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OUR STORY



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In 1919 Eglantyne Jebb, a British social reformer and former teacher, founded Save the Children Fund in London in a bid to alleviate the sufferings of children during World War I who were starving and unable to access food or other supplies because of allied blockades. Jebb could not sit and accept this fate, and instead, she campaigned for the rights of and wellbeing of children and demanded the world take notice creating the first global movement for children. Armed with ideas ahead of her time, Jebb changed the course of history when she declared that all children should have rights and drafted the historic Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which was adopted by the then League of Nations in 1924. This six-point charter formed the basis for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989 - the most universally accepted and ratified human rights treaty ever.

In Bangladesh, we started our journey 51 years ago in 1970 to respond to the devastating cyclone that hit Bhola island by helping children and their families receive emergency food supplies and medical assistance. Since then, we have been actively working across the country with the government, civil society organisations, businesses, and others to give children the opportunities they deserve- to grow up healthy, to learn and to be safe. When crisis strikes, we are always among the first to stand beside and support children and the last to leave.

With 1200 dedicated staff, and over 850 volunteers across the country, we respond to major emergencies, deliver innovative development programmes, and ensure children's voices are heard through our campaigning to build a better future for and with children.

OUR PROMISE

We do whatever it takes to save children

OUR AMBITION FOR CHILDREN IN 2030



SURVIVE

No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday



LEARN

All children learn from a quality basic education



BE PROTECTED

Violence against children is no longer tolerated

OUR VISION

A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation

OUR MISSION

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives

OUR VALUES

In all that we do, we will demonstrate our values of Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity and Integrity



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE



Be the Innovator

Develop and prove evidence-based, replicable breakthrough solutions to problems facing children

BUILD PARTNERSHIP

Collaborate with children, civil society organisations, communities, governments and the private sector to share knowledge, influence others and build capacity to ensure children's rights are met



Be the Voice

Advocate and campaign for better practices and policies to fulfil children's rights and to ensure their voices are heard, particularly the most marginalised or those living in poverty



Achieve Results at Scale

Support effective implementation of best practices, programmes and policies for children, leveraging our knowledge to ensure sustainable impact at scale

MESSAGE FROM

THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Arriving in the midst of a pandemic was an unreal experience, but I was glad we had a skilled and dedicated team ready to go from the start. We worked tirelessly and collectively with the Government of Bangladesh, our partners and donors to tackle one of the worst crises the world has ever seen with ramifications for public health, the economy and education for years to come. COVID-19 risks undoing decades of progress on children's well-being. It had an unprecedented impact on the lives of everyone around the world, but not everyone has been equally affected. Poor and marginalised families and their children have borne the brunt of its worst impacts. The virus drove education and businesses to a standstill, and worsened mental and financial stress at home, which worryingly contributed to a rise in child marriage, abuse, child labour and other negative coping mechanisms.

Thankfully, we stepped up our work to help the most vulnerable. We faced a steep learning curve but managed to roll out a range of support and preventative measures to address the pandemic and its impacts head on. In our flagship USAID MaMoni project, we took a leading role in supporting the government to combat COVID-19. As part of our FCDO / EU-funded Suchana programme, we worked to give direct support in the form of cash payments to thousands of families hit the hardest by the pandemic. We also helped Rohingya refugees, who lived in the most densely populated camps in the world, placing them at huge risk of being seriously affected by the virus. Through the support of multiple donors, we established and continue to operate Save the Children's Severe Acute Respiratory Infection – Isolation & Treatment Centre (SARI ITC), which is easily accessible for refugees and the host communities and provides maternal care. And despite the evolving threats and repercussions of the pandemic, we worked with partners to support communities affected by Cyclone Amphan.

In our COVID-19 response, development and humanitarian programming, the safety of children (and adults) is Save the Children's priority. We have worked hard with partners and others to ensure this. Our safeguarding team worked with our programmes and partners on preventative measures and responded rapidly on safeguarding concerns raised. Given the critical events taking place this past year, our teams have further invested in learning and reflections to improve our programme quality and do even more to support vulnerable children in the years to come.

In 2021, the Rohingya Refugee crisis goes into its 4th year and unfortunately, we have yet to see a long-term solution. Until solutions are found, Save the Children will continue to work with partners and the Government of Bangladesh to provide lifesaving support that promotes the dignity and rights of refugees and help host communities who have long suffered from poverty. To both communities, we provide education, protection, health care, and clean water and hygiene services to keep children and their families safe.

Among the refugee population, children represent more than half of the population. With over 90,000 new births since the 2017 influx, there are now approximately 450,000 children living in the refugee camps. These figures show that this crisis is more than a refugee crisis: it is a crisis to the rights, well-being, and future of half a million neglected children and as the crisis wears on, these children will remain our priority.

If anything, 2021 promises to be an even more challenging year. However, I am confident that with everything the world and Save the Children has learned last year, we will put these lessons to good use to help young girls and boys lead healthy and fulfilling lives. This year, we are excited to see schools reopen and will give our full support to the Government of Bangladesh to ensuring all children will come back to school following such a prolonged disruption. I would like to thank all our partners, the Government of Bangladesh, and our generous donors for their continued support and cooperation. Last but not least, I would like to give a word of thanks to our volunteers and the wonderful Save the Children team for their unfaltering commitment to make this world a better place for children.

Onno van Manen

Country Director

Save the Children in Bangladesh

2020 AT A GLANCE



1.92M
Children were supported



108
Projects

52
Working Districts



\$61.6M
Annual Budget



\$220M
Overall Portfolio

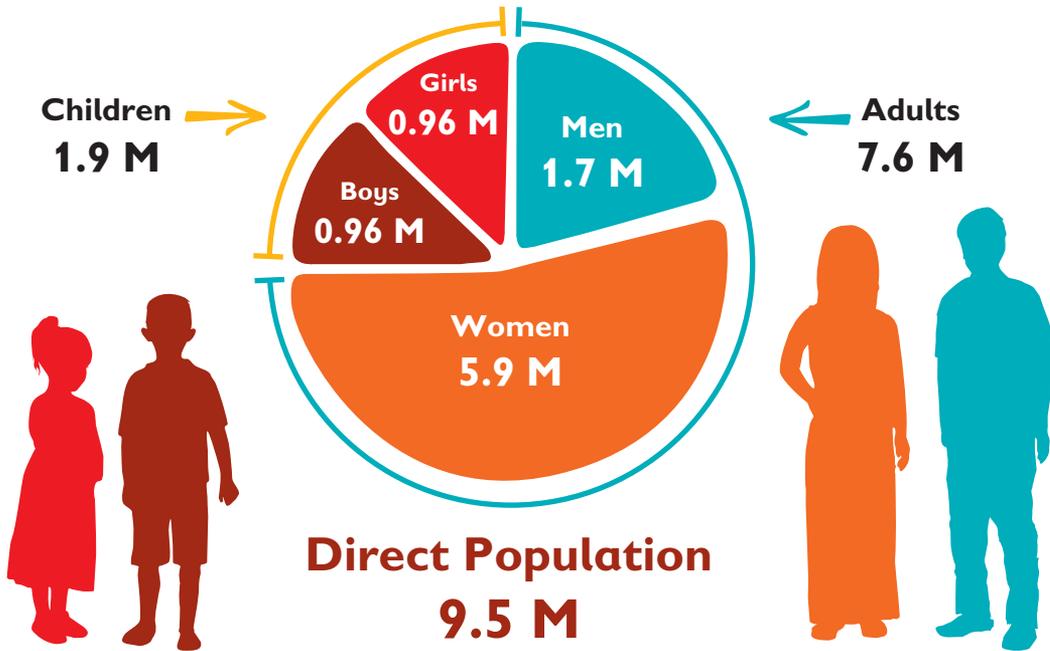


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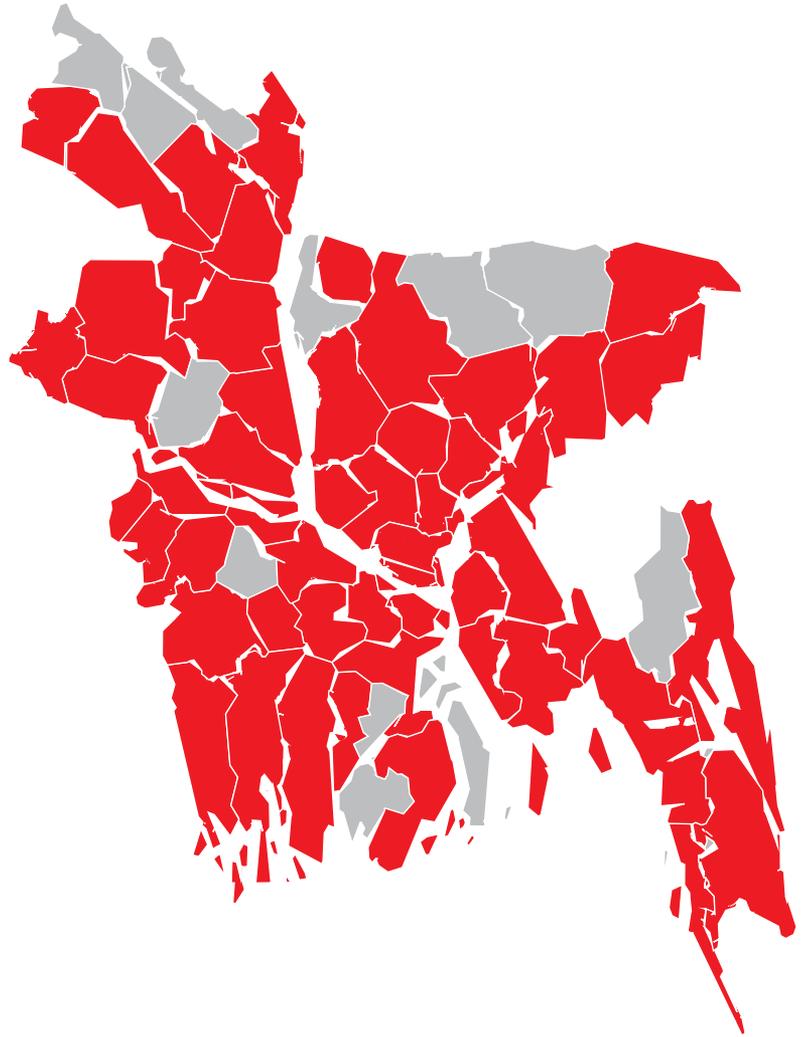
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OUR REACH



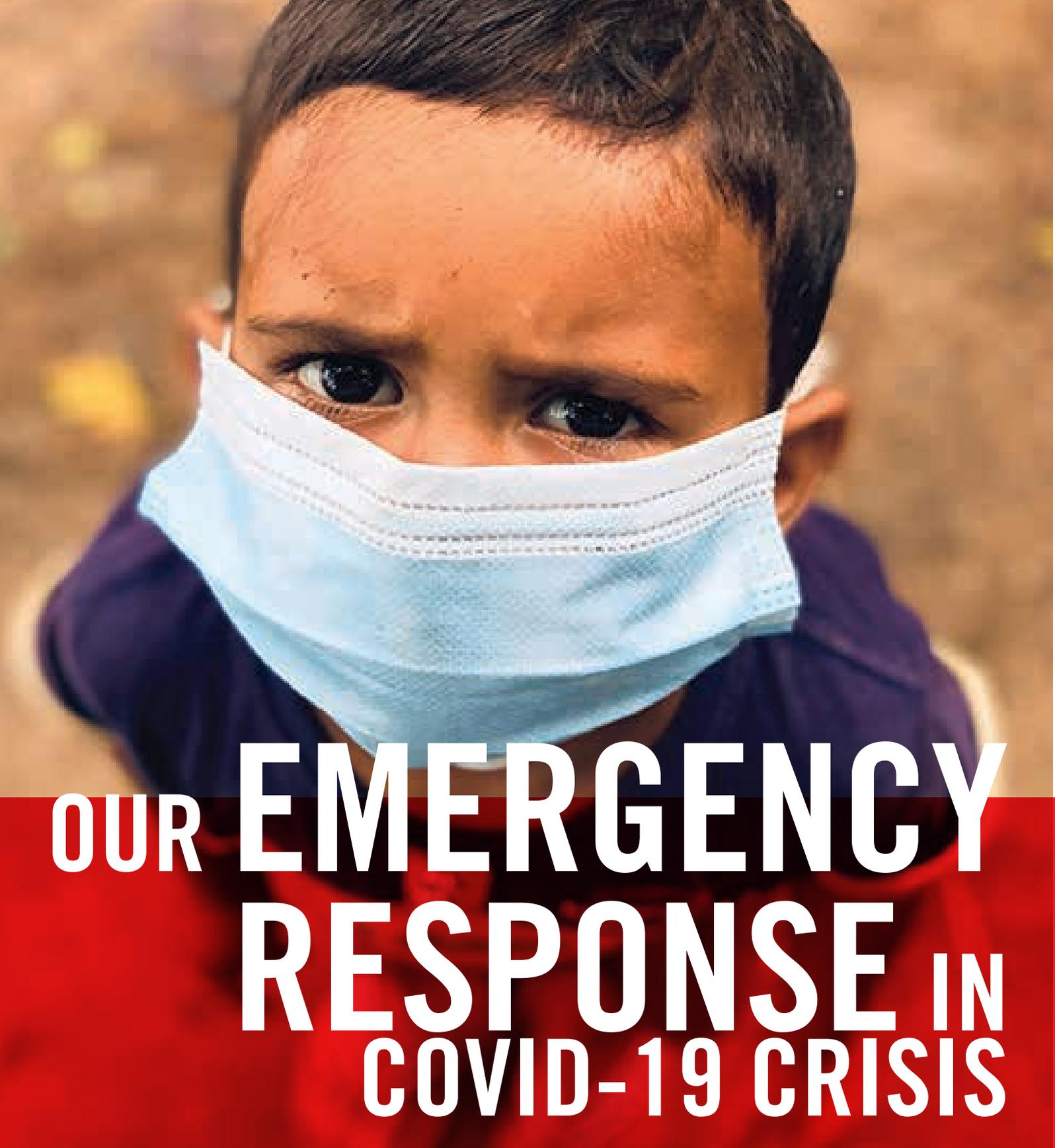
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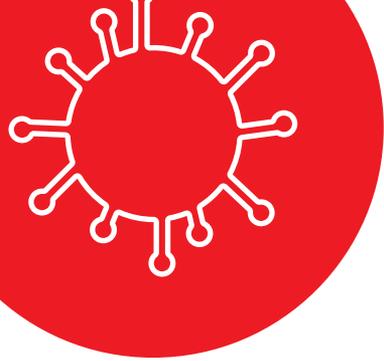
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DISTRICTS

IMPLEMENTING
WITH
PARTNERS



**OUR EMERGENCY
RESPONSE IN
COVID-19 CRISIS**



2020 was a turbulent year for the entire world and for the first time in several decades, people across the world experienced a catastrophe together - the coronavirus pandemic. This pandemic revealed how uncertain the future can be as this health crisis developed into a full-blown global humanitarian crisis. We have witnessed millions killed from the pandemic and have seen even more lose their livelihoods and become fearful of what future holds for them. For children, the COVID-19 crisis changed everything. It threatened children's rights and exposed them to massive disruptions in their access to healthcare, food and protection, and

their social interaction with family members, teachers, and peers. Education in particular has been negatively affected with schools closed for over a year. Education is about much more than just being in school and learning but has been shown to have positive impacts on children's' and youths' by improving social and mental well-being and development and preventing child marriage and child labor. In the absence of education this past year, the pandemic has created a crisis for the rights and wellbeing of children in Bangladesh and across the world.

Since the earliest days of the COVID-19 outbreak in the country, our teams adapted rapidly, working around-the-clock, to battle the biggest health, social, educational, and economic crisis the world has ever seen. Our emergency response strategy was aligned with the National Response Plan of the Government of Bangladesh and the Inter Sectoral Preparedness and Response Plan in Cox's Bazar. We prioritised four areas-
i) Saving lives by preventing the pandemic,
ii) Helping children learn through distanced and in-home education,
iii) Increasing financial resilience through safety nets for families in need and
iv) Keeping children safe in their homes and communities.

In line with the response strategy, we have undertaken a number of preparedness and response interventions to minimise community transmission of COVID- 19 and to mitigate the impact of the outbreak on children, their families, and on our staff and partners.



We leveraged our ongoing programmes, which operate in 46 districts to mobilise 382 frontline staff of Save the Children in Bangladesh and 1,172 staff of the partners to lead COVID-19 response activities at the community level across the country. We have established handwashing stations, distributed hygiene kits, provided cash grants and food assistance to poor and vulnerable households affected by COVID-19, facilitated telemedicine services for communities when everyone was encouraged to stay at home, and we raised mass awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures in collaboration with local government administrations.

We shifted existing projects to address the emergent needs created by the pandemic. We worked with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW), relevant government departments, and others such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF in our USAID funded MaMoni-Maternal and New-born Care Strengthening Project (MNCSP) to ensure mothers and their children receive the proper medical care

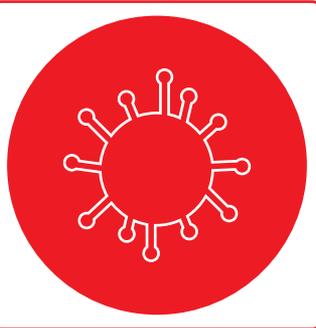
during COVID-19. Our efforts in this project and others helped to strengthen the national health system's capacity to prevent transmission of COVID-19, improve case management in healthcare facilities and at the community level as well as supported sub-national health systems to rapidly analyse and respond to the changing pandemic epicentres. A key success resulting from this program came when the MOH&FW endorsed the guideline we developed on maternal, neonatal and child health service delivery in the COVID-19 pandemic. We provided regular technical support to the MOH&FW for strengthening triage at 146 health facilities and service delivery during COVID-19.

Moreover, we operated a 60 bed Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) Isolation and Treatment Centres (ITC) in Cox's Bazar which expanded the level of care for confirmed and suspected COVID-19 patients from both Rohingya refugees and the host community. We have also worked with Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MOPME) and education partners to devise alternative remote/distance education interventions through online, TV, and radio programming nationwide and we continuously adapted our projects to fit the contexts based on small group discussions, telephone and SMS messages to facilitators and caregivers. Through telephone and SMS messages alone we reached to a total of 22,057 children. To address child protection issues in humanitarian and development contexts, we served 212,856 children (49% Girls). Of those, 3,638 children (51% Girls) were supported with case management services and 110,978 people (84% children) received child protection messages.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2,328,943

adults and children received direct support in our COVID-19 Crisis response activities



193,172

households received safe drinking water, handwashing, and sanitation facilities



95,733

children accessed distance learning opportunities

134,965

households received cash grants and vouchers

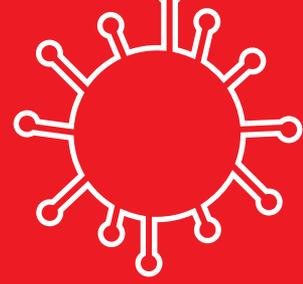
181,018

children and caregivers received Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)



3,333

community health workers received trainings to prevent and mitigate the impact of COVID-19



“I was very scared when I tested positive for COVID-19. My family members were also infected, and we all became admitted in this treatment centre. The doctors here treated us well and took good care of us. They also gave us mental health support so we could stay strong. They talked to us nicely, gave us good food. They provided us with all the support we needed. With their care, me and my family recovered well and have been discharged from the treatment centre.”



Tomal (name changed to conceal identity) is a Rohingya child, tested positive for COVID-19 and was taken to Save the Children’s Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) Isolation and Treatment Centre (ITC). This 60-bed isolation and treatment centre has been providing higher level care for confirmed and suspected COVID-19 patients both from the Rohingya refugee community and the host community.





OUR PROGRAMMES



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND HIV/AIDS



EDUCATION



**CHILD PROTECTION AND
CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE**



CHILD POVERTY



SPONSORSHIP: SHISHUDER JONNO



HUMANITARIAN



ROHINGYA CRISIS RESPONSE

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND HIV/AIDS



Our health, nutrition and HIV/AIDS programme focuses on saving children, adolescents, and the mothers through the life-cycle approach. We focus on improving knowledge and health-seeking practices among the households and communities through social and behaviour change communication and outreach for prevention and treatment of illness, and on malnutrition and family planning.

We also partner with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOH&FW) and other relevant ministries, medical professionals, academic institutions, research agencies, partners and donors to improve provision of quality of care at healthcare facilities by strengthening the existing systems and scaling up life-saving interventions. Save the children works with our partners to model future disease prevalence, to support the government and its ministries to ensure treatment and preventative care is able to protect people from future outbreaks.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

482,488

adults and children received maternal, neonatal and child healthcare services

95,813

safe births delivered at Save the Children supported facilities at the union, upazila, and district levels

27,000

new-borns who could not breathe at birth have been resuscitated with bag and mask ventilation



6,027

sick new-borns received services from Save the Children's special care new-born units



Provided technical support to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW) for developing national guideline and capacity building for promoting normal delivery and stop unnecessary C-section

146

health facilities received technical support to strengthen triage and service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic

41

districts have been reached by Save the Children to ensure quality services and availability of doorstep services through institutional delivery

Supported MOH&FW to develop and implement National Vaccine Deployment Plan and a corresponding outreach campaign across six districts



“Our child was underweighted during birth and had complications due to that. He was in very critical stage and doctor referred him for Kangaroo Mother Care. My wife was not in stable condition to give this care. So, I stepped forward as this is the survival issue for my child. Generally, we only see mothers or female family members in caregiving role. But to me, this is our baby and both of us are equally responsible. So why shouldn't I step in to care for my child while I can! Our child is in good health now after receiving a good care from the doctor and service providers. We are continuing the follow up check up.”



The death of Fahad's child was prevented with the support of the MaMoni MNCSP project of Save the Children funded by USAID. The project has been providing support to the Bangladesh government's public health sector in strengthening its infrastructure to reduce maternal and newborn deaths.

EDUCATION



We work closely with Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME) to strengthen their systems and to develop implement policy reforms. We also have strategic partnerships with Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) and Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE) to reach out-of-school children and provide low-cost learning opportunities. In addition to supporting them to develop a curriculum covering all necessary skills and competencies and have also worked to increase the attendance of female students,

provided financial support to impoverished families, and help create an inclusive learning environment for children with disabilities. Given the digital boom and the rising young population, we increasingly utilise technology in our interventions to reach even the most remote regions. We couple ICT interventions, with digital literacy and numeracy classes with after-school remedial support for underperforming students. Our interventions start with teachers, training them with the necessary knowledge and new methods to provide a more holistic approach to supporting children's education.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

72,043

children, parents, School Management Committee (SMCs) members have been reached through basic education interventions

22,057

children received remote/distance education support during the COVID-19 pandemic

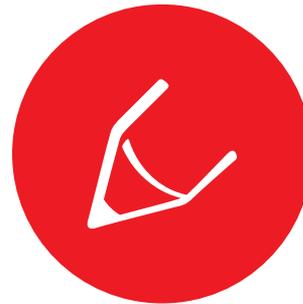
18,614

children received access to basic education



2,451

teachers received online course to boost their numeracy skills



1,421

children received Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD) support

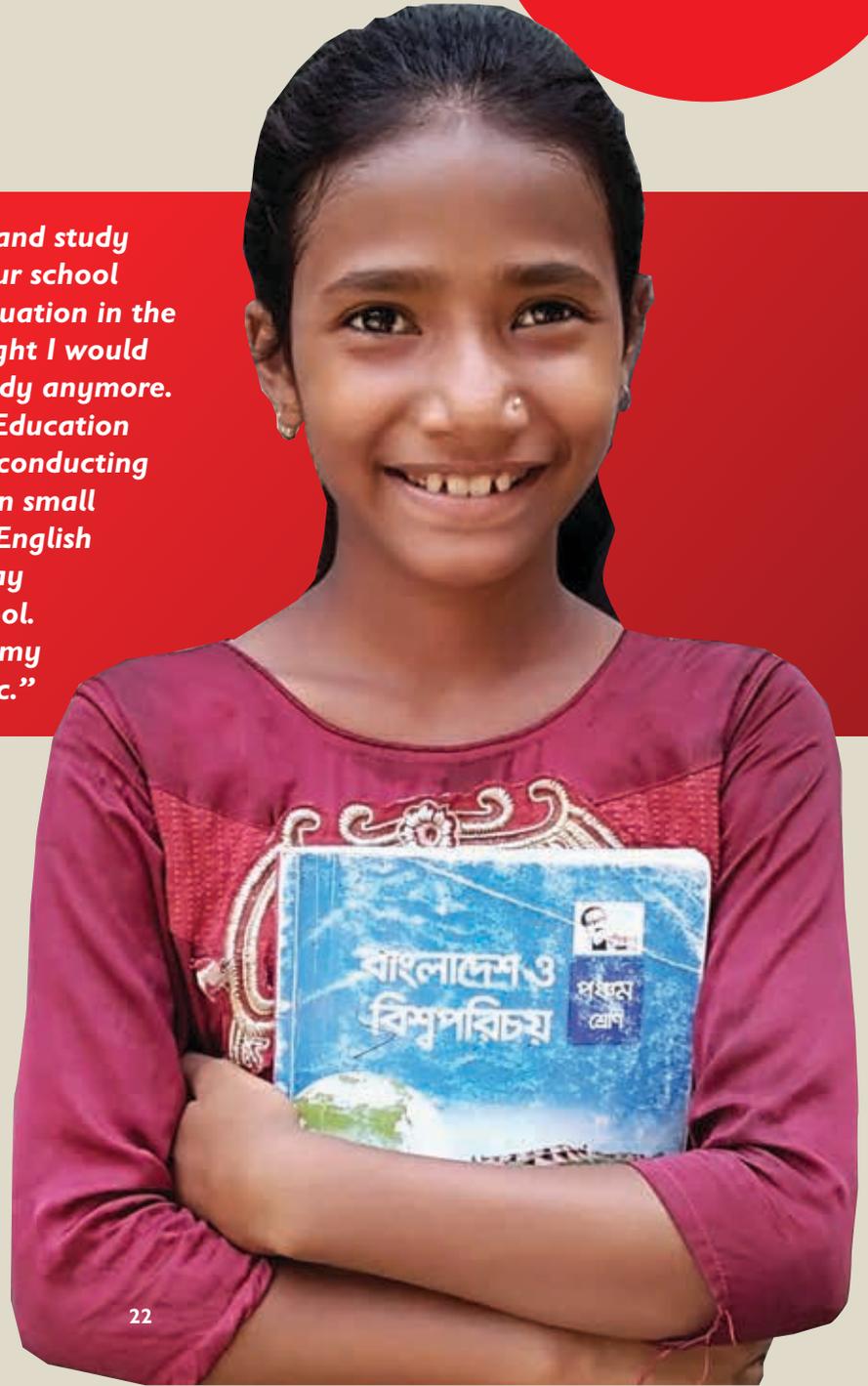
6 workbooks have been developed on Bangla and Math for grade I & II children to enhance home learning during COVID-19 pandemic

1 five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Directorate of Primary Education (DPE)



“I always love to go to school and study there with my friends. When our school became close for COVID-19 situation in the country, I was very sad. I thought I would not be able to continue my study anymore. But that did not happen. Our Education Facilitator Apa (sister) started conducting the learning sessions at home in small groups. She helps to solve the English and Math problems like the way teachers used to do in the school. This is helping me to continue my education during this pandemic.”

Anusree is a participant of Empowering Girls through Education (EGE) project of Save the Children in Bangladesh. The project provides educational support to the girls of class IV and V. The Education Facilitators (EF) used to conduct the sessions in a learning space of the targeted government primary schools using tablets with e-contents. During the school closure the support has been continuing through home-based learning sessions.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE



Our social protection schemes and partner organisations are working to empower children, their families, and caregivers. We support the government in implementing proper care through family and community-based programmes as well as build an integrated approach that puts an end to child marriage. In early childhood, corporal punishment is known to reduce cognitive abilities. We advocate the implementation of the new law that bans Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) in all settings, especially in schools. Our child protection programme creates access to income-generating opportunities for families to prevent children from joining hazardous work and

provides mental health and case management support to children to help keep them safe following threats to their physical or emotional wellbeing. Our Child Rights Governance programme works with children to implement child-sensitive planning, budgeting, and investment for the most disadvantaged by creating equitable access to essential and social services. Our work with the government aims at improving their accountability and implementation of policies that promote equity in quality health and education services. Our National Children's Task Force (NCTF) is the platform where children can directly advocate and influence duty bearers and policymakers to take action that supports the fulfilment of their rights.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

212,856

children have been made safer through our child protection services

110,978

people received awareness messages on child protection

1,241

children with HIV/AIDS received child protection services



3,638

children received case management support

2,279

children with disabilities received child protection services

1,735

children of sex workers received child protection services



Drafted the amendment to the Children Act 2018 to ban violence against children in all settings, which is ready to be shared with Government

In the 8th Five Year Plan of Bangladesh, the recommendations of children themselves have been included as a result of successful advocacy of Child Rights Governance programme



Children led platform National Children Task Force (NCTF), has actively advocated to influence policy makers in 64 districts



“I have been an active member of adolescent girls group facilitated by Save the Children since 2015. Through our group we support the children who become the victim to child marriage or in the threat of it. I learnt about child marriage related law and bad impacts of child marriage from the group. I stopped my own child marriage too in 2020. Now I am continuing my study and supporting the girls like me taking stand against the child marriage. We will live, our dream will live only if we can put an end to child marriage.”

Muskan (16) is a member of adolescent girls group facilitated under Child Protection programme. The programme is working to empower children, their families, and caregivers through community-based programs to put an end to child marriage.





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Shirsha is a Child Parliament Member of NCTF established by Save the Children in 2006 to monitor child rights issues, raise concerns to hold duty bearers accountable and create space for children participation in decision making processes.



CHILD POVERTY



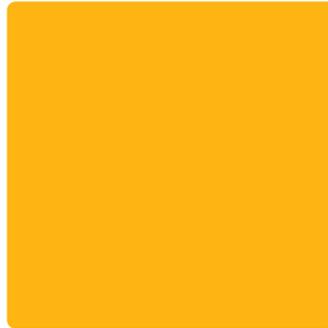
Our meticulously crafted child poverty programme uses a variety of livelihood interventions to improve the nutritional, health and educational status of children while significantly reducing the risk of abuse, exploitation, and neglect. We take our interventions to areas facing extreme poverty, undernutrition, and protection risks through strong networks we've built supporting the development and implementing the National Social Security Strategy.

Those in poverty often lack access to education and do not understand the necessity to learn as they are encouraged to start work early to support the immediate needs of their families. To help poverty-stricken children transform into empowered citizens, our Education for Youth Empowerment (EYE) Programme is geared towards supporting to improve their social status through accelerated education, vocational training, linking them to decent job opportunities in the future. By teaming up with the Ministry of Labour and Employment, we will support the adoption and implementation of the National CSR Policy for Children.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

46,460

people were supported to receive government support related to COVID-19 crisis



24,654

people have received COVID-19 support from non-government providers through Save's outreach

39,514

adolescents and youths received literacy and numeracy education



45.3%

reduction rate of food insecurity in Sylhet and Moulvibazar Districts as a result of Save's SUCHANA programme

28,262

children received support from Education for Youth Empowerment (EYE) programme to complete their primary education cycle and enrol in secondary and technical school or vocational trainings

56.8%

increase in the rate of the Minimum Dietary Diversity among women in Sylhet and Moulvibazar Districts

90%

of targeted household and youths have increased income due to the support received from SUCHANA programme for income generating activities



4,448

adolescents and youth secured decent work through our EYE programme

93.5%

increase in the rate of exclusive breast feeding for children

24%

increased rate of the Minimum Acceptable Diet (MAD) among 6-23 months children





“As I belong to a poor family, I never had confidence on myself as well as on my skills, until I have received training on Electrical & Electronics and involved with the youth group activities facilitated by Save the Children. Now I am happy with workplace and my job. I am now feeling independent and empowered”.

Rubel (22) has received skill development training under the Education for Youth Empowerment Program (EYE). The program helps poverty-stricken children and youths to get education, vocational training and link them to decent job opportunities.



SPONSORSHIP: SHISHUDER JONNO



We support the development of children particularly those deprived of basic needs and services like health, education and livelihood opportunities. We follow a life cycle approach to implement a comprehensive set of activities appropriate to each life-stage for children until 18 years,

encompassing services for mothers' and new-borns' health and nutrition, early childhood care and development, and basic education with a focus on digital innovations, school health and nutrition and adolescent development. We always make sure to promote child protection, child rights and governance through our work and encourage community mobilisation and gender inclusion. We actively involve children, their families and community actors to address the needs of the children and to create an enabling environment for them.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

48,137

adolescents received awareness messages on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) issues



34,868

children, parents/ caregivers and teachers received Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD) services



26,693

mother/caregivers and children received awareness messages and referral services for Antenatal Care (ANC), Postnatal Care (PNC) and Common Childhood Illness



“I have learnt about the harmful effects of child marriage from Shishuder Jonno programme. And that learning motivated me to take initiative to stop my own marriage at the age of 15. With the support of Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC), I raised my voice and I won! I promise to stand beside the children like me and make my community aware to stop child marriage.”

Shanta is a member of the adolescent group facilitated by Shishuder Jonno programme of Save the Children in Bangladesh. One of the major interventions of this program is to support the children like Shanta through Community Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC).



HUMANITARIAN



We work with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to review and update policies and rules to mitigate the effects of disasters and climactic events on children.

We focus on rural areas and work with government agencies, and city corporations to support community resilience, capacity building initiatives. Based on our analysis of the areas' most prone to experience disasters, we preposition vendors and prepare contingency stocks to provide urgent relief and supplies when its needed. During emergencies, our highest priority is working to ensure the most vulnerable children and their families receive aid and services immediately.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

115,760

individuals received humanitarian assistance through our COVID-19, Flood and Cyclone AMPHAN response



14,121

households received Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA)



'National Database of Urban Community Volunteers (UCV)' was developed jointly with Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MODMR)



Awareness messages of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) were developed jointly with Department of Disaster Management (DDM) and uploaded to the DDM website



Digitised School Level Improvement Plan (SLIP) Guideline was drafted and shared with Directorate for Primary Education (DPE)



Chattogram Urban Network and Dhaka Urban Resilience Coalition (UNDURC) was formed to strengthen local coordination platforms at the city level



“Our house was washed away in flood. We did not any place to go and stayed under open sky. My books were damaged in rain. We starved as my father had no income during flood. We did not have money to repair our house or buy food for us. In this situation, we received financial support from Save the Children. My parents repaired our house and bought food for us with that money. Now I can have a sound sleep at night.”



Akhi (8) and her family received financial assistance from BGD ECHO Mosoon Project of Save the Children which supported the families of the vulnerable children affected badly in the monsoon flood in 2020.

ROHINGYA CRISIS RESPONSE



Save the Children has supported Rohingya refugees and the host community in Cox's Bazar since 2012 and were thus one of the first organisations to respond to massive influx in 2017. Our teams work around the clock to ensure Rohingya children and their families are supported with food, shelter, kitchen supplies, clean water and sanitation and hygiene facilities and supplies. We have established Child Safe Spaces and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and have been providing case management services to protect at-risk and unaccompanied children, who may experience abuse, exploitation, and neglect. We have set up safe and inclusive learning centres with trained teachers, and

provide families with quality healthcare, nutrition support, and psycho-social support for those suffering from trauma.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we faced significant challenges: there was no COVID-19 treatment facility and there was an insufficient amount of Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) for front-line staffs and volunteers. Furthermore, in the world's most densely populated refugee settlement, it was nearly impossible to maintain social distancing and was difficult to share and reach all refugees, particularly women and children, with preventative health messaging. Women and children also faced significant obstacles in receiving maternal and new-born care due to fear of seeking medical attention and contracting the virus, and the limited services available during lockdown. Despite these difficulties, we maintained our service delivery to ensure women and children would continue to receive the care and support they so urgently needed. In addition to our primary health care centre (PHCC), we built a COVID-19 field hospital (SARI-ITC) to serve both refugees and host communities that was equipped to provide maternal and new-born care, and eight health posts in the camps.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

75,167

Rohingya children received child protection services through alternative and standardised mechanism



40,032

people in Rohingya community and host community received maternal, neonatal, primary healthcare and nutrition services

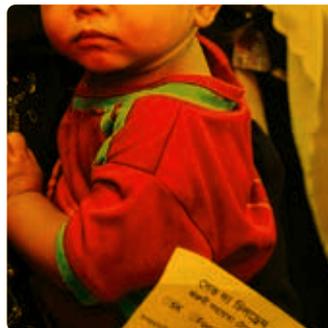
15,659

Rohingya children and their families received WASH services to prevent the outbreak of diarrhoeal disease during the COVID-19 outbreak



66,890

Rohingya households received food assistance



14,005

children have been reached through homebased learning facilities we established as part of our COVID-19 response



619

learning points were established in the camps

75,420

children were reached through Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) classes





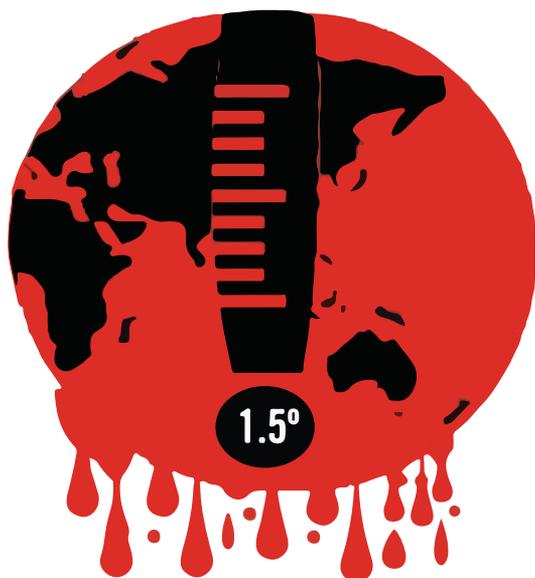
“I never thought I would find my parents again! After three years, I could spoke to them in Myanmar over phone, they cried, I also wept. My love is divided now between my original parents and my new family in the camp. I do not know whether I will be able to reunify with them again! But I desperately want to!”

Redoan (name changed to conceal identity) was lost and separated from his family while fleeing from Myanmar in 2017. He was adopted by a family in the camp then. With the support of Save the Children his parents were traced back in Myanmar in 2020 and he is now connected with his family. Redoan (name changed to conceal identity) was lost and separated from his family while fleeing from Myanmar in 2017. He was adopted by a family in the camp then. With the support of Save the Children his parents were traced back in Myanmar in 2020 and he is now connected with his family.





OUR CAMPAIGNS



We campaign with children to remove the barriers that prevent children from surviving, learning and being protected, so that every child can reach their full potential. Since 2016, we have been campaigning for and with the most deprived and marginalised children who based on our models are most affected by climate change. These are the children missing out on the progress Bangladesh is making because of who they are or where they are from.



In 2020, we launched the **RedAlert Campaign** with children and youths to address the climate crisis. The climate crisis is one of the most critical issues affecting the children of today and tomorrow and it is children and young people who are leading the world in mobilising action to address this crisis. Through the RedAlert Campaign, we are empowering children to use their voice and encouraging them to lead the climate movement. The campaign has supported children- especially the most marginalised who are disproportionately affected by climate change - to be part of the solution and influence decisions of local, national and world leaders.

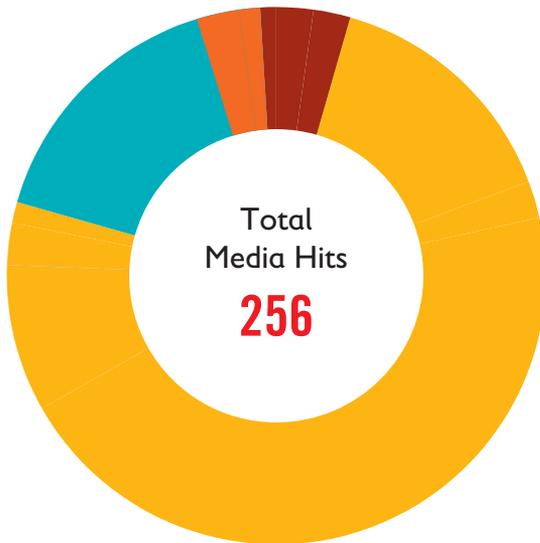


Like the effects of climate change, children were disproportionately affected by the impacts of COVID-19 last year. The rapid spread of coronavirus has forced schools to shut their doors to over 1.6 billion learners globally. In Bangladesh, the closure of educational institutions started from March 17, 2020 and remain closed as of June 2021.

The long-term closure of schools will have serious ramifications for the learning and development of children and youths. Even if the schools reopen, children from more vulnerable families and communities may never return to school- especially girls who were already discouraged from going to school past the age of puberty due to cultural norms and protection concerns. Each day that passes without education, these children grow more vulnerable to hunger, violence, child labour or child marriage. Recognising this issue is of utmost importance, at the end of 2020, we gathered 17 national and international development organisations working in Bangladesh to join hands in leading the '**Safe Back to School (SB2S)**' campaign. The campaign focuses on local and national level advocacy as well as raising mass- awareness to make the reopening of schools by the Government a success; so that the children can safely return to school while continuing to practice COVID-19 preventative measures and taking necessary precautions to ensure all children and their families remain healthy.

OUR MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

Media



- National: 221
- International: 35
- Op-Ed: 18
- Guest Pitching in Online Talk Shows: 14

Social Media



Total Page Followers

157,340

Total Reach: 4,486,783

New Followers: 7,705



Total Followers

6,059

New Followers: 1,075

Total impressions: 308,243



Total Followers

11,275

New Followers: 3,000



Total Subscribers

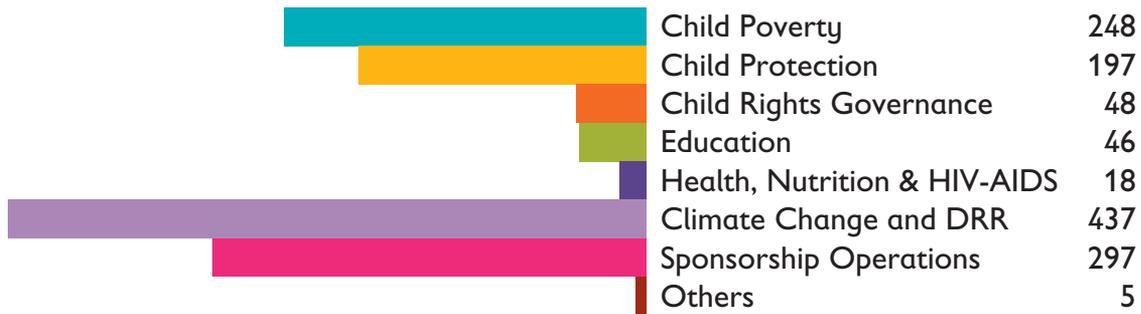
3,810

ACCOUNTABILITY TO CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES

At Save the Children, accountability to children and communities involves giving them a voice and opportunity to influence relevant decisions affecting whether and how we work with them. In 2020 through 10 different channels including Toll-Free Hotline and face-to-face sessions, we have received and resolved total 32,690 feedback and complaints under our development and humanitarian programmes.

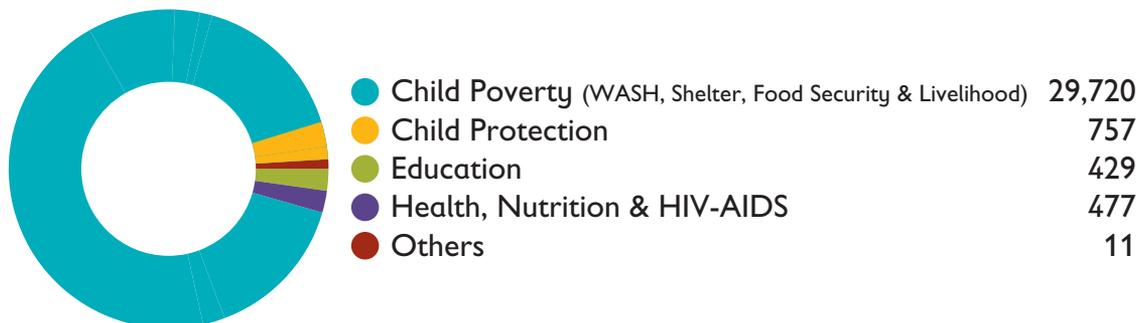
Development Programme

Total **1,296** Feedback and Complaints Received and Resolved



Humanitarian Programme

Total **31,394** Feedback and Complaints Received and Resolved



IMPRESSIONS OF OUR PARTNERS

During 2020, we completed a partner feedback survey with 41 partner organisations with the objective to assess and improve our partnership approaches, adaptation and capacity strengthening initiatives. A few of the partners' impressions are recorded hereunder:

“SCI always gives emphasis on local demands to design any proposal where partners can take part to address the local needs.”

– SEEP

“SCI’s quarterly monitoring is very helpful to mitigate the laps and gaps of the programme, MEAL and financial aspects. Besides this SCI’s capacity building training on different aspects is a substantial support for the partners.”

- Karmojibi Kallayan Sangstha (KKS)

“SCI should invest more in organisational development areas, such as, strategic planning, proposal development process, automated financial software/systems etc.”

– SAINT Bangladesh

“Beyond project, SCI should focus on long term relation with partners. Then, capacity of our organization will be enhanced and at the same time our organization could support the vulnerable community people in a proper manner.”

– Uttaran

“For building mutual partnership, SCI can consider the partners’ existing policy in planning and execution, equal opportunity and accountability.”

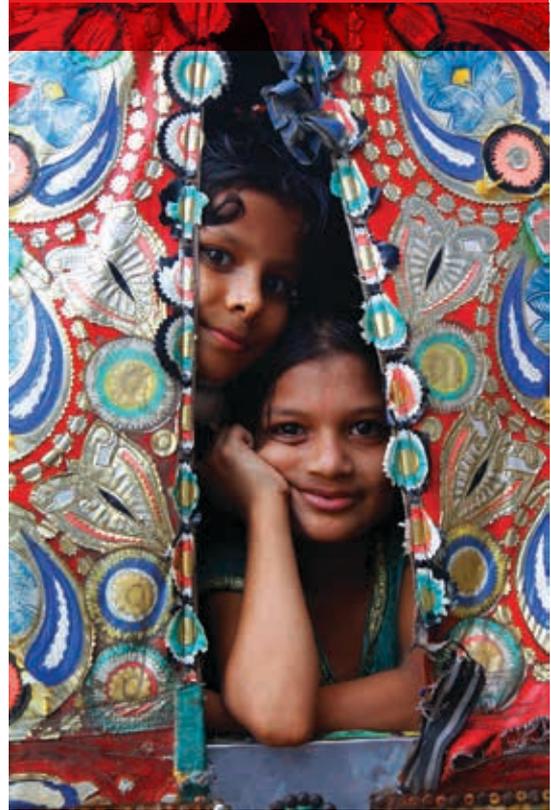
– Breaking the Silence

“Value the partners’ core leaders or think tanks and listen to them. It’s very important to know the insider influencing people of the partners and have good contact with them for project ideas, management and implementations as well as future initiatives. SCI should go beyond the project team.”

– YPSA

OUR PARTNERS

1. Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)
2. Ashar Alo Society
3. Association for Community Development (ACD)
4. Bandhu Social Welfare Society
5. Bangladesh Institutes of Theatre Arts (BITA)
6. Bangladesh Protibandhi Foundation (BPF)
7. BLAST
8. Breaking the Silence
9. BSMMU
10. Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) Bangladesh
11. CARE Australia
12. CARE Bangladesh
13. Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)
14. Center for Services and Information on Disability (CSID)
15. Christian Aid
16. Community Participation and Development (CPD)
17. Daily Star
18. DASCOH Foundation
19. Dnet
20. Duronto TV
21. Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB)
22. Friendship
23. Gram Unnayan Sangathon (GRAUS)
24. Green Hill
25. Handicap International
26. Helen Keller International (HKI)
27. icddr'b
28. INCIDIN Bangladesh
29. Institute of Healthcare Improvement
30. International Development Enterprise (IDE)
31. Jagorani Chakra Foundation (JCF)
32. JHPIEGO
33. Karmojibi Kallayan Sangstha (KKS)
34. Light House
35. Mahideb Jubo Somaj Kallayan Somity (MJSKS)
36. MAMATA
37. Manabik Shahajya Sangsthay (MSS)
38. Manob Mukti Sangstha (MMS)
39. MUKTI Cox's Bazar
40. Mukti Mohila Samity (MMS)
41. Mukto Akash Bangladesh (MAB)
42. OXFAM Australia
43. Palashipara Samaj Kallayn Samity
44. Partners in Health & Development
45. Plan International
46. Prodipan
47. RDRS Bangladesh
48. Resource Integration Centre
49. Robi 10 Minute School
50. Saint Bangladesh
51. Shapla Mohila Sangstha (SMS)
52. SHIMANTIK
53. SKS Foundation
54. Social and Economic Enhancement Programme
55. Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)
56. The World Fish Center
57. Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs
58. UTTARAN
59. Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)



OUR SUPPORTERS



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