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CHILDREN AND YOUTHS FIGHTING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

The climate crisis is one of the most critical issues for the children of today and tomorrow. They have contributed the least to the climate crisis but will be the most affected by its impacts. For them, it is a battle for their future, for the planet they share, for the lives they live.

To save the mother earth, children and young people are leading the





way on climate action. They are fighting back against climate crisis through campaigning, reducing waste, changing their habits; even through the initiatives like rooftop and kitchen gardening, farming, reusing plastics for planting trees and so on. They are demanding that the world must act now to confront the climate crisis and children must be part of the solution. This is time for us to listen and act on!



The poor and vulnerable children living in the countries like Bangladesh will pay the highest price for the climate crisis. Sea level rise, erosion, pollution, and extreme weather jeopardize our survival, wellbeing, and future. Unless we act now, we will reach the point of no return.

-Diya, 15





BRINGING DIGITAL LEARNING AT DOORSTEP

The Skills to Succeed (S2S) programme of Save the Children in Bangladesh introduced an innovative initiative 'Mobile Training Center (MTC)' in Chattogram. The training center has been set up in a large bus, equipped with 15 laptops and internet connectivity. It moves around the slum areas of Chattogram city five days in a week from 9 AM to 5 PM. Children, especially the out of school children of 10-14 years can access this MTC to learn about life skills, growth mindset, digital skills, and active citizenship with the support from the technical instructor and life skills trainers. Attending the trainings for two hours in a day, children can complete the courses in one and half months if they visit the MTC daily.

The main objective of this initiative is to create internet access and build digital skills of the most marginalized adolescents in Bangladesh, particularly the girls. Since 2017, Skills to Succeed (S2S) program in Bangladesh have been



supporting the vulnerable youths of 15-24 years, living in the slum communities to develop employability, ICT and entrepreneurship skills, and providing job linkage services to find decent work in the sector of ICT & Business Process Outsourcing (BPO). However, one of the key lessons learnt from the programme is that to make the youths ready for the ICT sector with advanced skills, trainings should be started at an earlier age. Keeping this in considering, the programme is expanded further to reach the deprived in-school and out-of-school children of 10-14 years through this MTC, so that they get facilities in doorstep to learn new digital skills and can be prepared to take opportunities in the new digital world.

Last month's Quiz



Winner



CONGRATULATIONS!

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Answer : B) 20 November

Program Highlights:

- » Mr. Xerses Sidhwa, Director-USAID and Dr. Samina Chowdhury, Project Management Specialist, USAID Bangladesh paid a visit to the USAID funded Ujjiban SBCC project activities in Chattogram. Md. Belal Uddin, Project Director- Community Mobilization, Ujjiban SBCC Project, Save the Children in Bangladesh and Ujjiban SBCC project team were present during the visit.
- » Strengthening Urban Resilience Project (SURP-II), supported the Ward Disaster Management Committees and Volunteers to initiate a mask up campaign. As part of the awareness building during the resurgence of COVID-19, the volunteers put masks on 2000 day laborers, rickshaw pullers, slum dwellers in different areas of Dhaka city. This initiative was funded by European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)





Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to strengthen its capacity in facility readiness, and staff skills to effectively manage the COVID-19 patients.

USAID funded MaMoni Maternal and Newborn Care Strengthening Project (MaMoni MNCSP) of Save the Children trained the newly appointed doctors and nurses of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Hospital at Mohakhali, the largest COVID-19 dedicated hospital in Bangladesh. From 14-29 April, 140 doctors and nurses of the hospital received the training in four batches. All the 400 doctors and nurses of this hospital are going to be trained under this project over the next few weeks. MaMoni is also supporting the



To mark the National Nutrition Week-2021 (April 23rd -29th), SUCHANA project of Save the Children in Bangladesh undertook a variety of activities throughout the week at the national and local levels. The activities included dissemination of nutrition information on various TV channels, distribution of posters, miking at village level, nutrition counselling at health care centers and at home etc.



USAID funded Ashroi Kendra and PRERONA projects implemented jointly by Save the Children in Bangladesh and CARE handed over 61 Multi-Purpose Cyclone Shelters (MPCS) to local authorities in Chittagong Hill Tracts on 29 April 2021. This symbolic handover event took place virtually where Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management was the chief guest. Onno van Manen, Country Director of Save the Children in Bangladesh also joined the event.



The massive fire of 22 March in the Rohingya camps destroyed one of the health posts of Save the Children in Camp 17, supported by the Australian Government through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP). The team re-established health consultation facilities including reproductive health and pharmacy service for the Rohingyas within two days. Everyday around 40 patients are receiving service here.



**STORY OF
CHANGE**

School Closure Could Not Stop Ajenta's Education

"Our Education Facilitator Apa comes to my home and learning sessions are conducted at my place. My parents are supportive and happy that the sessions are held at home and we are able to continue our education while schools are closed for COVID-19."- says Ajenta.

Ajenta is a student of class V lives in Madarganj, Jamalpur. During the school closure due to Covid-19 situation in the country, Ajenta is continuing her education at home with the support from the Education Facilitators (EF) of Empowering Girls through ICT in Education (EGE) project. The learning sessions are conducted at home in small groups maintaining social distance and health safety measures. The girls are given tablet, multimedia, textbooks, and e-contents while the EF supports them to understand the lessons.

EGE project of Save the Children in Bangladesh, provides educational support to 4045 girls of class IV and V through tablets with e-contents and learning videos and customized Learning Management System (LMS). Before COVID-19, learning sessions were conducted by EF in a learning space of the targeted government primary schools. However, after school closure in March 2020, to continue the support, EFs started to conduct home-based learning sessions in small group (2-5 children per group) of students who live nearby and are interested to join the sessions. Health safety measures like using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by EF, handwashing of all students, wearing masks and social distancing are strictly maintained. Each session is conducted for nearly two hours where Bangla, English and Mathematics are discussed. This intervention contributed to reduce learning gaps of the target girls caused by COVID-19 pandemic.



"The sessions are very helpful to understand my lessons. For me this is more interesting as I get chance to meet my friends. I can discuss with the EFs face-to-face about the lessons which are difficult for me to understand and they help to solve those like the way teachers used to do in the school. This is helping me to continue my education during this pandemic." Ajenta adds.

Red Alert Campaign: Youth Voice in Social Media



As part of Red Alert Campaign Save the Children emphasizes the demand of the youth climate activists and calls the global leaders to act against climate change during different global days. Marking the Earth Day on 22 April, about 40 world leaders took part in an online summit on the climate crisis and deepened global efforts to take

stronger climate actions. Jointly with the Asia Regional Office (ARO), the country team ran a social media campaign to share the messages of the youth climate activists with the global leaders through social media. We posted videos and social media cards featuring the youth activists around Asia including Sohanur, the Red Alert campaign activist from Bangladesh where they expressed their concerns around climate change, and called public to start taking climate action.

Virtual Discussion in Media

On 18 April 2021, Save the Children in Bangladesh organized a virtual discussion jointly with the leading national daily the Prothom Alo on- ‘The Importance of Inter-agency Coordination in Urban Disaster Risk Management’. The discussion was streamed live from Prothom Alo and Save the Children in Bangladesh Facebook Page and reached more than 30 thousand audiences. Prothom Alo also published a news supplement with key discussion points of the event. [Click here to read the supplement.](#)



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