

Stitching the Dream of a Better Future



Art: Shahinur Yesmin Khushi, age 16, Khulna

The second issue of our Newsletter comes at the time when we just observed the “**National Children’s Week**” and the “**International Day of the Girl Child**”. The events are reminder to all of us that the participation of children and youth hold extreme importance in ensuring the rights for them.

The events organised by us included participation of children from diverse backgrounds and demonstrated how the dialogue and involvement helps to voice their opinion and convey them to the policy makers and key stakeholders.

During Sept 15 to Oct 25 we organised a significant number of meetings, webinars and events.

A selection of these are listed here:



ANNOUNCEMENT

On **5 Nov 2020**, children and Ministers from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, South Africa, South Sudan and Uganda will be participating in the Global Digital Hangout Session. The ‘**Tell My Leader**’ Global Digital Hangout will build on conversations Save the Children have facilitated between children and decision makers nationally, and will provide children a chance to talk to global leaders about why education is so important.

[Mark the Date](#)



On August 2018, Greta Thunberg launched the “Fridays for Future movement”, where every Friday she and other students sat in front of the Swedish Parliament to protest against global warming, floods, droughts, earthquakes, and landslides that are happening as a consequence of the Climate Change.

Save the Children in Bangladesh and Green Savers announced our solidarity with “Fridays for Future” movement on 25 September 2020 by conducting a 12-hour long climate strike online. There were two webinars where distinguished panels were present who listened to students from more than 30+ schools from 24 districts of the country.

[Learn More](#)



As part of World Children's Day and Child Rights Week-2020 (observed from October 5 to 11), Save the Children organised a virtual dialogue with the children from different districts. 18 Children from different districts of the country highlighted the issues of physical abuse and mental health of children, early marriage, drugs, cyber bullying and safety measures taken against those. They also demanded justice for the recent rape and killings.

Children placed those concerns before the Honorable State Minister for Social Welfare, **Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru, MP** and officials of the ministries of social welfare and women and children affairs, who were present at the event.



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Empowering Girls Through Education (EGE) is an initiative funded by Hempel Foundation. This project is being implemented in Jamalpur and Kurigram districts in Bangladesh supporting 10,000 girls from upper grades in primary schools.

The webinar created the opportunity to share EGE Project activities during COVID 19 and find ways to ensure children’s safe return to school involving the relevant key stakeholders.

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IMPACT

- During these events, we reached **38k+** people through FB live and posts.
- We secured **835** likes and our page was shared **74** times during this time frame.

 **NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**

The Global Girlhood Report 2020: “How COVID-19 is putting progress in peril” was launched on 1st October 2020

In its new report Global Girlhood 2020: COVID-19 and progress in peril, Save the Children analysed the impact of COVID-19 on gender equality, revealing its devastating effects. "Save the Children in Bangladesh" also shared some key findings as well as some recommendations from the 'Global Girlhood Report' in an event where key stakeholders included Ministry of Women and Children, UNICEF, UNFPA, British High Commission and Plan Intl. The event has been organised by UNICEF; UNFPA, MoWCA, Government of Bangladesh; Plan Intl and SCI.

[Download](#) the full Report.



Last month's Quiz **Winner**



CONGRATULATIONS!
S M Kamruddin Ropum

- Manager, Program Operations, EGE, Education

Answer : A) 24 hours

USAID team visits MaMoni MNCSP and COVID Response project sites

USAID Bangladesh's Mission Director, Derrick S. Brown and other representatives visited two health facilities in USAID's two project sites. On October 4, the team visited Narsingdi District Hospital where they observed activities of the USAID's MaMoni Maternal and Newborn Care Strengthening Project: Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic. The team also observed the COVID-19 response activities and spoke to the local health officials.

MoU Signing Ceremony between Narayanganj City Corporation and Save the Children

Country Director of Save the Children in Bangladesh, Onno Van Manen, visited Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) on 8th October 2020 to sign MoU between SCI and NCC to strengthen the

disaster management system of NCC and work together in achieving an environment friendly, green, clean and safer city for all. Under this MoU, NCC and Save the Children will work together to identify resources to execute risk reduction and preparedness interventions through effective participation from city stakeholders for urban resilience. More details [Here](#)



Pandemic Diary (Korona Kaler Golpo) has been published for the children



Humanitarian sector of Save the Children has published the book, Pandemic Diary (Korona Kaler Golpo). The key idea is to capture the emotion of children and youths during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stories and drawings published in the book are collected from the children and youths of Dhaka, Savar, Chattogram, Khulna, Narayanganj and Sirajganj.

[Download](#) the book.

A storybook titled “Bodle Jawa Shomoy (A Different Time)”, published



“Bodle Jawa Shomoy (A Different Time)”, a storybook written in Bangla with an intention to raise the awareness of children and youth regarding COVID-19 was published by the PROYASH II, an urban resilience programme of Save the Children in Bangladesh. It provides detailed information on the COVID-19, its precautionary measures, do's and don'ts during the pandemic, good hygiene practices and so on.

[Download](#) the book.

E-mentoring Platform for COVID-19 Management Launched

On October 18, 2020, US Ambassador Earl Miller inaugurated an e-mentoring initiative for Bangladeshi doctors to enhance their capacity to manage COVID-19 cases through learning and sharing with clinical experts in Bangladesh and the United States. MaMoni has partnered with the University of New Mexico's Project ECHO, a U.S.-based e-mentoring platform to deliver COVID-19 case management learning for doctors in public and private health facilities in Bangladesh.



We observed the “International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020”

As part of observing “International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020” (IDDR 2020) Save the Children organised a virtual dialogue between urban community volunteers, local government representatives and other urban actors. The event was held in alignment with the theme for IDDR 2020 which is 'Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk'. Urban volunteers from Savar, Chattogram and Dhaka North attended the event.

Child Centered Climate Change Adaptation project observed the day by organising events in Dhaka, Khulna and Sirajganj.



13 OCTOBER
**INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**



**STORY
TIME!**

THE HOPE IN THE HARD DAYS

Jalalabad union is the lowest land and the most flood prone area in Sylhet sadar upazilla. Fatema Begum, her husband and their four children lives in Bachair Par village under this union from where the hills and mountains of Meghalaya can be seen. Flash flood from those mountains visits Fatema’s village almost every year. But this year it was out of their idea that it would be so miserable as they got to face flash floods for consecutive three times. She was saying,

“We were just in a great mess. The water got into our rooms in just one night. We couldn’t even protect our vegetable garden on our yard or arrange anything alternative to meet my children’s need for nutrition.”

It is needless to say that Fatema and her family were already in miserable financial condition because of the pandemic as her husband is a day laborer having zero income for last 4 months. “Then how did you survive the flood as you couldn’t get out for work by any means?” Fatema was asked.

She replied, “We earned ten thousand taka just before the pandemic by selling the fishes of our model pond which is SUCHANA’s project for the vulnerable people like us. This money helped us to live. We bought food and other necessary household things and survived those hard days.”

Fatema said that she also bought some chickens with the money, which were living along with them on the same bed inside the house during the flood. They used to collect eggs from the chickens every day and fed the children. She also mentioned about the hand washing technology during the COVID-19 situation and cash support from SUCHANA during the flood. Now Fatema dreams of a resilient future and a financial stable condition for her children.



ACHIEVEMENTS



- 1 Nazat Chowdhury, Our Senior Manager, ICT, selected as judge for ICT innovations and interventions by youth interpreneur all over the country organized by BASIS.
- 2 How do we provide critical care for unaccompanied and separated children in health facilities during Covid-19?



During the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action’s Annual Meeting; **Jacob Sarkar**, Senior Program Manager - Child Protection, attempted answering this crucial question with a presentation of the collaborative work led by “Save the Children” in Rohingya refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar which is endorsed by the Health and Child Protection Sectors. With the theme of “Infectious Disease Outbreak & the Protection of Children”, this year’s meeting was held to provide an opportunity to share our best practices and lessons learned with hundreds of colleagues across the globe.

SSFP Capacity Building Workshop



#TogetherWeSecure



By sprit of **#TogetherWeSecure**, SSFP Workshop held on September 22-24, 2020, with the maximum label of safety measures during Covid-19. All Safety Security Focal point persons across the country joined the workshop. Bandana Risal, DCD was there to facilitate “**Need and Expectations from SSFP team Program Perspective**” session. [Learn More](#)

QUIZ TIME!



SCI BRANDING

» Which is the right logo?

- A**  Save the Children
- C**  Save the Children
- B**  Save the Children
- D**  Save the Children.

By 2nd week of this month

SEND ANSWER

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PHOTO CONTEST



WINNER



CONGRATULATIONS!

Wasi Rahman

Assistant Project Officer

Send your photos

with appropriate captions by 2nd week of every month.
We will recognize you as a winner!

SEND NOW!

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