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Brief description of the organization:

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- Web:** www.sbfbd.org
- Year of establishment** : July 1995.
- Legitimacy of the organization** : The organization is registered with Social Welfare Department & NGO Affairs Bureau, Bangladesh.
- A. Social Welfare Dept : Vide no. 153/98, 12/2/1998
- B NGO A. Bureau: Vide no : 2550, 11/03/2010 Renew: Up to 20 March, 2030
PADOR : BD-2010-DGH-1806039794
- b. **Contact person of the organization and address:**
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- c. **Vision:** Work to build an eco-friendly, health conscious and equal opportunity based society where Social justice and safe livelihood ensured.
- Mission:** Help to have a safe & quality of life of the backwards, poor &vulnerable population through increasing awareness and capacity development alongside ensuring their active participation and involvement in socio- economic ingredients, facilities and opportunities.
- d. **Goal and objectives of the organization:** Goal and major objectives are summarized below -
- Goal:** Socio-economic development of the underprivileged through Human Resource development activities and work for the humanity for a safe and fear free and eco-friendly environment.

Objectives:

- The organization works for strengthening democracy and good governance. Hence, it strengthens networking with local government department through advocacy, networking, discussion and sharing of ideas.
- The organization gives all-out support to the vulnerable women and children, people and children with disabilities, marginalized communities with regard to beliefs & culture to let them have and enjoy their basic needs in the target areas. It particularly keeps in tracks of reducing women and child trafficking at highly trafficking prone zones.
- Develop awareness on WASH of the community people through involving them in participatory safe water, health and sanitation facilities including raising awareness and perception on HIV/AIDS and MCH facilities.
- Promotion awareness on land rights and relevant laws among the landless, poor and unconscious community.
- Promote sustainable agriculture and food security with fostering farmers' rights and strengthening adaptation capacity going on with rigorous climate change.
- Promote child & youth friendly environment with safeguarding child rights in everywhere giving focus on education, safety & security and physical & mental development including the provision of child friendly vocational training.
- Improve the livelihood of the destitute women & girls involving them with different forms of income generating activities including credit facilities and linkage with others service providers.
- Launch awareness raising movement in protection and preserving environment free from pollution and save the natural & public resources.
- Create opportunities for recreational facilities for the poor and vulnerable women, Girls and children of the poor community of the society.
- Promote community initiatives to protect women & girls from any forms of violence having.
- Promoting citizens' rights.

Executive Committee of the organization:

Sl #	Name	Designation	Sex	Occupation
1	Sheik Ataul Haque Zehad	President	Male	Private Service
2	Rashed Sattar Toru	Vice president	Male	Professor
3	Shibu Pada Biswas	General Sec.	Male	Social activist
4	Smriti Biswas	Joint Sec.	Female	Development activist
5	Elyus Hossain	Treasurer	Male	Businessman
6	Pankaj Kumar Shaha	Member	Male	Professor
7	Chanchal Mukherjee	Member	Male	Advocate
8	Shashanka Kumar Sana	Member	Male	Teaching
9	Kazal Rekha	Member	Female	House wife

Project Area

District	Upazila	Union	Pourashova	Village
Jhenaidah	Jhenaidah Sadar	4	1	89
	Kaligonj	11	1	208
	Kotchandpur	1	1	10
	Moheshpur	12	1	08
	Sailkupa	08	1	08
Magura	Magura Sadar	02	1	25
Khulna	Paikgasa	05	1	106
	Batiaghata	01	1	17
Faridpur	Salta	08	0	21
04	09	52	8	582

Major Running project and Activities:

- Water Use Efficient Agriculture Practice (WEAP)- Project;
- Strengthening and Follow up of PLDP Approach in Bangladesh;
- Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Programme;
- Promoting and Protecting Rights of the Working Children (PPRWC);
- Maternity Allowance for the Poor pregnant and Lactating Mother-Programme;
- Health, safe water option , HIV/AIDS &MCH;
- Women and Child right;
- Health, education, rehabilitation for the person with disabilities.
- Mother and Children Health and Nutrition-Project.
- Less- water Irrigation Practice in Agriculture, an Adaptation to impact of Climate Change (LIP-CCA)

Social Development Activities:

- Group formation and awareness build up thorough group.
- Sustainable Agriculture;
- Water resource management;
- Vulnerable Women Development (VGD);
- Health & Hygiene for the mother and Child;
- Awareness on HIV &AIDS;
- Awareness and prevention of trafficking;
- Legal awareness with legal aid for the poor and destitute;
- Promoting safe work for the children with worst forms of works;
- Community based arsenic mitigation;
- International and national day's celebration.
- Social Tree Plantation.

01: Water Use Efficient Agriculture Practice (WEAP)- Project;

Sonar Bangla Foundation (SBF) is implementing the 'Water use Efficient Agriculture Practice (WEAP)'-project with the support from Share the Planet Association, Japan and Japan Fund for Global Environment (JFGE). The project is being implemented at 20 villages of 1 no Sudarpur-Durgapur Union and 4 no Niyamot Union and these Unions are in the Kaligonj Upazila of Jhenaidah district. Through the project Sonar Bangla Foundation(SBF) is stepping up with actions for developing capacity of 300 target farmers to devise an alternative policy option and to make the farmers resilient to climate change and adaptation (CCA) actions as well. The core aim of the project is to reduce the use of ground water by creating catchment area/small watershed in the target farmers' field so as to help farmers increase the use of surface water for Paddy thereby increased soil moisture retention capacity favors growing of multiple crops at farmers' field. It can briefly be explained that the farming approach can integrate diversified cropping pattern in the medium highland with the increased soil moisture retention

capacity in general, and an integration of fast growing fishes with paddy in the lowland, in particular, during the rainy and autumn season will bring additional economic return and access to animal proteins and minerals to the diet of the farming households. To make the approach fulfill, SBF plans to consider both medium- high and low land for such integration by twisting both the options; either a farmer can personally go on the



intervention for his own or they can form a group of individuals as well. On medium highland, the target farmers will follow multiple cropping pattern and at the same cultivate chemical free vegetables/organic food stuff on their field levies (ails) of low land as nutrition supplements. As such, the project wants to provide farmers with appropriate training on Water-use Efficient Agriculture Practice, necessary technical information, technological knowledge on how to produce& use of the organic fertilizers and bio-pesticide alongside the production& preservation of the quality crop seeds to encourage farmers in multiple cropping. As the process goes on and on, these actions will ultimately help reducing farmers' common practice of Water-use **Intensive** Agriculture thereby reduction of cost of production (by lessening high-input agriculture like fertilizers, pesticide etc.) through eco-friendly agronomic practice, and make use of timely available of quality crop seeds at farmers' reach help promoting awareness and protection of environment as well.

Goal of the WEAP project:

To promote farmers' adaptive Water-use Efficient Agriculture Practice aiming to develop a replicable model in the long run to secure food and environmental sustainability in the locality.

Major Activities of the WEAP-project:

1. Identify and form farmers Group at village, Union with their Apex at Upazilla and conduct project inception meeting with different stakeholders and beneficiaries;
2. Organize various trainings and field days and small support services to develop capacity of the target farmers on WEAP;
3. Target farmers and stakeholders introduce about the WEAP-project;
4. To develop a Network of farmers for voice raising and to promote WEAP in the locality;
5. Conduct progress review for consultation and End line survey for value judgment.

Achievements of the WEAP project for the reporting period:

In the reporting period there are progress come through successfully implementation of the devised project activities that have been articulated either as the qualitative achievements or quantitative achievements. In the meantime project's leaflet developed and printed. All the 20 farmers' groups formed, 300 farmers have already been oriented with the WEAP- project, all the targeted farmers are being organized to claim their rights and having the legal price of their products, and draft questionnaire for the base line survey has been developed, project inception meeting at Union level successfully organized. In below the progress are shown making it segregated as qualitative and quantitative perspectives.

a) Qualitative achievements:

- Targeted beneficiaries have been received a clear and concrete idea about the WEAP project and showing their eagerness to be affiliated with the WEAP project;
- Relevant project key stakeholders have been informed about the ins and outs of the WEAP project through project inception meeting and personal communication.
- Positive and encouraging commitment and compliments received from the respective stakeholders and undoubtedly their earnest cooperation will pave the way for successful implementing of the project activities within the time frame;
- A formal beginning of the WEAP project done.

Learnings:

Farmers are bearing the concrete knowledge about the global climate change and seeking something/ technology that is farmers' friendly, health friendly and above all profitable to farmers.

2: Strengthening and Follow up of PLDP Approach in Bangladesh:

The PLDP project is being implemented with a set of aims these are-to make the farmers self-reliant through making them capacitated about agro-technology and being adapted with the changing climate change.; to make the targeted farmers acquainted with the most recent agro technologies and how can they be associated



with these technologies. Another important point under PLDP project is that through the project the future generation is being received direct and inner knowledge about the agriculture and agro technologies.

Activities:

- Arrange Seed Fair at local level;
- Workshop with project stakeholders and beneficiaries;
- Meeting and training for the farmers,
- Gathering with children for sharing agro-information both practically and theoretically.

3. Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Programme

In Bangladesh 50% population is women and putting contribution in progressing the country through active participation in different sectors. But due to different types of social, political and economic constraints & problems all women are not getting the same opportunity and remaining behind to others or being dependent or subjugated to men. But Bangladesh government is very conscious very conscious about the issue and implementing different project/ program for mainstreaming the women who are still stay behind. VGD program is the like one. The core objectives of the VGD program are the following:

To make positive change in livelihood of Ultra 2382 poor women with attention to further deterioration of living condition

Activities: Identify and selecting the poor and vulnerable women, Forming group with these poor women, Arrange regular meeting with these groups, To motivate them for saving, to let them know about their rights.

Achievements: In the meantime 1382 ultra-poor women have identified and received VGD Card and received life skill based education (health, Hygiene and sanitation).

4: Promoting and Protecting Rights of the Working Children (PPRWC)

"Promoting and Protecting Rights of the Working Children (PPRWC)" has been operated in Jhenaidah and Magura districts under the support from MJF since 2007. Recently the donor support is not available but SBF keep the project continue with its own at limited areas. The core concerns of the project is to save working children who are involved with different types of worst forms of works including to promote the child rights at home and surrounding areas where they have common access. **The overall goal of the project is to help the children getting equal right of enjoying basic human needs and mainstreaming in the society with social activation through sensitization and mobilization.** In below some cumulative achievements are shown that come through the project intervention:



Figure 5: Children who are receiving different forms of services through Stop Over home and passing a quality of time.

Achievements:

- More than 3000 children have been received PSS supports through SOH;
- 1610 children have been mainstreamed and taken admission in different educational institutions;
- A majority among the targeted children have been aware about their constitutional rights;
- Guardians have been aware and being more responsive to their beloved child/ren;
- Employers of the working children have been aware about the child rights and behaving well with the working children and giving facilities to go to school or SOH;
- Local influential personnel also become responsible being aware about the child rights;



5. Maternity Allowance for the Poor pregnant and Lactating Mother-Programme

Bangladesh is progressing and moving forward to be a developed country by 2041. To meet the goal we need the balanced development in every sectors. In Bangladesh 24.3% people are living under poverty line and extreme poverty rate among them is 12.9% according to BBS data, 2023. So to have a healthy future generation we need to take care to the pregnant and lactating mothers. Like others But Bangladesh government is very conscious very conscious about the issue and implementing different project/ program for the pregnant and lactating mothers for having a healthy generation for the coming future. Maternity Allowance program is the like one. The core objectives of the Maternity Allowance program are the following:

To reduce the maternal mortality and child mortality among the poor through creating health awareness and running health camp in local level.

Activities: To help the Women affairs dept. to identify & selecting pregnant and lactating mother among the poor. To facilitate them to have the maternity allowance; To make aware about the nutrition and the necessity and usefulness of nutrient foods during pregnancy and lactating period.

Achievements: Pregnant mother and the family members have been aware about the nutrient foods during pregnancy. They have also been received clear perception about the importance of lactating to her child. Moreover they have been have the clear messages about the family planning, EPI, harmful effects of child marriage, marriage with dowry.

6. Health, safe water option , HIV/AIDS &MCH

Around the globe HIV-AIDS is termed as a world wide and growing concern. Still today there is no treatment to be cured from this terrible disease. As there is no specific vaccine or medicine for the HIV AIDS positive persons, only awareness remain us safe from this infectious diseases. SBF in its own fund is carrying out the awareness raising activities to remain safe of the common people from being positive HIV-AIDS. The objective of the disease is-

-to make the common people aware the risks of HIV-AIDS

Beyond these SBF is also implementing awareness raising activities about the Health and sanitation for the poor and excluded person who are still lag behind from the so called mainstreaming.

Activities: Awareness raising activities such meeting, session, and distributing IEC materials.

08. Women and Child rights program

Women and child rights program is one of the mostly concern core program of the Sonar Bangla Foundation (SBF). In the context Kaligonj, Jhenaidah, SBF is putting sound role in prevention early marriage alongside any other forms of gender based violence.

Protecting child marriage (ballaya bibaho roadh) and women torture protection.

Activities: prevention and stopping early marriage including taking initiative in prevention and protection

Achievement: we are protecting pre matured marriage to prevent women and child abuse and exploitation and these service is going on.

09: Health, Rehabilitation, Development and Right establishment project for the Disable people

Sonar Bangla Foundation is working with persons with disabilities since its inception either through organization's own fund or through the government/foreign fund. We observed the persons with disabilities used to suffer negligence and mental & physical humiliation and torturing from the family and also from the respective society. We furthered observed every persons with disabilities has to go on with acute poverty and extreme negligence. In Kaligonj UIpazila around 8% people are the persons with disabilities and most of them are the disabled due to health hazards. Beyond this there are a many who are disabled with physically and mentally. The project is being implemented for achieving the following objectives:

- To prepare a list disabled people and make it regular update;
- To make them involve with income generating activities through training and having loan facilities;
- To provide materials for the targeted people and creating an opportunity and favourable environment for the persons with disabilities;
- To make the pregnant mother for reducing the rate /number of persons with disabilities.

Achievements as on the activities on 2018-2018:

Name of Upazila	Survey for having the new Disabled people		Number of Benefitted new Disabled people in the working area			Awareness Meeting with the Pregnant Mother and disabled people		Primary health care Support	Reffered
Kaligonj	Target	Achievement	Men	Women	Children	Target	Achievement	Achievement	Achievement
	2022	2023	136	105	179	25	22	31	07
Total	2022	2023	136	105	179	25	22	31	07

Supporting materials supply for the Disabled People	Health supports	Financial supports	Education Materials	Loan Supports	Admission to School
37	8	46	17	12	25

10: Mother and Children Health and Nutrition-Project.

As a core activities Sonar Bangla Foundation (SBF) is being operated and implemented a set of activities for the development of mother and child's health & nutrition since it inception. General people especially who are living at village are not aware about health and nutrition. They used to show negligence in case of ensuring the timely treatment against their health problems. So, in the long run they have to suffer with acute or chronic health hazards. On the contrary they are not also aware about the necessary food taking (balance diet) for having the need based nutrition for the sound health. Under the said program Sonar Bangla Foundation (SBF) is implementing a set programs for making aware the common people about the health, Hygiene and Nutrition issues. The core objective are the followings:

- To aware the targeted people about mother & child health and nutrition;
- To encourage them to go to doctor in time;
- To make them aware about the food taking for having necessary nutrition;
- To make the mother aware about the prevention of population rising;
- To motivate the mother to ensure the child vaccine duly and timely.

Achievements 2022-23:

Upazila	Number of Unions	Activities	Target	Achievements	Remarks
Kaligonj	9	Awareness Meeting with mothers and general women	25	25	1000 mothers and women have been aware about health & Hygiene and Nutrition and the necessity of timely treatment

Day Observation:

Being complied with International Labor Organization (ILO) Sonar Bangla Foundation has successfully organized the World Day against Child Labor 2023. There were a set of programs successfully executed on behalf of the SBF. There was the rally, Human Chain and Discussion Meeting giving focus of the day's issue. In the rally, human chain and discussion meeting there were the representation of the vulnerable children. Firstly a well decorated rally moved to Kaligonj main Bus station and rounded the cross roads with banner, placard and festoon. Due to holy Ramadan there was no slogan showing due respect to the holy month. After the end of the rally there was organized a human chain aiming at letting more people know about the day's issue. The duration of the human chain was only for 10 minutes. After the ending of the human chain a short duration discussion meeting was arranged at the SBF' Seminar Room. In the discussion meeting there were present Upazila Social Welfare Officer Md. Julfikur Ali as the chief guest and Upazila Rural development Officer Md. Abu Billal Hossen as the special guests. The ED of the SBF was there and presided over the discussion session on for the World Day Against Child Labor. SBF Coordinator M.K.Mondol Mohen facilitated the discussion session with necessary inputs for disseminating valuable messages with regard to World Day Against Child Labor-2018.

Objectives: There were the following objectives for observing the World Day Against Child Labor-2019:

- To observe the day as a way of showing due respect to the child rights;
- To let the children know about the vulnerabilities of the children round the globe and Bangladesh as well;
- To make the children aware about their rights as on the CRC and state laws & policies;
- To present data & information about the child labor in and around Bangladesh;
- To disseminate messages about the child labor among the ordinary people, guardians and employers.



Methodology:

1. Rally;
2. Human Chain and
3. Discussion session.

Coverage Population:

Sl No		Participants	Direct		Total
			Boy/Male	Girl/ Female	
01		Children	25	30	55
02		Adult population	20	15	35
		Total			85

Output:

- Successfully and with festive manner SBF has organized the World day Against the Child Labor -2023;
- There were the spontaneous participation of the children in the day's programs;



- Children who took part to the day's program have had the clear information about the child labor, what are the hazardous works for the children, What would they do at the moment of falling into danger;
- Networking and advocacy have been strengthened with the respective government department.
- Finally SBF showed due respect to the child rights and made a compliance with UN institution (ILO).