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Preface



Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha is going to publish the annual report for 2020-2021. As Chairperson I have watched and observed many activities of the organization very closely. Mukti has been working for the welfare of the people, especially for the rights of poor women and children. Like every year, Mukti is publishing its regular annual report. Which indicates its quality, quantity, dedication, transparency and accountability.

In this greeting, I would like to pray to the Almighty Creator for all those involved in the liberation, especially the beneficiaries, GB, EC, media, donors and local administration.

Ms. Al-Hamra Begum
President
Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha
Kushtia

Greetings speech



I am very happy to be able to write something for the annual report for the year 2020-2021. Publishing the annual report means successfully passing one year. Many pleasant and unfavorable situations for writing a forward for this moment are reflected in my mind. The main goal and purpose of liberation is to create a conducive environment for women and children who have not free from all adversities of the society. Mukti is moving forward with this mission. Mukti works at the grassroots level. Mukti wants to bring a radical change in society and in our mentality. We think we have huge resources and potential. We like to use them. Our patriotism, honesty and hard work can play an important role in changing the current image of Bangladesh stand the world need high. For this we have to work for our country especially for the neglected women and children.

I hope this report will provide all the details of our commitment, professionalism and redemption work.

I would like to thanks our EC, GB, donors, local administration and elite, media, beneficiaries and our dedicated and committed staff who work hard throughout the year and look forward to their cooperation in continuing this activity in the future.

Here I would like to mention that the whole world is suffering from Covid-19. Bangladesh is also a victim of this. We need to do AGM as part of our regular activities in this pandemic situation. We will try to maintain health rules as much as possible. The staff was dedicated to serving the people by working tirelessly in the Corona virus. I wish all those who have actively cooperated in our work process.

Momotaz Ara Begum
Executive Director
Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha
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Executive Summary

Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha is a non-government, non-political and non-profitable voluntary organization which has been working since 1990. Mukti is fully concerned with helpless poor communities and promotes sustainable development by creating opportunities through active participation of the stakeholders and beneficiaries. Its activities has so far been centered round the destitute and distressed people who are the victims of poverty, illiteracy, dowry, fatwa, polygamy, early marriage, domestic violence, illegal divorce and torture in its working area. Mukti's programs are focused on law awareness and provides counseling, legal aid, shelter for the rescued victims, science education, women and child rights, protection child marriage, protect gender based violence, maternal and child health care (MCH), Leprosy, , good governance, health and sanitation development of people, networking and Women Empowerment.

Mukti started its journey with a vision to establish an exploitation-free just society for women, men and children in the area of human rights focusing women and children's rights in creating congenial atmosphere for women development through ensuring good governance and developing skilled human resource with the motto **“Every woman is an equal partner in development”**.

Mukti's philosophy is that sustainable development and change must start at grass-roots level. It is, therefore, focusing its efforts on working with the poor and marginalized people to increase their knowledge and skills so that they themselves can bring a favorable change in the society as a whole.

Mukti has developed 5 years (2020-2025) strategic plan to achieve its specific objectives for the greater interest and welfare of the people of the catchment's area by focusing 4 important strategic issues-

- (1) Protection of rights
- (2) Good governance &
- (3) Livelihood development.
- (4) Human Resource development

An overview of Mukti-Kushtia:

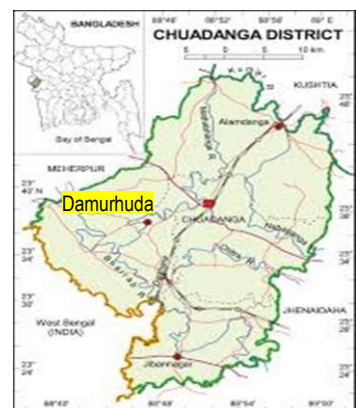
Mukti is a non-profit, non-government and non-political voluntary development organization for encouraging, sponsoring and promoting multi-disciplinary basic and action research aimed at socio-economic development and overall emancipation of women and children. Mukti was established on 1st January 1990 by a group of women academics, researchers, professionals and activists, engaged in research and training to develop pro-women policy planning in Bangladesh. They started by providing skill training to the neglected poor women who are tortured and victims of violence in their family as well as in the society. Gradually Mukti started legal counseling to solve family disputes with a panel of lawyers and trained mediators. Over the past twenty four years, having gained much experience, Mukti has evolved in to a human development organization. Mukti works tirelessly to reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. It works directly with those who are below the poverty line and are suffering from the worst forms of vulnerability. At present Mukti is implementing programs in the following fields. Poverty reduction, Human Rights especially women and child Rights, Science Education, **shelter home support, disaster management** Training, Health & Sanitation, Family planning, Women & adolescent empowerment, Youth development, sustainable agriculture, environmental development, Good Governance Publication and documentation, Cultural development Program, \Protest rally, Day Observation etc.

Mukti's staffs are social workers; they have educational and technological foundations, vast experience at field level, leadership drive and above all dedicated and practical grassroots level experience. Mukti has particular experience in the areas of integrated rural and social development, Counseling, legal aid, Reduced gender based, Women and child rights insure, violence, anti-trafficking intervention, income generation training for disadvantaged people particularly women, mass literacy, Leprosy, family planning, maternal health and child-care sanitation, community development. Mukti's participatory and planned approach to its programs has ensured success.

MAP OF KHULNA DIVISION



MUKTI WORKING AREA



Organizational Profile

Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha, an ideal home of women and children development was established as a Human Rights organization on 1st January 1990 by some courageous, committed, dedicated and hard working women leaders, led by freedom fighter Ms. Momotaz Ara Begum with giving emphasis on “every woman is an equal partner in development” for the comprehensive development of the distressed and under privileged women and children. Mukti started its journey with a vision to establish an exploitation-free just society for women, men and children in the area of human rights focusing women and children’s rights in establishing a congenial atmosphere for women development through ensuring good governance and developing skilled human resource with the partners in development.

“Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha”, widely known as ‘Mukti’.

Vision of the Organization:

To establish an exploitation-free just society for women, men and children.

Goal of the Organization:

To establish human rights focusing women and children's rights and a congenial atmosphere for woman development through ensuring good governance and developing skilled human resource.

Objectives of the Organization:

- to enable people especially women and children to defend their legal and human rights at the local level;
- to increase awareness towards ensuring accountability at the local level decision-making processes and services; and
- To develop human resources and improve livelihood.

Development Philosophy of Mukti

Mukti believes that sustainable development and change must start at/from grass-roots level. It is, therefore, focusing its efforts on working with the poor and marginalized people to increase their knowledge and skills so that they can make their voices heard in society.

Strategic Focus

Mukti has developed 5 years (2016-2020) strategic plan to achieve its specific objectives for the greater interest and welfare of the people of the catchment’s area by focusing 4 important strategic issues:

- 1) Protection of rights*
- 2) Good governance &*
- 3) Livelihood development*
- 4) Human Resource development*

Implementing Strategy:

Mukti adopts a community and target group approach in its development endeavors. It uses a non-directive, bottom-up and participatory development implementation strategy. It organizes poor and marginalized people, mainly poor women and children of homogenous groups through counseling and motivational activities. It also initiates socio-economic programs to alleviate poverty and reduce gender based violence. It encourages active involvement and participation of the beneficiaries in planning, designing, decision-making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of its programs.

Development Strategies are:

- ⇒ Consciousness raising of the poor, particularly of women about their rights;
- ⇒ Providing legal for the poor & distressed women & children;
- ⇒ Mobilizing and organizing the poor into groups to inspire the spirit of self-help and leadership skills;
- ⇒ Promoting socio-economic condition through research work;
- ⇒ Ensure good governance in the working areas;
- ⇒ Making illiterate people functionally literate for confidence building and participating in development activities;
- ⇒ Extending small savings and micro-credit opportunities to the organized group members for self-employment and income generation;
- ⇒ Providing clinical services to mothers and children to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidity;
- ⇒ Providing water and sanitation services at free of cost;
- ⇒ Stimulating the process of sustainable development;
- ⇒ Collaborating with relevant government, national and international development agencies for wide support and cooperation;
- ⇒ Establishment of human rights by reducing domestic violence
- ⇒ Creating awareness leprosy issue and law cast people rights
- ⇒ Creating awareness among the people of border belt areas especially for children and youth for anti-trafficking issues.

Features of the Mukti Project Areas:

- The geographical feature of Mukti's working area is southwestern region of Bangladesh mainly in the districts of Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Dhaka (Savar, Dhamry, Singaire) and Manikgong. It has also planned to expand its working area throughout the region and other parts of Bangladesh.
- The people of the working area of Mukti are mostly illiterate; as a result superstitious practices are still followed. Exploitation and torture of women occur and cases of violence against women and children are frequent. Access to legal advice and the legal system is limited.

Legal Status:

Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha registered and affiliated with concerned Regulatory bodies, stated below:

- a) Registration with Women Affairs Dept. Kushtia No: Kush /14, Date-17/07/1994
- b) NGO Affairs Bureau No.1123 Date-12/01/1997
- c) Department of Youth Development: No. Ju.U.A. Kush 80/ 98-99, Date-20-10-1998
- d) Social Welfare Department of Kushtia: No. Kush /416, Date-29/12/2001
- e) Bangladesh Technical Education Board -BTEB/2002/1813/285: Date-10.03.2002
- f) Joint Stock Company under Society act: No.S-4287 (389)/04, Date-01/12/2004
- g) Micro Credit Regulatory Authority- No. 01028-00279-00362, Date-28/12/08
- h) License for Private Hospital- No. 3038/ Directorate General of Health Services Ordinance, 1982 (Section, 10(4) of ordinance iv of 1982) Date-18-12-2011
- i) PADOR Registration ID : BD-2009-GIO-1406359910
- j) Department of Family Planning Registration No:41, Date- 02-03-2016
- k) UN Economic and Social Counsel member- Date: 08 June,2018

Governing Body:

Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha is being executed bodies two tiers of governing body; 27 (twenty-seven) members General Body and 09 (nine) members Executive Board. It has also a very functional Advisory Council comprising of 5 distinguished personalities who provides deliberated advises as like as a guardian and play active role to guide it the way it should be.

(a) Advisory Council:

Mukti has an Advisory Council comprising of 5 prominent personalities. They are providing needful support to Mukti as a guardian and playing important role to guide for running it in the right track. The members are

1. Dr. Abu Jamil Faisel.
2. Dr. Siddik R Malik.
3. Sultana Alam.
4. Syeda Rejoawana Hasan.
5. Sanaiya Fahim Ansari.

The last advisory council meeting held on 24 March 2019 at Engender Health office, Dhaka. The decision was taken 1. Management should be strong in implementing responsibilities. 2. Participatory strategic plan is to be made.

Life Member:

There is scope to be a life member in the organization paying 15000/- at a time. In the meantime some person has become life member.

General Body:

General Body is the core player in functioning all activities. The number of members in the general body is 27. A general meeting is held once a year.

(b) Executive Board:

Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha has been executing by 9 members Executive Board. Nine (9) meetings of the Executive committee were held in this fiscal year. Besides, before starting any project or new activities everything is approved by EC and emergency meeting also being called if and when required.

The name of the members of the executive body is given below:

Name of Members	Status/Designation	Academic Qualification	Profession
Al-Hamra Begum	President	M.A, B-ED	Teaching
Tulika Nandi	Vice President	M.A , B-ED	Service
MomotazAra Begum	Member Secretary	B.A	Social Service
D. SharmishthaHusai	Treasurer	PHD	Teaching
MahabubulAlam Raton	Member	M.Com	Business
NargisRahman	Member	H.S.C	Social Worker
SelinaAktherAnamika	Member	M.S.S	Service
Md. Hanif Ali	Member	M.Com	Professor (EX)
Adv. Abdur Rashid	Member	MA, L.L.B	Adv.Judge court, Kushtia

(c) Photograph of Executive Board Members:



Alhamra
President



Tullika Nondi
Vice President



Momotaz Ara Bagum
Member-Secretary



D. Sharmishtha Husain
Treasurer



Mahabubul Alam
Member



Selina Akther
Member



Nargis Rahman
Member



Md. Hanif Ali
Member



Adv. Abdur Rashid
Member

Networking with the following Associations/Organizations:

International:

- ↪ ECNET
- ↪ VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas), AA (Advocacy Alliance).
- ↪ VHSS (Voluntary Health Services Society)
- ↪ PHM (People's Health Movement)

National:

- ↪ CAMPE (Camping for Popular Education)
- ↪ BSAF (Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum)
- ↪ STI/AIDS Network
- ↪ SSA-Bangladesh (Society for Sustainable Agriculture)
- ↪ Governance Coalition
- ↪ CDF (Credit & Development Forum)
- ↪ NFOWD (National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled)
- ↪ ADAB (Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh)
- ↪ JNNPF (Jatiyo Nari Nirjaton Protihod Forum)
- ↪ CDD (Center for Disabled Development)
- ↪ NGO Forum
- ↪ ALRD (Association of Land Reform and Development)
- ↪ Manob Adhiker Aingibi Parishad
- ↪ Manob Adhiker Nari Samaj
- ↪ Manob Adhiker Sanrakon Parishad

Regional:

- ↪ Human Rights forum
- ↪ Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Forum
- ↪ Protirodh Anti Trafficking network
- ↪ Kushtia Mohila Forum

Ongoing Projects/Interventions of Mukti:

Completed Projects:

S	Project/Interventions	Partners/ Donor
1	Counseling	Own Source /Bfdw
2	Legal aid	Own Source /Bfdw
3	Shelter Home	Own Source /Bfdw
4	Establishing Women Rights by Reducing Violence Against Women Project-EWRRVW	Bread for the world (BfdW)
5	Enhancing Enabling Environment for Adolescent well-being with an Emphasis on Ending Child Marriage:	UNICEF
6	Strengthening Women's and Girl's Rights and Security Project	Manusher Jonno Foundation(MJF)
7	Strengthening Democracy by Promoting Human Rights Culture in Bangladesh	Ain-O-Salish Kendra,(ASK)
8	Advocacy for Empowerment Project (AEP)	The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh
9	Facilitating for Rights, Entitlements and Empowerment (FREE):	The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh
10	Situation analysis of Human Rights Issues of Burn Survivor women of Bangladesh	Voice and Views
11	Emergency Response to Mitigate COVID-19 Impact on the poor and Marginalized	ECNET
12	Promoting Science Education in Secondary Schools	Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF)
13	Sensitizing the Actors who can be involved in Prevention of Violence against Women at the local level.	UNDP
14	Economic Self-Contained Program, Micro Credit (IGA)	Mukti
15	Health Clinic cum Training Centre	Japan Embassy
16	Momota Ma- O- Shishu Sadan (Shelter Home)	Bread for the world (BfdW) Mukti
17	Safe Drinking Water and sanitation	NGO Forum
18	Disaster Response	ECNET, Bread for the world (BfdW) and Mukti
19	Project Combol	
20	Jatio Nari Nirjaton Potirodh Forum (JNNPF)	Action Aid Bangladesh

Experienced with the following donors/partners:

Sl.	Project/Interventions	Partners/ Donor
1	Adult education program	SNSP
2	Legal Aid for the poor and distressed women	CIDA
3	Vulnerable Group Development (VGD)	WFP
4	Extended Mediation program	Madaripur Legal Aid
5	Adolescents Development program (school)	USCC-B
6	Adult Education program	DNFE
7	Need Assessment on HIV/AIDS	HASAB
8	Woman leadership development	Prip Trust
9	Adult Education, Child Education and Cultural Program	RSDN
10	Disable Development	ADD
11	Relief and Rehabilitation	Prip Trust
12	Combating violence against woman	ADB
13	Increase awareness in human trafficking in target area	British Council
14	Strengthen the local Govt.	VERC
15	Poverty alleviation through participatory group farming approaches	PETRRRA-IRRI
16	Prevention of trafficking	DAM
17	Monitoring the Govt. initiatives to combat violence against women and children	British Council
18	Woman Rights Training and Counseling Project	BDPC
19	Shishu Congress	Resource Bangladesh
20	Mobilization to Create Demand for strong Local Govt. and its Autonomy with Increasing Effective Union Parisad and Government Services Under Present System.	USAID Through ARD
21	Professional skill development of the local youth and information inflow and communication activities in leadership development.	World Bank
22	Human Rights and democracy Program	Banchte Shekha
23	Awareness training for female road management worker	LGED
24	Development program for ultra poor women	Action Aid
25	Social Awareness project	Nagorik Uddog
26	Voter and civic education and observation of 9 th parliament election	Asia Foundation
27	Establishment of Human Rights by Reducing Family Dispute and Domestic Violence	Manusher Jonno Foundation
28	Self Help and rights through empowering Young and Adolescents (Female) SHREYA	MJF through USCC-B
29	Skill training and legal aid for the poor and distressed women	Asia Partnership for Human Development (APHD)
30	Prevention of trafficking of Woman and children through awareness building	APHD
31	Entrepreneurship development for LCS member	LGED
32	Creating awareness for prevention of HIV/AIDS among Drug users/injected drug users	PIACT Bangladesh
33	Prevention of Child Trafficking	ATSEC/RED BERNET
34	Human rights and democracy partnership	DANIDA through Banchte Shekha
35	Rat management for rural communities	DFID through Aid Comilla
36	Strengthening the Local Governance through participatory and responsive public service	Danida, through Governance Coalition

Sl.	Project/Interventions	Partners/ Donor
37	MCH (Mother & Child Health Care)	Own Source
38	National Children Task Force (NCTF)	Save the Children Australia
39	Mayer Hasi-!!	USAID through Engender Health Bangladesh
40	Promoting women rights by reducing domestic violence	Manusher Jonno Foundation
41	Prevention Human Trafficking by Reducing violence against Women	Bread for the World, Germany
42	Establishing Women Rights Reducing violence against Women and Human Trafficking	Bread for the World, Germany

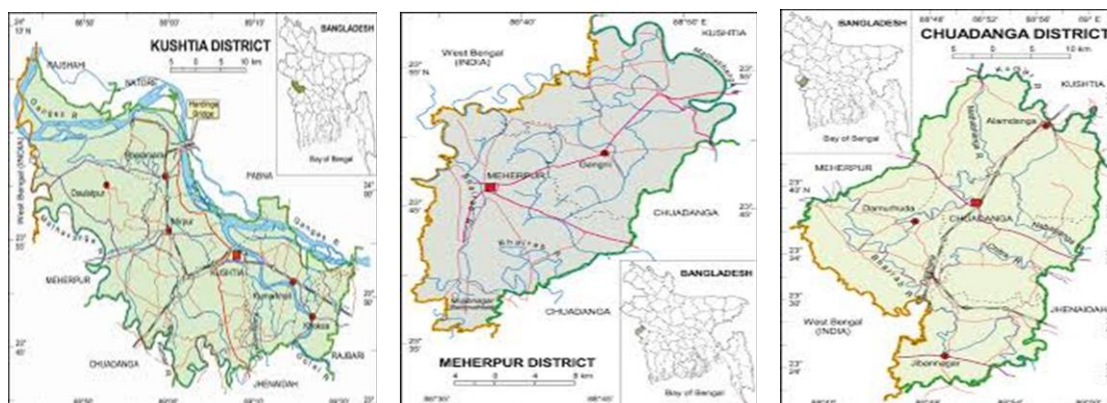
Work Force:

At present total 75 (female 39 & male 36) staffs are rendering their best efforts to implement and to bring a satisfactory level of performances of the organization.

Working Area of Mukti:

District	Upazila	Union	Pourasava
01. Kushtia	01. Kushtia Sadar	12	. Kushtia
	02. Kumarkhali	6	Kumarkhali
	03. Daulatpur	14	Daulatpur.
	04. Bheramara	6	Bheramara
	05. Khoksa	4	Khoksa
	06. Mirpur	4	Mirpur
02. Meherpur	01. Gangni	3	
3. Chuadanga	01. Damurhuda	3	
04. Dhaka	01. Savar	5	
05. Manikgonj	01. Singair	03	
	02. Damrai	03	

Working Area Map:



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District	Upazila	Office Address
Kushtia District	Kushtia Sadar	1. Shelter Home : Momota Ma-O-Shishu Sadan 52/5, R.C.R.C Road, Talipara, Kushtia-7000
	Mirpur Upazila	2. Momota Ma-O-Shishu Hospital & Training Center, Baruipara, Tantibandha, Mirpur, Kushtia
	Daulatpur Upazila	3. Mathurapur, Daulatpur, Kushtia
	Bharamara Upazila	Vill: Shahi Road, East Bharamara, Kushtia
	Kumarkhali Upazila	Vill: Chapra, Kumarkhali, Kushtia
Meherpur District	Gangni Upazila	Bamundi Bazar, Western para (Behind the Janata Bank) Gangni, Meherpur-7100
Chuadanga District	Damurhuda Upazila	Azimpur, Darshana, Chuadanga.
Dhaka		Building No # 10 (1st floor) # 104 Japan Garden City, Ring Road Mohammadpur, Dhaka,
Manikgonj		

Legal Aid & Counseling, Mediation Support

Counseling

Mukti has been providing counseling through skilled counselors to the vulnerable Women and children who are the victims of family dispute, socially tortured and domestic violence, rescued from trafficking and lose their inspiration and courage about lives. The counselors try to get back their moral strength to lead their normal lives. Mukti rehabilitees their own family and society.

Mediation

Mukti has been running Salish activity (Mediation) through panel Advocates to establish family peace and harmony and good governance from its inception. Avoiding traditional legal process through mediation Salish maintainable issues are settled here free of cost. It help the victims specially women and children to overcome their vulnerabilities easily and shortly.

Legal Aid:

Since inception Mukti has been carrying out a Legal Aid program and providing Legal Aid to Victims of torture and violence, illegal divorce, dowry, early marriage, Polygamy and social injustices. A legal Counseling Committee was formed through which several cases have been concluded in weekly Counseling meetings. The Legal aid Program is still considered to be one of the main Programs of the Organization.

Mukti has been carrying out a Legal Aid program throughout Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga District and grater Kushtia. Besides, Union level community based committees also carrying out the mediation related works at local level. Legal Counseling Committees were formed through which several cases have been solved in weekly counseling meetings.

Project Goal: To assist to get justice through legal Aid for the poor and distressed people specially women and children.

Project objectives:

1. To mitigate disputes through mediation for the under privileged people avoiding long process of the court and thana to get justice.
2. To provide legal aid of the poor, victimized and tortured women
3. To follow up the settled cases for sustain.
4. To assist to get help from govt. legal aid fund for the poor and victimized people

Achievement of the Project:

The Legal Aid program is still considered to be one of the main programs of the organization. An overview of the cases dealt with this year is stated below:

During the period July 2020 to June 2021 in total 517 cases received and out of them 184 cases were settled through counseling and mediation (salish), 77 cases are sent to court, 0 cases are sent to thana, 81 cases are enlisted and 175 cases are under consideration. During this period a total of Tk. 22,97,500/= recovered as dower and subsistence from 34 cases.

Photograph of Legal Aid & Counseling, Mediation Support (ADR)



“Establishing Women Rights by Reducing Violence against Women” (EWRRVW) project

Mukti has started the project “Prevention of Human Trafficking and Reducing Domestic Violence against Women” in 2006 by the financial support from Bread for the World, Germany. The program working for raising mass awareness about violation of women rights, rehabilitation and reintegration of the tortured women and children, ensured rights of adolescent boys and girls, prevention and protection from early marriage, dowry, illegal divorce, unequal treatment on boys and girls child, eve-teasing, reducing physical and mental sufferings of the traumatized women and increasing women’s access to legal services etc.

At present 7th phase of the project is running from April 2021 and will continue up to March 2024. Mukti implement "Establishing Women Rights by Reducing Violence against Women" Project in 9 union of 3 upzaila in 3 districts like as Kushtia, Chuadanga & Meherpur April’21 to March’24.

Development/ Project Goal: The Development/ Project Goal of the project is ‘Women are leading a dignified life and their equal rights are established.’

Project Objective: The Project Objective (Outcome level) is 'Improved situation of direct target beneficiary girls and women through developed gender sensitivity in families and communities, and reduced incidents of unequal treatment to girls and boys, VAW, dowry, child marriage and illegal divorce.'

Three indicators of achievement of project objective are:

Indicator- 1: By the end of project period, at least 50% of male DTBAs (direct target beneficiary adolescents, parents on family) have disseminated importance and necessity of equal treatment to daughters and sons and reduction of eve teasing and harassment to girls in project’s operational areas.

Indicator- 2: By end of project period, incidents of Child marriage, VAW, dowry, and illegal divorce reduced in DTBFs by at least 75% of old operational areas (villages) and by at least 45% in DTBFs of new operational areas (villages) of the project.

Indicator- 3: By end of project period, reunion of husbands and wives of at least 65% of total cases (of separately living couples because of lack of adjustment, women driven out from their houses with or without children after torture) handled by the project through its four offices have been affected

Working area:

<u>District</u>	<u>Upazilla</u>	<u>Unions</u>	<u>Village</u>
Kushtia	Sadar, Daulotpr	03	45
Meherpur	Gangni	03	45
Chuadanga	Damurhuda	03	45

Donor: Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of Bread for the world, Germany

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 3,41,52,000 for the period April 2021 to March 2024.

Implemented program in broad based:

- Staff Training.
- Training/ Orientation of DTBs, DTBAs & Seed money distribution.
- Orientation/ meetings with DTBs including members of selected DTBs.
- Meeting with authorities, leaders, Press; Day Observation; Victim Support

Achievement of the Project

Incidents of VAW reduce 30%, Dowry 50%, Child marriage 45%, Illegal divorce 45% and Unequal treatment to daughter reduce 30% total 200 in average 40% improve in old operational areas. We also found the incidents of VAW reduce 15%, Dowry 20%, Child marriage 35%, Illegal divorce 40% and Unequal treatment to daughter reduce 15% total 125 in average 25% improve in new operational areas.

Protect Early Marriage-113

Stop Dowry payment- 4

Protect physical torture- 21

- During Covid 19, one hundred packets (including rice, dal, potato, soybean oil, salt, 2 soaps) are given to DC office. Apart from this 900 packet (300 packet each Upzila) are given in Doulotpur, Gangni and Damurhuda office. Installation of hand washing stations in 17 areas of high concentration of extreme poor and mobility that will be maintained by PC (People committee) & TF (Teacher Forum) Member.



Bangladesh ranks among the top 10 countries in the world with the height rates of child marriage. Within the existing phenomenon, COVID-19 global emergency, puts half a million more girls at risk of being forced into child marriage and as many as one million more are expected to become pregnant in 2020 as a result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. BBC recent data 2020 projected that adolescent population covers 20.9 percent of total population of the country and half of them are girl child. Recognizing these various factors and consequences, addressing adolescent issues has become a central agenda for Government. Child marriage is a violation of human rights, an entry point to deny the appropriate childhood and adolescence. It adversely affects health and well-being of girls including mental and physical for the rest of their lives and perpetuates cycles of poverty. In addition to the health and well-being the social consequences of child marriage disproportionately affects girls child with an impact to incomplete education, increase incidence of psychological abuse as well as domestic violence, lack of employment and gender inequality.

The prevalence of child marriage varies in different geographic location of Bangladesh. Nationally about 51.4% of women of age from 20-24 years are married before 18, MICS-2019. In the same indicator child marriage prevalence shown as 10% higher (61.8%) in Khulna division and Kushtia 73.5%. Government has sets the target to lower down the child marriage 17% by 2030 to meet the SDG target and 8% by 2041 to meet the national target which requires a major push by all concerned.

Mukti implementing the project Enhancing Enabling Environment for Adolescent Well-being with an Emphasis on Ending Child Marriage in collaboration with UNICEF in 14 Unions of Daulotpur Upazila and 6 Unions of Bharamara Upazila of Kushtia through community led social action

Project goal: After completion of the project the Family and Community will change the behaviour of child and adolescent prevention of harmful social actions.

- **Project Output-1:** By end of the project period February 2022, families and communities from 18,355 households have strengthened capacity to support improve and equitable development of adolescent girls and boys and protect adolescent rights, with a focus on ending harmful social practices and uptake of new behaviours
- **Project Output-2:** By end of the project period February 2022, 18,355 adolescent girls and boys from selected communities are engage to develop desired behaviors and facilitate action to eliminate harmful social norms and practices with a focus on ending child marriage.

Working area:

District: Kushtia, Upazila: Daulotpur: Union: 1. Pragpur 2. Mothurapur 3. Philipnagar
4. Moricha 5. Ramkrishnapur 6. Chilmari 7. Hogolbaria 8. Pearpur 9. Refatpur
10. Daulotpur 11. Adabaria 12. Khalisakundi 13. Boalia 14. Aria

Upazila: Bharamara: Union: 1. Dharrampur 2. Chandgram 3. Bahirchar 4. Mokarrampur
5. Bahdurpur 6. Junidha

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 38,10,200 for the period January 2021 to March 2022.

Achievement

- 4,384 fathers and 4,641 mothers of adolescent boys and girls reached with adolescent development, gender equitable message and shifting norms including preventing child marriage and key preventive behavioral messages of COVID-19.
- 120 community and religious leaders and 216 local government representatives have been capacitated to stop child marriage and reinforced their commitment to eliminate child marriage in respective areas.
- 1,682 boys and 2,099 girls received knowledge on changes during puberty, hygiene management, mental health, preventive measures of getting infected by COVID-19, and negative consequences of child marriage through 97 adolescent focused dialogue sessions.
- 58 child marriages stopped during January-June, 2021 out of 67 marriages occurred in the community which is over 58% of preventing child marriage.
- Government service organizations provide priority services to parents in order to discourage child marriages
- Established 5 child marriage information centre in community where people want to know the law of child marriage and other issues of adolescent well being
- Established 10 tin posters in community which help them to know the declaration of law ministry about marriage and create awareness.
- Social award giving to the parents of 50 families to support their girls to continue education and delay of child marriage which encourage to other parents to delay marriage and continue education.
- Adolescent consultation with multi stakeholders as how to stop child where attend 100 adolescent boys and girls and express their opinion about child marriage. It helps to adolescents to build up leadership against child marriage
- About 9,000 Parents and Adolescents, local leaders, elected members pleading and signing to end child marriage on Big Banners



Strengthening Women's and Girl's Rights and Security Project

Women in Bangladesh are to face spiraling and egregious forms of violence. Women's personal security and autonomy is threatened and cuts across class, age, ethnicity and religion all over the country. Family dispute and Domestic violence generally go against them. Except few cases they are the very sufferers. It is also noteworthy that this dark side of women violence is neglected and few or no efforts have been taken yet. Considering these, Mukti has implemented the project titled 'targeting rural family as well as some urban family members. Strengthening Women's and Girl's Rights and Security for next 3 years by the donor.

The goal of the project is

'Promote equal rights of women and girls and creating a violence free environment.

The project outcomes are

Outcome-1: Prevalence of violence against women and girls decreased in project areas.

Outcome-2: Men and boys are supportive towards women rights and gender equality

Outcome-3: Ensured Medical and legal services for women and girls victims or survivors

Outcome-4: Enhanced opportunity for women's involvement in income generation

Outputs of the project

- Men and boys are aware of women's right to safety, security and bodily integrity at home, community and workplace.
- Women and girls are confident and equipped with leadership to prevent GBV.
- Civil society has capacity to monitor implementation of legislation, identify institutional constraints and develop strategies to prevent GBV.
- Targeted citizens are capable of using social accountability tools to hold public institutions accountable on GBV issues.

Direct Beneficiaries of the projects:

The proposed action will target a total of 13,952 local level key actors, Journalist-120, lawmakers-120, Union Parishad (council of lowest tier of local government) chairmen and members-126 (378), 3 Upazila parishad (sub-district level council) and one Zilla parishad (District Council) chairmen and members-50, Adolescent Development club members or youths forum members-260 (60% girls and 40% boys) and also 171 village based VAW committees which consist 3,420 members as the direct beneficiaries.

During Covid 19: 2000 soap is given 1000 families. Making and leaflet is distributed for mass awareness on Covid 19.

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 1,81,22,082 for the period January 2019 to March 2022.

Working Area of the project:

District : Kushtia, **Upazila:** Kushtia Sadar, Kumarkhali and Khoksa

Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of Manusher Jonno Foundation. (MJF). Women particularly landless women are the victims of discrimination and violence in Bangladeshi society. There is an executive committee of Manobadhikar Nari Somaj (MNS) in 4 Union Parishad consisting of 210 members. Mukti started the program in 1998 with financial support from 'Ain O Salish Kendro'. At present the program extended its activities among 394 (male 332 & female 62) MSP members, 200 (female) of MNS and 78 (male 70 & female 8) MAP members in the working area. The main activities of the committee is to organize the women against all persecution to them and raise protest and prevention. At present they are working independently as MSP& MNS. Except this there is a Manobadhikar Ainjibi Parishad 25 (male 21 & female 4) members who are all advocates. They are helping the poor and distressed women for having legal aid support.

Photographs Strengthening Women's and Girl's Rights and Security Project



Strengthening Democracy by promoting Human Rights Culture in Bangladesh

The aim of the project

To establish a society where democracy, Human Rights and the equality between male and female exist.

The objectives of Project are:

- to develop the opportunity to get fair Justice of the deprived people of the project area.
- to ensure the accountability of the local administration and people representatives and
- to remove the existing social discriminations.

Mukti is working in Hatosh Horipur, Barkhada, Mojompur, Bottoil, Ziarokhi, Alampur, Ailchara, Ujangram, Horinarayanpur, Jhaudia, Monohordia, Abdalpur, Patikabari Unions & Kushtia Pouroshova of Kushtia sadar.

Donor: Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of Ain O Salish Kendro(ASK)

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 666,306 for the period January 2021 to December 2021.

Achievement of the project:

- Arbitration 41
- Denmohar alimony collection - 4 women 2.45.00 Taka 2000 per month for child support
- 46 women have returned to the family
- Two women have got their families back through a legal aid support
- 2 people convicted through legal aid case
- 2 children rescued with the help of administration, 1 with the help of Union Parishad
- Prevention of Child Marriage 13
- 10 people trained through the women's department



Advocacy for Empowerment Project (AEP) Leprosy:

Mukti has started another new project to identify leprosy patients and ensure their treatment in the 6 Upazilas in Kushtia with the financial assistance of 'Leprosy Mission International' Bangladesh. The main objective of the project is to identify the Leprosy patient and ensure treatment by removing traditional (mentality) outlook of the mass people. From June 2020 to June 2021 Mukti has identified 375 Leprosy patients in kushtia and registered with govt. Mukti has referred 32 leprosy patients to Nilphamary Danish hospital for better treatment. 95 leprosy patients are given combol, 90 person are given shari, 85 person are given shoe, Working Area: 6 Upazila in Kushtia District.

Donor: Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of 'Leprosy Mission International' Bangladesh

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 9,61,000 for the period September 2020 to Agust 2021.

Achievement of the Project

- 10 leprosy patients are given VGF card from Union Parishad.
- 12 leprosy patients are given Disabled Allowance.
- 9 leprosy patients are given old age allowance from Union Parishad and 13 patients are given VGD card.
- District council chairman has agreed to help leprosy patient.
- The civil surgeon of Kushtia has consented to provide free ambulance to refer leprosy patient to Nilphamary hospital.
- The proprietor of Save diagnostic center Dr. Akkas Ali is giving treatment to the leprosy patiens and their families free of cost.
- The Upazila health and family planning officers of Kushtia Sadar, Bharamara, Mirpur and Daulotpur have taken steps to hold skin camp.
- Ninety five leprosy patients received medical care
- Eighteen goats were distributed among leprosy patients
- 05 leprosy patient was given a wheel chair
- 20 leprosy patient was given a Crutch
- Three pairs of specially made shoes are provided
- 165 persons are given 500 taka each through bkaash during COVID-19



Facilitating for Rights, Entitlements and Empowerment (FREE):

MUKTI Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha is committed to include Self Help Group members, person with leprosy, disability and other eligible people with different government services in all Upazilas of Kushtia district under Khulna division. Sangstha will participate in different GoB lead forum to influence policy maker to ensure the accessibilities of Person with disability and people affected by leprosy. Sangstha for their capacity building pertaining to social welfare, women and child affairs, youth development, agriculture department and local government (Union Parishad) service provider (GoB, NGOs) and follow up support. MUKTI to ensure support to the SHGs members and beyond SHGs of people affected by leprosy, leprosy disabled, person with a disability (PWD) and eligible marginalize community maintaining liaison, advocacy, networking with GoB line authorities, influential person, and like-minded partners in Bangladesh and existing program of TLMI-B for creating an enabling environment for the members. MUKTI will establish strong liaise with government service providing agency as well as other non-government organizations to ensure quality service for project target communities; PWD, marginalized and people affected by leprosy.

Achievements of the project:

50 person are given microcredit, 18 Disable are got goat, 140 members have been provided with houses for the government housing project. Through the training, 60 people from the Department of Youth Development have been given a one-time non-refundable taka, 10,000 and Taka. 60,000 for 3 years. Each self-help team received Taka 5,000 which is non-refundable. 41 self-help groups are formed self-reliant. An orientation on leprosy is made with various stakeholders. Bill board are posted for wide circulation.

Working Area: 6 Upazila in Kushtia District

Donor: Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of 'Leprosy Mission International' Bangladesh

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 9,36500 for the period January 2021 to December 2021.



Situation analysis of Human Rights Issues of Burn Survivor women of Bangladesh

Voice and views is to make a short period partnership with Mukti. To provide and Support for Resilience in the Face of covid-19 pandemic related activities. Following the partnership with Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnaya Sangstha for the previous work on Situation analysis of Human Rights Issues of Burn Survivor women of Bangladesh V & V has decided to reach benefit of this support to the burn survivor women in Kushtia. The sole objective of this collaboration is to make effective reach towards the women with burn accident related disabilities and create awareness among the people and nations that the women with disabilities are equal part of our societies.

Activities of the project:

- Conducting individual interview
- Data collection
- Community meetings
- Meetings with Doctor
- Group formation with burn patient
- Training on Human Rights and Gender Development
- IGA Support

Achievements of the project:

A total of 25 kg of rice, 2 soap, 2 mask, 5 kg pulses were given to the 72 burnt women.

20 people have been given BDT. 2600 in cash.

Human rights and gender training was provided in 6 groups with 72 participants.

Working Area: 6 Upazila in Kushtia District

Donor: Mukti is implementing this project by the financial assistance of Voice and Views

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 4,34,200 for the period January 2021 to June 2021.



Emergency Response to Mitigate COVID-19 Impact on the poor and Marginalized

The world is suffering from a deadly corona virus outbreak. Since the novel Corona virus emerged in December 2019, more than 200 countries and territories across the world reported novel Corona (COVID-19) virus. The situation is getting worsen day by day as the number of affected people and rate of death is increasing gradually. To control the situation, the government of Bangladesh has declared general vacation from 26 of March 2020 to 25.04.2020 for all offices. The government has also announced limited mobilization of people, discourage public gathering, maintain social distance and stopped public transport etc. Government encouraging the people for home quarantine for this period days who comes from other city/country..

Kushtia district is also now come under the red alert and some are brought under home quarantine, but many are still unidentified and moving unconsciously. Kushtia District is adjacent to the India boarder and many people travel between India & Bangladesh frequently. It has created threat for the people of Kushtia district and they are fallen in health risk. People of this district is double time victim as it is adjacent to India broader, it is main route to connect south-North Bangladesh and one of the extreme route of human trafficking. It is way to drug selling and many people are drug addicted and do not care about their own life and their family, by railway the Kushtia is connected to the Douladia brothel that may another source to spread-out Corona Virus.

It is observed that in rural community, people are becoming aware on corona virus due to awareness measures by GO and NGOs, but maximum people are not able to maintain their life as follows the instruction of WHO (World Health Organization). Every day they need to maintain their family with their daily, income and they are engaging in day laboring or any income sources (Tea stall/hotel/small trade etc). Due to shut down the country, they have lost the income source and no means to maintain their family. Moreover, Poor people do not have ability to arrange soap, mask, hand sanitizer, which is creating possibility to spread out COVID-19.

Due to this emergency and country shutdown, poor people do not have access in work in-group (laboring/small trade). Specially, women led families are vulnerable as maximum women are destitute and extremely poor. Earlier MNSUS has helped them for alternate livelihood through training and providing cash grant by some project. They were leading a quality of life and have a good source of income, but due to this emergency, again they became vulnerable. Many destitute women were engaged in small business (hawker door to door) with a small capital, their business is now stopped, and capital of them finished due to maintain daily life.

In this emergency, as a humanitarian organization, Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha (MNSUS) is frustrated and want to do something for the poor and vulnerable people of Kushtia District. Since 1990 MNSUS is striving for mitigate humanitarian crisis with the financial and technical support of donors and partners (ECNET). We have started our intervention for prevention the corona virus with our own resources. We are trying to make them aware about the adverse effect of COVID -19. However, it is not enough and we need more support to prevent COVID -19, Protect the people from health hazard or risk and ensue poor people are not living without food. MNSUS is committed to protect people from the COVID-19 vulnerability, ensure their good health and provide for them daily food during the emergency period.

Working Area of the Project: Kushtia District, Kushtia Sadar, Kumarkhali and Daulotpur Upazila

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 58,03,091.00 for the period August 2020 to February 2021.

Goal of the Project:

Health safety and livelihood security of poor people during COVID-19 (corona virus) emergency.

Objective of the Project:

Objective of the project is to Prevent COVID-19 and Protect poor people and their family members from the effect of Corona Virus providing relevant health support and food support.

- To ensure 100% women and their family are safe from Corona Virus.
- To provide food support to 900¹ poor women members who are jobless caused by COVID-19.
- To aware the people about COVID-19 and prevent the vulnerability.

Achievements of the project:

- Distribution of food items among 1922 families
- Distribution of safety materials among 3779 people
- IGA Support with 358 people Each of the 358 families was paid Taka 10,000, Taka 2,600 and Taka 500 respectively.

Food support:

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| 1. Rice | : | 50 kg |
| 2. Pulse | : | 2 kg |
| 3. Potato | : | 5 kg |
| 4. Soya bean oil | : | 2 ltr |
| 5. Salt | : | 1 kg |
| 6. Milk powder | : | 400 g |

Health and Hygiene support:

1. Soap (Wheel and Lifebuoy)
2. Mask
3. Hand sanitizer
4. Wheel powder

IGA support:

1. 10,000/- (Ten thousand taka) per family
2. 2,600/- (Two thousand six hundred taka) per family
3. 500/- (Five hundred taka)per family

Mukti is implementing this by the financial assistance of ECNET



The Promoting Science Education in Secondary Schools (PSE) Project:

Mukti is a non-government, non-political and non-profitable voluntary organization working from 1990. Mukti is fully concerned with helpless poor communities and promotes sustainable development. Mukti met the Education Officer of the Kushtia district and discussed in detail with him about the science education and the number of science student of the district. The MN officer talked to ten High Schools also. As informed by them, the number of students in High Schools is increasing in the district but the number of science students is not increasing in the same percentage. Because of scarcity of required number of science teachers and other reasons, the number of science students initially admitted into decreases as they get transferred to Arts and Commerce groups. For a number of reasons, the science education in the High Schools and Madrasas need to be promoted in the district. Otherwise, the number of science students will continue to decrease resulting in serious situation. In the project outline, needed to be undertaken to make students interested in science education. Contribution to “Popularization of science among secondary school students through student led out-of-school activities in science and technology in project Areas schools and madrasas.

Expected Outcomes of the Project:

The following expected Outcomes of the project as mentioned in the project

Reduced students’ phobia towards science subjects/ education as they are inspired/ ignited/ motivated and their long term interest is fostered in science subjects like physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics/ agriculture.

- a- Reactivated school laboratory is open to the students.
- b- Improved leadership and innovative capacity and practical skills of Science Club (SC) members.
- c- Active supportive roles of teachers and guardians on students’ study of science subjects.
- d- Sensitized regional and national level leaders and policy makers, media houses and civil societies and their playing active supportive roles in formulation of policies and strategies for development of national science education.

Achievements of the project:

- Formation of 30 functional science clubs in 30 institutions
- 1 educational institution has provided houses for 1 science club
- 60 science fairs are being organized every year by the science club
- Science-based wall magazines are being published in 30 educational institutions
- Upazila based science fairs are being organized in 30 educational institutions
- Science thought journals are being distributed in 30 educational institutions
- The interest of students towards science education in educational institutions has increased.
- The number of students in science has increased

Working Area of the Project: Kushtia District at Kumarkhali Upazila.

Mukti is implementing this by the financial assistance of Bangladesh Freedom Foundation

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 29,47,900.00 for the period February 2019 to December 2021.



Sensitizing the Actors who can be involved in Prevention of Violence against Women at the local level (IGA)

Women in Bangladesh are to face spiraling and egregious forms of violence. Women's personal security and autonomy is threatened and cuts across class, age, ethnicity and religion all over the country. Family dispute and Domestic violence generally go against them. Except few cases they are the very sufferers. It is also noteworthy that this dark side of women violence is neglected and few or no efforts have been taken yet. Considering these, Mukti has implemented the project titled 'targeting rural family as well as some urban family members.

Project goals:

Promotion of equal rights of women and girls for preventing VAWG through sensitizing the key local actors. e.g. police, judiciary, doctors, youth. Lawmakers, media and civil societies organizations at grassroots level.

Objective of the project:

- To reduce the cases of violence and discrimination against women and girls at grassroots level.
- To increase the knowledge and awareness of vulnerable women and girls about the human rights and legal rights.

Expected results of the proposed action:

Improved understanding and higher sensitization levels of the police,, judiciary, youths, LGIs and lawmakers against VAWG.

Enhanced capacity of CSOs coalition to understand of women on human rights and legal rights and how to take action against.

Working Area of the Project: Dhaka district: Savar and Dhamrai.

Manikganj District: Manikganj sadar and singair

Mukti is implementing this by the financial assistance of UNDP

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 8,48,800.00 for the period April 2020 to December 2021.



Jatio Nari Nirjaton Potirodh Forum (JNNPF)

Introduction of Jatio Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Forum: Jatio Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Forum was formed with the aim of creating a conducive social environment for the prevention of violence against women in Bangladesh. It's such network or forum that works at 25 districts in Bangladesh and made up by 27 Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Network and run in collaboration with Actionaid Bangladesh. Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha operates as the secretariat of the network.

Vision of Jatio Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Forum|:

- Established a discriminatory free just society which free from violence against women and children

Mission:

- Involve all sphere of people in awareness activities so that they can take joint initiative to prevention and protection of women and child abuse.

Objective:

- Working as an advocacy group at national level to protect women and girls rights and stop violence.
- Influences to policy level to reform, change and expansion of law to protect women and child from abuse.
- Create movement on women and child abuse related issues and established effective prevention way by campaign.
- Build up a large scale alliance at national level on the issues on prevention violence against women and children.

Achievements from July/2020 to June/2021

1. During COVID Pandemic food items were distributed among 190 families.
2. Coordination meetings have been held with district level Nari Nirjaton Protirodh committee in 7 districts.
3. A total of 78committee have organized the meeting.
4. 6executive committee meeting has been held.
5. Brochure of networks has been published.
6. Provide finance support in 15 survivors.
7. A total of 184 cases have been handled in different ways

Budget: Total Budget of this project is BDT 8,00,000.00 for the period January 2021 to December 2021.



Economic Self-Contained Program

Economic self-contained Program of Mukti was started in 1994 through micro credit support program to improve socio-economic conditions of the poorest women by providing a comprehensive package service in the project area incorporating awareness building, training, savings generation, credit support and income generation activities (IGA). At present the program is being implemented at Kushtia Sadar, Kumarkhali and Mirpur Upazila of Kushtia district covering 45 villages of 11 Unions.

This program provides support to the poorest women in their initial activities for generating additional income for their family and helps them improve their status and dignity in the family and society. It has been the most effective approach in eradicating of poverty. Mukti has formed 92 groups and each group consists of 20 women members, with 6 small groups within the group. Members have no more than 5 decimal of land and are between the ages of 18-50 years. They have to attend group meetings once a week where they also learn about women's rights issues such as dowry, illegal divorce, social injustice issue and trafficking, early marriage, polygamy, anti-drug, arsenic mitigation, water & sanitation etc.

Project goal: To bring the poor and marginalized people especially women into main stream of development through income generating activities.

Project objectives:

- To involve women in active economical activities.
- To strengthen women dignity in family and society.
- To establish conducive environment for promoting women rights through removing gender discriminations.

At a glance Micro Credit feature:

Description	Kushtia Sadar Upazila	Kumarkhali Upazila	Mirpur Upazila	Total
Samity	63	21	08	92
Total members	562	365	169	1096
loan recipients	268	283	72	623
Savings status	21,81,798	98,00,849	91,844	30,74,491
Loan Outstanding	30,82,053	25,05,464	1,30,446	57,17,963

Safe Drinking Water & Sanitation:

Mukti has initiated a sanitation program in 1999 with the support from NGO Forum for the people of greater Kushtia who are not aware about the use of safe drinking water and sanitary latrines. At first Mukti established a Village Sanitary center located at village Baradi, Union Barokhada under Sadar Upazila of Kushtia district where Ring & Slab for hygienic sanitary latrines were built and distributed at affordable cost. then Mukti transferred it into head office to work as a cross cutting issues in all activities especially in IGA activities.

MCH (Mother & Child Health Care):

Mother and Child Health Care Program which is being implemented with an ultimate goal of significantly reducing malnutrition in Bangladesh, so that nutrition causes to be a public health problem especially for children under five, women of reproductive age group and adolescent girls. Mukti involved itself in implementing the community based nutrition component through which all pregnant and lactating mothers receive intensive health and nutrition education and communication services. This constitutes only a part of an individual's daily nutritional requirements and is used to educate the mothers and family members on appropriate feeding practices and encouraged the people to select locally available food items.

Intervention of health Service has been an important aspect of Mukti from its inception. The Organization is implementing the health activities in combination of both curative and Preventive health Services. Once diarrhea was one of the major causes of infant and child mortality because the rural people well aware in the management of diarrhea. Mukti implements health related activities in collaboration with government through Poursava. Of the demand based programs, Mukti has diversified its activities of which is observation of National Immunization Day and EPI activities in her working areas at free of cost. It has also launched awareness activities among the mass people. Total 325 children were given immunization in the year 2020-2021.

Shelter Home

The Executive Director of Mukti has been providing shelter for the tortured, shelter less and rescued from trafficking women and children into her own home since 1990. Mukti has established a Shelter Home- "Momota Ma-O-Shishu Sadan" at Talipara of Kushtia provide shelter and rehabilitate the women and children rescued from trafficking and for the victims of violence and torture by district administration in 1998. The victims can stay here until their cases are settled or rehabilitate with their family until self-reliant. The women and children are provided with skills development training to make them competent in social issues and earnings of income. The program helps them to build confidence to stand on their own feet and restores their status in society. Mukti also made them aware on anti-trafficking issues and about equal participation in power relating issues.

Achievement of the Project : A total of 42 victims took shelter 2020-2022 (women 29 & 13 Children) . and they have stayed at shelter home as well as they availed other relevant services like food, clothes, medical treatment, amusement and counseling services

Working Area: Greater Kushtia
Donor: BftW,

Place of Shelter Home: Momota Ma-O-Shishu Sadan:
52/5, R.C.R.C Road, Talipara, Kushtia-7000

Project Kombol

Every year Mukti distributes winter cloth among the poor and helpless people. Mukti distributed 400 pieces of blankets among the poor and cold affected people in Kushtia Sadar, Kumarkhali, Khoksha and Mirpur Upazila with the financial assistance of project kombol in 2020-2021.

Disaster Response:

In any emergency whether it is manmade or natural, Mukti transform its operation from development phase to emergency phase and immediately respond to any emergency. In order to respond to the emergency Mukti has its own organizational set up and capacity including skilled human resources and organizational capacity to respond in emergency. Mukti operates a shelter home for the vulnerable children and women, also provides basic social services to the children and women including Psychosocial counseling and legal support to uphold the human rights in emergency. This shelter home is also provide support to the affected children and women who experienced violence or sexual abuse exploitation in their community. To meet the need of population in emergency Mukti works with a range of stakeholders including Administration, Local Government Institutions, local level leaders to ensure a collaborative approach to respond in emergency. In addition, during an emergency Mukti's Management immediately calls meeting to start the emergency operations by organizations own funding. Furthermore, Mukti coordinate with their existing donor agencies including like Manusher Jonno Foundation, Action aid, Bread For the world, ECnet, Project Combol and different network to mobilize the resources and strengthen emergency operations. During this global COVID-19 Pandemic Mukti Nari O Shishu Unnayan Sangstha continued support to the communities by educating communities with the COVID-19 preventive behaviors/messages and helping population to seek services from health service facilities. Mukti ensures effective coordination and share information at all levels and provides sincere efforts to make the emergency operations inclusive. As a result of Mukti's multi stakeholders' engagement Mukti respond to in any emergency in a transparent and accountable manner that meets the right of the vulnerable population in emergency situation.

Mukti as a humanitarian organization always stands by the side of people at the time of natural and manmade disaster such as flood, cyclone, cold wave in winter, fire break etc. Last year Muktidistributedwarm cloths including 775 piece of blankets and 550 pieces wrappers among the distressed people in the project area funded by MJF and bread for the world. Except this, Mukti provides need based essential goods to the victims by its own fund.

Dormitory:

Mukti has established a Dormitory which is provides beautiful environment for the guests especially from partner NGOs and the donor agencies. The dormitory consists of 3 living rooms, AC room Double, AC room single and Non AC. Attached bath, Dining room. The rooms are well furnished which offer modern facilities including T.V, Phone, and E-mail & Internet.

Outstanding Success of the Organization:

National International Day observation

Mukti Nari observes the important National and International Day /weeks by giving more importance independently or having collaboration with government and other non-government organizations.

Accomplishment of program & Achievement so far (July'20 to June'21):

SL. No.	Names of the days observed	Date	No. of Participants
1	International Literacy day	8th September	440
2	Child Rights Week (Girl child day, International Children day)	29th Sep- 5th Oct.	634
3	International disaster management day	8th October	218
4	Country Women day	15th October	370
5	World AIDS day	1st December	345
6	Begum Rokeya day	9th December	410
7	World Human rights day	10th December	1590
8	Victory day	16th December	614
9	International mother tongue day	21st February	660
10	International Women's day	8th March	1720
11	Independence day	26th march	895
12	World Health day	7th April	245
13	International Labor day	1st May	120
14	Safe motherhood day	28th May	765
15	World Environment day	5th June	340
16	International anti-drug day	26th June	335
17	National Immunization day (NID)	As declared by govt.	470
18	Right to food	30May-1June2015 International conference	470

Traveling of the Executive Director in Foreign Countries:

Ms. Momotaz Ara Bagum, Executive Director attended POs/NCPs capacity Building Program organized by the Asia Partnership for Human Development (APHD). The program was held in Bangkok, Thailand. She visited India by the invitation of India association for the seminar on Friendship for development and peace and cooperation. She also visited Nepal, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and Norway, Chicago, South Africa, Malaysia, Singapore, Italy, Belgium, Germany, New York-UN, Amsterdam, Soviet Union, France, Saudi Arab etc. She delivered lecture and exchanged her opinions in several workshops, seminars and shared her experiences with delegates participated from all over the world.

Participation in Government's Programs of the Executive Director

SL.	Subject	Venue	Participant
01	District NGO coordination meeting	Conference Room DC office, Kushtia	Executive Director, Program-Coordinator
02	Visit Jail of Kushtia		Executive Director
03	Meeting on combat violence on women and children	DC office, Kushtia	Executive Director
04	District committee for national acid crime case monitoring	Conference Room DC office, Kushtia	Executive Director
05	District committee for providing legal aid organization.	Conference Room District Judge, Kushtia	Executive Director
06	Complain committee of preventing sexual harassment	Islamic University	Executive Director

The founder Executive Director of Mukti Mrs. Momotaz Ara Begum is the member of various committees

1. District committee for providing special privilege to the convicted women confined in jail.
2. District committee for law assistance.
3. Committee for prevention of women persecution.
4. Committee for drug control.
5. District disabled welfare committee.
6. Rectification and rehabilitation samity of the criminal.
7. Life member of social services.
8. Member of monitoring committee of national Acid throwing case.
9. Committee for blood bank assistance of Kushtia sadar hospital.
10. District committee of environment and forest development.
11. Upazilla Jalmahal (water land) management committee.
12. Member of Complain committee of preventing sexual harassment of Islamic university
13. Rehabilitation and alternation employment for the Bagger implementation district committee.
14. Member of the Advisory committee of BLAST
15. Member of Prevention committee of sexual harassment of women and children of Serajul Haque Muslim High school, Kushtia.
16. Member of counter trafficking committee of prevention of Human trafficking.

The Executive Director of Mukti received various prestigious prizes from the following agencies:

1. Kabi Azizur Rahman Madel 1987
2. National cooperative prize 1991
3. Women of the year 1999 from American Biographical Institute, Inc.
4. Poverty elimination through rice research assistance (PETRRA) by development through group farming approaches 2004
5. Medical, education and health development association (MEDHA) 2008.
6. Dheal art prize
7. Distinguished personality in social service by Destiny 2010
8. Woman Member of Freedom Fighter, Kushtia By Onirban theatre – 2012
9. Welcome commemorative by Manobodhiker Natto Parisad 2013
10. Mahatta Gandhi Award Peace 2014.
11. Sher-E-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Hoque Smrity Foundation Medal. 2015
12. Shapnokuri Shanti Padok – 2015, Bangladesh Shapnokuri Foundation
13. Mother Teresa Award – 2016, Bangladesh Shishu Kishore Foundation
14. International Mother Language Medal – 2016 , United Movement Human Rights.
15. Member of Selection Committee of Nasrin Sreety Padok -2017
16. Outstanding Contribution in Women Development from Darsona Family-2017

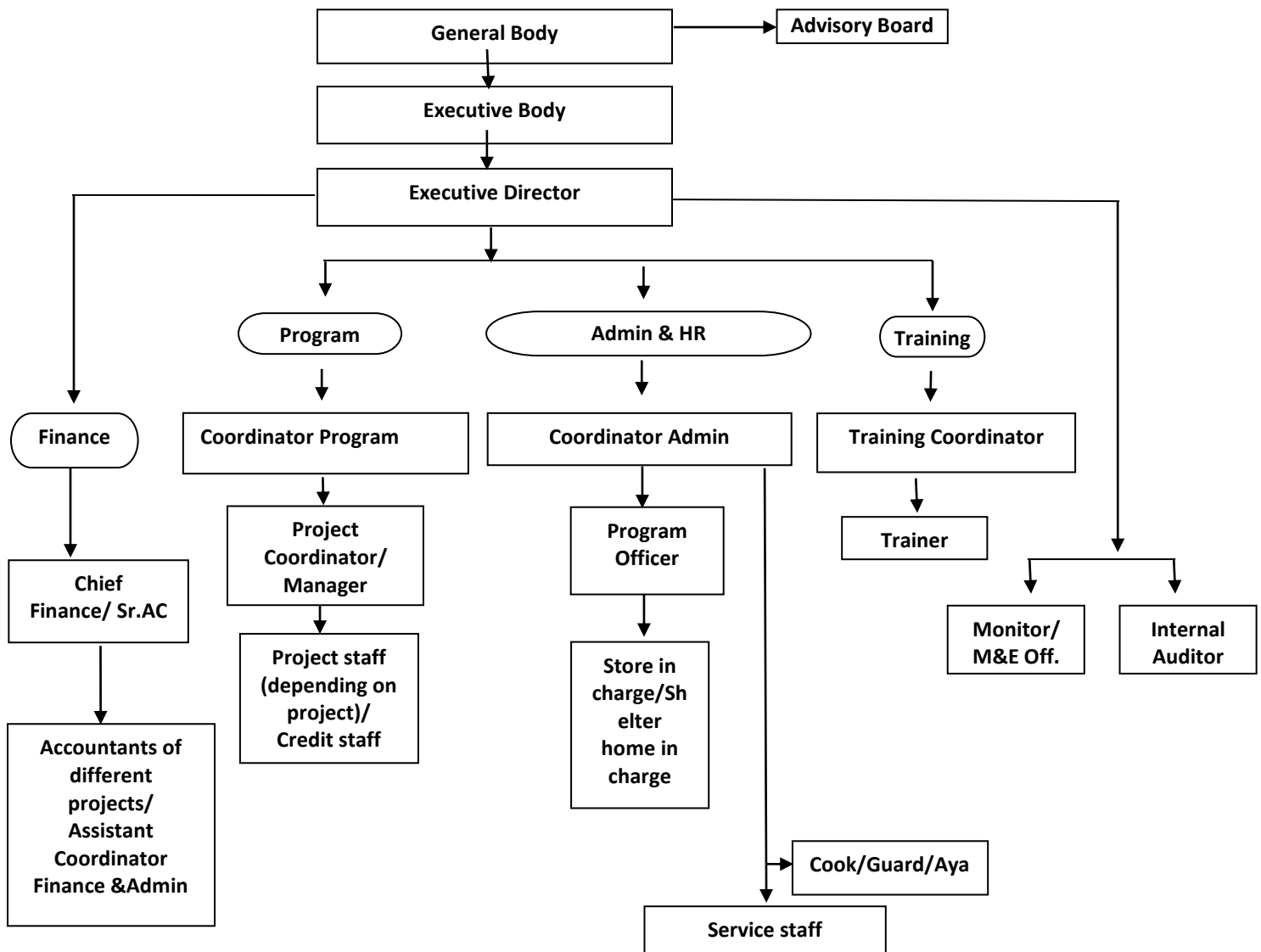
The Publication of Mukti:

Category	Sl	Issues
Poster	01	I couldn't be burnt
	02	The traffickers of women and children are fiercer than a snake though a snake is known, human traffickers are unknown.
	03	Do we know who are the women and child traffickers?
	04	We are the nation to establish justice driving away the injustice, We sacrificed millions of lives for mother tongue and freedom, We shall not tolerate the injustice of difference between men and women and We are determined to take care of female child since birth.
	05	In domestic works the male partners should help the female partners.
	06	We demand the recognition of women's role in family and state income.
	07	Your Awareness Means HIV/AIDS Free World.
	08	Skill youth is the key to development
	09	Group Farming increases income brings peace to the society.
Newsletter & Bulletin	01	Since 1997 newsletter are being published on quarterly basis and bulletin by name Mukti is being published half yearly.
Bulletin special edition	01	Now the time to defend trafficking.
	02	Human being will survive if environment exists.
Leaflets	01	Environment.
	02	Risky child labor.
	03	Defend trafficking of women and children.
	04	Protection of Human Rights.
	05	Sanitation
	06	Dowry
	07	Early marriage
	08	Polygamy
	09	Illegal divorce
	10	Poverty Alleviation
	11	Women empowerment
	12	Nutrition & Reproductive health
	13	Education:- child, adolescent and adult
	14	Disabled development
	15	Group Farming in Moheshwar Chanda Village: A Success Story
	16	Monitoring the Govt. initiatives to combat violence against women & children.
	17	Quarterly News letter
Brochure	18	(a) Mukti's program brochure
		(b) Poverty alleviation through group farming approach

Organogram of Mukti:



Mukti Nari-O-Shishu Unnayan Sangstha, Kushtia
22/1 Titumir Road, Thanapa, Kushtia.



Future Plan of Mukti:

SL	Program	Objectives	Target	Expected result
01	Shelter Home for Old People own home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure a safe and peaceful life for the elderly people 	50 elderly people of Kushtia	The elderly people will live a smooth and tension free life
02	Construction of income generation complex (show room, Sale center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help the destitute women in financial self-sufficiency. Direct participation in empowerment. Creation of marketing facilities and supplying products as per demand 	To open a show room for selling finished products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained women shall have the scope to sell their products. Financial self-sufficiency for the destitute women
03	Goat and Poultry rearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create employment for the poor people and provide nutrition 	5,000 poor people will be benefited	To remove poverty, establish earning source

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