

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE BANGLADESH DISTRICT
Report of Argabrights Funded
Child Development Center

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Introduction:

The majorities people are in the rural community of Bangladesh are poor and uneducated. In this situation, people ignore children to take care. The economic hardship is caused by having a large population and large member of real families. This has created various kinds of social problems and the incidence like child labor, child trafficking, etc.

Bangladesh Nazarene Mission has come forward to help these underprivileged children and has provided many supports to these children. One of the Major programs of BNM for the children is Child Development Center.

BNM believes on Holistic child development. A Holistic Child Development means more than that; a total development of a child. Holistic means head, heart and hands – not teaching only by the hands, but through head, heart and hands. A quality early childhood program support the physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development of the young child. A holistic approach is needed that recognize the body, soul, and spirit of the child.

Working Area of CDC:

Bangladesh Nazarene Mission is committed to serve the poorest of the poor especially for the children, for this the organization operating Child Development Centre at Khulna, Bagerhat Narail, Satkhira, Jessore, Naogaon, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur districts. Out of these, funds raised by the Argabrights support 7 CDC's with 818 children average 117 children per school.

Sl. No	Name of area	CDC Center	Name of the Center	Present Number of the children
1.	Mongla area	1	Joymoni CDC	125
		1	Holdibunia CDC	100
2.	Birol area	1	Vatpara CDC	132
3.	Narial area	1	Dapkhali CDC	132
		1	Paikpara CDC	120
		1	Arifpur CDC	133
4.	Birgonj area	1	Baharpur CDC	76
	Total	7		818

Special Note: Bosbhangra and Banglagor has in corporate with regular CDC of NCM. With that fund from 2010 January Ramnogor and Shiraj singa, Jessore CDC will be operating.

Education:

The CDC centers ensure formal schooling and special coaching program for the children. Our goal is to help children successfully complete their education and attain their full potential by working with teachers and communities so that they can create "child friendly" classrooms. Government approved curriculum is used to ensure that children are learning what students all around the country are learning. The children was sat for the annual exam and written their exam very well. Along with the basic education, they are also taught to learn basic values of human life. We believe that through education the children empower themselves in future.



Children of Vatpara CDC is doing class work

Health:

Our CDC programs focus on improving household practices and knowledge, distributing de-worming medicines to the children along with their families. The CDC center has also arranged health Check-up. The CDC center has also arranged proper sanitation facilities and safe drinking water for the children.



Giving Health teaching to the CDC children mother

Nutrition:

75% of children below the age of 12 years are malnourished in our country. The CDC center is providing one nutritionally balanced meal (Hotch potch) to the children for 6 days per week. The nutritionist approved the ingredients for the meals (Rice, Lentil, local vegetable, spices with oil, egg, fish, and meat). As we know a hungry child cannot concentrate on studies and a hungry child cannot perform well in the class or any kind of activities. When the children are having this nutritional food most of them are gaining weights and looks better in terms of physical condition. CDC center also providing forums to demonstrate active feeding and healing opportunities for severely malnourished children.



CDC Children are having nutritious food

Social and Cultural:

Early social skill is important in children's overall development as children build a sense of their abilities at a very early age. Some children need a great deal of support learning to develop and sustain social interactions and all children need support at some times. The CDC center involve children in group play, games, visit friends house etc. In doing so, children learn to see things from another point of view, to make compromises and resolve conflicts, and to share, collaborate and negotiate for themselves.



Children are playing together

A number of important national days are observed with great admiration. The center celebrated different festivals like the Victory Day on 16th December, Fathers day, Mothers day, girl child day. Besides it each center arranged Special Pre-Christmas and Annual sports Day with happiness and

joy. And of course it's not just one CDC celebrating Christmas but the entire village joins them in their celebrations.



Celebrating Pre-Christmas Program

To explore children's talent and encourage them in cultural activities our CDC arranged "Children Summit" program in April, 09. From all different area the children came to the Summit and participant in different program. There was bible quiz, song, dance, competition. The children had participated in the entire contest with excitement. The children's performance in this program was magnificent.

Spiritual and Moral:

The religious development of a child of course begins first and foremost at home, than at school. The CDC center also focused on children's spiritual growth. Children from the beginning learn to follow a life of religious by observing rituals, listening to stories and plays. Classical performing arts like dance and music also teach the beauty of living a life in accordance with religion. The CDC center taught the children through stories, song and drama. Humility and ability to respect are often taught through stories. Other important and universal values like telling the truth, non-stealing, non-violence are conveyed easily through stories with a moral. So the Children in the center are growing with great potential.



Children are singing song



Children are listening story of Noah

The CDC Center also arrange awareness training about safe drinking water, sanitation, health, nutrition, food, agriculture, kitchen garden for the mother of the children. There are self-help group in each center. The CDC children's mothers are the members of the group. Through the self help

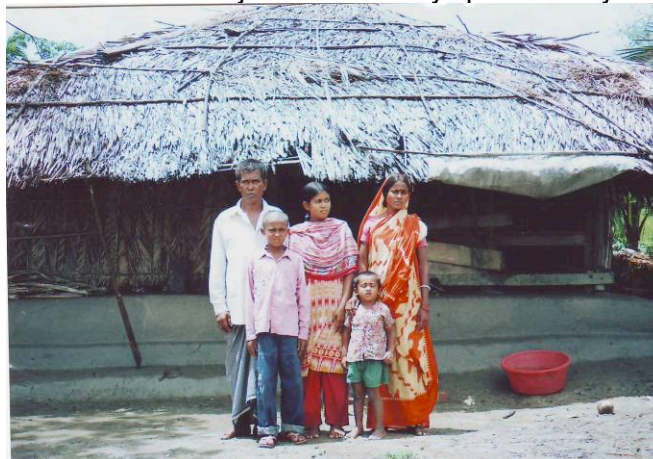
group they are saving money in every week. All the members had weekly meeting. The mothers are become very conscious about their children and families.

Case study-1

Soikat Mridha is a CDC student of Joymoni and he reads in class one. He is 7 years old. He is the third child of his parents. His father's name is Rakhai Mridha and mother's name is Soroboty Mridha. His father earns only a small amount of money. He is a day labor. Sometime he catches fishes, collects wood from nearest forest and sells it to the market and sometime he works for another people's home and land. Even though he work hard but his income is not sufficient to bear his all children educational and other expenses.



They do not have their own land. They live in a house made by straw. In rainy season they suffer very much. Because their house is not good enough, the rain water can easily come into the house. In rainy season his father become jobless and they spend a very hard life.



Soikat had a big family. He had two elder sisters and one younger brother. His father was unable to bear the educational expense of Soikat. So Soikat did not go to school in his early age. Soikat saw other children go to school and he felt a big emptiness in his heart. One day His father heard about the CDC center from one of his neighbor. Then he went to the CDC center and talked with the

organizer and the church pastor in details. Then he registered Soikat in CDC center. For CDC center Soikat's father had the opportunity to educate Soikat. Soikat is very thankful to God for the CDC center. He attends school regularly. He is very eager in study. He likes to play cricket. Now Soikat is very happy and he saw light in his life. He is seeing a dream to go far in his life.

Soikat's family belongs to Hindu religion before but now they use to come in Sunday services and they have got to know about Jesus. Hopefully, they will accept Jesus as their personal savior and they can be baptized soon.

Case study-2



Name: Sharmin Khatun ,

Sharmin Khatun is the second child of her parents. Sharmin studies in class Two. Her father's name is Aiub Shekh, her mother is Parvin Begum. Sharmin's father is a fisherman. Sharmin has an elder brother. Sharmin's father is the only earning member of the family. They live in a straw and bamboo made house. On May their house is affected by the cyclone "Aila". Now they are living in a broken house.

Their chickens are washed away by the big wave and the drinking water is ruined by salty water. Now they are suffering for safe drinking water and sanitation.



Sharmin's house

Sharmin is a very good student. Though their whole family going through a difficult situation. But sharmin is very strong in her heart. She believes that everything will be ok soon. She said, "Everyday the teachers and other children are praying for me and for others affected children, So God will help us to overcome."

We are very happy that Sharmin have faith on God. She was a regular participant of Sunday school. She enjoys listening story of Jesus and singing. We hope and believe that God will work in her life soon.

Case study-3



Niloy Biswas is a child of CDC in Narail. His father Shomor Biswas is a day labor and mother Maloti Biswas is an uneducated house wife. They live in a hut. His two elder sisters are students. Niloy's parents did not have any plan to send him to school. Because his father thought that Niloy also became a day labour like him in future. Also Niloy's father did not able to bear the educational expense of three children at a time. Niloy's mother is an uneducated woman so she did not take proper care of the children. That's why Niloy was wearing dirty cloths, walking bare foot. One day Shomor went to the local market and heard that people are talking about new CDC school in Narail. So He was very interested to sent Niloy to CDC center. His father and mother registered him in CDC center. He is in KG class. After join the CDC center Niloy's life was totally changed. He learnt about good habit. Now he takes bath regularly, wear clean cloths and eat timely. His parents also attended in different awareness training given by the CDC teachers. Niloy's family is changing more day by day.

