

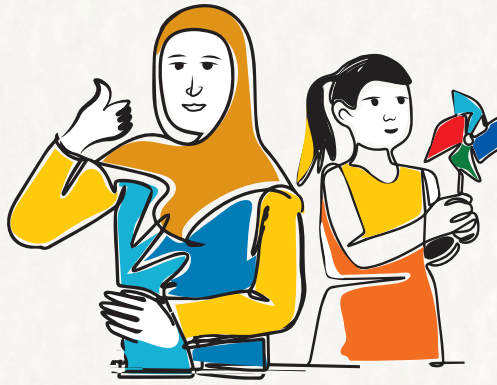


ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024

EMPOWERING LIVES
BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FUTURES





This annual report is a tapestry woven with the threads of challenges faced, lessons embraced, and milestones achieved, capturing the essence of our journey through 2023-2024.

EMPOWERING LIVES, BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

In 2023-2024, JAAGO Foundation advanced its mission beyond traditional boundaries, embracing a holistic approach to addressing the complex social challenges faced by communities in Bangladesh. Our theme for this year's Annual Report, "Empowering Lives, Building Sustainable Futures," encapsulates our journey of growth, resilience, and strategic expansion into new thematic areas. As an organisation that began with a focus on education, JAAGO has continually evolved to respond to the most pressing needs of our communities, implementing impactful initiatives in areas such as climate resilience, digital literacy, youth empowerment, and gender equality.

This year's theme reflects not only our commitment to educating underserved children but also our dedication to equipping communities and young people with the skills, resources, and opportunities necessary to build sustainable and empowered lives. Recognising that true change requires a multi-dimensional approach, we have expanded our focus to address intersecting areas of need. Our aim is to support individuals and communities in a way that fosters long-term resilience, adaptability, and independence.



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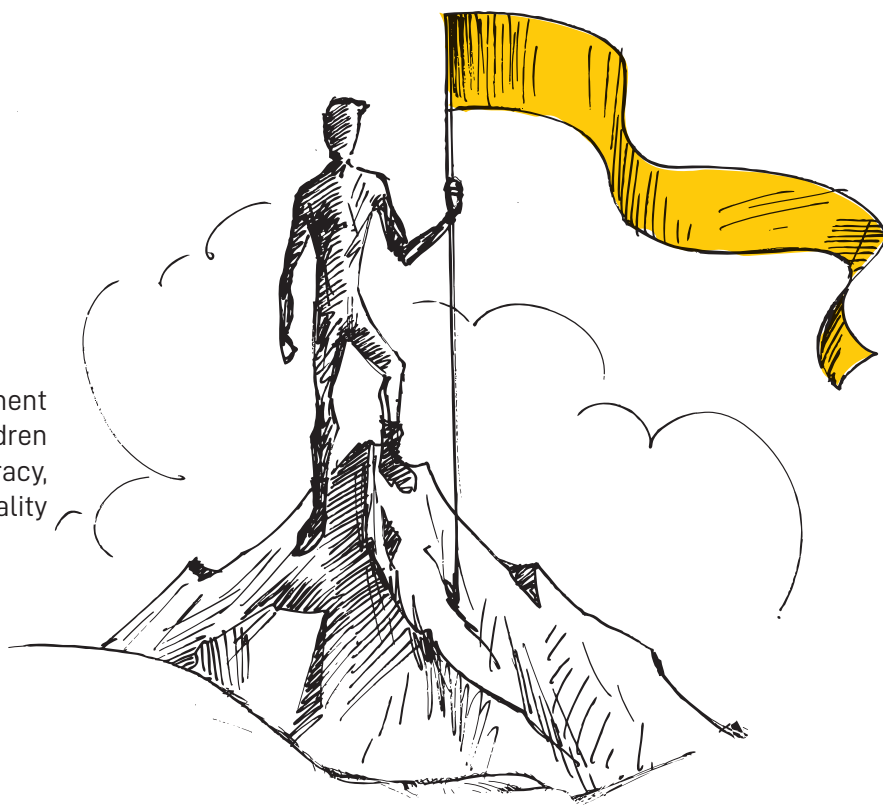


VISION

JAAGO Foundation envisions a society free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination where every child has the opportunity to be educated and youth have the opportunity to realize their potential.

MISSION

To bring about substantial improvement in the lives of underprivileged children and youth living in poverty, illiteracy, and social inequality through quality education and youth empowerment.



OUR HISTORY

JAAGO Foundation's journey began humbly in a small room with just 17 students, gathered on a carpet, armed with nothing more than a whiteboard and a marker. What started as a modest initiative to provide education has now grown into a nationwide movement, with over 30,000 students receiving both formal and non-formal education across Bangladesh.

Recognizing the immense potential of the country's youth, JAAGO Foundation launched its youth wing, Volunteer for Bangladesh, in 2011. This initiative aims to harness the power of youth, volunteerism, channeling the energy and goodwill of young people to create lasting social change and raise awareness on key issues impacting the socio-economic growth of the country. Today, Volunteer for Bangladesh is a nationwide platform, operating in all 64 districts of the country, with 55,000 registered volunteers contributing to various community-driven projects leaving no one behind.



MILESTONES IN JAAGO'S JOURNEY

From a single classroom in Dhaka to a nationwide movement, JAAGO's journey has been about transforming lives with education, empowerment, skill-building and innovative initiatives. By expanding access to quality education, launching Volunteer for Bangladesh, and addressing critical issues like climate resilience, women's rights, democracy and governance, JAAGO continues to create sustainable change across Bangladesh. Here are some key milestones in our journey of building a brighter and more equitable future for all.



2007

JAAGO commenced its journey with a single classroom in Dhaka, dedicated to providing free-of-cost education to children from marginalised communities, breaking the cycle of poverty through education and empowerment.



2009

Started providing formal education following the NCTB curriculum through JAAGO Foundation Schools with an aim to promote and uphold children's right to education.



2011

JAAGO revolutionized access to education with its Digital School Program, harnessing ICT to bridge the gap and deliver quality learning to remote and underserved communities.



2011

Establishment of Volunteer for Bangladesh, a dynamic platform that mobilizes thousands of youth across Bangladesh to drive meaningful community service initiatives, inspire a culture of active citizenship and social responsibility, and foster sustainable change.





2015

Volunteer for Bangladesh expanded its operations to 32 districts, empowering youth to drive positive change through community service.



2019

One of JAAGO's first batch students earned a fully funded scholarship at United World College (UWC), showcasing the transformative power of education.



2020

Introduction of Tel-Ed in response to the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring uninterrupted education for children from marginalized backgrounds during unprecedented challenges.



2021

A Step Towards Sustainable Impact: JAAGO launched initiatives focused on climate adaptation and digital literacy, addressing critical global and local challenges, reflecting JAAGO's commitment to sustainable, multi-dimensional impact.



2022

Volunteer for Bangladesh reached all 64 districts of the country, uniting youth from every corner to build a stronger, more inclusive Bangladesh.



2023-2024

Expansion of youth development initiatives, focusing on employment opportunities, leadership skills, democracy and governance and supporting climate resilient livelihoods in vulnerable communities, paving the way for a sustainable future.



OUR APPROACH

Influenced by the new development paradigm, which puts people before things, the JAAGO Foundation follows a participatory approach in every sphere of its work. Repudiating the traditional approach of alleviating poverty, the JAAGO Foundation adopted a participatory, self-help, self-sustainable approach through community involvement and the formation of youth and volunteer groups in remote rural areas of Bangladesh.

Supported by a diverse range of funding sources, including bilateral and multilateral development agencies, international foundations, corporations, and individual donors. Through these strategic partnerships, the Foundation continues to drive sustainable change and create lasting impact in the communities it serves.



STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE ORGANISATION



1 Enhancing Access to Quality Education

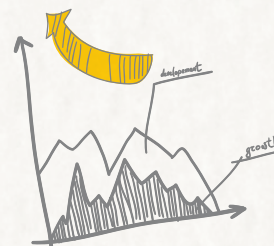


3 Promote skills development and employment

2 Instil leadership, democracy and governance



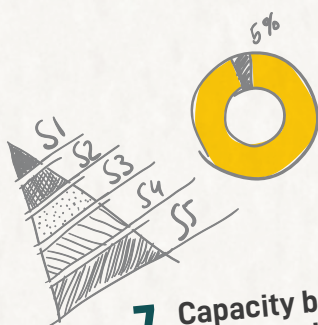
4 Address climate change and environmental sustainability



5 Empower women and gender equality



6 Strengthen community service and volunteerism



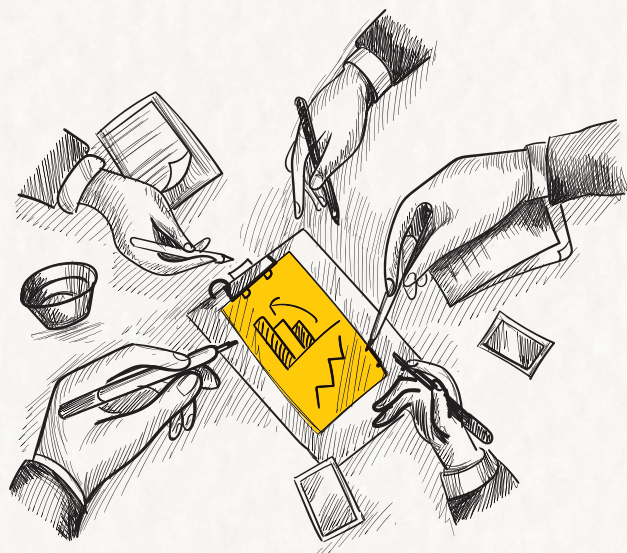
7 Capacity building and organizational development of youth-led organizations



8 Forge strategic partnerships for enhanced impact and reach



OUR VALUES



Innovation

JAAGO is committed to pioneering new methods and solutions to address complex social issues. We prioritise creative problem-solving and encourage a culture of innovation within our programs and operations, ensuring that we continually adapt to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.



Sustainability

Sustainability is at the core of JAAGO's initiatives. We aim to create lasting impacts by implementing programs that are environmentally responsible, economically viable, and socially inclusive. Our focus is on long-term solutions that empower communities to sustainable development.



Inclusivity

JAAGO champions inclusiveness in all its endeavours. We are dedicated to ensuring that our programs are accessible to everyone, particularly marginalized and underserved populations. We believe in creating opportunities that are equitable and inclusive, respecting diversity in all its forms.



Learning

Learning and continuous improvement are fundamental to JAAGO's mission. We are dedicated to fostering a culture of learning within our organisation and among our beneficiaries. This includes investing in education, capacity building, and professional development to enhance skills and knowledge.



Integrity

Integrity underpins all of JAAGO's actions and decisions. We adhere to the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct. Our commitment to integrity ensures that we build trust with our stakeholders and maintain the credibility of our organisation.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The future we dream about isn't distant; it's unfolding right now, through every child we empower, every community we uplift, every act of compassion we share.

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When I look back at how JAAGO began, it always feels a bit surreal. There was no grand strategy, no elaborate roadmap—just a simple, honest belief that every child, no matter where they come from, deserves the chance to learn, to dream, to have hope. That's all we had—just hope and belief. But sometimes, that's all you need.

Year after year, I've seen this belief blossom, not into something rigid or institutional, but into something alive, evolving, and real. JAAGO isn't just classrooms and programs; it's the courage of a child who raises her hand in class for the very first time. It's the determination of a mother learning climate-smart agriculture, giving her family a future she once only dreamed about. It's young people from every corner of Bangladesh standing up, not because someone told them to, but because they truly believe they can shape their communities.

This past year, especially, I found myself reflecting deeply. I realised that our mission had quietly expanded beyond just opening doors to education. It had become something more holistic, more profound. Now, it's about equipping communities, not just to survive but to thrive. Sustainability stopped being just a word to us; it became a promise, our pledge to the generations yet to come.

Certain moments still stay vivid with me. Like seeing a parent watch their child walk across a

graduation stage, the very first graduate in the family. Or witnessing a young woman from a remote coastal village confidently step forward, leading her community toward resilience against climate change. Those are the moments I carry. Those are moments that tell me, yes, we're on the right path.

But none of these moments, none of these stories, belong to me alone. They belong to all of us, to our child sponsors who nurture dreams; to our volunteers whose passion amazes me every day; to our donors and partners whose generosity goes beyond expectation; and to my incredible team whose dedication continually inspires me. You are not just part of this story; you are its heart and soul.

As you turn the pages of this report, I hope you feel proud—because every milestone we've achieved is a tribute to you. The future we dream about isn't distant; it's unfolding right now, through every child we empower, every community we uplift, every act of compassion we share.

Let's keep shaping this story together, because the future isn't something we wait for. It's something we build, one belief, one child, one step at a time.

With deep gratitude and enduring hope,

Korvi Rakshand

FOCUS AREAS



- EDUCATION AND DIGITAL LEARNING
- YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY AND ADVOCACY
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
- GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT





EDUCATION AND DIGITAL LEARNING

30,000 students across 8 divisions thrive through JAAGO's transformative education programs, paving the way for digital literacy, personal growth, and inclusive opportunities. These efforts drive progress on SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), striving to eliminate educational disparities, especially for girls and marginalized communities and shaping a more brighter, equitable future for all.

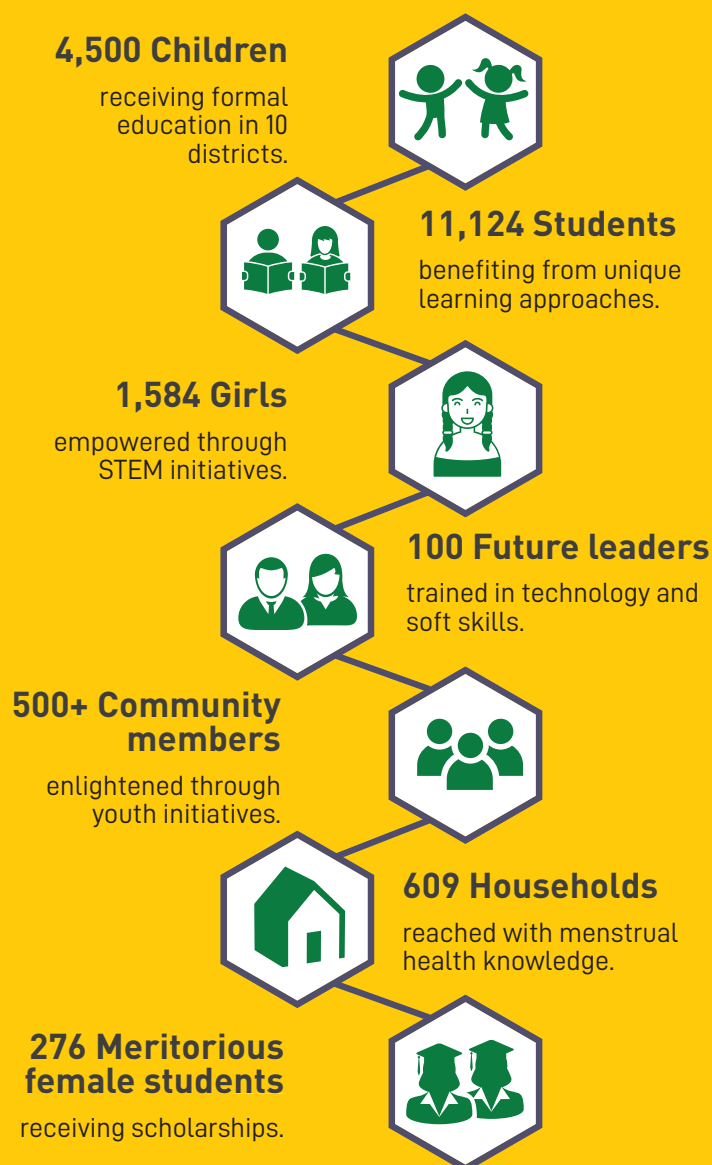
- Ensuring access to formal quality education for **4,500 children** from underprivileged communities following the NCTB curriculum across 10 districts of Bangladesh through the Digital School Program
- Breaking barriers to education for **11,124 students**, including 5,571 girls and children with disabilities, across Bandarban, Lama, and Alikadam, addressing learning gaps and reducing dropouts through unique learning approaches like "Catch-up" and "Multi-Grade Multi-Level (MGML)"
- Empowering **1,584 girls** through STEM-focused initiatives in the flood-prone hair region of Mithamain, the focus being addressing systemic barriers, reducing girls school dropout rates, preventing child marriage and fostering inclusive learning environments
- Transforming the lives of **100 future leaders**, 53 boys and 47 girls, with advanced technology and cross-cutting soft skills development. Through structured training sessions, these students are acquiring critical skills to enhance their resilience and employability. Beyond the direct impact on youth, over **500 community members**, including parents, teachers, local leaders, and peers, are being enlightened through these initiatives
- Lighting up **609 households** with knowledge of menstrual health management and





promoting sustainable practices for menstrual health, SRHR, and gender rights among underprivileged school girls in Bandarban, Teknaf, Chittagong, Gaibandha and Rajshahi district through workshops and awareness sessions

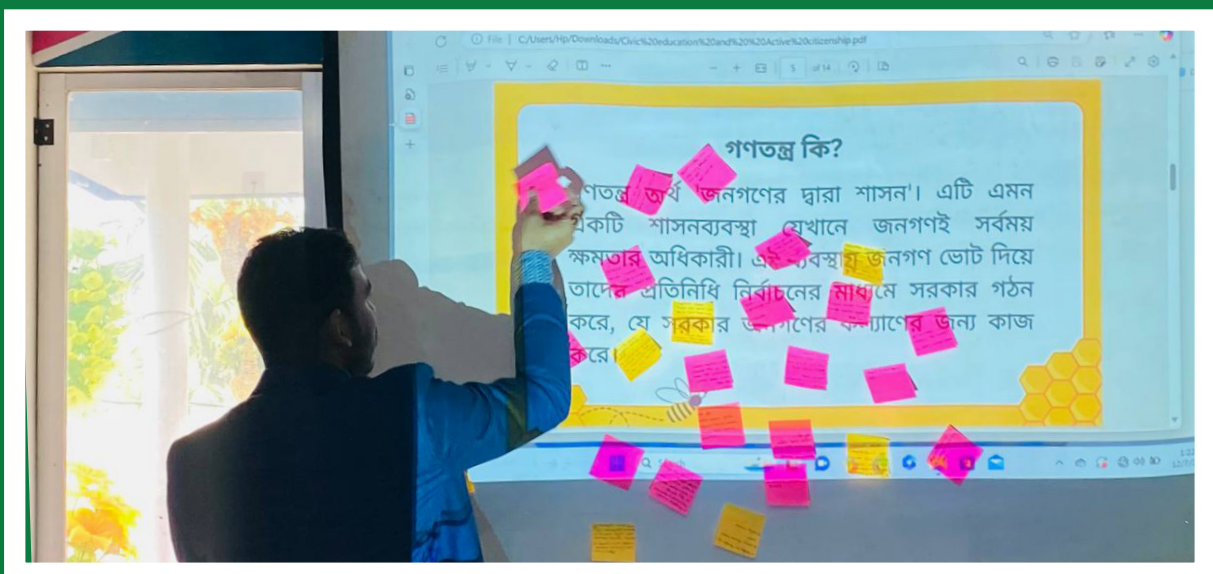
- Standing by **276 meritorious female students** from underprivileged backgrounds with a four-year scholarship, enabling them to pursue higher education without the burden of financial worries. Through mentoring, guidance, and skill-building activities, we aim to enhance their academic and professional growth for local and global opportunities



YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

1,67,873 future leaders across Bangladesh are empowered through JAAGO's dynamic youth development initiatives, which focus on volunteerism, leadership development, and skill-building. These programs inspire young individuals to become changemakers in their communities, fostering active citizenship and preparing them for the challenges of the future. By driving progress on SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals) JAAGO is cultivating a generation of resilient, innovative, and socially responsible leaders committed to building a more inclusive and sustainable world.

- Mobilizing **55,000 volunteers** across 64 districts through **277 youth-driven initiatives** via the Volunteer for Bangladesh (VBD) platform, addressing critical issues like education, climate action, youth development, health, gender equality, governance and emergency response. These initiatives directly benefited 25,789 individuals, and indirectly reached 1,28,945 community people with a strong focus on vulnerable regions
- Engaging **985 youth** across 8 divisions through various skill development programs to build pathways to economic empowerment
- Empowering **60,000 youth** including students, young professionals and changemakers through a dynamic hub for training, skill-sharing, and networking in technology, leadership, civic engagement, and creative arts
- Educating **630 youth** with knowledge on internet safety and safer online practices in 18 districts, involving youth, educators, and parents through trainings and workshops and enlightening **6,00,000 individuals** through social media campaigns
- Enhancing leadership and employability skills of **55,000 youth** through capacity building and skill development training
- Fostering active citizenship among **1,408 youth** through knowledge of civic education
- Upskilling **400 youth** across the country by bringing them together for a three day residential training and insightful sessions through a Youth Empowerment Summit





55,000

Volunteers mobilized across 64 districts.



60,000

Youth empowered through a dynamic hub.



277

Youth-driven initiatives implemented.



400

Youth upskilled at a Youth Empowerment Summit.



25,789

Individuals directly benefited.



600,000

Individuals reached through social media campaigns.



128,945

Community members indirectly reached.



1,408

Youth trained in civic education.



985

Youth engaged in skill development programs.



55,000

Youth with enhanced leadership and employability skills.



GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY AND ADVOCACY

7,163 youth are actively participating in democracy, governance, and advocacy through comprehensive initiatives that provide training in civic education and leadership. By engaging young people in workshops, campaigns, and advocacy efforts, JAAGO inspires democratic participation and cultivates the next generation

of active, responsible citizens. These efforts align with SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by promoting inclusive governance, fostering civic responsibility, and strengthening the foundations of a just and equitable society.





Capacitating over **400** youth leaders across multiple districts to enhance their understanding of democratic principles and governance.



Educating **1408** youth on civic and voting rights with a 50/50 gender male-female ratio and 12,800 indirect reach.



Enriching **960** young minds from 16 districts across 8 divisions with capacity building training sessions on Civic Awareness & Engagement and Governance and 2 national civic awareness seminars took place with 800+ youths.



Engaging **2,000** youth leaders across multiple districts through workshops and training sessions, equipping them with essential tools for advocacy and participatory governance. These efforts support initiatives addressing critical issues such as transparency, community mobilization, and rights education. Additionally, promoting community-driven advocacy campaigns, strengthening governance and empowering grassroots-level change.



Upskilling **400** youth across the country by bringing them together for a three day residential training and insightful sessions through a civic awareness seminar



Fostering active community participation, creating a network of empowered individuals advocating for inclusive governance



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

38,371 lives from vulnerable communities are being transformed through JAAGO's climate resilience initiatives, which include training, advocacy programs, and Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC). These efforts promote sustainable practices and engage stakeholders to drive impactful change.

Directly contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), these programs empower marginalized groups to lead climate-adaptive actions and build a sustainable future.





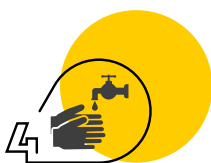
Empowering **200 women farmers** with training on homestead agriculture with climate resilient livelihood practices; distributing 50 Improved Cooking Stoves for reduced carbon emission; establishing 12 Model Farms to showcase hands-on impact of homestead gardening and raising awareness among 5000 community members on climate change and the need for climate resilient livelihood practices.



Upskilling **80 youth leaders from 8 divisions** with training on leadership skills, advocacy, project planning, entrepreneurship mindset, and the Passports to Earning (P2E) platform who will be empowering more youth through providing training on gender, women empowerment and climate action through 24 youth initiatives, reaching approximately **9600 community members**.



Reaching approximately **5,800 direct beneficiaries** and **53,700 indirect beneficiaries** through a campaign on ideal hygiene practices, while engaging 73 youth participants (35 male, 38 female) with an overall beneficiary reach of 43% male and 57% female.



Enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) standards in schools and communities by **training 231 teachers, staff, and volunteers** on WASH practices through ToT sessions. Additionally, **conducting 157 training sessions** across **11 districts, educating 4,050 students** and **435 parents** on hygiene awareness and best practices. **Building** essential WASH infrastructure, including **32 toilets, 11 handwashing stations, 11 water filtration systems, and installing reusable sanitary napkin dispensers** in schools to support hygiene needs. Moreover, **distributing 8,000 educational leaflets** and carrying out community awareness campaigns, benefiting **13,000 individuals** directly.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

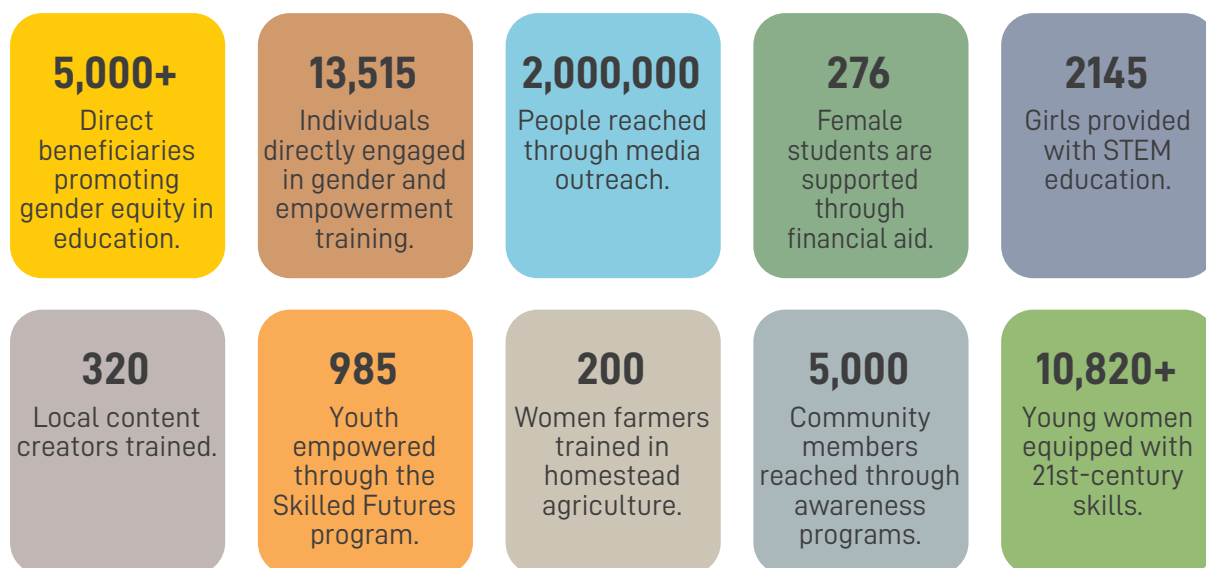
JAAGO supports gender equity by providing education to over 10,000 girls, with 276 scholarships enabling underserved girls to pursue higher education. Through gender-sensitization programs, JAAGO addresses cultural and systemic barriers, promoting inclusivity in both formal and informal education settings. These efforts align with SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) and aim to create safe, empowering environments for women and girls.

- Engaging **5,000+ direct beneficiaries**—including students, teachers, parents, and school management committee (SMC) members—across Dhaka to challenge deep-rooted gender stereotypes, fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment in schools and communities.
- Directly reaching **13,515 individuals**, including youth with disabilities and Indigenous representatives, through training on gender & women's rights, digital safety, media literacy, lobbying, and advocacy. Additionally, indirectly impacting **4,000 community members** and approximately **2 million people** through media outreach and advocacy efforts.
- Covering **192 newspapers and TV channels** under policy and advocacy on gender-related topics, while training **30 social media influencers** and **320 local content creators** on media's role in challenging gender stereotypes and promoting positive gender narratives.
- Empowering **985 youth across 8 divisions** through the Skilled Futures program, building economic opportunities in alignment with **SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**.
- Supporting **200 women farmers** with training on homestead agriculture and climate-resilient livelihood practices, distributing **50 Improved Cooking Stoves** for reduced carbon emissions, establishing **8 Model Farms**, and raising awareness among **5,000 community members**.
- Equipping **10,820+ young women** with 21st-century skills and fostering a **Public-Private Youth Partnership** to drive policy changes, strengthen labor market connections, and create sustainable economic opportunities in **Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, and Bandarban**. Additionally, training **300 girls** with essential skills in coastal areas.
- Developing a network of **80 youth leaders** from **8 divisions** through training on gender,





- women's empowerment, and climate action, launching **24 youth-led initiatives** that have reached **9,600 community members**.
- Supporting **276 meritorious female students** from underprivileged backgrounds through financial aid ensuring they are able to continue their education and pursue their dreams.
- Providing **2145 girls with STEM education** in the flood-prone haor region of Mithamoin to advance girls' education by addressing systemic barriers and fostering inclusive learning environments



JAAGO ACROSS BANGLADESH

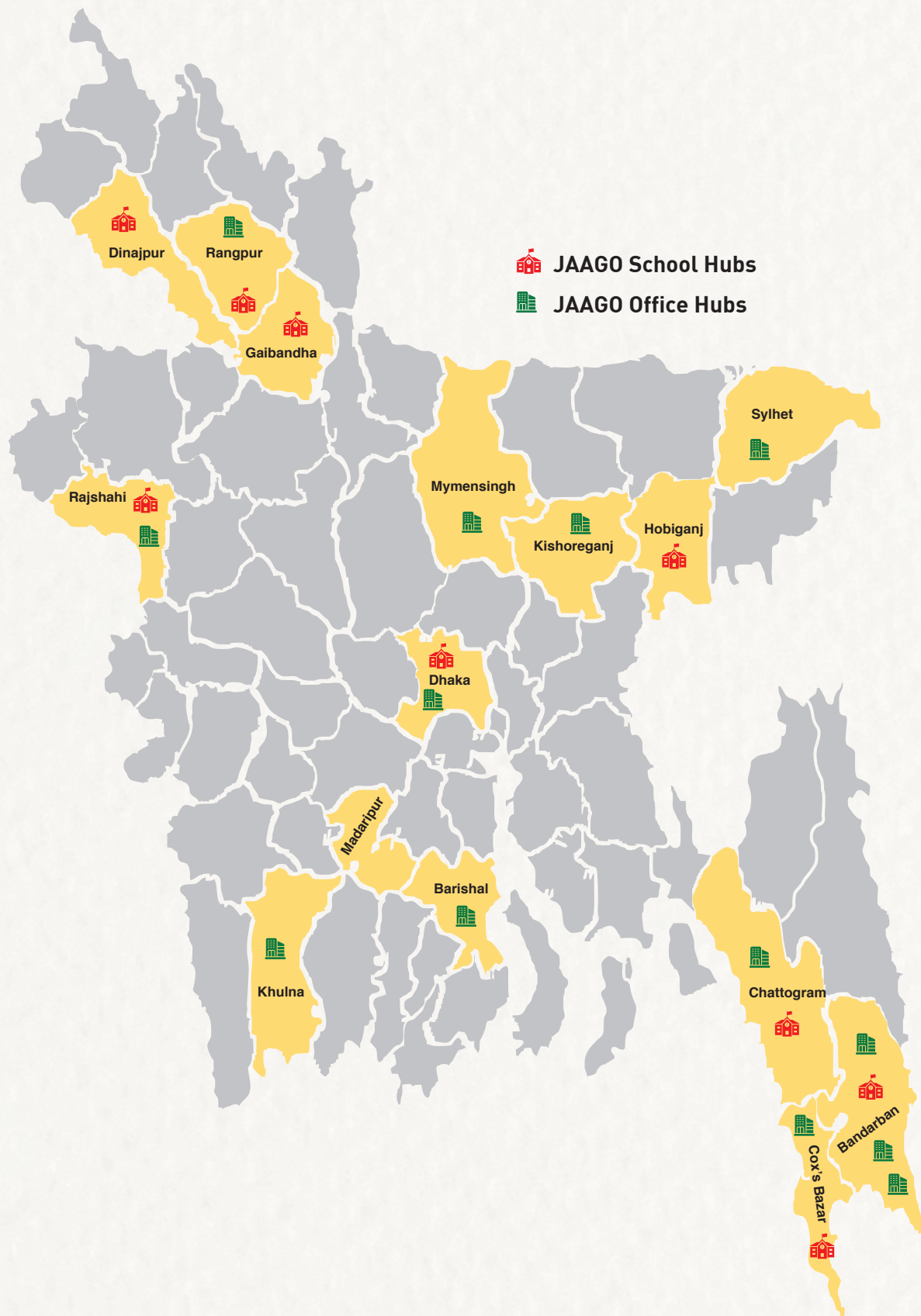


JAAGO School Hubs

Banani
Rayer Bazar
Madaripur
Rangpur
Gaibandha
Habiganj
Teknaf
Bandarban
Chattogram
Dinajpur
Rajshahi

JAAGO Office Hubs

Banani HQ
Banani DSP
EMK
Khulna
Barishal
Mymensingh
Rangpur
Rajshahi
Sylhet
Chattogram Hub
Bandarban
Cox's Bazar
Lama
Ali Kadam
Kishorganj



MEDIA OUTREACH

WEBSITE



25,17,598

Total Traffic



45.49%

Engagement rate



3,26,318

Total Sessions

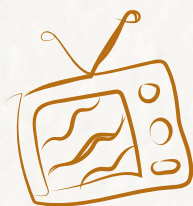
SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media Name	Social Media Reach	Page like/ Followers/ Subscribers
Facebook	2,25,22,689	370,771
LinkedIn	5,33,009	84,444
Instagram	15,70,172	11,841
YouTube	4,12,043	6,740
X	32,666	7,963

MEDIA REACH



Print
14



Television
9



National
66



International Media
2



Blog
35



Online
52

U-Go JAAGO WOMEN

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JAAGO's Korvi receives Magsaysay award, the 'Nobel Prize of Asia'



Jaago Foundation's Founder Korvi Rakshand named as one of the winners of the 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Awards.

Korvi Rakshand, the founder of JAAGO Foundation, has been announced as one of the winners of the 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Award in the Emergent Leadership category.

Korvi Rakshand, founder of JAAGO Foundation and Volunteer for Bangladesh, honoured with the prestigious 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Award in the Emergent Leadership category for his dedication to education and social change.

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"Pedal for Planet" Cycle Rally: Jaago Foundation, Volunteer for Bangladesh celebrate World Environment Day

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Jaago Foundation, in collaboration with Volunteer for Bangladesh and support from American Spaces of Bangladesh and Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited, organized an engaging cycle rally titled "Pedal for Planet" on Saturday, commemorating World Environment Day 2024.

JAAGO Foundation, in collaboration with Volunteer for Bangladesh, organised an awareness-raising cycle rally titled "Pedal for Planet" on Saturday, commemorating World Environment Day 2024.

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) partnered with JAAGO Foundation to offer one full undergraduate scholarship each year to a deserving JAAGO student, supporting their pursuit of higher education at ULAB.

Education

ULAB, JAAGO Foundation form five-year strategic partnership on education

Staff Correspondent Dhaka

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University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) and JAAGO Foundation have extended their strategic partnership through a MoU, focusing on joint initiatives for the next five years.

'Meril Baby Adore Gora Bhabissot 2023' winners get 10L each

Since 2004, Meril Baby, a brand for children aged six and under, has been hosting this event



Press Release

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'Meril Baby Adore Gora Bhabissot 2023' concluded with an award distribution ceremony at the ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

JAAGO Foundation received the 'Meril Baby Adore Gora Bhabissot 2023' award in recognition of its significant contribution to enhancing children's access to education through its free-of-cost education program.

IMPACT STORIES AND CASE STUDIES



JAAGO Foundation's impact is best illustrated through the lives we touch and the stories that emerge from our programmes. This section highlights real-life stories and case studies, offering a glimpse into the profound difference that education, empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods make in the lives of individuals and communities. Through these stories, we celebrate resilience, transformation, and the journey towards a brighter future.

- **TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION**
- **TRANSFORMING FEARS INTO TRIUMPHS: MATIN'S JOURNEY WITH BIJOYEE SOFT SKILLS TRAINING**
- **REIGNITING CONFIDENCE: TASKIA AKHTAR MIM'S JOURNEY WITH STEM AND SEL SESSIONS**



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Transforming Lives Through Community-Based Education

A New Beginning Anung Marma's Journey Back to School

Anung Marma, a 9-year-old girl from Shiler Tua Naya Para in Lama Upazila, Bandarban, faced significant challenges in continuing her education. Coming from a family dependent on agricultural work, she had limited access to educational resources. The Covid-19 pandemic worsened her situation, forcing schools to close and leaving her without structured learning support. Financial constraints and a lack of academic guidance from her parents resulted in irregular attendance, eventually leading to the difficult decision to drop out of school.

EMDC's Intervention

In October 2023, the EMDC Project established the Shiler Tua Naya Para Shikhan Kendra, a community-based learning center in Anung's village. The center provided an opportunity for children who had fallen behind, like Anung, to reengage with education. With the support of Mangchaiwang Marma, a dedicated community facilitator, Anung enrolled in the learning center. She received personalized guidance, interactive lessons, and a structured learning environment designed to help her catch up academically and reignite her passion for learning.

Impact

Since joining the Shikhan Kendra, Anung's educational journey has transformed. Her academic performance has significantly improved, especially in core subjects. She now attends school regularly and actively participates in the learning center's after-school activities. Anung's self-confidence has grown, and the risk of falling behind in her studies has been eliminated.

Her parents, deeply moved by her progress, expressed their gratitude, saying, "Thanks to the EMDC project and Shikhan Kendra's community volunteer, Mangchaiwang Marma, I have decided to send my daughter to school again today."

"The learning center has given me a chance to learn and grow. I am excited to go to school every day and hope to help others in my village one day."

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

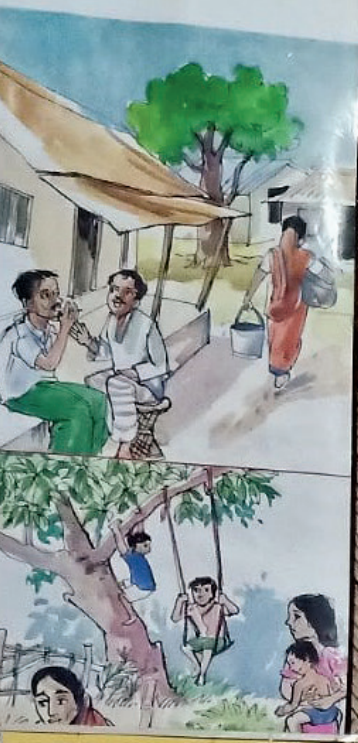
By providing equitable access to quality education, the EMDC project ensures that children in remote areas like Anung have the opportunity to learn and thrive.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities):

The project bridges the educational gap between rural and urban areas, offering children from marginalized communities the chance to build a brighter future.

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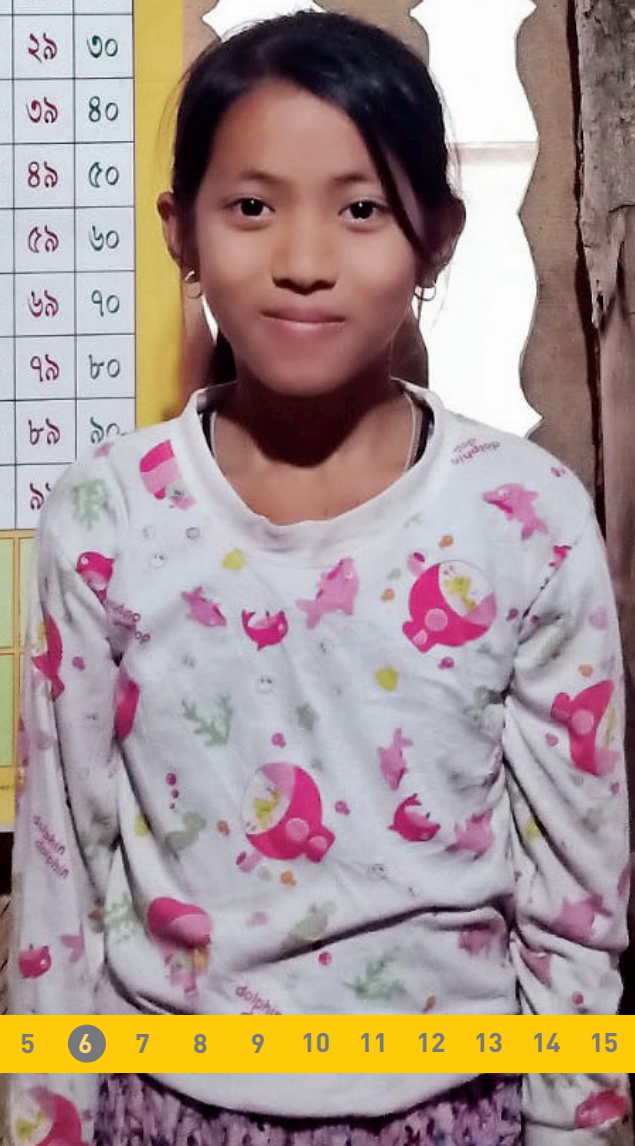
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Transforming Fears into Triumphs Matin's Journey with Bijoyee Soft Skills Training

Matin, a young dreamer from old Dhaka, graduated in 2017, but his path to employment was anything but smooth. For years, he struggled with unemployment, feeling trapped in a cycle of rejection and self-doubt. Job interviews were a source of anxiety and frustration, making the prospect of finding work seem almost impossible. Like many NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) youth, Matin felt stuck, unsure of how to break free from the challenges that stood in his way.

Bijoyee Project's Intervention

In June 2024, Matin's journey took a transformative turn when he enrolled in the Soft Skills Training Program under the USAID Bijoyee Project. This program, led by CARE Bangladesh in partnership with nine consortium partners, including JAAGO Foundation Trust, focuses on equipping NEET youth with essential soft skills to enhance their employability and open new pathways to success.

Through the training, Matin discovered the importance of problem-solving, adaptability, and effective communication. He learned to navigate complex situations, master public speaking, and resolve workplace conflicts—skills that had always been within him but remained untapped. The program emphasized real-world applications, enabling him to see challenges from new perspectives and approach them with confidence.

With the continuous support of Bijoyee's career counselors, Matin began applying for jobs again, this time armed with a renewed sense of self-assurance and the skills he needed to succeed.

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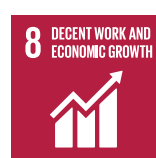
Matin's hard work and newfound confidence paid off—he secured an Executive role at a Seed Wholesale Company. This achievement marked a turning point, transforming his fears into triumphs. The skills he gained through the Bijoyee Project not only helped him find employment but also empowered him to take control of his future.

Reflecting on his journey, Matin shared:

"Ever felt like you're stuck in a loop, unsure how to break free? That was me. Bijoyee taught me that problems have countless solutions, and I held untapped potential within me. Now, I'm ready to face any challenge that comes my way."

With newfound confidence and the invaluable support of Bijoyee's career counselor, I started applying for jobs again. And guess what? I landed an Executive role!

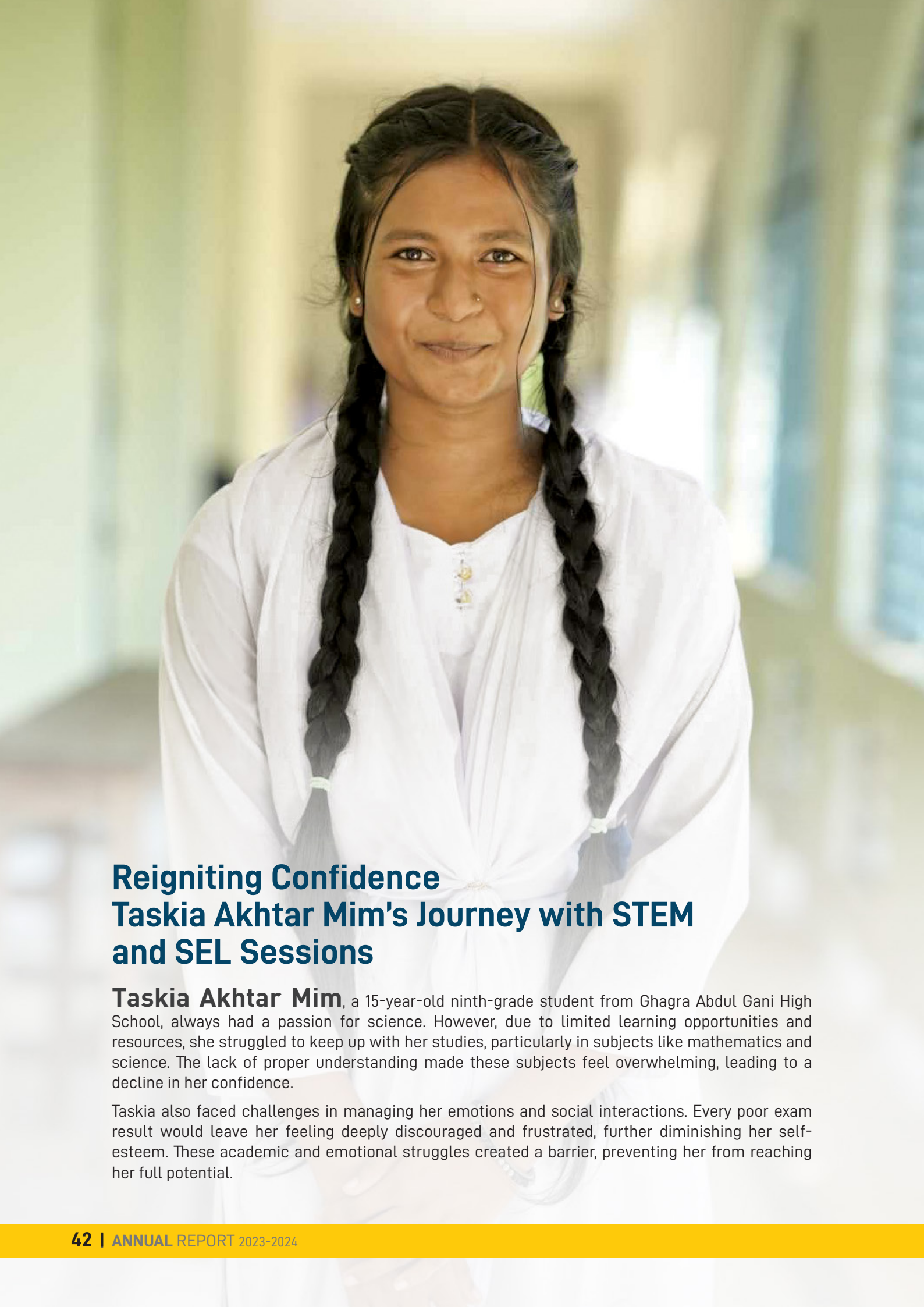
Alignment with SDGs



SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth): The Bijoyee Project contributes to economic empowerment by equipping NEET youth with skills that enhance their employability and income opportunities.



SDG 4 (Quality Education): By providing soft skills training, the project ensures that youth like Matin receive the education and support needed to thrive in the workforce.



Reigniting Confidence Taskia Akhtar Mim's Journey with STEM and SEL Sessions

Taskia Akhtar Mim, a 15-year-old ninth-grade student from Ghagra Abdul Gani High School, always had a passion for science. However, due to limited learning opportunities and resources, she struggled to keep up with her studies, particularly in subjects like mathematics and science. The lack of proper understanding made these subjects feel overwhelming, leading to a decline in her confidence.

Taskia also faced challenges in managing her emotions and social interactions. Every poor exam result would leave her feeling deeply discouraged and frustrated, further diminishing her self-esteem. These academic and emotional struggles created a barrier, preventing her from reaching her full potential.

ODOMMO Project's Intervention

Taskia's turning point came when she joined the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) sessions introduced by the ODOMMO Project at her school. These sessions aimed to provide students with hands-on, engaging learning experiences while also focusing on emotional and social development.

In the STEM sessions, Taskia and her peers were taught complex scientific and mathematical concepts through interactive, practical methods. Instead of traditional lectures, they engaged in experiments and activities that made subjects like math, science, and technology accessible and enjoyable. Taskia found that these once-daunting subjects no longer felt difficult or intimidating.

Simultaneously, the SEL sessions focused on emotional regulation and social skill development. Taskia learned essential life skills, such as managing her emotions, expressing herself constructively, and cooperating with her peers. The sessions emphasized patience, empathy, and problem-solving strategies, helping her navigate challenges more effectively.

Impact

The impact of the ODOMMO Project's sessions on Taskia's life has been transformative. Academically, she has made significant progress, particularly in science and mathematics. Concepts that once felt insurmountable are now manageable, and her renewed understanding has led to improved performance in exams.

On a personal level, Taskia has gained confidence and emotional maturity. She no longer feels overwhelmed by setbacks and has learned to approach challenges calmly. The SEL sessions have equipped her with the tools to manage her

emotions and build healthy social relationships. Taskia now understands the importance of balancing academic success with emotional and social well-being.

Reflecting on her experience, Taskia shared:

"The sessions have brought a big change in my life. I'm not only doing better in my studies, but I've also become more mature socially. Now, I understand how important emotional and social skills are along with academics. I can even help others who were struggling like me."

Thanks to the ODOMMO Project, I've regained my confidence and passion for learning. I can face challenges now, and I want to help others who were in the same situation as me.

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

The ODOMMO Project ensures equitable access to quality education by providing students with hands-on STEM learning and essential SEL skills.



SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being):

By focusing on emotional regulation and social skills, the project supports the mental and emotional well-being of students, fostering resilience and personal growth.



Empowering Coastal Communities Through Innovative Farming Solutions

Team Storm Troopers' Innovation Urbor – A Sustainable Solution for Soil Salinity

The imaGen Ventures Youth Challenge is a platform that empowers young innovators to create solutions addressing some of the most pressing challenges in their communities. With a focus on climate change and gender discrimination, the challenge seeks to harness the energy, creativity, and resilience of youth to drive meaningful change in Bangladesh. By encouraging youth-led innovation, this initiative not only provides a stage for groundbreaking ideas but also fosters a culture of problem-solving and entrepreneurship among the next generation.

One such inspiring story comes from Team Storm Troopers, a group of five passionate students from Khulna University who developed an innovative solution named "Urbor." Their journey is a testament to how young minds can tackle complex issues like soil salinity, transforming lives in their coastal community. The team—comprising Mainul Islam Labib (Technical Lead), Md. Rashed Jaowad Khan (Business Operations Lead), Sadia Afrin (Communication and Outreach Manager), Rituporna Dey (Field Research Lead), and Shahriar Mahmud (Product Design and Campaign Developer)—came together with a shared mission to tackle this pressing issue. Inspired by stories of farmers like Abed Miah, who had to abandon farming due to soil salinity, they formed "Urbor", an innovative solution designed to transform agricultural practices in coastal areas.

Project's Intervention

The Urbor solution focuses on a distributed vertical farming system specifically designed for coastal regions. Unlike conventional methods, Urbor's approach is simple, sustainable, and cost-effective. The key components include:

Vertical Farming Structures: Made from readily available, sustainable materials like bamboo, these modular units can be assembled easily by one person.

Proprietary Soil Reduction Technology: Using a

patent-pending process, native plants are grown to reduce soil salt content by up to 80%. After a few weeks, the topsoil is treated and reused in the vertical farming structures, eliminating the need for expensive fertilizers.

Remote Sensing Technology: Developed by Labib, this AI-based application monitors soil salinity in real-time, helping farmers make informed decisions about which crops to grow. Currently, 25 farmers are using the app, and training sessions have been conducted to ensure they can utilize it effectively.

Through field research and pilot programs, the team worked closely with farmers, gathering insights and refining their solution. Their hands-on approach ensured that Urbor was not only technically sound but also practical and user-friendly for farmers in remote areas.

Impact

Urbor's innovative approach has already shown promising results. During the pilot phase, the team collaborated with 25 farmers, achieving:

- **70% Increase in Crop Yields:** Vertical farming and selective cropping significantly boosted productivity.
- **40% Reduction in Farming Costs:** Sustainable practices eliminated the need for costly fertilizers.
- **25% Reduction in Water Usage:** Vertical farming structures optimized water consumption, making agriculture more efficient.

Beyond the numbers, the social impact has been equally significant. Farmers, who once felt helpless against the effects of soil salinity, now have a renewed sense of hope. Women in coastal communities, traditionally marginalized in agriculture, can use the modular units to turn small plots of land around their homes into profitable farms, fostering financial independence.

"We started Urbor with a dream to help coastal farmers reclaim their lands. Seeing the impact of our work and the hope it has brought to the community has strengthened our belief that innovation, no matter how small, can transform lives." — Team Storm Troopers

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

Urbor's training sessions empower farmers with knowledge and skills, promoting lifelong learning and capacity building.



SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth):

By increasing agricultural productivity and reducing costs, Urbor creates economic opportunities for farmers, promoting sustainable livelihoods.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities):

The project focuses on marginalized coastal communities, ensuring they have access to innovative solutions and opportunities for financial growth.



SDG 13 (Climate Action):

Urbor's sustainable farming practices contribute to climate resilience, helping communities adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.



Empowering Coastal Communities Through Climate-Resilient Farming

Sheuli Sana A Beacon of Hope in the Coastal Villages of Bangladesh

Sheuli Sana, a 32-year-old mother of three, lives in Dacope Upazila, a remote village in the Khulna district, located in the southwest coastal region of Bangladesh. Life in this area is defined by constant challenges due to climate change. Natural disasters, erratic weather patterns, and increasing soil salinity have made traditional farming practices nearly impossible. Once a proud farmer, Sheuli faced repeated crop failures, pushing her family deeper into economic hardship. The relentless threat of poverty left her with a daunting question: How could she adapt and secure a future for her family?

JAAGO's Intervention

Sheuli's journey took a transformative turn when she joined JAAGO's Alternative Climate Adaptive Livelihood Program. This initiative was specifically designed to support farmers in coastal areas by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to adapt to climate-induced challenges.

Through the program, Sheuli received extensive training in climate-resilient agricultural practices. She learned to cultivate salt-tolerant crops, adopt sustainable irrigation techniques, and implement methods that worked harmoniously with the region's challenging conditions. The program didn't just provide theoretical knowledge; it offered practical, hands-on training that Sheuli could apply directly to her fields.

Impact

The training marked a pivotal moment in Sheuli's life. Armed with her newfound knowledge, she transformed her barren, salinity-affected fields into fertile, productive land. Sheuli's ability to cultivate salt-tolerant crops and use sustainable irrigation techniques led to abundant harvests. This not only ensured that her family had enough food but also provided a stable income, lifting them out of the cycle of poverty.

However, Sheuli's impact did not stop at her own success. Recognizing the power of the techniques she had learned, she became an advocate for climate-resilient farming within her community. She organized local workshops and mentored other women, sharing her knowledge and empowering them to implement sustainable practices in their own fields. Sheuli's efforts created a ripple effect—more and more villagers began adopting these methods, leading to increased agricultural productivity and improved livelihoods throughout the community.

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The program didn't just change my life—it changed my entire community. We've learned that even in the face of adversity, there's always a way forward. Together, we are stronger.”

— Sheuli Sana

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Alignment with SDGs



SDG 1 (No Poverty): By providing a stable income and reducing vulnerability to climate-related shocks, the program helps lift families out of poverty.



SDG 2 (Zero Hunger): Climate-resilient farming techniques ensure food security by enabling consistent agricultural production, even in challenging conditions.



SDG 5 (Gender Equality): Sheuli's role as a mentor and advocate empowers other women in her community, promoting gender equality and social inclusion.



SDG 13 (Climate Action): The program equips farmers with adaptive techniques, contributing to climate resilience and sustainable agriculture.



Breaking Barriers Through Education – Nusrat Jahan Chaiti's Journey

Empowered by Education Nusrat's Path to Success

Nusrat Jahan, Chaiti grew up in a small village in Cumilla, Bangladesh. She is one of three daughters in a family supported solely by her father, a farmer. Despite the family's limited income, her father was determined to provide his daughters with the education they deserved. In a community where many questioned the value of educating girls, often suggesting that money would be better saved for marriage expenses, her father stood firm.

He would say, "If I had a son, I would raise him with the best education. I will do the same for my daughters. My daughters are my pride." These words became the driving force behind Nusrat and her sisters' dreams and ambitions.

Project's Intervention

Nusrat excelled academically from a young age, consistently achieving top results. She earned a Golden GPA-5 in her SSC exams from the science stream, and her older sister also gained admission to Chattogram University around the same time. Their father's joy knew no bounds, and he promised to support their education to the best of his ability.

Due to some family challenges, Nusrat switched to the humanities stream for her HSC but continued to excel. She performed outstandingly in her HSC exams and began preparing for university entrance exams. By the grace of Allah, she passed all the exams she took and ultimately decided to enroll in the Health Economics Department at Dhaka University.

However, the journey to Dhaka was not easy. Nusrat's mother initially hesitated to let her move to the capital, but her father convinced her. The cost of living and studying in Dhaka was significant, and her father shouldered the entire financial burden alone.

Everything changed when Nusrat learned about the U-Go Sponsored JAAGO Women Scholarship, which supports meritorious female students from public universities. With her strong academic performance, Nusrat applied and was awarded the scholarship.

Impact

The scholarship was a turning point for Nusrat. It alleviated the financial strain on her family, covering her monthly living and educational expenses. No longer needing to rely on her father for financial support, Nusrat could focus entirely on her studies. This support not only eased the family's economic burden but also reinforced Nusrat's determination to excel academically.

Her parents, especially her father, were overjoyed and proud of her achievement. Nusrat now stands as a symbol of resilience and determination, proving that with the right support, girls from even the most challenging backgrounds can break barriers and achieve their dreams.

Thanks to the JAAGO Women Scholarship Program, I no longer need to ask for money from home. My father is so proud, and I'm determined to continue making my parents proud. I am deeply grateful to U-Go and JAAGO.

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education): The U-Go Sponsored JAAGO Women Scholarship ensures that meritorious female students like Nusrat have access to higher education, promoting equal learning opportunities.



SDG 5 (Gender Equality): By supporting girls' education, the scholarship challenges traditional gender norms and empowers young women to pursue their dreams, creating a ripple effect in their communities.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities): Providing financial support to students from underprivileged backgrounds helps bridge the gap in educational access and outcomes, reducing social and economic inequalities.



YOUTH LED WORKSHOP ON PASSPORT TO EARNING AGENTS FOR CHANGE

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Empowering Voices Sayeda Nigar Sultana's Journey to Civic Leadership

Sayeda Nigar Sultana, a 25-year-old youth leader from Dinajpur, embarked on a mission to bridge the civic engagement gap among the Mahali and Santal Indigenous populations in her region. These communities often face challenges in accessing civic information due to cultural and language barriers, leaving them underrepresented and disconnected from democratic processes. Nigar's dedication to fostering civic participation within these marginalized groups highlights the transformative power of youth-led initiatives.

JAAGO's Intervention

Nigar was part of the "Enhancing Youth Civic Engagement and Democratic Participation" activity under the Youth for Change project initiated by the JAAGO Foundation. This program was designed to empower youth leaders across Bangladesh with the skills and knowledge needed to promote civic education and democratic engagement in their communities. Through intensive training sessions, Nigar gained a comprehensive understanding of civic

rights, governance, and leadership skills.

The training focused on topics such as the roles and responsibilities of citizens, democratic rights, and effective advocacy strategies. The workshops used interactive methods, including games and activities, to provide a practical, hands-on learning experience. For Nigar, this training was transformative, equipping her with the tools to address complex social issues and engage with underrepresented groups effectively.

Impact

Armed with her training, Nigar implemented a Community Action Project (CAP) that brought significant changes to the Indigenous communities of Dinajpur. She used culturally adapted methods such as simplified language and drama to convey essential civic concepts in a way that resonated with the Mahali and Santal populations. One of the most impactful activities was a mock voting exercise that empowered participants to make independent decisions rather than simply following their leaders' choices.

Beyond civic education, Nigar's project addressed critical social issues such as alcohol addiction, responding directly to community concerns. By addressing these pressing issues, she strengthened her connection with the community and built a foundation of trust and mutual respect.

Reflecting on her experience, Nigar shared:

"The training helped me identify the problems in our area and find ways to solve these issues properly. We learned about these topics through games and activities. My experience was transformative, providing me with an in-depth understanding of civic rights, governance, and leadership."

The project also had a profound personal impact on Nigar, boosting her confidence and honing her leadership skills.

This project was the first time I had to speak in front of a large audience. Effectively communicating with them, creating empathy, and raising awareness helped me grow my confidence.

Key Takeaways and Recommendations

Nigar's work underscores the importance of cultural sensitivity and adaptability when engaging with Indigenous communities. Her project demonstrated how youth-led initiatives can inspire civic participation, giving marginalized groups a sense of agency and belonging.

To enhance the impact further, Nigar recommends:

- Expanding opportunities for Indigenous community engagement with support from government officials.
- Conducting regular follow-ups to assess knowledge retention and measure the long-term impact of civic education efforts.

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

The project provides educational opportunities that empower underrepresented communities with knowledge about civic rights and responsibilities.



SDG 5 (Gender Equality):

Nigar's leadership challenges traditional gender roles, demonstrating the capacity of women to drive social change and lead community development efforts.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities):

By addressing cultural and language barriers, the project promotes inclusion and ensures that marginalized Indigenous groups have access to civic education and democratic participation.



SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions):

The initiative fosters a culture of civic engagement and participation, strengthening democratic processes and promoting good governance.



Inspiring Civic Change Through Youth Leadership

Empowering Communities Khairul Islam Munna's Journey in Civic Engagement

Md. Khairul Islam Munna, a 19-year-old youth leader from Barguna district, grew up in a community facing significant socio-economic challenges. Limited access to educational and civic resources in Barguna often resulted in low civic participation among youth. Witnessing the disconnect between young people and the democratic process, Khairul was determined to bridge this gap and create a positive impact in his community.

JAAGO's Intervention

Khairul joined the "My Voice, My Choice" project, initiated by the JAAGO Foundation. This comprehensive initiative aimed to re-engage Bangladeshi youth in the democratic process by providing them with the knowledge and skills to promote civic education and voter awareness. Through the project's intensive training workshops, Khairul gained a deep understanding of civic rights, democratic responsibilities, and leadership.

The training sessions emphasized the importance of youth involvement in shaping the future of the country, particularly in the lead-up to the 2024 National Election. Equipped with practical tools and strategies, Khairul was empowered to lead localized awareness campaigns under the project's core theme, "My Voice, My Choice."

Implementation and Impact

Initially focused on promoting voter awareness, Khairul expanded his vision, launching a project titled "Future Bangladesh Through the Eyes of the Youth." His goal was to encourage dialogue between young people and local authorities, fostering a collaborative approach to addressing community issues. Despite facing logistical challenges, including a flood, Khairul organized a large-scale event that attracted over 400 participants—one of the most significant civic gatherings in Barguna.

During the event, young attendees voiced their concerns about pressing issues such as gender discrimination and harassment. Khairul's initiative not only provided a platform for these discussions but also prompted local officials to commit to addressing the identified problems. This interaction fostered trust between the youth and local authorities, laying the groundwork for sustainable civic engagement.

Reflecting on his experience, Khairul shared:

"I felt immense growth in myself as a leader. Organizing such a significant program—one of the largest I've seen in Barguna—was a major challenge. From bringing in over 400 participants to establishing a clear communication strategy and navigating unexpected situations, I take pride in having executed a project of this scale. I also

received recognition from others who attended."

Key Takeaways and Recommendations

Khairul's project demonstrated the transformative power of youth engagement in civic issues. His initiative highlighted the importance of:

- Creating platforms where youth can identify and communicate local issues directly to relevant authorities.
- Building trust within communities through proactive leadership and meaningful dialogue.
- Expanding civic education initiatives to address not only voter awareness but also broader social challenges like gender discrimination.

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

The project provided Khairul and other youth leaders with essential knowledge about civic rights, governance, and democratic participation.



SDG 5 (Gender Equality): By addressing issues like gender discrimination and harassment, the initiative promoted inclusivity and equality within the community.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities): The project ensured that marginalized and underrepresented youth had a voice in civic processes, reducing social and economic disparities.



SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions): The project fostered a culture of transparency, accountability, and civic engagement, strengthening local democratic processes.



From Hardship to Hope

Ruyada's Journey with JAAGO

Unlike many children her age, Ruyada's journey has been marked by incredible challenges. Her father, constrained by limited mobility since birth, and her mother, who navigates life without sight, faced overwhelming difficulties every single day. Yet, their hearts carried an unshakable determination to provide their children with the brighter future they deserved.

Her father drives an auto-rickshaw, pouring every ounce of his energy into long, exhausting workdays while also shouldering the burden of household responsibilities. Despite his tireless efforts, his earnings barely stretch to meet the family's most basic needs. For them, the thought of sending their children to school was a distant dream.

JAAGO's Intervention

That dream turned into reality when they discovered JAAGO Foundation's free-of-cost education program. Enrolling Ruyada at JAAGO's Banani School became a turning point for the family. Through JAAGO's unconditional support, Ruyada gained access to quality education, school supplies, and a nurturing environment that encouraged her to thrive academically and personally.

Impact

Since joining JAAGO, Ruyada has flourished, consistently excelling in her studies. Her teachers commend her dedication and brilliance, and she actively participates in school activities. The burden of financial strain has been lifted from her parents, allowing them to hope for a future where their daughter can pursue her dreams. Filled with pride, they now dare to dream of seeing Ruyada become a doctor—a possibility they once thought unattainable.

JAAGO has given my daughter the chance to build a future we never thought possible. Watching her succeed gives us the strength to keep moving forward every day."

— Ruyada's Father

Alignment with SDGs



SDG 4 (Quality Education):

By providing free, high-quality education, JAAGO ensures that children like Ruyada have the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential.



SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities):

JAAGO bridges the gap for underprivileged families, ensuring that every child, regardless of their circumstances, has an equal opportunity to succeed.



SDG 1 (No Poverty):

Education empowers children with the tools to break free from the cycle of poverty, paving the way for a brighter future for themselves and their families.



Rising Above the Storm

Volunteer for Bangladesh's Quick Response to Cyclone Rimal Background

In May 2024, Cyclone Rimal wreaked havoc across the coastal regions of Satkhira, leaving widespread destruction in its wake. Approximately 221,176 people were affected, with 1,468 houses completely destroyed, particularly in Shyamnagar and Ashashuni upazilas. The tidal surges submerged fish enclosures, farmlands,

and entire fishing villages. Despite the region narrowly escaping a more severe disaster due to the cyclone's landfall occurring during low tide, the lingering threat of saltwater inundation persisted, especially after embankments were breached.

Volunteer for Bangladesh's Intervention

Amid the devastation, Volunteer for Bangladesh (VBD) immediately mobilized to assist those affected. Volunteers carried out surveys and initiated emergency rescue operations in the

Paddapukur and Gabura unions, where the impact of the cyclone was most severe. With the help of local communities, VBD identified 400 families in desperate need of assistance.



Relief Efforts and Impact

VBD distributed essential relief packages, which included rice, lentils, potatoes, oil, garlic, dry food items like chira and muri, oral saline, paracetamol, and sanitary napkins for women. The quick response not only helped meet immediate survival needs but also gave the affected families hope in the face of adversity. The community expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely support, demonstrating the critical role of volunteerism in disaster recovery.

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We didn't just bring supplies; we brought hope. In these challenging times, we stood together as one," said a VBD volunteer

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Alignment with SDGs



SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities)
Ensuring food security for families hit by the cyclone.



SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)
Ensuring food security for families hit by the cyclone.



SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being):
Delivering medical aid and hygiene supplies to protect vulnerable populations.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS



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PARTNERSHIPS



DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

JAAGO Foundation's success is built on a foundation of collaboration. By partnering with like-minded organisations, governmental bodies, and private sector leaders, JAAGO enhances its capacity to create meaningful change in communities across Bangladesh. These partnerships enable us to leverage resources, expertise, and networks, ultimately amplifying the reach and impact of our programs. This section highlights some of our key partnerships and the collective achievements that they have facilitated.

The collective efforts of JAAGO Foundation's partners have significantly enhanced our ability to create lasting impact across Bangladesh. Each partnership brings unique strengths—whether it's technical expertise, financial support, or volunteer engagement—and contributes to our shared vision of a more equitable, sustainable society. Together, we have strengthened the foundations of education, built resilient communities, and empowered youth to lead.





USAID

Partnership Focus:

The Bijoyee Project, empowering youth in Bangladesh through employability training, leadership skills development, and civic engagement.

Activities:

Leadership and employability workshops across 10 districts, focusing on green skills.

Civic participation initiatives encourage youth to become active in community development.

Youth-Led organisations (YLOs) are receiving training on gender rights, digital safety, and advocacy to enhance their capacity for community engagement.

YLO representatives are trained in organisational development, focusing on policies such as gender equality and equal pay, to strengthen their internal governance.

Impact:

Benefiting 55,000 youth, equipping them with skills for the workforce.

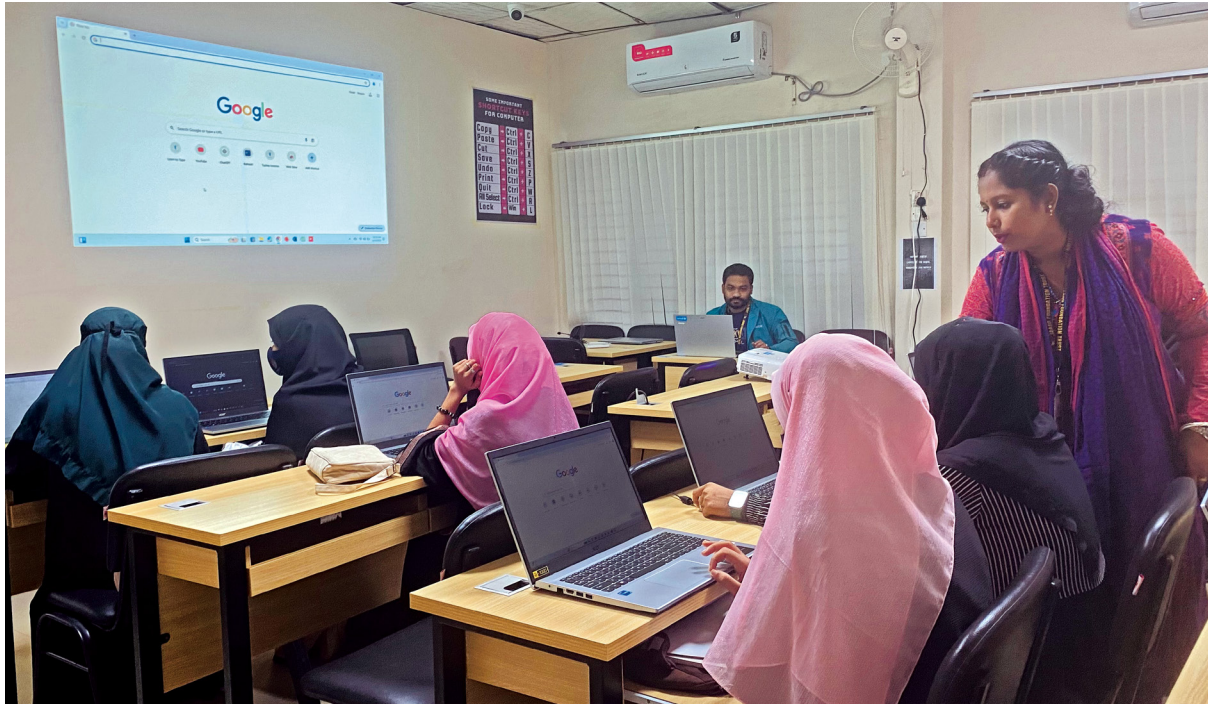
Enhanced youth engagement in socio-economic growth and local governance.

SDG Alignment:





FCD0 (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office)



Partnership Focus:

Promoting youth civic engagement, empowering marginalized groups, and enhancing gender equality

Activities:

Engage youth and communities in electoral surveys and debates.

Raise awareness on voting rights through targeted civic campaigns.

Foster inclusive dialogue and empower marginalized groups for enhanced civic participation.

Impact

The initiative strengthens more than 1,400 local youth, fosters civic participation, and enhances economic opportunities for marginalized youth, including women and individuals with disabilities.

SDG Alignment:



UNICEF

Partnership Focus: Programs like EMDC (Educate the Most Disadvantaged Children) and Skilled Futures and Girls' Education and Skilling Partnership (GESP) and SeaShore Girls to improve education and youth employability.

Activities:

- Digital education tools and innovative approaches like Multi-Grade Multi-Level (MGML) learning and catch-up programs in Bandarban, Lama, and Alikadam.
- Youth leadership and skills-building platforms established across 8 divisions.
- Vocational, technical, and life skills training for adolescent girls and young women in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban.
- Life skills and sports training in Cox's Bazar to strengthen adolescent girls' protection, well-being, and empowerment.

Impact:

- Directly supported more than 25,000 children and adolescents which includes up to 5% youth with disabilities (Based on availability).
- Empowered and trained nearly 1000 youth across 8 divisions with future-focused employability and digital skills and reached 9600 community people

SDG Alignment:





UNDP Rome Center and Government of Italy



Partnership Focus:

Advancing climate-resilient livelihoods and promoting sustainable development in vulnerable communities.

Activities:

- Implementation of the Alternative Climate Adaptive Livelihood Program, focusing on empowering women and youth in climate-sensitive areas.
- Training sessions and resource distribution to support sustainable agricultural practices and income-generating activities.

Impact:

- Benefitting 200 female farmers, 2,000 households by introducing adaptive livelihood strategies.
- 12 female beneficiaries will get model farms with homestead gardening
- Receiving 50 female beneficiaries Improved Cooking Stoves (ICSs)
- Around 5000 community people will be reached through awareness raising campaigns on gender violence, through courtyard sessions, theater shows, etc.
- Improved economic resilience and reduced vulnerability to climate-related risks.

SDG Alignment:





U.S. Embassy

Partnership Focus:

Fostering cross-cultural understanding and empowering youth through education, leadership, and civic engagement initiatives.

Activities:

- Supported youth development programs like the Youth Governance Club, emphasizing democratic participation and human rights.
- Provided resources and funding for workshops promoting leadership, arts, and culture among marginalized communities.

Impact:

- Benefitted over 60,000 individuals through initiatives under the EMK Center partnership, fostering inclusivity and socio-cultural development.
- Strengthened youth leadership and advocacy for community development and global citizenship.

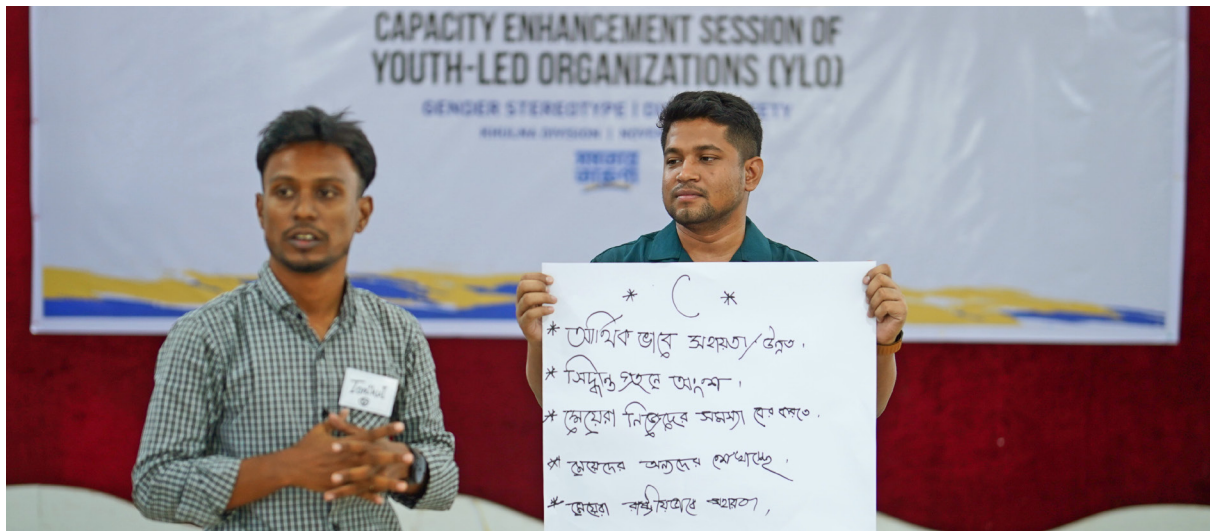
SDG Alignment:





Kingdom of the Netherlands

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Partnership Focus:

Promoting gender equality and empowering youth through the Somotay Tarunno: Redefine the Rules project.

Activities:

- Engaging 504 Youth Led organisation (YLO) members from 252 YLOs in leadership and advocacy training.
- Developing 256 YLO representatives from 64 YLOs through organisational development initiatives.
- Reaching 12,600 community youth and 6,400 community members through community action programs (CAP).
- Partnered with 30 social media influencers, 320 local content creators, and engaged 192 newspapers and TV channels to amplify messages on gender equality.

Impact:

- Aim to reach 2 million individuals indirectly through social media across all 8 divisions, fostering inclusive narratives around gender equality.
- Strengthening youth leadership and local capacity to challenge gender stereotypes and promote equitable practices.

SDG Alignment:



New Zealand Embassy

Partnership Focus:

Improving menstrual health management practices among underprivileged schoolgirls and fostering inclusive education.

Activities:

- Conducted workshops and awareness campaigns on menstrual health management across schools in Bandarban, Gaibandha, Teknaf (Cox's Bazar), Chittagong, and Rajshahi.
- Engaged students, parents, teachers, and School Management Committees (SMCs) to promote sustainable and inclusive practices.
- Leveraged social media to amplify outreach and raise awareness.

Impact:

- Directly benefited 609 households, including 474 students (255 females, 219 males), 100 teachers, and 35 SMC members.
- Indirectly reached over 355,432 individuals through social media campaigns, with 428,988 impressions and 39,828 post engagements.
- Enhanced awareness about menstrual health, fostering dignity and inclusion for young girls in underserved areas.

SDG Alignment:





From
the People of Japan

Japan Embassy

Partnership Focus:

Enhance quality education in Bandarban by establishing a permanent, multi-functional school facility in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan.

Activities:

- Construct a 2-storied reinforced concrete school building featuring essential educational spaces.
- Repurpose the existing temporary wooden school as a community training centre.
- Strengthen operational capacity by recruiting additional teaching staff and ensuring sustainable management.

Impact:

- Provide a safe, permanent learning environment for approximately 247 students, improving educational access in a low-literacy region.
- Support community development by upgrading local educational infrastructure and offering additional training facilities.
- Contribute to sustainable community advancement through enhanced educational outcomes.

SDG Alignment:





The Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation



Partnership Focus:

Promoting civic education, governance, and youth participation in democratic processes.

Activities:

- Conducted perception surveys engaging 971 first-time voters, alongside pre-election (1,239 participants) and post-election (1,115 participants) surveys.
- Organized 142 debates and dialogues to foster meaningful discussions on governance and civic responsibilities.
- Engaged 80 youth surveyors to gather critical data on voter behavior and civic awareness.

Impact:

- Directly benefited 3,547 youth across 64 districts, equipping them with knowledge and skills to actively participate in governance and democracy.
- Strengthened civic engagement through debates and dialogues, creating informed and empowered first-time voters.
- Fostered community-level discussions on governance, amplifying the voices of young citizens in the democratic process.

SDG Alignment:





International Republican Institute (IRI)

Partnership Focus:

Promoting democratic governance and civic engagement by empowering youth and marginalized groups to actively participate in decision-making processes.

Activities:

- Conducted leadership training programs and civic education workshops for youth and community leaders.
- Organized capacity-building sessions to strengthen grassroots advocacy and local governance initiatives.

Impact:

- Trained over 400 youth leaders across multiple districts to enhance their understanding of democratic principles and governance.
- Fostered active community participation, creating a network of empowered individuals advocating for inclusive governance.
- Local Training total= 1408 youth on Civic rights and voting rights, Gender Distribution= 50/50 with 12,800 indirect reach.
- 960 participants (M:F=50:50) 16 capacity building training on Civic Awareness & Engagement and Governance, and 2 national civic awareness seminars with 800+ youths.

SDG Alignment:



Malala Fund



Partnership Focus:

Promoting girls' education through the ODOMMO project, addressing systemic barriers and fostering inclusive learning environments.

Activities:

- Strategic coordination with local authorities, schools, and communities.
- Baseline surveys and enrollment campaigns targeting marginalized girls.

Impact:

- Revolutionized the perception of girls' education and benefiting 2145 girls' education directly, creating supportive learning environments.
- Engaged stakeholders to foster inclusivity and reduce education disparities.

SDG Alignment:





U-Go

Partnership Focus:

Empowering underprivileged young women in Bangladesh by providing access to higher education and fostering leadership potential.

Activities:

- Offering financial aid to underprivileged young women, enabling them to pursue higher education.
- Supporting scholars through mentoring, guidance, and community-building activities to enhance their academic and professional growth.

Impact:

- 276 beneficiaries have been supported to date, with a target of 662 young women by the program's conclusion in 2029.
 - 1st cohort: 100 women.
 - 2nd cohort: 176 women.
 - 3rd cohort: 210 women.
 - 4th cohort: 176 women.
- Promoted educational opportunities for women in underserved communities, enhancing their socio-economic mobility.

SDG Alignment:



Water Aid



Partnership Focus:

Addressing public sanitation and hygiene challenges through targeted WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives.

Activities:

- Conducted hygiene awareness workshops with 180 youth participants and 78 trained youth volunteers.
- Engaged 225 community members in improving sanitation practices.
- Youth-led campaigns in Rajshahi focusing on optimizing sanitation facilities for women and girls.
- Orientation workshops and stakeholder engagements to promote sustainable hygiene solutions.

Impact:

- Reached 483 households, enhancing community hygiene and well-being.
- SDG Alignment: SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).
- Enhanced access to safe sanitation for hundreds of women and girls, contributing to better health outcomes and gender equity.
- The safe sanitation campaigns successfully reached approximately 5,800 direct beneficiaries and around 53,700 indirect beneficiaries. Youth Involved: 73 participants (35 male and 38 female).
- Overall Beneficiary Reach: 43% male and 57% female.

SDG Alignment:



PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS



TikTok

Partnership Focus:

Partnership Focus: Promoting safe online engagement and digital literacy through "সাবধানে Online-এ".

Activities:

- Workshops on internet safety in 18 districts, involving youth, educators, and parents.
- Social media campaigns reaching 600,000 individuals indirectly and 630 youth directly.

Impact:

- Created safer digital spaces by educating youth on responsible online practices.

SDG Alignment:



MBM: WASH for Community



Partnership Focus:

Enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) standards in schools and communities to improve health and well-being.

Activities:

- Delivered training-of-trainers programs, engaging 231 teachers, staff, and volunteers to promote WASH practices.
- Conducted 157 training sessions, reaching 4,050 students and 435 parents across 11 districts.
- Built infrastructure, including 32 toilets, 11 handwashing stations, 11 water filtration systems, and reusable sanitary napkin dispensers in schools to support hygiene needs.
- Distributed 8,000 educational leaflets and conducted community awareness campaigns, reaching 13,000 individuals directly.

Impact:

- Benefitted 4,807 individuals directly in schools and an additional 14,533 community members through access to safe drinking water and WASH knowledge.
- Reduced absenteeism in schools by 2% in Rayerbazar and 1% in Banani.
- Ensured daily supply of 10,900 liters of clean water, reducing costs for 3,633 families, saving them 3,800 BDT annually on gas and bottled water expenses.

SDG Alignment:





Standard Chartered Bangladesh

Partnership Focus:

Corporate volunteering initiatives and skills-based training, aligned with SCB's commitment to sustainable development.

Activities:

- SCB employees contribute their time and expertise through a 12-month volunteer activity calendar, supporting JAAGO's educational and community programs.
- Skills-based training sessions led by SCB's IT team to support JAAGO's technological needs.

Impact:

- Strengthened IT infrastructure for JAAGO, enabling enhanced program delivery and operational efficiency.
- Increased engagement of SCB employees in meaningful volunteer work, aligning corporate social responsibility with community impact.

SDG Alignment:



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BD Highway Turbine (Dhaka)

A youth-led initiative supported by UNICEF, developing floating turbines to generate renewable energy from water flow. Directly involves 20 youth innovators in design and deployment, indirectly benefiting thousands with renewable energy access. Piloted in riverine and rural areas of Bangladesh.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), **Goal 13** (Climate Action), **Goal 8** (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Storm Troopers (Khulna)

Developed **Urbor** (উর্বর), a vertical farming solution to combat soil salinity, empowering farmers in coastal areas. Piloted their approach with successful results.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), **Goal 13** (Climate Action).

Noibeddo (Sylhet)

Launched Tech Tea-Fertilizer, converting tea waste into affordable compost fertilizer. Produced 120 kg of fertilizer during the incubation period.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), **Goal 13** (Climate Action).

Green Defenders (Chattogram)

Converts plastic waste into usable fuel through advanced pyrolysis techniques, reducing plastic pollution in landfills and oceans.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), **Goal 7** (Affordable and Clean Energy).

Suffragette (Dhaka)

Developed Reviva, an ed-tech platform aimed at re-skilling middle-aged women for workforce re-entry, addressing gaps in confidence and communication.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 5 (Gender Equality), **Goal 8** (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Jaagoron (Dhaka)

Proposed Electrica, a solar-powered electric bike to replace fossil-fuel motorcycles, reducing emissions and promoting sustainable transport.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), **Goal 13** (Climate Action).

EcoFem (Khulna)

Designed eco-friendly, reusable menstrual pads to address health concerns and environmental sustainability.

Aligns with SDGs

Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), **Goal 12** (Responsible Consumption and Production).

Green Sparkle (Rangpur)	Aligns with SDGs
Promotes green buildings and eco-friendly construction materials through an app offering technology and services for sustainable development.	Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).
Esprit de Corps (Mymensingh)	Aligns with SDGs
Created comic books and animations to raise awareness about child sexual abuse, focusing on children and parents.	Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), Goal 4 (Quality Education).
Synergy (Barishal)	Aligns with SDGs
Developed a robot to detect and collect plastic waste, addressing environmental challenges and promoting recycling.	Goal 13 (Climate Action), Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).
Eco Advocates (Rajshahi)	Aligns with SDGs
Introduced algae-based bio-fertilizers to improve crop nutrition and mitigate declining groundwater levels.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).
The Waste Wizards (Chattogram):	Aligns with SDGs
Empowered indigenous women by training them in craft-making skills, enabling income generation and addressing societal barriers.	Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities).
NanoGen (Barishal)	Aligns with SDGs
Develops nano-fertilizers to enhance agricultural productivity while reducing harmful environmental impacts of conventional fertilizers.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 13 (Climate Action).
Swaccha (Mymensingh)	Aligns with SDGs
Produces biodegradable, low-cost toothbrushes in collaboration with local women, addressing waste and promoting economic empowerment.	Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 5 (Gender Equality).
Geo Avengers (Barishal)	Aligns with SDGs
Created DesaliTech, a sustainable desalination device to address the scarcity of drinking water in saline-affected coastal areas.	Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), Goal 13 (Climate Action).
B-Recycle (Chattogram)	Aligns with SDGs
Transforms cigarette butts into eco-friendly paper and cotton alternatives, reducing litter and promoting sustainable products.	Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 15 (Life on Land).

Adommo (Dhaka)	Aligns with SDGs
Initiated Botolify, training unskilled women in slums to create eco-bricks from plastic bottles, addressing waste and women's economic empowerment.	Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).
Salinity Savants (Khulna)	Aligns with SDGs
Promotes floating bed farming to combat soil salinity, enabling vegetable cultivation in saline-prone areas.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 13 (Climate Action).
Eco Smart (Rangpur)	Aligns with SDGs
Supports urban dwellers in rooftop vegetable farming, promoting self-reliance and sustainable food systems.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).
Green Guardians (Mymensingh)	Aligns with SDGs
Combats food waste by establishing a marketplace for farmers and a biogas plant to convert waste into energy.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).
Underdogs (Sylhet)	Aligns with SDGs
Developing a smart climate house prototype integrating vertical farming to combat food shortages during floods.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 13 (Climate Action).
Green Peace Network (Rangpur)	Aligns with SDGs
Uses banana tree fibers to produce affordable sanitary napkins, improving access to menstrual health for middle-class and low-income women.	Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).
Ocean Blue (Sylhet)	Aligns with SDGs
Introduced a micro solar-powered drip irrigation system, enabling sustainable and efficient cultivation for farmers in Jaintapur.	Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).
Comrade (Rajshahi)	Aligns with SDGs
Refurbished electronics from e-waste, promoting sustainable recycling and reducing environmental harm.	Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 13 (Climate Action).

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY



- GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY AT JAAGO
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JAAGO Foundation is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance and transparency. Strong governance structures ensure that JAAGO operates with integrity, accountability, and alignment with our mission to serve the most vulnerable communities. This section provides an overview of our organisational structure, board composition, governance principles, and the steps we take to uphold transparency in all aspects of our operations.

UPHOLDING ACCOUNTABILITY: GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY AT JAAGO FOUNDATION

Board of Directors and Leadership

The Board of Directors at JAAGO Foundation plays a critical role in guiding our strategic direction, ensuring accountability, and overseeing the effective management of resources.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee (ManCom) comes right after the Board of Trustees and acts as the operational backbone of JAAGO Foundation. Led by the Executive Director, ManCom translates the Board's strategic directives into actionable plans,

overseeing the organisation's daily functions and project implementations. It's the bridge between grand strategies and their execution, ensuring that the Foundation's heart beats strong and its mission thrives on the ground.



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JUNIOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A layer deeper, the Junior Management Committee represents the future leaders of JAAGO. Formed with selected Team Leaders or Department Heads based on their potential and expertise, the Junior ManCom plays a crucial role in operationalising the strategic

vision and managing specific projects or departments with agility and innovation. Members of this remarkable team don't just lead but innovate, motivate, and ensure that milestones are not just met but exceeded, embodying the essence of positive growth.



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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

JAAGO's organisational structure is designed to enable efficient operations and effective program delivery. Each department has clear roles and responsibilities, facilitating collaboration across functions to achieve shared goals.

Admin and Procurement

The Administration and Procurement Department ensures efficient operations and resource management. Administration handles logistics, office infrastructure, document control, and staff support, fostering inter-departmental coordination and compliance with policies. Procurement manages sourcing of goods and services, focusing on transparency, cost-effectiveness, and quality assurance. Key functions include vendor selection, contract negotiation, inventory management, and alignment with project budgets. The department collaborates with finance and other teams to ensure timely delivery of resources, supporting smooth project implementation and adherence to organisational standards, contributing to the overall mission's success.

Child Welfare Department

Child Welfare Department (CWD) manages relationships between sponsors and sponsored children, ensuring smooth communication and transparency. It oversees the well-being of sponsored children by tracking their progress, addressing needs, and providing updates to sponsors. Core functions include maintaining detailed records, facilitating correspondence, and resolving queries from sponsors and beneficiaries. The department ensures compliance with organisational policies on child

protection and safeguarding. By fostering trust and engagement, it supports donor retention and enhances the impact of sponsorship programs, contributing to the organisation's mission of improving children's lives through sustainable support systems.

Digital and Creative

The Digital and Creative Department (DC) manages branding, communication, and digital campaigns. Its services include media planning, creative content development, and stakeholder communication. DC supports internal and external campaigns with strategic planning, design, and web development, ensuring consistent branding. It bridges communication needs across teams and handles external donor engagement through comprehensive media strategies.

Finance

The Finance Department handles budgeting, reporting, and compliance. It oversees cash management, payroll, and audits, ensuring financial control and transparency. Core activities include budget preparation, resource allocation, and reporting to stakeholders. It implements robust segregation of duties and internal controls to maintain fiscal discipline, supporting other departments with financial insights for planning and execution.

Founder's Office

The Founder's Office (FO) refers to the core team working directly with JAAGO's founder, Korvi Rakshand. This office oversees high-level strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and organisational development. The department plays a crucial role in decision-making, donor relations, partnerships, and ensuring JAAGO's long-term sustainability.

Fundraising and Grants Management

Fundraising and Grants Management (FnG) identifies funding opportunities, manages grant proposals, and ensures compliance with donor guidelines. It collaborates with project and finance teams for budgeting and resource allocation. The department focuses on maintaining donor relations, ensuring transparency, and optimizing funding to achieve organisational goals.

Human Resources

The Human Resources (HR) Department supports employee management through recruitment, training, and compliance with organisational policies. It addresses staff concerns, ensures adherence to anti-harassment and child protection policies, and manages payroll and leave systems. Regular updates to HR policies promote an inclusive and safe work environment, emphasizing transparency and adherence to legal and organisational standards.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation (MEAL) ensures project efficiency through data-driven monitoring, evaluations, and accountability. It supports program improvement by collecting and analyzing data, managing feedback systems, and conducting capacity-building sessions. MEAL collaborates across departments for effective project design, implementation, and reporting, fostering a culture of continuous learning. It assures donor confidence through transparent reporting and adheres to organisational and international standards.

Private Sector Engagement

Private Sector Engagement (PSE) secures funding and partnerships by aligning corporate sponsorships with organisational objectives. It develops project proposals, monitors expenditures, and maintains sponsor relations. PSE collaborates across departments to ensure efficient resource use and transparent reporting, aiming to enhance donor trust and long-term partnership.

Project Implementation Team

Project Implementation Team (PIT) executes donor-funded social development projects focusing on education, gender equality, and youth empowerment. It ensures project alignment with donor objectives, oversees budgeting and resource allocation, and maintains compliance. Collaboration with other departments ensures successful project execution and impact reporting.

Youth Development Program

Youth Development Program (YDP) at JAAGO Foundation empowers youth through dynamic volunteer management, impactful program implementation, and leadership development. By recruiting and training volunteers across 64 districts, YDP enables youth to lead initiatives addressing education, health, climate action, and gender equality. The department designs and executes community-driven projects, allocates resources efficiently, and organizes events like debates and workshops to foster civic engagement. Through skill-building sessions, YDP enhances employability, advocacy, and leadership among young participants. Additionally, the program collaborates with government bodies, NGOs, and community organisations to mobilize resources, advocate for youth-focused issues, and amplify the impact of campaigns via social media and community outreach.

ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

JAAGO Foundation is deeply committed to ethical practices and compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements. We have implemented policies and systems to ensure transparency, uphold integrity, and foster accountability throughout the organisation. These policies cover areas such as:



Human Resource Policies (e.g., recruitment, Payroll and increment policy, leave, and Training and development Policy)



Child Protection Policy (ensuring child safety and well-being)



Financial and Procurement Policies (guidelines on budgeting, expenses, and procurement)



Code of Conduct (standards for ethical behavior and professionalism)



Safeguarding Policies (Safeguarding Policy, PSEA (Prevention from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy)



Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Policy (Prevents fraudulent activities and ensures transparency)



Whistleblowing Policy (Protects individuals who report misconduct or unethical behavior)

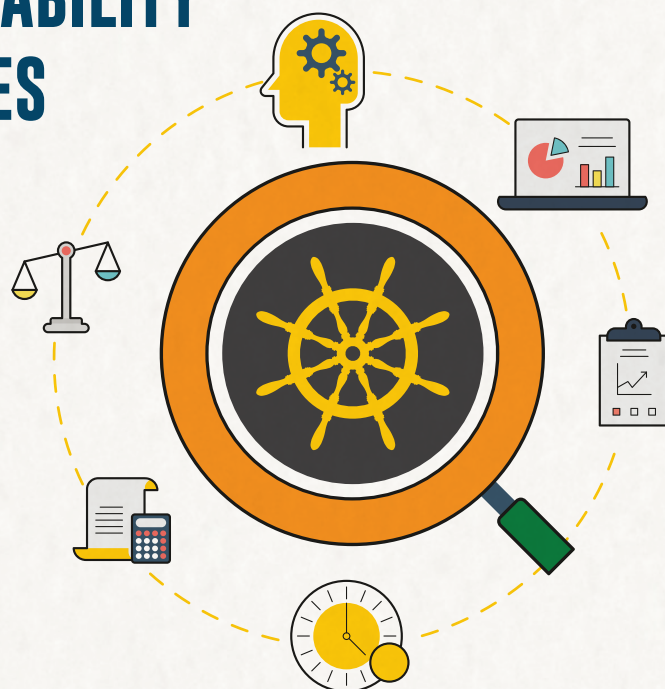


IT and Data Protection Policy (Ensures secure handling of information and technology use)



Gender Equality and Inclusion Policy (Promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in all operations)

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES



At JAAGO, transparency and accountability are not just values; they are integral to how we operate. Our commitment to openness builds trust with stakeholders, including beneficiaries, donors, and partners.

Annual Financial Statements

Each year, JAAGO publishes audited financial statements, ensuring full transparency regarding our revenue, expenditures, and financial position. Our financial practices comply with international accounting standards, and we engage reputable external auditors to verify our records.

Annual Impact Reports

In addition to financial transparency, JAAGO publishes an Annual Impact Report that details the achievements, challenges, and progress of our programs. This report is publicly accessible and provides stakeholders with a clear understanding of our impact.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

JAAGO employs a robust M&E framework to assess program outcomes, efficiency,

and alignment with organisational goals. Regular evaluations help us identify areas for improvement and ensure that we remain accountable to our mission.

Internal Controls and Risk Management

JAAGO has implemented strong internal controls to manage risks, prevent fraud, and safeguard assets. Our Audit and Risk Committee oversees these controls quarterly, conducting regular assessments and audits to identify potential risks and mitigate them effectively. An external consultancy firm is recruited to ensure these.

Data Privacy and Protection

JAAGO prioritises the privacy and protection of data related to beneficiaries, donors, and staff. Our data protection policies comply with international standards, ensuring that all personal information is handled responsibly.

GOVERNANCE IN PRACTICE: BOARD AND STAFF ENGAGEMENT



To foster a culture of accountability and shared responsibility, JAAGO's board members and leadership regularly engage with staff and field teams.

Quarterly Board Meetings

The board meets quarterly to review organisational performance, discuss strategic priorities, and provide guidance on programmatic and operational matters.

Founder's Meet

JAAGO organises a monthly Founder's Meet where all employees gather to discuss

successes, challenges, and new strategies. This forum promotes open communication, celebrates achievements, and strengthens organisational unity.

Site Visits

Senior management conduct regular site visits to monitor program implementation, engage with local communities, and gain firsthand insights into JAAGO's impact.

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF LEARNING AND INNOVATION

Training and Capacity Building

In 2023, JAAGO provided professional development opportunities for employees, including workshops on digital learning, skill building, gender sensitivity, and climate resilience.

Stakeholder Engagement

Feedback mechanisms involving beneficiaries ensures that JAAGO's interventions are responsive, practical and community-centered.

Technological Integration

JAAGO employs cutting-edge tools such as integrating latest softwares and AI-powered analytics to streamline work processes.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Introduction to Financial Transparency

JAAGO Foundation is committed to financial transparency and prudent resource management. Our financial practices reflect our dedication to ethical standards, accountability, and the efficient use of funds to maximise impact. This section provides an overview of JAAGO's financial performance for the year 2023-2024, summarising revenue sources, expenditure, and allocations. Our financial records are audited by external professionals to ensure accuracy and compliance with international standards.

- **MANAGEMENT'S REPORT**
- **AUDIT REPORT**
- **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

(PROVIDED BY THE AUDITOR)

JAAGO Foundation's financial statements have been audited by [Auditor Name/Organisation], who provided an unqualified (clean) opinion on our financial records. This assessment underscores JAAGO's commitment to transparency, accountability, and compliance with international financial standards.

Key Findings:

- No material misstatements or discrepancies were found in the financial records.
- All revenue and expenditure accounts were handled in accordance with the approved budget and organisational policies.

Recommendations:

The auditors have recommended ongoing training for JAAGO's financial team to ensure continued adherence to best practices and evolving financial regulations.

Revenue Sources:

JAAGO's funding comes from a diverse array of sources, including grants, donations, corporate partnerships, and in-kind contributions. Our diversified funding model strengthens our financial resilience, enabling us to sustainably expand our programs and adapt to changing needs.

Grants:

- Grants from institutional donors like USAID, FCDO, Malala Fund, US Embassy Dhaka, Embassy of the Netherlands, Embassy of the New Zealand have enabled the implementation of large-scale programs in education, youth empowerment, and climate resilience.
- Total Grant Income: BDT (Specify amount)

Individual Donations:

- JAAGO's Sponsor a Child Program allows individual donors to support children's education, contributing significantly to our educational initiatives. JAAGO also receives one time donations from individuals and organisations for the betterment of children from underserved communities.
- Corporate Partnerships:
- Contributions from corporate partners, such as Standard Chartered Bank, MBM, Shanta Holdings, Orion Group, Softex, Palmal Group, Tiktok have funded various initiatives, including digital literacy campaigns and skill-building programs beside our Digital School Program.

In-Kind Contributions:

In-kind donations, such as educational materials, technology, and volunteer support, further extend our impact and reduce operational costs.

Contribution to the Government Exchequer:

In 2023-2024, JAAGO contributed BDT (Specify amount) to the Bangladesh Government Exchequer in the form of taxes, social security payments, and other financial obligations. This contribution reflects JAAGO's commitment to supporting national development and fostering a responsible organisational culture.

Five-Year Financial Summary:

To illustrate JAAGO's financial growth and sustainability over time, here is a five-year overview of revenue, expenditure, and programmatic investments.

AUDIT REPORT

JAAGO Foundation Trust

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
for the period from 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To

The Management Committee of JAAGO Foundation Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of JAAGO Foundation Trust, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024, the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of JAAGO Foundation Trust, as at 30 June 2024, and (of) its financial performance and its Receipts & Payments for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with applicable laws and regulations

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standard Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA code and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) by Laws. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Management's Responsibilities Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and others applicable laws & regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization/Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report



that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Firm's Name
Firm's Registration No.

S. F. Ahmed & Co., Chartered Accountants
10898 E.P, under Partnership Act 1932

Signature

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Engagement Partner Name

: Md. Enamul Haque Choudhury, FCA, Senior Partner

DVC Number

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Date

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JAAGO Foundation Trust

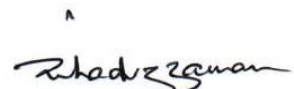
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2024

	Note	Amount in Taka	
		30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
Assets:			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	1,412,311	1,899,314
Intangible Assets		-	-
		1,412,311	1,899,314
Current Assets:			
Receivables From Donor	5	4,799,778	626,405
Receivable From Trustee	6	429,499	-
Project Advances	7	-	3,745,286
Cash & Cash Equivalent	8	77,846,047	35,523,335
		83,075,324	39,895,026
Total Assets		84,487,635	41,794,340
Capital Fund & Liabilities:			
Fund			
Fund to be Utilized	9	77,846,048	38,469,856
		77,846,048	38,469,856
Current Liabilities			
Payable to the Donor	10	-	708,764
Deferred Income - Investment in PPE	4	1,412,311	1,899,314
Loan Payables to Other Projects	11	4,182,907	626,405
Provision of Expenses/ Accruals Expenses	12	1,046,370	90,000
		6,641,587	3,324,484
Total Capital Fund and Liabilities		84,487,635	41,794,340

Accompanying notes form part of this financial statement and are to be read in conjunction therewith.



Chairman



General Secretary

Signed in terms of our annexed report of even date

Dated, Dhaka;
15 October 2024



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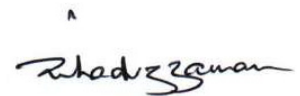
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Amount in Taka	
		01 July 2023 to	01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
Income:			
Grants Income	13	229,283,485	110,657,355
Total Income		229,283,485	110,657,355
Expenditure:	14	62,857,745	55,724,371
Personnel Cost	15	55,027	577,615
Maintenance Costs	16	2,130,086	3,023,683
Teaching Support	17	60,959,293	39,347,322
Other Program Direct Cost	18	12,391,157	9,384,967
Project Operational Costs	19	16,042,820	2,599,397
General and Administrative Expenses	Annexure-C	74,847,357	-
Expenditures for Project EP			
Total Expenditure		229,283,485	110,657,355
Excess/ (Deficit) of income Over Expenditure			
Total		229,283,485	110,657,355

The annexed notes from an integral part of these Financial Statements



Chairman



General Secretary

Signed as per our annex report of same date.

Dated, Dhaka;
15 October 2024



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JAAGO Foundation Trust

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Particulars	JAAGO Foundation Trust	USAID Biyoyee Activity	Safe Now Campaign: Youth Mobilization and engagement in Rajshahi	Shomday Tarunno	Alternative Climate Adaptive Livelihood for the Vulnerable Communities	Educate the Most Dis-advantaged Children	Enable young people in Bangladesh to engage in, influence and co-create opportunities for youth as they relate to GenU's Agenda and Skilled Futures: Enhancing the Abilities of Youth in Bangladesh	Shorper Sharohi (Girls Education and Skills Partner-ship)	Youth For Change Phase-2	Odmmo-Op-erating Diversified Opportunities in Mass-Mitigation of Obstacles of Girls Education	The Project for Career Devel-opment Training for University Students	Continuing Education of Under-privileged Children-3	(GGHSP), Embassy of Japan	Notes	Amount in Taka	
															01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
Opening Balance:																
Cash in Hand	16,775,441	-	-	-	-	19,036	3,681	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	52,717	-
Cash at Bank	-	-	-	-	-	689,728	6,830,446	-	-	1,403,574	3,132,854	6,638,265	310	-	35,470,618	23,804,612
Total	16,775,441	-	-	-	-	708,764	6,834,127	-	-	1,403,574	3,162,854	6,638,265	310	-	35,523,335	23,804,612
Receipts:																
Fund Receipts																
Trustee Contribution	7,506,606	45,857,798	3,004,873	13,765,678	-	38,848,847	33,311,328	44,275,852	6,901,500	6,817,470	-	93,823,600	-	-	294,113,552	134,135,920
Loan From Other Project	309,990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309,990	-
Loan From Other Project JFT Mother A/C	227,672	-	-	-	79,607	19,381	354,418	-	3,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	4,181,078	-
Loan Refund From Other Project	229,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229,500	-
Bank Interest	-	7,678	-	113,486	-	-	-	66,012	-	8,568	-	1,753,755	-	-	1,762,323	-
Total Receipts	8,273,768	45,865,476	3,004,873	13,879,164	79,607	38,868,228	33,665,746	44,341,864	10,401,500	6,826,038	-	95,577,355	-	-	300,783,619	134,135,920
Total	25,049,209	45,865,476	3,004,873	13,879,164	79,607	39,576,992	40,499,873	44,341,864	10,401,500	8,229,612	3,162,854	102,215,620	310	-	336,306,953	157,940,532
Payments:																
Payment/Expenditures for Project EP																
Payment to Other Project	16,775,441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,847,357	-
Personnel Cost	3,163	16,512,323	379,694	4,481,817	43,307	23,204,937	6,618,003	7,140,529	1,690,598	2783,374	-	-	-	-	14	3,745,285
Maintenance Costs	-	13,027	-	-	-	42,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	55,724,371
Teaching Support	-	-	-	-	-	2,130,086	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	577,615
Other Program Direct Costs	282,421	8,797,820	2,402,596	1,675,000	-	4,142,261	20,616,502	13,324,057	6,409,105	2,433,815	858,346	-	-	-	17	3,023,683
Project Operational Costs	256,500	1,436,941	-	1,107,000	-	1,533,008	5,052,267	2,509,953	77,350	276,198	141,940	-	-	-	18	39,347,322
General and Administrative Expsns.	199,161	5,458,288	222,583	419,626	-	4,005,119	3,022,585	745,178	8,000	407,587	38,690	-	-	-	18	9,384,967
Loan to Other Project	682,906	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500,000	-	-	20	14,526,817
Advance Payment	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,559,397
Refund to Donor	-	-	-	-	-	3,088,487	3,662,882	2,992,580	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	-
Total Payments	18,199,592	32,218,398	3,004,873	7,683,443	43,307	38,154,398	38,972,239	26,712,297	8,185,053	5,900,974	1,038,976	78,347,357	-	-	258,460,907	122,417,197
Closing Balance:																
Cash in Hand	43,190	8,700	-	115,400	36,300	5,599	85,334	56,396	18,131	128,839	-	-	-	-	497,890	52,717
Cash at Bank	6,806,427	13,638,377	-	6,080,321	-	1,416,995	1,442,300	17,573,170	2,198,316	2,199,799	2,123,878	23,868,263	310	-	77,348,156	35,470,618
Total	6,849,617	13,647,078	-	6,195,721	36,300	1,422,594	1,527,634	17,629,566	2,216,447	2,328,638	2,123,878	23,868,263	310	-	77,846,046	35,523,335
Total	25,049,209	45,865,476	3,004,873	13,879,164	79,607	39,576,992	40,499,873	44,341,864	10,401,500	8,229,612	3,162,854	102,215,620	310	-	336,306,953	157,940,532

The annexed notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.


Chairman


General Secretary

Signed as per our annex report of same date.



Dated, Dhaka;
15 October 2024

Md. Enamul Haque Choudhury, FCA
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JAAGO Foundation Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Background of the Organization:

JAAGO Foundation Trust is a Non-Govt. Organization. JAAGO Foundation Trust was established in 2016 and made its deed of trust ("The Trust") on May 04, 2016. Under the bearing registration number 3229 JAAGO Foundation Trust registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau Shall abide by all the provisions of the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act, 2016, and the circulars issued by the government. Unless otherwise it is canceled, the certificate shall remain valid for 10 consecutive years from 31/12/2019 to 30/12/2029.

JAAGO Foundation Trust is a non-government organization based in Bangladesh committed to eliminating poverty through education and improving lives across a dynamic and developing Bangladesh. JAAGO is working to bring about substantial improvement in the lives of underprivileged children and youth living in poverty, illiteracy, and social inequality through quality education and youth empowerment. Influenced by the new development paradigm, which puts people before things, JAAGO follows an inclusive participatory approach in every sphere of its work. Repudiating the traditional approach to alleviating poverty, JAAGO adopted a self-help, self-sustainable method through community involvement and the formation of youth and or volunteer groups in remote rural areas of Bangladesh. JAAGO Foundation Trust envisions a society free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination where every child has the opportunity for education and youth can realize their potential.

2. Objectives of the Organization:

- To work with socially disadvantaged people, particularly with an emphasis on underprivileged children.
- To reduce the level of poverty through providing quality education in line with SDGs, Goal: 4.
- To ensure the physical and emotional development of the kids as well as to provide sustainable sources of income to the parents of the students of JAAGO.
- To rebuild the nation through empowering the youth with leadership.
- To contribute to the social mobility and development process in the country.

3. Significant accounting policies & other material information:

3.1 Basis of Accounting and Measurement

JAAGO Foundation Trust (JFT) prepares its financial statements on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). JFT follows the accrual basis of accounting (except for grants on a cash basis).

JAAGO Foundation Trust processes its accounting data in a systematic way ensuring required control. It receives grants from different donors through a bank account (mother account). Then funds are transferred to the related programs/project accounts. Transactions are recorded in the systems on a daily basis and vouchers, ledgers, trial balances, and financial statements are produced on a periodical basis. Head office general fund accounts and other project accounts are also maintained in the accounting (Zoho Book) software system.

3.2 Grant Income and Grants Accounting/ Income Statements & Expenditures

The grant income has been considered based on (IAS 20 - Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance). A government grant is recognized only when there is reasonable assurance that (a) the entity will comply with any conditions attached to the grant and (b) the grant will be received. [IAS 20.7]

Statement of Income & Expenditures has been prepared based on (IAS 20 -Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance). The grant is recognized as income over the period necessary to match them with the related costs, for which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. [IAS 20.12]

3.3 Basis of presentation of financial statements

The financial statements have been presented in accordance with IAS-1.

3.4 Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation is charged on Property, Plant, and Equipment on the Diminishing Balance Method at rates as follows:

Name of Assets	Rates
Office Equipment	25%
Air Conditioner	25%
Furniture & Fixture	20%
Motor Vehicle	20%
Building	5%
Computer & related equipment	33%
Library book	20%

Note: Fixed assets (Motor Vehicle) depreciation has been charged based on the 3rd schedule of the Income Tax Act 2023.

3.5 Provision and Accruals

Provisions for liabilities are recognized in accordance with IAS 37 when JAAGO Foundation Trust has a present obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the best current estimate. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation.

Accruals are liabilities to pay for goods or services that have been received or supplied but have not been paid, invoiced or formally agreed with the supplier, including amounts due to employees. Accruals are reported as part of trade/vendor payables and others.

3.6 Taxation

Presentation of the financial statements has been made in accordance with IAS-1. In accordance with the existing Income Tax rules, all NGOs working in Bangladesh are assessable entities and submission of Income Tax returns is mandatory whether the income of any NGO for any year is taxable or not which is to be decided only after regular assessment to be made by the assessing authority and JAAGO Foundation Trust fully comply the guidelines of Tax and VAT for all the transactions. JAAGO Foundation Trust deducts Tax and VAT where applicable and duly deposits the same to the government treasury.

3.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of receipts and payments comprise cash and bank balance

3.8 Components of Financial Statements

- Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2024.
- Statement of Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended June 30, 2024.

- Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended June 30, 2024.
- Notes to the Financial Statements as of and for the year ended 30 June 2024.

3.9 Reporting period

These financial statements covered one calendar year from 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

3.10 General

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest Taka.

3.11 Prevention of Fraud / Money Laundering

JAAGO Foundation Trust fully complies with the guidelines for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing for all transactions. JAAGO Foundation Trust makes payments through bank transfers and A/C payee cheques. Any transfer above taka 10,000.00 is made through a banking transfer or cheque payment.

JAAGO Foundation Trust

Schedule of Property, Plant & Equipment
As at 30 June 2024

4. Property, Plant & Equipment

Name of assets	Cost				Rate (%)	Depreciation				Written down value as on 30 June 2024
	Balance as on 01 July 2023	Addition during the year	Disposal / Adjustment during the year	Balance as on 30 June 2024		Balance as on 01 July 2023	Charged during the year	Disposal / Adjustment during the year	Balance as on 30 June 2024	
School Bus {(GGHSP), Embassy of Japan}	2,435,017	-	-	2,435,017	20%	535,703	487,003	-	1,022,706	1,412,311
Total 30 June 2024	2,435,017	-	-	2,435,017		535,703	487,003	-	1,022,706	1,412,311
Total 30 June 2023	2,435,017	-	-	2,435,017		60,875	474,828	-	535,703	1,899,314

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023

Korvi Rakshand, founder of JAAGO Foundation, has been honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 in the Emergent Leadership category on August 31, 2023. It is often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Asia," the award recognizes exceptional contributions in various fields, from public service to social innovation.

Commonwealth Points of Light Award 2021

Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II, as Head of the Commonwealth, named Korvi Rakshand as the 181st Commonwealth Point of Light in recognition of his extraordinary initiatives to engage the youth of Bangladesh in volunteering on May 21st, 2021. Points of Light recognizes outstanding individual volunteers in 54 Commonwealth nations – people who make a difference in their communities.



UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Award 2016

JAAGO Foundation was acknowledged with the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Award for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Education in 2016. The award was handed over to Mr. Rakshand by Ms. Irina Bokova- Director General, UNESCO at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. It was the first time that a Bangladeshi organization got recognized by UNESCO.



Global Development Network 2015

In 2015, Mr. Korvi Rakshand received an award organized by the Global Development Network from the Japanese Ministry of Finance for the concept of Online Schooling being the "Most Innovative Development Project" of that year.

Asia 21 Young Leaders by Asia Society 2015

Korvi Rakshand was selected as Asia 21 Young Leaders by Asia Society, the preeminent network of young leaders from across the Asia Pacific, representing the private, public, and nonprofit sectors.



Mosaic Award Talent 2010

In 2010, HRH King Charles awarded Mr. Korvi Rakshand with the Mosaic International Award for his work at the JAAGO Foundation towards the underprivileged children of Bangladesh. This award was handed over to Mr. Rakshand by HRH Princess of Jordan, Princess Badiyabint El Hassan.

JAAGO Foundation has won the Mosaic International Award for its work to benefit underprivileged Bangladeshi children. The award was presented to Mr. Rakshand by HRH Princess Badiyabint El Hassan of Jordan.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

As we close the pages of this year's Annual Report, we find ourselves reflecting not just on accomplishments, numbers, or milestones—but on the people. Every story of hope, every empowered child, every resilient community we've reached, stands as a testament to your undying belief in the power of change.

From the humble beginnings of 17 children to now ensuring access to education for over 30,000 learners, from engaging 40 youth to now mobilizing 55,000 passionate volunteers across 64 districts to, JAAGO Foundation's journey has never been one we traveled alone. It has been a shared voyage, powered by compassion, generosity, and collective action.

To all our sponsors, donors, and partners, your trust and commitment have made the impossible possible. Your support has enabled access to quality education, helped protect women's rights, shaped climate-resilient livelihoods, provided digital skills, raised menstrual health

awareness, and created platforms for civic engagement. .

To the educators, facilitators, colleagues and youth coordinators, you have carried JAAGO's vision into the most remote corners of the country. Your sincere dedication continues to nurture dignity, inclusion, and opportunity in every lesson taught, every home visited, and every life touched.

And to our beneficiaries, our children, youth, and community members, thank you for placing your trust in us. Your resilience, growth, and dreams remind us why we do what we do.

Together, we have not only empowered lives, we have laid the groundwork for sustainable futures. Thank you for being part of the JAAGO story. We look ahead with hope, purpose, and the unshakable belief that together, we will continue to build a more just, inclusive, and equitable Bangladesh.

With deepest gratitude,
JAAGO Foundation Trust

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