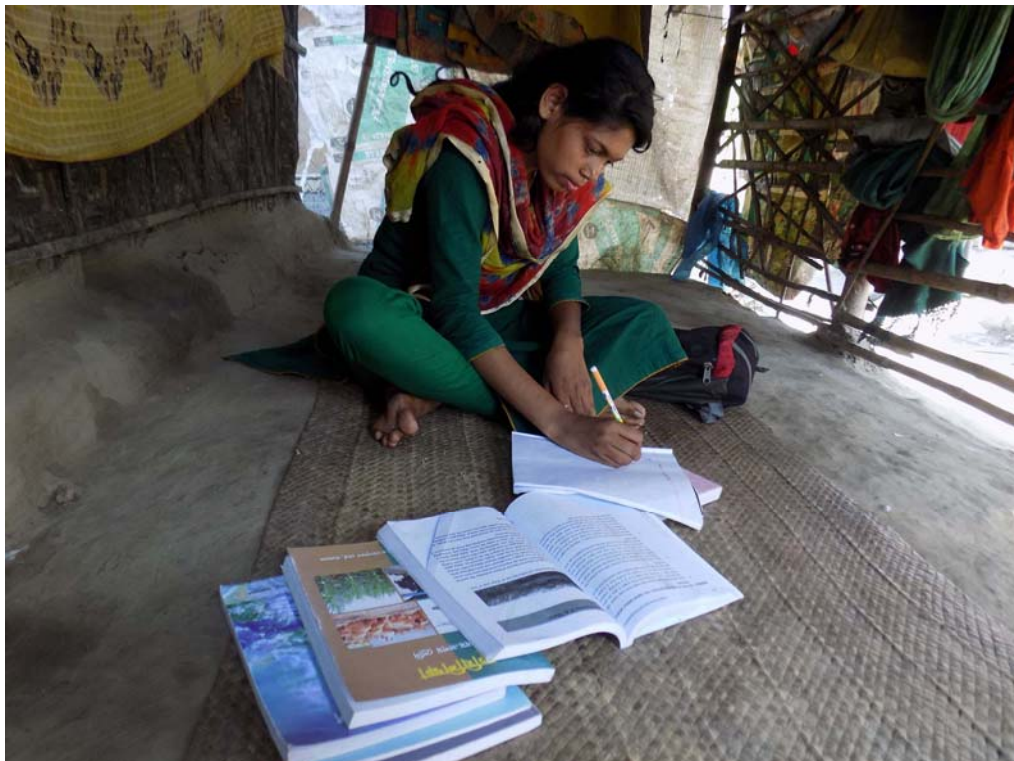
Chonda is attentive in study and now she studying in class IX. Every day she wakes up at 6am; help her sister in family work. 7am do the study and prepare the class lessons. 8am take breakfast and went to school, 3pm return from school take lunch and help again for family work. 4pm went to tuition class.

After complete the tuition class she return at 6pm after that, roaming with her friends. Than 7pm to 9pm she study and after dinner going to sleep immediately.



Chonda helps her mother for mobility

Chonda determined to change her life. She want to be an teacher! If IDEA project not start to support her, she might not able to continue the study and get the early marriage like other girls! Chonda is grateful to IDEA Team and want to thanks to her sponsored parent's family for giving the new light of hope.



She is very attentive in study and she want to change her life....