

Overcoming Obstacles

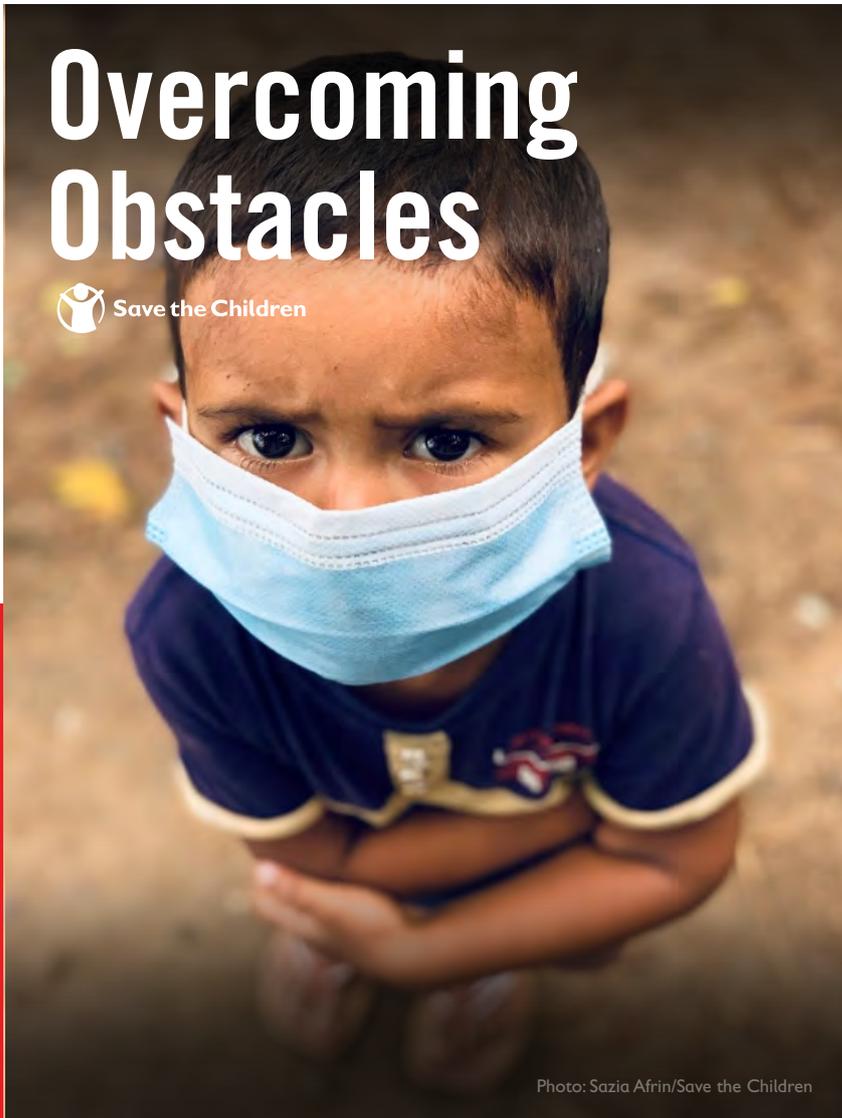


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The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of millions around the world when borders closed, health system collapsed, schools suspended and businesses shut abruptly. We wouldn't call it a health crisis only rather it became a humanitarian crisis for all as every country of the world is now battling against this invisible foe. The situation is more painful and difficult for children, although children's issues are often left out of the discussion.

The stress and adversity of this pandemic slowed down the activities of Save the Children in Bangladesh as we had to limit our activities on ground. However, we are determined to work against all odds to make the world a better place for children. We made sure that we are safe while our responses go on and we maintain social distancing at the same time.



MESSAGE FROM COUNTRY DIRECTOR

I am very happy to relaunch our monthly newsletter after a couple of years' break. Hopefully this will find you all well. As you all know, we are living in challenging times of COVID-19 and will be adopting to the new reality around us and making efforts to deliver for children. I want to thank you all for working hand in hand and giving your best. As shown by our recent reports on #ProtectAGeneration, the need for us to support vulnerable children is now bigger than ever, globally we see an increase in child marriage and domestic violence and a reduction in education opportunities for the most vulnerable. Reversing this trend will be our challenge in the year to come. In order to do this we need to engage with children and youth and channel their voices. At the same time I will continue to put emphasize on the Safe Programming and Safeguarding.

My appreciations to the Communications Team for delivering this newsletter and I encourage everyone to engage with this and share any stories that need to be heard. Wishing you a good reading and we look forward to hear from you.

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Country Director
Save the Children in Bangladesh

We never stopped advocating for the betterment of children and organized a number of web based events on different issues.



Jointly with the Daily Prothom Alo, we organised a virtual talk on “Children's safe return to school” which was live streamed on the organizers’ respective Facebook pages. Through this virtual dialogue, the concerned authorities got recommendations from the experts in safe re-opening the schools and colleges.

The supplement was published by the Daily Prothom Alo. The newspaper also published two news (one in Bangla and the other is in English).

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A virtual event was also held to officially roll-out a training course and orientation for the health managers and service providers of Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) in 10 districts of USAID’s MaMoni Maternal and Newborn Care Strengthening Project. The Chief Guest of the event was Shahan Ara Banu, NDC, Director General, DGFP, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH-S) and Line Director (MCRAH), MCH Services Unit, DGFP, chaired the event for around 500 participants. This eLearning platform can be accessed by the health managers and service providers through eMIS tabs and thus undergo self-training to provide ongoing essential MNCH

services during COVID-19. MaMoni MNCSP has developed these e-Learning modules to ensure uninterrupted quality MNCH services throughout the country during the pandemic.



ECCD (Early Childhood Care and Development) Project in partnership with PVH observed International Literacy Day 2020 on 8 September. The theme of this year was “**Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond,**” that especially focused on the role of educators and changing pedagogies. The theme highlighted literacy learning in a lifelong learning perspective, and therefore, mainly focused on youth and adults.



Joining Forces Bangladesh also organised a virtual dialogue on the current situation and child rights under the title “**Child Rights, Now: Realities during Corona**”.

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DID YOU KNOW?
 Only **65%** of infants under age 6 months are exclusively breastfed in Bangladesh
 Source: BDHS 2017-2018

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 Supporting Breastfeeding for a Healthier Bangladesh
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Bangladesh this year observed the World Breastfeeding Week, 2020 with the theme of **“Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet”**. Bangladesh National Nutrition Services (NNS), Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation (BBF), Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) jointly came forward to mark this event across the country along with other development partners. Save the Children in Bangladesh also arranged a couple of webinars to celebrate the World Breast Feeding week 2020.

An opinion editorial by Shaikh Shahed Rahman, Chief of Party, SUCHANA has been published by the Dhaka Tribune.

Link : [OP-ED:A formula for the future](#)

IMPACT

- Through these webinars we have reached more than **45k** people with **4k+** engagement online.
- Our Facebook page was also shared **90** times during this period with more than **100** comments and **1292** likes.



Remembering Irfan Ansari



Our colleague Irfan Ansari passed away on 20 August, 2020. He worked as the Senior Manager, Operations for SUCHANA.

We will remember him for his strong sense of humanity, mutual respect and integrity. He deeply cared about the safety and wellbeing of children and served as Child Safeguarding and Safety & Security Focal Person. We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

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Rapid Responses

Finding Strength in the Struggle

While dealing with the burdens of this Pandemic, the people living in the northern parts of Bangladesh faced a severe flood due to heavy rainfall and the south saw the devastation of the super cyclone Amphan. The plights of the distressed people could not be ignored. We reached the vulnerable communities and Flood and Cyclone responses were carried out.

North Eastern Flood Response

During the end of June to start of July 2020, the north eastern parts of Bangladesh saw an unexpected increase of river & haor water levels due to a sudden flood. The flood hit the northern region not once but three times due to heavy rainfall in the North-eastern areas. The sudden flood affected most sub-districts/Upazilas which eventually led to a large number of people being affected and intense infrastructural damage being caused.

We covered the areas of Kurigram, Gaibandha, Sylhet Sadar, Kanaighat, Gowainghat & Companiganj. During the response, 25384 beneficiaries were reached who received unconditional cash grants, safe water supply and hygiene kits.

The teams on ground also fixed a total of 15 tube wells in the areas. We initiated a campaign on snake biting in the time of flood around the water logged communities. The banners were installed in various market places.

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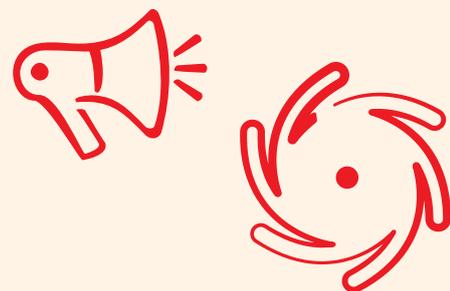
 Beneficiaries

 **15**
Tube wells

Cyclone Amphan Response

On May 20, 2020 the mighty Cyclone Amphan slammed Bangladesh and left a trail of destruction behind. The authorities struggled to carry on with the relief efforts amidst the surging coronavirus pandemic. Since the cyclone damaged Khulna, and Satkhira the most, our team covered the areas of Koyra, Satkhira Sadar, Shyamnagar, Assashuni and Tala Upazila. Since the start of the response, we reached 5330 people apart from 3198 children with relief. The team also circulated Child Protection and COVID-19 awareness messages.

** The cyclone Amphan response was carried out by Humanitarian sector*



 **3198**
Children

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 Beneficiaries



Photo: Wasi Rahman/Save the Children



* The Flood response was carried out by Humanitarian sector and SUCHANA.

STORY
TIME!



3 Years of Rohingya Crisis

Ten-year-old Amir* lives with his grandmother, Dilda*, 58, and her son Habizu*, 16, in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Amir's father left when he was young and his mother was shot when violence erupted in Myanmar three years ago, causing more than 700,000 Rohingya children and adults to flee to Bangladesh in search of safety. Dilda found Amir and they searched for his mother for 12 days, but failed.

Upon arriving Bangladesh, Amir became withdrawn, was scared to go outside and had nightmares. Dilda also found it burdensome to generate an income and struggled to buy clothes and pay for Amir's education.

Amir has been provided with dedicated psychosocial support by Save the Children's child protection team through a case manager, Nazmul Haque Shareque. Nazmul met with Amir regularly and enrolled him in the Child Friendly Space where he could play and start interacting with other children. Save the Children has also provided Amir with clothes and hygiene items and refers him to Save the Children's health facilities when needed.

* names changed to conceal identity



Let's see how Hamidiyapara Government Primary School under Save the Children's

'Shelter' project looks now!

Save the Children's 'Shelter' project, funded by USAID, is preparing a total of 26 schools in some remote areas of Lama, Alikadam and Naikhyangchhari upazilas of Bandarban district as Multi-Purpose Cyclone Shelters (MPCS) to provide shelter to local people, including children.

Availability of pure drinking water and electricity were the biggest problems at Hamidiyapara Government Primary School in the remote hilly area of Naikhyangchhari in the hill district of Bandarban.

Red Alert campaign launch



Save the Children in Bangladesh organized a webinar titled “Children and Youth in Climate Change and Post COVID-19 Recovery Plans” on 28 July, 2020. The webinar was the launch of Save the Children in Bangladesh’s child centric campaign on climate emergency, Red Alert, that aims to bring forth the voices of children and youth of Bangladesh in the national decision making process. The event was jointly held on Youthnet for Climate Action and Youth Policy Forum social media platforms.



The two-hour webinar facilitated an open dialogue among the key policy maker and children and youth on the priorities of the vulnerable and marginalized youth and children in climate emergency and on post COVID19 Green recovery.

Management NOTICE



- » In this section we will provide you any important notice, upcoming events, day observance and/or things to remember etc. Keep an eye to this section.
- » Also would love to receive any declaration from you that you want to reach to the colleagues.
- » Please send your submission by 20th of each month.



QUIZ TIME!



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

» Within what time a Safeguarding concern must be reported?

- A** 24 Hours
- B** 48 hours
- C** 7 Days
- D** None of this

By first week of every month

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PHOTO CONTEST



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with appropriate captions by first week of every month.

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