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Our Vision

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Preface

We are very pleased to share with you this success storybook containing fifty (50) stories which are one of the parts out of tremendous successes and changes that happened in the lives of children through the intervention of the Kamalapur Area Programme. We hope that you all will get the taste of hits and witnesses through these stories of sponsored, community children, and community groups as well.

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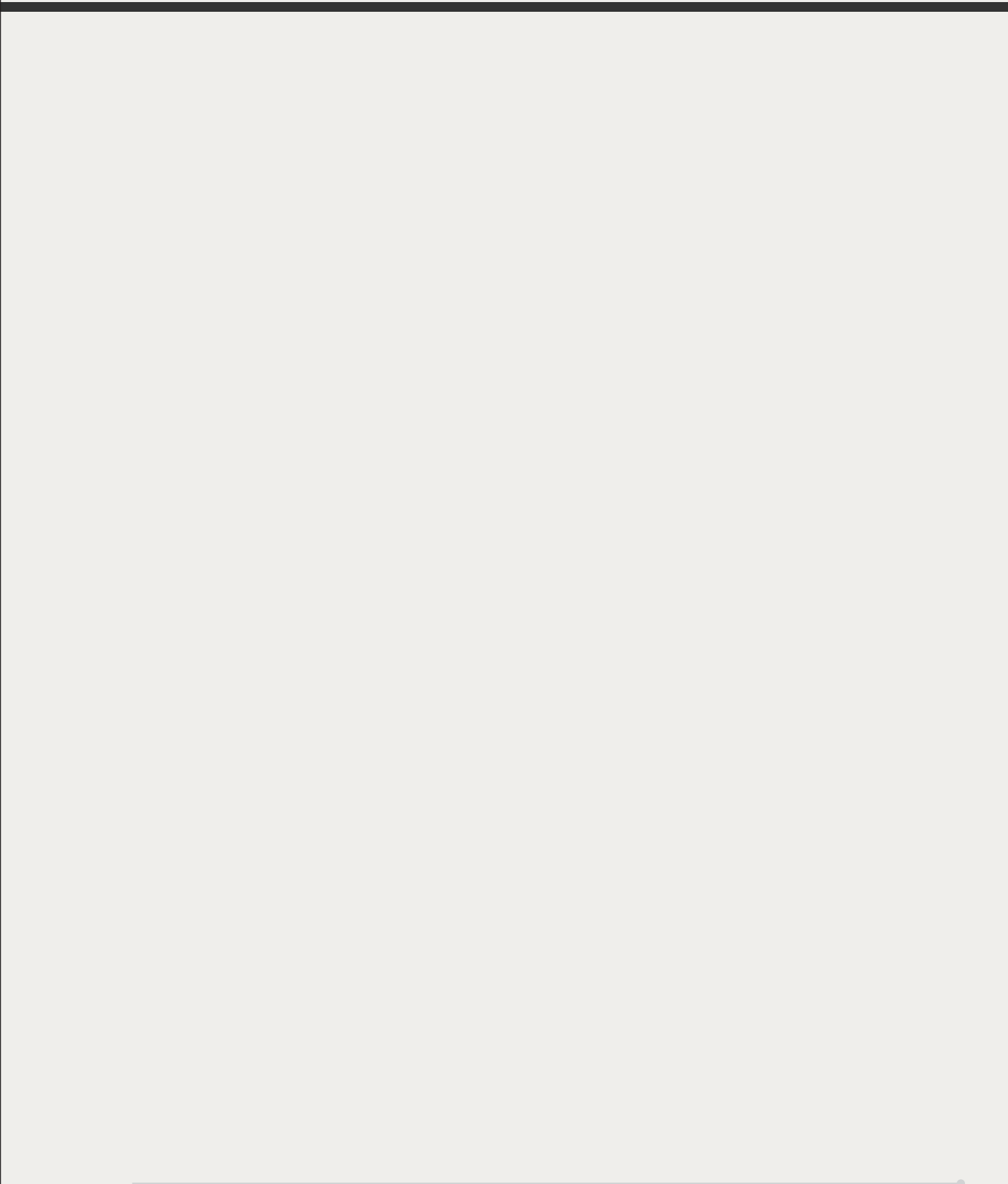
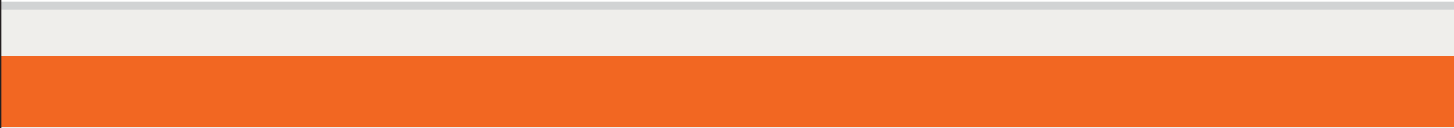
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Popy - An Idol of the Community



Popy Akter (16) live in the middle of the 14 no outfall slum with her parents. Her father runs a small tea stall and her mother assists her in the tea stall.

Before, the family used to live on the bank of the river Meghna, one of the biggest rivers in Bangladesh. One day their house was swept away by river erosion turning them homeless. As there was no other alternative, the family decided to move from the village to Dhaka city. With the help of Popy's grandmother, they migrated to Dhaka and rented a shanty in the slum. Popy's grandmother owned a small tea stall in the slum and her father started to help her in the shop. Soon he learned how to deal with customers. Thus he also started his own tea stall.

The family has eight members. Popy's elder brother works as a cleaner in a hospital and her parent's run the tea stall. Popy's elder sister dropped out of school, while the other siblings including Popy are going to school. But it becomes difficult for Popy's father to bear the expenses, therefore, often Popy and her other siblings have to stay home doing nothing.

One day Popy learned that World Vision Kamalapur AP is going to arrange TVET training for the youth in their community. So she contacted the TVET Facilitator and showed her eagerness to participate in the training. Then she was informed about the process and she applied to participate in the training. She was selected by a UNDC committee member and completed the training in 2018. Gradually she developed her training skills and engaged herself as an apprentice in a tailoring shop. After few months the owner of the tailoring shop was pleased and gave her a chance to work as an employee. He offered her a BDT 3000 salary per month. Popy joined as an employee of the tailoring shop.

Now, Popy and her family member are very happy that she is earning and helping her family. She is very much optimistic that one day she will have a tailoring shop for her own and assist community's poor and needy youths like her.

PD Hearth changed my life

Nazma Begum, 18, is a mother of a registered child named Nurjahan Akter Mim, aged 20 months in PD Hearth session. She said, “my family’s economic condition is very poor. I could not manage nutritious food for my child. But after attending the PD Hearth session of Kamalapur AP, I saw a change. Now my daughter’s health is good”.

Nazma Begum resides with her daughter and husband at Nobur slum of Dhalpur. Her husband is a rickshaw puller and unfortunately is drug-addicted. He often tortures Nazma in front of his family members. As his drug abuse increased day by day, he gradually discontinued his work. As a result, the family income reduced causing severe malnourishment to the child due to lack of food. Nazma came to know that, Kamalapur AP World Vision Bangladesh is working in the slum. She communicated with Community Promoter and Mother Support Group to get service for her child. After that, Mim was listed as a malnourished child and was taken care of by Community Promoter and Mother Support Group members through the PD Hearth program. Nazma Begum attended with her child in 12 days PD Hearth sessions and other sessions like personal hygiene, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), dietary habits and safe motherhoods that increased her knowledge and skills.

Earlier, Mim’s weight was 3.8kg at the age of 06 months which is severe level malnutrition. But after 12 days of Hearth session, her weight increased to 200 gm. Now, Mim’s (20 months) weight is 7.4kg which is normally nourished. Nazma is much happy to see the good health of her child. She is sharing her knowledge and learnings with other mothers of her community as well as with relatives. Besides this, she is practicing her learning in daily life.

Nazma said, **“I am thankful to Kamalapur AP of World Vision Bangladesh for the initiatives they took for my child and others for making our children’s lives healthy and bright.”** She also added that the PD Hearth program is good enough for reducing the malnutrition of children.



Pinky, dreams for better livelihood



My name is Pinky. I am 18 years old. I live in 14 no Outfall in the Kamalapur area. I am studying at Budrunnes Woman's College in class 12. My father is working as a driver under Dhaka South City Corporation. My two younger brothers are studying in school. My father's monthly income is 15,000 Tk. It is very difficult for my father to manage our family as well as pay our education fees with this little money. I was very hard to see my father's condition. Sometimes I thought that I should stop my study and start earning to support my family. At the same time, I also think that without education there have no values in this society. That is why I continue my study in this situation. Because my dream is I will be a lawyer in future and I will stand beside vulnerable people. Besides my study,

I was looking for a part-time earning source. I thought it will not hamper my study. I will help my father besides my study. One day some facilitator came to my house from World Vision. I asked them 'Do World Vision provide any training?' They told me if there is any opportunity they will inform me. I continue to communicate with World Vision. A few days later I attended a World Vision program on Mobile Apps Orientation. I oriented about how to find a job and involve in business through mobile apps. At that time I knew that world vision will provide training on tailoring for 15 to 24 years youth. I was very happy to hear that news. I show my interest in the training. After few days I faced an interview and got selected for the training.

This training was for two months. Our trainer was very expert. I learn to make different kinds & different style of clothes. I enjoyed learning every day. I am a quick learner. During the training period, I bought a sewing machine for practicing at home. After training, I started working at home. I take orders for clothes from my neighbours. Already I have earned 4,600 Taka. I help my father as well as I am studying with my own expense.

Now I am very happy. Besides my study, I continue my work. Tailoring is my source of development, so in future I build a tailoring organization where will work for poor youth like me and so that they change can their destination.

Meghla Akter, a change-maker in the community



“I am very thankful to my beloved organization Child Forum (CF) and World Vision for giving me scope to participate in 04 International sessions on children issues outside Bangladesh which made me a vibrant motivator to work for most vulnerable children (MVC) in our society”.

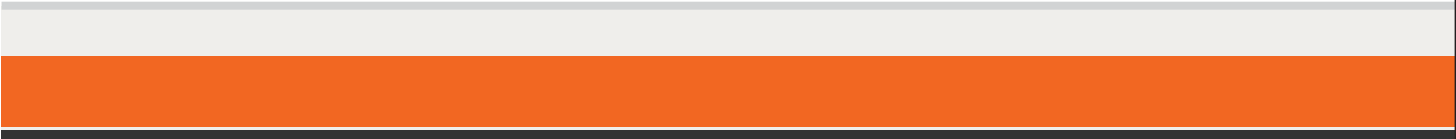
In 2013, I became a member of CF in our area. As a CF member, I attended regular meetings and different children events and gathered knowledge on child rights, child participation, child protection etc. My family members also allowed me to participate in CF and WVB activities in our areas. I was elected as President of the Durbar Child Forum, Vice President of AP level Child Forum and cultural secretary of the nNational Child Forum.

WVB provided us with capacity building on child rights, child participation, child protection highlighting child marriage, life skills, child labour, birth registration, violence against children etc. Other than training, WVB invited me and other CF members to participate in lots of advocacy and campaign-related activities organized by WVB and other GO-NGOs in Bangladesh which significantly increased my knowledge and skills in these areas. From that time, I was feeling that I am fully fit and capable to work as a change-maker to create awareness of our community people and parents to protect children from all form of Violence Against Children (VAC).

From the inspiration of becoming a CF member to making up to this level I have received all the necessary support from every layer of World Vision. They were very supportive and helpful which has contributed significantly in my life to ensure this position.

During my time with CF and WVB, I have conducted lots of field-based sessions with the children and the parents on CP issues and sensitized about 3,500 parents/community people. I have motivated them to save children from all forms of violence. Due to our initiatives with the help of UNDC members and local administration, we stopped 13 child marriages in our area. During my time we conducted child-led dialogues with Dhaka City Mayor and other duty bearers on CP and child rights issues to hold them accountable.

More interesting and remarkable is when I was a student of class nine, a marriage proposal for me came to my mother. My mother then asked me regarding the matter and decided to proceed with the proposal. When I was asked, at first I discussed the matter with my elder brother. He gave me some suggestions and I proceeded accordingly. As I was a Child Forum member and received life skill and other skills-based training from World Vision Bangladesh, I knew the bad effects of child marriage. After that, I talked with my mother seriously, motivated her and stopped my marriage. Now I am studying Economics (1st Year Honors') in a University College in Dhaka.



WVB created scope for me to visit and attend meetings/seminars on Child Protection, child rights and youth for change agent issues in Srilanka, Myanmar, Belgium and Malaysia. I attended lots of online meetings/calls with WV Global Center members and other external guests on CP, child rights and youth engagement issues. Now, I am (19) a graduated CF member and a member of Kamalapur Youth Forum (YF).

The whole world including Bangladesh has been passing very critical situation amid Covid-19. As YF members, this situation also sensitized us about the risky situation of the most vulnerable older people and children in our community. I took the initiatives and united all YF members and made a plan to contribute something from our part. We prepared the list. After that, we knocked some influential persons in our area, collected some goods and hygiene materials. We provided masks, hand sanitizers, soaps etc. to 130 poor people and children. Also, as a part of our responsibility, we created awareness among 130 persons on safety and how they can keep safe from Covid-19 transmission. We also took the initiative to send Covid-19 awareness-raising messages through social media and mobile phone message.

Now my final comment is that girl like me should come forward and act in the community as a change agent to sensitize and motivate parents and community people for protecting MVC from all form of violence.

Shraboni Akter Swapna: Dreams to be a Bank Officer

Swapna dreams to be a Bank Officer. She said, “Through joining in child forum and getting awareness and orientation on child rights and protection, I have learnt a lot and serving for community children and aware community to reduce early marriages.”

Shraboni Akter Swapna (16 yrs), lives in Maniknagar. She has 01 brother and 02 sisters. Her father died in 2018 and her mother is a housewife. Presently her elder brother who is a salesman in a jewelry shop maintains the family with his limited income. When she was in class IV, she heard about WV. She joined LSBE class when she was in class 7. She was selected as a peer educator to organize & teaching the children on LSBE for 9 months. She created awareness among children on issues such as early marriage, prevention of child labour, and helping poorest children. Then she was admitted as a member of the child forum and selected for the position of secretary of Durjoy child forum. In the meantime, she participated capacity building sessions facilitated by Kamalapur AP, WV. She served development program in the community. When she got promoted to class 8, she was pressurized for marriage by her family. She did not agree and shared this matter with her friends who stopped her child marriage.



Swapna (yellow dressed), took part in role play during birthday program focusing on the sensitization of Independence Day'19

Shraboni attended in different cultural events and also performed in dance and role play on the demerits of child marriages. Now, I am elected as vice president of Dhaka Urban APC Child Forum through voting. This is a great success for me to work closely for child well-being. It would not possible without WV support. Presently she is strengthening relationships with other children, participating in different programs and giving her witness to her successes which inspired her to go forward and dreaming of a better life. Through her leadership, other children got united, strengthened good relationships with local leaders, UNDCs, CBOs and collected money for the community child program.

Mim is a courage fighter

My name is Samia Akter Mim aged 12 years old. I live in a slum with my parents at Maniknagar in Dhaka. I have an elder sister. My father is a rickshaw puller and mother is a Housekeeper. My parents somehow maintain our family with their poor income. My father is too weak to work regularly. We live hand to mouth. However, we live happily even with many obstacles.

A fire broke out in our slum in February 2021. A total of 320 families lost their houses, properties, food, shelter and other assets. There are 1400 people in our area. We lost everything. We also lost schoolbooks and other necessary items. My parents became worried about our future.



Samia Akter Mim with parents and sister

Presently, we are residing in the nearby area and my father is working in a small tea stall of my grandfather. I help my father in making tea in this stall. We are now very disappointed about our future and present situation. I hope that one day we will recover our losses.

My mother attended different awareness sessions on urban disaster, effective fire management, waste management, advocacy and different awareness session through World Vision and other NGOs for which we are coping with this critical disastrous situation. Local UNDC members, local child forum members, local leader and NGOs also supported us during this crisis moment. Though we faced the critical time my mother always motivated our family and father towards going ahead since she learned disaster issues from Kamalapur AP, World Vision Bangladesh. Now, we are gradually going ahead!

GMP is light to make child healthy life

Khadija Begum, 20, is the mother of Saiful a 29 months old baby boy. She said that “I am noticing a change in my child’s health through monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion (GMP) session”.

Khadija Begum is a housewife. Her husband is a cleaner. The family lives in the Nobur slum area under Dhalpur PFA. The family is consisted of five members including Khadija’s father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Khadija wanted to continue her education and get a good job after completing her studies. But it was not possible because she was married off when she was a seventh grader. Khadija’s parents were not willing to marry her off so early, rather they desired that Khadija will continue her studies. But, the groom’s family offered for marriage again and again, for which finally her family agreed for the marriage. But, after marriage when Khadija went to school, made fun out of her., She felt very insulted and dropped out of school.

After marriage, she saw many financial hardships. Her husband’s income was very low. So, it became very challenging to maintain the family. The family crisis increased day by day. At that moment Khadija’s son was suffering different types of diseases such as malnutrition, fever, cold, diarrhoea etc. Besides this, she had no knowledge and skill about the health issue.

When Sharmin Akter, Nutrition Promoter conducted a GMP session for under 5 children at Nobur slum under Dhalpur PFA, Khadija contacted the Nutrition Promoter. Sharmin discussed the activities of Kamalapur AP especially the GMP session for under 5 children. After that, she measured the weight of Khadija’s child and found that his weight was 8.4kg which is a moderate level of malnutrition. Khadija took help from Community Promoter to overcome her child malnutrition. Community Promoter discussed GMP session and card importance with Khadija. After that Khadija attended regular monthly GMP session along with her child and a few months later she able to see the progress in her child. Khadija Begum was encouraged after seeing the GMP result. She said that it is a very easy and good opportunity to know the status of malnutrition. During this time she participated in Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), personal hygiene, food habits, WASH and waste management sessions actively.

At present Khadija is participating in monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion (GMP) session and monitoring her child’s weight every month. She is making nutritious food for her child. She enrolled her son to the monthly GMP session in 2019. Now her child’s nutrition status is normal. Khadija is very happy to see the good health of her child. She shares her knowledge other mothers of the community as well as relatives.



CP is conducting GMP session

She is also a member of the mother support group. Khadija Begum informed that now she helps the other mothers to measure their children weight and discusses the four colours of the GMP card. At the same time, she is encourages other community women to attend the GMP session regularly for their children better health. As a result, many mothers are now so much aware and attending GMP session with their children willingly. Besides this, they are practicing health and nutrition issues in the family which guided by Community Promoter. The malnutrition rate is reducing day by day and creating a healthy environment for children in society. Similarly, child well-being is being ensured successfully in the working area of Kamalapur AP.

Khadija Begum expressed her feelings that she is very pleased and thankful to Kamalapur AP as well as World Vision Bangladesh for sustaining the growth of children through monthly GMP session. She said that,



“It is a good opportunity for her because now she can measure the weight of her children at home. Moreover, she told GMP is light to make child healthy life”.

Amena Begum, a change agent in the community



Amena Begum Discussion Nutrition



Amena Begum discussion Nutrition dense food under children's mothers.

Amena Begum, the wife of Mizanur Rahaman, residing at Narickel Bagan, is a member of the mother support group. Her son is a Registered Child (RC) of Kamalapur ADP. Amena received training from the mother support group. She works in her area for children whose age is 6- 59 months and pregnant mothers. She follows up and monitors whether the child/ren are vaccinated regularly, fed nutritious food, have caught any sickness within the week and what medicine they took in case of sickness, how they managed to take the child to a doctor and why the child fell sick. She also monitors if they use the bathroom, put on sandals while using the toilets if they are drinking boiled water and wash hands after using the toilets. During the time of pregnancy, everybody should take a doctor checkup at least four times and eat nutritious food especially green vegetable.

A pregnant mother needs to sleep at least eight hours daily. In her working area, if any pregnant mother is not attending the regular session they are called again to join the session for progress and proper management. They all are asked to bring vegetable from their home together and make a demonstration for all and learn how to make nutritious food for mother and baby. After feeding the baby the regular nutritious food again check the weight, whether they are growing properly or need more education.

Amena refers community people especially pregnant mothers and children to different hospital and suggests them to take proper medical support. Even, if the patient has much serious condition, she helps them with financial support as well. And she also shares the importance of birth registration and many are doing their birth registration free of cost. She pays attention to local weddings to check if any party is below the age of 18. Now everybody's responsibility is to take care of a child and be aware of child marriage and build a good society and bright future.

Sadia is self-dependent

My name is Sadia. I live in Golapbugh under the Kamalapur AP working area. My father runs a small business and my mother is a housewife.

We are a family of six. I am the eldest daughter of my parents. Our family depends on the small amount of income from my father's business. I have a strong desire to do something for my family and I always think about what I can do to develop my family status.

In January 2019, I joined the mobile APPs orientation session which was arranged by World Vision Kamalapur AP. In the session, I come to know about the scope of the youth TVET Training program of World Vision Bangladesh. I was eager to learn beautification training. I always wanted to become a beautician. This training was the first step of my dream. I applied for beautician training as per guideline and they called me for an interview and I was selected for the two months long course.

After the training, I got an internship opportunity in the same beauty parlour because of my eagerness and punctuality. I was an intern for three months and learned a lot. The internship developed my skills and I proved myself as a skilled beautician. By seeing my skills the owner of the parlour offered me a job and a Tk3000 monthly salary. I accepted the offer. My family is very happy after I got this job.



Now I can help my parents financially, support with my brother's tuition fees for his school and also bear my own financial cost. At first, my parents were not willing to let me be a beautician but now my parents support me a lot so that I can be able to expand my business and as well my beautician career.

I am thankful to World Vision Kamalapur AP for their nice support and selecting me for the training course. My parents also show their gratitude to World vision Bangladesh for their generous support towards the most vulnerable people of the community.

I dream of starting my own beauty parlour where a lot of poor youths like me will get the opportunity to learn and become self-dependent like me which will help to reduce poverty and vulnerability from the community.

Trisha is a change maker in the community

My name is Sabikunnahar Trisha. I am 15 years old. I live with my parents at Maniknagar under Kamalapur AP of World Vision Bangladesh. My family is consisted of four members. I have a younger sister. My father is a salesman and mother works in a local NGO. Both maintain our family with a lot of difficulties. As an NGO worker, my mother got the chance to participate in different awareness programs, training and orientation in the field of development.

I am a child forum member and participated in many programs of Kamalapur AP including the Disaster Risk Management Program, Advocacy, Child Rights and Protection and child leadership. Earlier I was unable to understand urban hazards and how improper wastes can harm us. Through WV programming and attending child forum meetings, I have gained knowledge on disaster risks issues as well as air pollution, child leadership development, awareness, life skills-based education and advocacy including disaster risk management. We had little knowledge about a social problem and its solution. Our area is overcrowded and we live in a slum area. Most people are not aware of social problems. Earlier they used to throw garbage here and there causing the drainage system to get clogged. The clogged drains created waterlogging causing difficulty for community people to move from one place to another. Since I have attended the awareness session of the WVB program, I have learnt the problematic issues and shared them with my friends and relatives. Further, they shared the same with others in the working area.

All the above have been possible since I engaged and joined in child forum and selected as a member of UNDC of Maniknagar PFA. I have attended different capacity building initiative with UNDC and preparing UNDC wise Community Based Disaster Preparedness Plan (CBDPP) preparation through which we together are working in our area and taking various waste management initiatives. In fact, during heavy rainfall and waterlogging, we work together in the area for the cleaning of drainages. With a smiling face, Sabikunnahar mentioned that,



“Initiative is small but the impact is high for joint workings in the area.”

A few days ago, a fire disaster had occurred in our area. We, the member of UNDC, came forward to the affected people. We informed the fire brigade immediately. Before the fire brigade came, vast damage had occurred.

Sumon Hossain, a change story of Hidden Hero



CP is conducting GMP session



"I could not control my emotion after seeing most vulnerable children and their family members are not getting food and hygiene kits during the lockdown. Then, along with other facilitators and Youth Forum members, I decided to support them".

I am serving as a facilitator of Kamalapur AP, Sponsorship Management Project since 2015. Currently, I am a student of Masters (final part) of Accounting. When I was 15 years old, I saw World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) supports Child Forum (CF) activities in our area. I was very excited and interested to join CF. In 2011, I joined as a member of CF under Kamalapur AP. After few months I became Assistant Secretary of our CF committee. During those days, I received LSBE training, child protection, child participation, C4D training, UNCRC, leadership and management training from WVB and became skilled in these areas. I was recruited as a Facilitator of WVB in 2015 and was responsible to support and looking after the activities of CFs in my assigned area. As I was a leader of CF, so, it was very easy for me to work with children. I supported many CF members. As a facilitator, I conducted Child Protection (CP) orientation session of approximately 1,600 CF members and aware 900 parents & community people on CP. Conducted LSBE session for 250 children. Also conducted a session for 170 mothers on women empowerment. In a group, I stopped 04 child marriages in my area. Every year during Eids (Biggest festivals for Muslim- Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha), I engage child and youth leaders to collect funds, purchase food item and dresses for MVC and their families. The pandemic has hit these poor people very hard. There are lots of poor families living in Kamalapur area and most of the parents are day labourer. Their daily earning have stopped and children were in risky situations. WVB started the distribution of food, hygiene kits and cash support to MVC families. We collected fund from local elites and rich man. We have also donated some money. Just before Eid, we provided food items like (Vermicelli, sugar, milk powder etc.) and hygiene kits (soaps, mask, gloves etc.) to 30 MVC families. Approximately 150 family members were benefitted from our support. In mid-April 2020 our youth members coordinated with a national NGO named Dhaka Ahsania Mission and distributed food support to 105 MVC families. Additionally, Me, our Youth Forum members and other facilitators jointly ran awareness sessions for community people to keep them safe from Covid-19 by using proper hygiene kits. We used government and WVB approved IEC/BCC materials during our awareness sessions for 350 community people. We uploaded 03 videos on social media on Covid-19 pandemic awareness messages and could reach approximately 1,000 children and their families. Now, they are very much aware of maintaining hygiene to protect themselves from Corona infection. I feel proud to work with World Vision Bangladesh and also working as a facilitator. I came to know from WVB that as a man this is our responsibility to save children (especially most vulnerable children), safe community and extend support to them. During my work with World Vision Bangladesh, I got significant inspiration from Kamalapur AP staff to come up to this level.

Sadia, dreaming for success

Sadia Alam expressed her heartfelt thankfulness to World Vision to bring the light of education in her life. She was included in the Sponsorship Program in 2005. She is a daughter of a small businessman. It was difficult for her father Mohammed Alauddin to bear Sadia, her brother and two sisters' educational expenses. One day when she was coming back from school, her mother informed that from the next day she would not need to go to school. She was very shocked and thought that her dreams were shattered.



At that time World Vision was recruiting vulnerable children in the Sponsorship Program from Sadia's area. So, Sadia got the opportunity to be included in the Sponsorship Program and her school started again. At that moment, her life started changing and she felt encouraged to start dreaming again.

She received a lot of supports financially, awareness sessions, training on Child Rights and Protections, Life Skills Based Education (LSBE) from World Vision which contributed a lot in her life to lead an ideal and moral life. She is now studying in grade ten and wants to be a banker in future. Sadia thanks World Vision for bringing the light of education into her life.

Child forum's initiative to “Stop Violence against Children”



On April 15, 2018, Ireen Haque Mim, Secretary of Shishu Kantho Child Forum, Maniknagar PFA, under Kamalapur AP noticed a little girl who lives next door weeping out of fright for a long time. Mim wanted to know what happened and went to talk to her. The girl informed that she works as household help. Her employer had left the house after locking her inside. Mim also found that her employer's wife had beaten the girl several times.

Mim informed all the members of Shishu Kantho about the incident. The child forum leader Malamoni and ex-secretary of Shishu Kantho, Rimoni went to Mina's master's house to verify the case. After facing many challenges, finally, on April 16, seven members of Shishu Kantho, along with an elite person of the community and the chairperson of UNDC of Maniknagar PFA went to Mina's master's house. One of the members of the house misbehaved with them.

After having a long discussion and negotiation they have been able to rescue the little girl and alert the members of the house about the civil laws and punishment for violence against children. The members of the house realized their mistake and took responsibility for that child's education and future development as well.

Finally Malamoni, the child forum leader thanked Kamalapur AP TEAM for their advice, guidance, encouragement and appreciation of their initiative regarding “Stop violence against Children”.

A day labourer's daughter's dream to be a teacher

I am Munni Rani Das, sponsored children of Kamalapur AP. My father is a day labourer. I want to be a teacher. Munni is a student of grade eight and a good student. The economic condition of Munni's family was very miserable. For this reason, she was selected as a sponsored child through Kamalapur ADP, WVB.



Other than educational support and other gift items Munni received different training and awareness sessions on moral issues like prevention of early marriage, child protection, health education and how to protect herself in critical situations. Her mother Shilpi Rani became a member of a Community Based Organization and took a loan. She invested the money and brought economic stability to the family.

Munni Rani and her family are grateful to Kamalapur ADP, WVB. There was a time Munni used to scare that her dream of becoming a Teacher will never come true, but now she and her family is confident. Munni is now preparing herself to become a teacher in future. She has strong determination, she studies very hard and never wants to turn back from achieving the goal of becoming a teacher.

Practicing nutrition-dense food at household level

A food demonstration program was organized by Kamalapur ADP, World Vision Bangladesh, where under five aged malnourished children and pregnant mothers were present.

From that program they learned:

- The reason of children are being malnourished and that ways of prevention
- Different kinds of nutritious food items
- Special four types of food for pregnancy mother
- Daily foods item
- How the foods work in the body
- About Safe drinking water
- Hygiene and sanitation practices

They also learned about four categories of food;

- Cereal, wheat and corn are energetic food that makes the body strong and helps the babies to grow up.
- Calcium-rich foods help baby to develop strong muscle compositions
- Fruits and vegetables are essential for the growth of a baby
- Oily foods protect from influenza and produce energy. It is also good for skins and brain functions.
- Many bacteria around us are very much harmful to our body and create different kinds of infections and diseases.

Proper hand washing is important to keep safe from germs attack. The mother learned about food values and hygiene practice.

Aleya begum from Ahmedbagh said I have two little girls who do not want to eat anything. From the food demonstration program, I learned foods classification, maintenance of food item for daily dishes and now I am practicing those learning. She added that her daughters are not only becoming stronger but they are not having any sickness.

Lipy Rani is from Mayakanan, said, I have twin babies. They fall sick very frequently. Almost every week we have to take them to see a doctor, but after knowing the food demonstration program, I practice the food selection and provide for my babies - now they are not sick.

Mahima begum is a pregnant mother. She said I learned from the food demonstration program that during the time of pregnancy four types of food should be consumed to increase the baby's weight. Now I am practicing the learnings and my baby is getting nourishment inside the womb. I am in good health now and the baby's weight also fine.

From Mayakanan a volunteer of the health project facilitators of Kamalapur ADP, World Vision Bangladesh said, after following up with those families, we came to know that they are practicing the learning and if this practice is continued in all areas then malnourish will be wiped out and everybody will enjoy the good health and life.



Nusrat, a name of change-maker in the community

During my study in class ten, someone came to my mother with a marriage proposal. After that, she discussed the issue among them as well as shared with me to know my opinion. I was decided that it's need to discuss with my elder brother for his valuable guidance and overcome the challenges. He gave me a nice way and good suggestions that helped me to go forward. At the beginning, I was a member of child forum and completed Life Skill Based Education (LSBE) with successfully. Beside this, I have participated in different skill-based training that has increased my capacity. I had well known about bad effects of child marriage. In this matter, I discussed with my parents, motivated them and able to stop my marriage. Presently, I am studying in accounting (2nd Year Honors') in Habibullah Bahar College.



Nusrat (19) is a currently a student of Accounting (2nd Year Honors') in Habibullah Bahar College. When she was in class ten, her study was about to stop as her parents were thinking over her marriage upon receiving a proposal. When she was informed about it, she discussed over the matter with her elder brother who take her some good suggestions. At the same time, as she was a member of Child Forum, she used her knowledge and skill to make her parents understand about the demerits of child marriage and successfully stopped her own marriage.

Nusrat was a sponsor child. She is a member of the ward child protection committee, active member of the communication for development (C4D) group. Earlier she was a member of Child Forum. During her time with WVB, she received training on child protection, adolescent/puberty health which enriched her knowledge and skills. As a vital change-maker, she is very active in her community to stop child marriage. By her initiative with the help of child forum (CF) members, she protected 3-4 child marriages so far.

To do these good works she and CF members firstly talk to the parents, and try to influence, and motivate them. If they fail then they talk to ward counsellor and law enforcing authority. Nusrat is also a member of drama team of her College. She organizes and performs on the bad effect of child marriage. She is a good facilitator and energetic youth social worker in her area and working against child labour also.

Keya Akter is now capable to fulfill her family needs

Keya Akter is the member of Maniknagar Mohila Kollan Bohumukhai Somobai Shomiti Ltd. She lives in Maniknagar with her husband. The couple has one son who studies in Grade 1. He is a registered child of World Vision Bangladesh. Her husband works in a library. Previously he was the only earning member of her family. During that time it was very hard for him to bear the family expenses.

One day she got to know that Kamalapur ADP is going to arrange beauty parlour training for the community RC and CBO members who are needy and has eagerness to do something. That time she showed her interest and submitted the required papers for the training. The project officials verified her papers and select her for the training.



In 2014 she completed of two months training and got a certificate from the training institute. After finishing the training she joined the Sazia beauty Parlour as an apprentice. After a few days, she proved herself as a competent worker Now she earns BDT. 4000 monthly as salary and earns more during any festival time. Now she can spend her income on her child's education and nutritious food.

At present, Keya Akter and her husband are leading a very nice life with their son. Once upon a time, Keya Akter's dream was to become an independent woman. She is very happy that her dream comes true through the help of Kamalapur ADP. So she is very grateful to World Vision.

Liza– A tale of transformation

Liza Moni, a 14-year-old girl is a registered child of Kamalapur ADP. Her father is a mason (construction worker) and her mother is a housewife. Liza has a younger brother. They are living in the Maniknagar slum for many years where the whole family accommodates in a shanty. Liza reads in class eight. Her father is the only earning member of the family who struggles to make ends meet. So it became difficult for him to bear the educational expenses of all the children. Being a registered child Liza gets some support from Kamalapur ADP that helps her to continue her education. With all these limitations she is doing well at school. In such a situation once her father fell sick and had to go to a doctor. The doctor diagnosed him with a tumor that required an immediate operation which rendered him incapable of hard work. Thus the family plunged into economic insecurity and Liza's life became more difficult as some local young boys begin to disturb her on her way to school. Listening to all these, her parents decided not to send her to school. But Liza wants to continue her education.



In such a situation, some of her friends informed her about the LSBE program of Kamalapur ADP. After knowing that the learning centre is not very far away from home she felt attracted to join the program. She got support from her mother to participate in the program. Thus she got peer educator training and involved herself as a peer educator in the LSBE program. She also became a member of the Maniknagar child forum. Accordingly, she got a lot of training on leadership, child rights, child protection from WV and also learnt the basic elements of LSBE. Now, she is known as one of the best peer educators of the Kamalapur ADP education project. Now she can tackle the critical situation, make a decision and communicate well with other friends, parents, and teachers. She again started going to school and coaching classes because she knows how to tackle eve-teasing gently and technically.

Her parents said, "We are grateful to WV Kamalapur ADP because if they haven't stood beside Liza it would have been difficult for us to continue her education. They also mentioned that besides education Liza learnt many other important things through participating in different awareness sessions that helped her and the family." Liza's school teacher said that Liza wants to complete at least a Masters's level education and she dreams to do a decent job to help her family.

Mounting prospective Community



“We are taking care of our children. Now we can make decisions about where to send them for necessary health services.”

said a member of Basabo C-IMCI Committee. We are working in the Basabo area under Sobujbahg thana. There are 15 members on our committee and come from various backgrounds including CBO, NGO, student, RC family, and housewife. Our committee was formed 4 years ago and since then we have been working for the most vulnerable families with children below 5 years. We sit together every 3 months and discuss agendas and make a work plan in collaboration with the health project staff. Kamalapur ADP arranged orientation on C-IMCI for our members and gave necessary direction for our work in the targeted areas.

In small groups, we visited houses having children under 5 years and discussed with mother or caregiver about breastfeeding, immunization (EPI), feeding & nutrition, essential newborn care, early childhood development, injury, pneumonia, diarrhoea, drowning, and many other issues. We also discussed the referral system, when and where they should refer their children during an emergency. We do all these because we believe awareness of these issues will be helpful for the child. We also give health awareness messages for the mothers like ANC visits, PNC visits, TT immunization, hand washing, nutrition, etc. We are very happy and empowered and feel proud to get the opportunity for rendering these kinds of services for the most vulnerable people in our community, especially children who are the backbone of the nation.

The committee is functioning voluntarily. Earlier, the scenario of the community was different. The community people were in darkness; they used to go to a quack for health service and believe in different superstitions and myths. We think our door-to-door promotion service on health and nutrition-related issues significantly contributed to bringing changes in the lives of the community. Our community leaders and other NGOs also support us to continue our good deeds. Basabo C-IMCI committee will continue working for the betterment of our community and neighboring communities will be inspired by us to replicate it in their community for better health.

Tania Sultana's story of becoming a change maker

We were a happy family. Everything was fine. Our mother took care of us and our father was trying to ensure our livelihood through his carpentry trade. Sometimes we faced a financial crunch but still, we are coping well. I, Tania Sultana, was a registered child of Kamalapur ADP. I was studying in Dharmarajika High School at Budha Mondir. When I was in grade 7, my father had a road accident that turned him bedridden for a long time. He became unable to work and our family fell into financial crises. Our livelihood, education, basic needs were being hampered. As a consequence, we had to decide how our family would survive and continue education. Being the eldest, I decided to take up private tuitions and contribute to our family. But the time was rough and I had to stop going to school. Therefore, that year I lost my sponsorship ID as I was discontinuing my schooling. WV officials tried to convince my family to let me continue my education. But I think as my younger sister was doing well in school, she should continue education at any cost and requested WV to help us with her education.



Besides studies, I was always interested in different awareness interventions of the ADP to learn various issues that affect our daily lives. As our family was in crisis, I was seeking support for livelihood opportunities. At that time WV proposed I take part in sewing training. I grabbed the opportunity and enhanced my skills. After training, I began to continue earning by my new skills. Meanwhile, the physical condition of my father improved but he became permanently unable to continue his carpentry. So he decided to be a contractor. In 2003, my parents married me off to a garment worker. My parents thought it was a good proposal. After marriage, I continued my family life. In the first year, I gave birth to a premature baby who was malnourished and underweight; I also have to face difficulty during pregnancy and delivery. As I don't know about taking care of an infant most of the time my child was infected with different diseases.

Although, the first couple of years of my conjugal life went well problems arose when my brother-in-law got married by taking dowry. My in-laws began to expect dowry from my parents as well. I opposed it and as a result, they began to torture me mentally and physically.

Being a member of Sonali Sakal Bohumukhi Somobay Somity Limited, I have participated in different awareness sessions on child marriage, dowry, violence against women, women's rights, childhood illness, nutrition education, good parenting session that increased my awareness level. My knowledge poked me from inside. The unhappiness continued in my family and one day I was tortured severely by my husband. The violence crossed every level of tolerance and I went back to my father's house. After hearing all these, a neighbor advised me to utilize my knowledge and protest. Then I decided to go and sought support from legal aid agencies that WV taught us to contact if an incident occurred. I went to BLAST and told them that I did not want a divorce. They showed me the way and it worked well for my family. With the threat of filing a case, my in-laws & husband began to change their attitude. I got the learning from my life. When contentment began to return to my family, I found that many neighbor women were suffering from the same issue and I felt that I should help them.

With my assistance, several families could resolve their problems. In some cases only hearing about filing a case for violence against women dissolved the problems. Consequently, with the mentioned outcome I earned a bad reputation in my community. Many of our community people begin to say ill words about me and inhibit their women not to come in contact with me. I do not bother and continue my work for vulnerable women. I feel encouraged when women from educated families come to me & seek support. I have not kept myself limited in advocating violence against women rather I involved myself with the CIMCI program and aware community people & monitor for reducing childhood disease. I also take a prominent role in my CBO and dream to uphold a leadership position one day. Now I can feel the advantage of awareness that has been raised through participating in a different session. I feel like me WV is contributing to transform many community people to become an agent of change in our community and with the combined effort our community will be transformed.

Story of ACCs: Dreaming for Better Life

Nurjahan, Brishty, Afridi, Shahida, Jhumur, and Sumaiya are no longer child laborers. They have become students of formal primary schools. Kamalapur ADP education project is nurturing Access-Challenged Children (ACC) who were involved in different occupations like garbage collection, brick breaking, house assistant, street seller, factory worker, and other hazardous jobs. They are instigated by their parents to go for earning rather than going to school resulting in deprivation from enjoying their fundamental rights.



Being low-income people most of these families are living in slums with unhygienic conditions where waterlogging, scarcity of improved drinking water, illegal trading of drugs, drug addiction, and conflict are usual. To get rid of the situation education awareness and community mobilization are the necessary interventions according to the community.

In 2011, Kamalapur ADP started a non-formal education program with 150 vulnerable children to mainstream them by using the FIVDB curriculum. With the continued nurturing from Kamalapur ADP through regular education sessions, life skills interventions, co-curricular opportunities, sessions on health education, child rights and protection, moral education, and also an encouragement to be a member of child forum and child savings the children are getting empowered. In this reporting period, 124 of these children crossed a milestone in their life by getting admitted to formal primary school.

These 124 children are now regularly going to school and continuing education, their lives are now in a positive spiral of improvement. Once they picked waste from the streets, but now that is replaced by school books full of hope and aspiration.

The parents of the school-going ACC children are also feeling motivated and sending their children to schools. They are seeing some changes in their families' daily life and hopeful about the future of their children. Asif's (one of the 124 children) father shares his feeling saying that "my child regularly goes to school, studies attentively, have learnt to respect to others and dreams to be a teacher in future."

Hearing the success of the vulnerable children the government education officer, appreciated the children as well as the intervention of Kamalapur ADP saying, "children of aware families usually admitted to schools but World Vision is addressing the most vulnerable children towards schooling, it's praiseworthy."

Now they are working as an agent of change in the community and have put a stop to early marriage in the community, stopped child labor, child trafficking, and child abuse. These ACC are talented, spirited and like other children in the society. They have lots of dreams like other children that they will live with happiness and joy.

Not only Nurjahan, Brishty, and Sumaiya but many children in the community changed their lives with Kamalapur ADP initiatives. The parents and teachers also expressed their gratitude for such a program being implemented by the World Vision, Kamalapur ADP as well.

Yasmin Akter: Change Agent brings transformation to Community

Coming from a poor and vulnerable family of seven siblings it was not an easy way for 38-year-old Yasmin Akter to become a change maker of the society with education only up to grade five. Her father ran a small business that fetched a meager income hardly enough to support the big family. Yasmin got married at an early age to a vegetable vendor and the money her husband earned was not enough to meet the expenses of her family. Soon after her marriage, she gave birth to a son, making it more difficult for the family as they had one more mouth to feed.

One day, Yasmin visited World Vision's service center to get her son vaccinated and participated in a health education session the next day. From the session, she learned that how she could change her future that prompted her to discuss and interact with World Vision staff and facilitators. She joined a CBO and became a member of the Jibontori Multipurpose Organization, located in Dhalpur, Kamalapur.

Yasmin Akter took a loan from the CBO and purchased some fabrics and began selling them door to door. With her savings, she managed to buy a sewing machine and attended training on sewing facilitated by World Vision's Kamalapur ADP. Soon afterward, she started taking orders from a tailoring shop making dresses and, ensured timely delivery. Through these, her income gradually increased and she was quite happy. Yasmin's regular visits to World Vision's center prompted her to attend 12 days C-IMCI session where she learned about different issues on mother and child healthcare, hygienic practices, clean water, and sanitation, and soon became an active member of the C-IMCI committee.

Being a committee member, she learnt the importance of child rights, child protection, and the importance of education as well. On her routine rounds every day she visited her community to check the health condition of Under-5 children and childbearing mothers. Her popularity soon grew, and she came to be known as a 'health messenger of World Vision'. Her services extended to accompanying sick patients, mothers, and children to the hospital for a check-up and medical treatment.

At times, she even offered help to poor women who were not solvent to pay medical costs and charges and referred them to World Vision and other organizations for help. Sometimes she meets with the child forum leaders, LSBE group, and ACC classes and shares with them the importance of child rights, protection, and education. All these initiatives make her son learn about child rights.

Yasmin is now a confident and self-reliant woman. She is proud to serve her community and grateful to World Vision Kamalapur ADP for the support and standing by her side during the crucial time of her life. She expressed her gratitude to WVB



“World Vision is a great organization for women empowerment like me and should be extended for all vulnerable women”.

She is a role model and an excellent example of transformation and change to all those around her.

Mother Support Group: Brings Positive Transformation to the community

In the preceding years, the urban slum community mothers had a lack of awareness on nutrition, ANC, PNC, and other health-related issues. They had no well-practice on health hygiene and healthy lifestyle. They believed in several myths or traditional practices in their community, so it was very hard to break their ongoing practice. The health project of Kamalapur ADP selected some volunteer-minded women from that community then trained them up on different health, nutrition, and WASH-related issues to enhance their capacity for motivating others. Then gradually these women become sensitized to through health project initiatives particularly by Mother Support Groups (MSG) in the working area. Through this positive change occurred in their behaviour and practice level on how to take care of the under-5 children and to overcome the malnutrition status.



Khadija Begum (37) is one of the members of the Mother Support Group (MSG) at Maniknagar under Kamalapur ADP working area. She has built her capacity on health awareness and education through receiving different skilled training on health education from World Vision. She used to visit regularly to the nearby HHs to meet with pregnant & lactating mothers, female adolescents, and malnourished under-5 children to observe their daily health, nutrition & hygiene practices in their daily life and gave necessary directions to them especially household mothers and caregivers on good healthy practices where needed.

During her HH visits when she found any patient or critical cases, she usually referred the cases to appropriate health centres and follow up with them regularly. She also visited different health interventions like PD Hearth sessions, awareness sessions on malnutrition, WASH-related issues, and day observation programs for learning and monitoring purposes.

She reported all her observations regarding health & nutrition issues in a prescribed format to the ADP office every 03 months. Khadija is now a popular and honourable person in her community as all her engagements are for the betterment of the community and it is a voluntary service. Presently she feels very happy for becoming a health resource person in her community and being able to help the most marginalized people.

Khadija Begum is not alone in the community but there are Amena, Papia, Tahmina, Asma, Tania, and other MSG members who are working like her and acting as a change agent for their community. There are 6 mother support groups within the working area and each consists of 15 members and thus a total of 90 members are supporting other community members which is a very impacting factor for the wellbeing of children and mothers. They also have good linkage with local CBOs, NGOs, City Corporation office, and different projects of Kamalapur ADP, World Vision Bangladesh. Most of the members of the groups take an active part in the government NID (National Immunization Day) program. Mother Support Groups may act as a sustainable part in the future for supporting most of the interventions in terms of health education and nutrition after World Vision phased out.

Farzana- Dreams to Be a Teacher

"I and my younger sister worked whole day long to make shopping bags. It was a painful job for us. My parents did not have the financial capacity to bear all the expenses of our family" said Farzan Akter Prity, 14 years old, also studying in grade 8. She is living in the slum area of Dhaka City with her parents and younger sister. Her father Faruq Hossein is a sweeper and her mother Josna Akter works as a house attendant.

Her parents did not have much interest in education because they can earn money by selling shopping bags. The area they live in is a slum where young girls are not protected.

In 2014, she came to know through one of her friends that Kamalapur Area Programme, World Vision works on child protection, awareness, and education. She started attending the different sessions on child rights and awareness. Besides this, she joined in World Vision Life Skill Based Education program. Subsequently, she started working as a peer educator for LSBE sessions. She gave her attention to education to change society.

Kamalapur Area Programme staff engaged her with Child Forum in 2016 and she was elected the vice-president of the forum through voting. Similarly, she started strengthening relationships with other children, participating in different programs, and giving her witness on her successes to other children which inspired her to go forward and dream for a better life.

Once in February 2018, she heard that one of her friends Molly (13 years) is being married off. She informed Rimon, the president of the child forum and arranged a meeting with other members, went to Molly's house, and talked with parents to raise the demerits of child marriage. She also took the initiative to share with the local leaders like Urban Neighborhoods Development Committee (UNDC) members and Community Based Organization (CBO) leaders and guardians the negative impacts of child marriage and succeeded to stop that case.

There were enough threats from the local people for such an initiative but it was possible due to joining in child forum and participation in different awareness program of Kamalapur AP, WVB.



"I am not alone in the community, there are many children with me who work for the betterment of the most vulnerable children," said Farzana.

Through Farzana's leadership, other children got united, strengthened good relationships with local leaders, UNDCs, CBOs and collected money, distributed warm clothes among 525 children and also through extemporaneous participation of child forum a total of 50 trees were planted at the school premises of the working area where Farzana led the mission. "Now, I dream of a child marriage-free community and girl children free from violence and abuse," said Farzana.

Farzana dreams to be a teacher in the future and said, "I am not alone in the community but there are Shumi, Meem, Sapna, Sathi, Irin, Sumaya who are working as change agents in the community. They all are grateful to WV and local community organizations from where they learned child rights issues, awareness on child protection, and visioning to be a good man in the world. That's why we are happy to be the change agent in the community," said Farzana the name of change.

Beautification Training, the Way of Women Empowerment

Fatema, Jarina, Sakina, Morjina, and Khadija are no longer dependent on their husbands but they have been the contributing members in their families. Their children are being able to go to school and having nutritious food after these women become self-sufficient by getting beautification training facilitated by Kamalapur AP World Vision Bangladesh.

Fatema Akter Tushi is a 27 years aged women living in Maniknagar, the working area under Kamalapur AP. There are 5 members in her family living in a small rented house. Her husband Md. Khalek Hossein is a small businessman having a very limited income and thus it is very difficult to meet the family's needs. Their children were about to stop going to school due to poverty and even they cannot have nutritious food.

In this situation, Fatema met with one of her friends at the local CBO office and got to know that World Vision has been providing beautification training for young women. Accordingly, she communicated with WV staff and took the training. After completion of the training, she joined a part-time job at the “Shine Beauty Parlour” earned Taka 2500.00 per month. It was not that much support for children's education and food. Subsequently, at the end of 2017, she took initiative to establish a beauty parlour named “Dreams Beauty Parlor”. Gradually the customers became impressed with her services and the parlour became popular in the locality. In the mid of FY18, she had 3 staff in the parlour and her monthly net income was BDT. 15,000 to 18,000 which was very supportive to her children's education. At the time 4 staff are also got the opportunity of job placement.

At present, several young women come to the parlour and intend to learn the beautification. It is remarkable to say that in FY18, Kamalapur AP provided beautification training among 44 women which has been a big support for them to be empowered through livelihood technical projects. To date, it is reported that more than 50% of them already engaged as self-wages and employ wages which is very impacting in terms of contribution in the family as well as child wellbeing.

“This is unbelievable to say that my son and daughters are going to school regularly and being able to take nutritious food and we are a very happy family now. My husband always shares with me how we can go forward. We take decision together for the wellbeing of children”, said Fatema.

Fatema also said,



“I couldn't come to this stage without Kamalapur AP training opportunity”.

Rabbi is a Change Agent now!

I am Mohammed Rabbi from Mugda in Dhaka. I am an audit officer at a C.A Firm. I believe that I am a successful person. But to reach this position was not an easy way. In the way of my life, I got encouragement from my family and community. My parents always encouraged me towards education. The most contributing factor was to be engaged with Kamalapur Area Program, World Vision Bangladesh without which it would not be possible to be an audit officer.



I was engaged in the Kamalapur AP sponsorship program in 1999 as a sponsored child while I was in grade KG (pre-school) and engaged with the program for about 15 years. During the period, I learned many things which would never be possible without World Vision's support. My father was a day labourer and my mother was a housewife, there was not enough income to meet up our family needs especially the education expenses. I have been supported with such educational items by World Vision during the critical situation of our family. As was growing up, I had participated in different awareness sessions, capacity building training, child rights and child protection training, moral values, loving and caring for others. At the same time, I had attended life skill-based education sessions and further participated in the child forum, and became a leader of the forum. As I learned, I shared my learning with other children in the community.

We were a family of 7 members. It was difficult for our parents to meet basic needs. The continued inspiration and motivation from World Vision developed my confidence and built my negotiation capacities such as how to deal with the community leaders, UNDC (Urban Neighborhood Development Committee) members, and police station. All of these have converted me into a change agent for which I engage myself in the community for the betterment of MV (most Vulnerable) children. I am grateful to World Vision.

Living with Dignity and Value!

My name is Asma Akter. I am a beautician. I live in Jatrabari, Dhaka. When I was in school, my father could not afford my tuition fees and educational expenses. Due to our financial insolvency, we had to struggle a lot!

At that moment, my mother had got information about the World Vision sponsorship program which is for the most vulnerable children and families. Through communication with Kamalapur AP, I was enrolled in a sponsorship program in 1995 and till 2005 I was engaged with it. During the time, I had attended several awareness sessions and capacity building program initiated by Kamalapur AP. I learned to move forward towards a brighter future.

With World Vision's support, I have received beautification training and learned different technical issues that opened up a source of income for me. Thus, Kamalapur AP changed my life. In 2009, I started my beautification training center where many girls come for receiving training. I currently earn a handsome monthly income. I am very happy now because the community people value me and I am proud of getting such dignity from the community. Now, I can contribute to my family, support my siblings, ensure nutritious food and meet basic needs as well. I am grateful to Kamalapur AP, World Vision Bangladesh. Now, I am living happily with my 2 sisters and parents with dignity and social value.



Story of Transformation for Sponsors/ Donors

Sumaiya Akter Fatema (191014-1032) is a sponsored child of Kamalapur Area Program. She is 14 years old and the youngest among three sisters Sharmin (23) and Shakila (21). She lives in a small rented house in a slum community where she teaches children named Sadia (8), Nayon (9), and Juthi (9).



It is tough for the carpenter father Shajalal to meet the daily needs and maintain educational expenses for three daughters. Sumaiya's parents did not want her to continue her studies because of their financial crisis. So she was included in the sponsorship program in 2011.

She received educational supports as a sponsored child and her elder sister Sharmin started a savings account as a CBO member which became a great support for their family afterward.

After three years, Sumaiya enrolled in the Life Skill Based Education (LSBE) class and learned the important components. She became the peer educator. Through excellent role-playing, she created an enjoyable environment for the community children. Subsequently, she joined the child forum and participated in different awareness sessions on child rights and protection issues, the importance of the 'it takes me' campaign, and built her confidence level. By performing in yard dramas in various schools she created awareness among 1,500 students on child rights and protection. She was involved with child forum members for preventing 2 child marriages. Presently, she is sports and cultural secretary of the PFA, AP, and APC level child forum.

Sumaiya is a great inspiration for the urban neighborhood development committee when she shared her learning and experiences with them at the time of the community review process and helps them for going forward with a clear vision.

With a smiling face, she said, "I want to be a social worker through performing arts by acting, singing, and dancing. I know art, drama, song, and dance which I learned through Kamalapur AP and I am grateful."

A journey of Biggest Achievement

I am Sakila Afrin Mousumi. I live at Maniknagor under Kamalapur AP in Dhaka. I am an officer at Bangladesh Krishi Bank. I believe that I am a successful woman. But it has been possible only with the support of World Vision. I was a Registered Child of Kamalapur AP when I was in class 03. I have received several capacity development training and sessions from World Vision that helped me to build a strong career.



I have received health orientation training from Kamalapur AP for one month. The knowledge gained from this training helped me a lot in my regular activities. I have also taken music classes from Kamalapur AP. After that, I used to sing in various competitions and got many awards.

World Vision bore all my educational expenses throughout my academic journey up to my third year, Honours. That is why I was able to continue my study smoothly. World Vision gave me various gift items such as books, pens, school bags, and so on. These gifts inspired me so much in academic study.

I have completed honor's and World Vision created this opportunity from my childhood by giving educational expenses. After that, I completed my MS from the University of Dhaka and it's a big achievement in my life. Without the help of World Vision, I could not think of completing my higher education.

As I am a banker, I can maintain my family expenses equally with my husband. This is the empowerment of women and one of the most significant factors of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

The change happened when I have completed my Masters degree from Dhaka University and got a good job in government bank in 2019. I also have a cultural (music) background that I am lucky to get from World Vision. All of these changed my life.

The community people nowadays give more importance and considers me as an idol for their children. They became more cautious about girls' education and I think it's a positive impact on our community.

I am very grateful to World Vision for the entire journey of my life. With the support of World Vision, I have reached this stage and hopefully, I will be able to fulfill my passion by the grace of Almighty.

Alokito Jibon (Enlighten life)

I am Nandita Biswas. I used to be a Registered Child of Kamalapur AP, World Vision Bangladesh. When I was in pre-school, I was enrolled in the sponsorship project till my grade 12. During this time, I received several workshops, training, and capacity development sessions that helped me to build my career. I added my dedication, hard work, patience, and generosity to it to become a Banker. I would like to give credit to World Vision Bangladesh for its support and igniting the passion inside me to make my dream come true.



We were a vulnerable family. My father was a service holder in a private company with a poor salary and the only earning person of the family. He could not afford the admission or tuition fees of our school. Our community knew about our struggle. At that time, my mother got to know about World Vision through a facilitator. That is the time when I was selected under sponsorship project. I got humanitarian help from this organization, especially on my education.

After getting admitted to school, I also participate in many cultural activities like dance, drawing, etc. World Vision also supported me to complete my education as result I could get admitted to a well-known institution for higher education. Not only this, once I became sick. It was very costly for my family. At that time, my family received financial support for my complete treatment.

I had received TOT (Training on Trainer) from World Vision that helped me to get a good job. In 2007, I got a new Job at Bangladesh Institute and Management Studies (BIMS).

World Vision has changed my passion and sharpen my plan towards life and gave me the skill to control my emotion. Like the sunlight that removes the darkness, education improved me to remove ignorance from my life.

World Vision also brought changes in our community. Most of the people here were unwilling to send their children to school as they were unaware of the necessity of education. Now, they feel inspired to see us and send their children to school. Besides, they also appoint private tutors to ensure better education for their children even after their hardship. I have acquired many valuable qualities like humanity and sincerity through World Vision Programs.

Tanvir Hossain, A Change Maker

I am Md. Tanvir Hossain, I am 14 years old, a sponsored child of the Kamalapur Area Program. I have a younger brother. I live in a small rented house with my family.

My father is a fish seller and my mother is a housewife. I read in class nine and my younger brother in class three. I was unable to continue my studies due to my family crisis.

In 2010, I was enrolled in a sponsorship program and received educational supports to continue my studies. I engaged with the child forum in 2017 and developed my capacity. I was elected as vice-president of the child forum and conducted various meetings and sessions with children and parents related to child rights & protection, child violence, elements of child protection, life skills-based education, and stop child marriages.

I joined LSBE classes and learned important components for life formation and confidence building. I participated in the 'it takes me' campaign and involved with the CVA (Citizen Voice and Action) working group and prevented four (04) child marriages along with the child forum and UNDC (Urban Neighbourhood Committee). I am also supporting child forum members to conduct sessions, meetings, and anchoring in cultural programs with full confidence.

I built my capacity by having relationships with UNDCs, faith leaders, child forums by engaging in programs that motivated me to move ahead. I continue to share my learnings with my family, friends and neighbours. We received BDT 5000.00 cash grants that helped my father's business that met the basic needs.



I want to be an advocate and would like to work for the most vulnerable communities. I am grateful to World Vision for giving me such a learning opportunity.

Din Bodol (Change the Days)

I am Fatema, Nasrin Takia. I live at Mothertek under Kamalapur AP area in Dhaka. I am an M.B.B.S (Forth year) student at Abdur Rahim Medical College, Dinajpur.

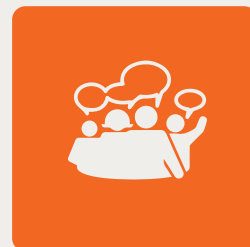
Whatever I am now, has been possible only with the support of World Vision and the effort of my mother. I was enrolled as a Registered Child of Kamalapur AP when I was in grade three. When I was in grade 13 in 2017, I dropped out of the sponsorship project. During this time I received plenty full of capacity development sessions that helped me to come this far. I learned the problem-solving skill from these sessions.

I am the eldest daughter of my family. My father is a CNG autorickshaw driver and my mother was a seamstress, though she is highly educated. My father used to rent a CNG autorickshaw for three hours. But during this time he could not afford a minimum income to maintain our family. In 2007 my father left us as he was not able to bear our maintenance. My mother was worried about us. After struggling a few days, my mother got a job in an NGO as a health facilitator.

I and my family got support from World Vision in various ways like education, treatment, and solving our family problems. I have got GPA 5 in S.S.C and H.S.C respectively. I got the opportunity to get admitted to a medical college. Now I am a student of M.B.B.S fourth year. My brother and sister are also continuing their studies.

I attend the child rights session and joined the Youth Forum. I also participated in cultural training facilitated by World Vision which enabled me to take part in any cultural competition of my college. I have got many awards from Dhaka Shishu Academy and other institutes.

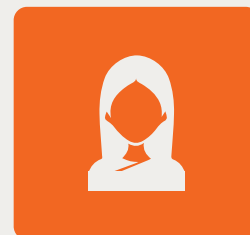
We have got health facilities and medical support from World Vision every Thursday. I was especially inspired by their generous support to become a doctor. I hope and believe that I could make a good result through my patience and sincerity.



Female also assist in developing our country

I am Nilima Salam Swopna. I live with my parents at Dhalpur in Dhaka. After completing my post-graduation, I became a Bank Officer at Islami Bank Bangladesh.

I come from a poor family. My father was a day labourer and my mother was a housewife. With the little income, it was difficult for my father to meet our basic needs and our education expenses.



I am now a student of MA (Masters of Arts). I hope that I will reach the top of my goal. I never thought I would make it before coming in contact with World Vision. I continued my study through the generous support of World Vision and my Sponsor. I was enrolled in the sponsorship project from 1997 till 2009. During this tenure, I attended various awareness sessions like Child Rights, Health and Nutrition, the bad effect of early marriage, and Violence Against Children, and different capacity development sessions. These experiences helped me to search for a job. Also, these sessions have improved my communication skill, now I can communicate easily with others and unknown people.

World Vision has also brought changes in our community as a whole; people are aware of good health and hygiene practices. I have learned the value of life, based on the "I also can, I am a woman" campaign. I feel complete because, now I am self-employed, and I can contribute to my family financially.

Community Initiative: Community can break the challenges

The Health project of Kamalapur ADP is working with under-5 children and mothers aiming to reduce malnutrition and promoting good health. The project implemented 04 PD (Positive Deviance) Hearth sessions in 04 working areas with 06-36 months old malnourished children. One of the PD Hearth centers is under the Dhalpur working area, where 09 malnourished children and 01 models (well-nourished) children were enrolled. There was a big challenge for conducting the 12 days long session in that area as no proper space was found to sit together for running the event. But community mothers were convinced and devoted to run this program in a very small space. Everyone used to come daily and enjoy the sessions which are designed for 12 days. They learned and committed to practice this learning in their daily life which will, in turn, focus on the better health & nourishment of their children and families.



I am proud to be a Government Service Holder

I am Mohammed Selim. I am a government employee (office assistant) at the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. I am living a dignified life with my family now. I would like to thank World Vision for all of its contributions to my life.

I became a Registered Child of Kamalapur AP in 2000 when I was in grade 1 (one). When I was in grade 09, I was dropped from the sponsorship project (2009).

My father was a day laborer. He was the only earning member in our family. He maintained our family with a lot of difficulties. He could not afford our daily necessities. So he could not agree to send me to school. But my mother had a strong desire to send me to school. World Vision had supported me by paying me my tuition fees and educational accessories. With this support, I had continued my studies. My sisters and brothers got dropped out of school because of poverty. But I continued my study with the support of World Vision.

Not only education, my family and I received capacity development sessions, treatment, and other supports too from World Vision which helped us to make proper decisions in our life.



Industry is the key to success

I am Nur Nobil Roni. Now I live in Saudi Arabia. I am a diplomatic officer of the Saudi Arab Ambassador. I believe that I am a successful person. But life was once very difficult for me and my family. Whatever I am now, has only been possible because of the support of World Vision Bangladesh and the strong willpower of my mother.



We were a family of six members. My father maintained our family with lots of difficulties. I would not have had completed my education without the support of World Vision.

In 1996 I was enrolled as a Registered Child under Kamalapur AP. That time I was in class 01. When I was in grade 5 in 2003, I was dropped from the sponsorship project. During this period, I have attended orientation on child rights, and against early marriage for fifteen days and received training on computer operations. Many students and youths came forward to attend those programs after they saw me. I have made a change in my life in 2008 because my experience has allowed me to get a good job. This shift changed my perspective towards life for which I would like to thank World Vision.

The young people of my locality get inspired to see my success. I became a successful man because of my patience and hard work.

Dream is a success now

I am Kannon Bala Voumik. I am an assistant school teacher. I am from Dhalpur in Dhaka. Reaching this position at the career was not easy. My family and World Vision always supported me in continuing my education.

My father was a day laborer and the only earning member of our family. With a little income, my father could not afford admission fees, tuition fees for our school. At that time, my mother got to know about World Vision from a facilitator. Then, she informed me about it. Eventually, I was selected under a sponsorship project. Ever since then, my life has changed completely.

I was enrolled as Registered Child (RC) under Kamalapur AP; at that time I was a student of grade 6 (the year 1990). I was an RC till 1996. When I was dropped from the sponsorship project, I became very disappointed. But World Vision supported me to continue my education. In 1999, I completed my graduation from National University.

I have attended an orientation about child rights and against early marriage for fifteen days and received training on the operating computer from World Vision Bangladesh. After knowing the consequences of early marriage, I took initiative to reduce early marriage in my community.

Due to the journey that I made from being a child from a vulnerable family to becoming a teacher, many students and young people of my area consider me as their inspiration and come forward to see me. Patience and willpower are the factors that can make a person successful in any situation.



My Darkness Removed

My name is Mohammed Abdul Kader, a resident of Basabo, which falls under the Kamalapur Area Programme of World Vision Bangladesh. I work as a human rights officer in BIMS. I believe that my success in life has been possible due to the support and cooperation of World Vision Bangladesh.

I was a registered child of Kamalapur AP in 1986. Accordingly, I studied up to grade 11 and dropped out of the sponsorship program. But during these years, I got a lot of training, awareness on child rights and child protection, moral education, serving vulnerable people, leadership, as well as on the importance of education that helped me build my career.



Shirin Begum: Knowledge Transforms to Practice

Shirin Begum, residing in Gopibag, one of the working areas of Kamalapur ADP. She lives with her family including her husband and 3 children. One day, health project volunteers visited her home for a nutrition survey process and found that her son Shahadat was suffering from 3rd-degree malnutrition considering his age. His mother wants to know how they can improve his health and nutrition condition and she also mentioned that they are poor and so she cannot afford her children for providing any rich and costly food. Her husband is a simple street vendor and the only breadwinner in their family. After completion of the nutrition survey, the health project volunteer welcomed Shirin Begum to the PD (Positive Deviance) Hearth program and enrolled her son with other malnourished children. Shirin Begum attended 12 days long sessions and learned how to make well-balanced food at low cost at home, take proper care and nursing, maintain proper hygiene practices with hand washing in critical times, and good health-seeking practices. She learned all these things from a positive deviant mother present in that session who properly guided her son since birth and now her son's nutrition status is good and acts as a model for other children in the community.

After graduation from the session and staying under 04 months' follow-up, Shahadat is going to the state of normal nourishment by gradually increasing his weight. Shirin Begum and her husband are happy now to see the overall change of their son, Shahadat. Shirin expressed her feelings:



“We were in dark about our child care and feeding habits, but now we explore ourselves and learned a lot through World Vision Program and this program should expand to other areas where many children are keeping malnourished like Shahadat”

Going ahead with a vision

My name is Mohammed Sajal Vandari, a resident of the Basabo area under the Kamalapur Area Programme of World Vision Bangladesh. My father was a day labourer and the sole breadwinner for a family of five persons. Due to the limited earning of my father, it was very hard to maintain family needs and education expenses. I had been registered as a sponsored child when I was in grade one. I continued my studies, completed my Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), and admitted in Degree 1st year. Due to World Vision Bangladesh's support in terms of facilitation of different awareness sessions, encouragement for education, teaching to dream of a better life, I have learned a lot which contributed to my success so far.

Since my childhood, I have had a dream to be a national football player. Now, I am a first-division football player. I learned from World Vision that if we have a vision, we need to do hard work, practice, and have patience as well. I have also learned to care for others, maintain good behavior and be a compassionate person through perseverance and dependence upon God. All these have been very much supportive for me to going ahead.

I got the opportunity to involve in various sessions like SMC (Sponsorship Management Committee) meetings, adolescents education sessions, life skills-based education (LSBE), and leadership. It helped me to take prompt decisions and developed my leadership qualities. I also attended awareness sessions on child rights, demerits of child marriages, child labour, and different health-related issues. I have continuously shared my learnings with other children in the community for their wellbeing which they are practicing at present and enjoying a successful life and good health.

In 2012, I got the opportunity to join BKSP (Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan). Before that, I also joined a local football club. I continued my study and practice in BKSP from 2012 to 2017. Then I got an opportunity to join Chittagong Abahoni (2nd Division) in 2018. Now I have involved in Brother's Union Club (a national level football club) in First Division League.



I am enjoying my life, and I am grateful to World Vision's contribution to me and my family as well.

Din Bodoler Golpo (Life is changed)

My name is Mohammed Rana, a resident of Dhalpur in Dhaka. I am self-employed currently working as a director of a coaching centre.

I was born in a big and poor family. We were nine members and I was the youngest. So my parents had a very difficult time bearing family needs. We used to live hand to mouth. The situation is not the same anymore, we currently have a comfortable life.

With the involvement of our local leader and the facilitator, I was enrolled in a sponsorship project of World Vision Bangladesh in 2002 when I was a student of class II. I performed well in school. From World Vision Bangladesh, I received support for education, health, and even financial support. I was dropped out of the sponsorship project in 2014.

I have received five days of training on Child Rights and Child Protection and Life Skill Based Education (LSBE). I have enriched my knowledge by receiving this training. Now I can lead any team because I am trained in leadership. I have been directing a coaching centre from 2014 which began with 10 students but currently, it has 50 pupils. They obtain good marks and the guardians are happy.

Through the program of World Vision Bangladesh, I participated in many local and national level cultural programs. I can feel that my life changed in 2009 when I participate in social works like preventing early marriage and reducing drug addiction. I was appointed as a facilitator at World Vision in 2016. It also helped me to maintain my family.



At last, I want to say that I have climbed the mountain of success with my hard work, passion, and the support of World Vision Bangladesh.

Dream leads to success

Asha, a former Registered Child (RC), from Maniknagor had a dream to be a dentist and a good singer. World Vision helped her to fulfill her dream. Her mother is a housewife, and her father (late) was a daily wage earner. She has a younger brother too. It was really difficult for her father to fulfill Asha's dream of becoming an artist with his little earning.



Asha joined in World Vision Sponsorship program in 1999 as her mother became a member in Maniknagor Mohila Kallan Bohumukhi Somobay Somity supported by World Vision. It opened up a way for her to develop herself. She got the chance to join in World Vision music class in 2001. Getting inspiration from World Vision she joined the Notun Kuri (National level performing arts) competition in 2002. In the competition, she went up to the final round in the patriotic song section and obtained 3rd place. Then in 2005, she joined Chayanot Songit Biddayatan. She is not only shining in the cultural field but also in education. With the support of World Vision, she was able to continue her education by getting tuition fees, notebooks, and other necessary items. Now she is a final year student in Update Dental College and Hospital. She dreams to be a renowned singer in the future and serve the people as a dentist.

Little bit of support can have a bigger impact

I am Feroza Akter, working as Child Rights Protection Officer in Nari Moitree. I live in the Jatrabari area in Dhaka. Reaching up to this position was not easy for me, but my journey was made smooth by World Vision Bangladesh. My family and World Vision Bangladesh always supported me in continuing my education and develop my career.

I belong from a big and poor family where I faced different challenges. Through a facilitator and staff of World Vision Bangladesh, I got engaged in the sponsorship project in the Kamalapur AP in 1993 and was dropped out in 2008. During this time, I learned many things that contributed to shaping my future.

Through WV programming, I have participated in different awareness sessions, training, and orientation that opened the arena of my life. I have learnt the importance of education, gender and development, personal hygiene, PHC, Adolescent Health Education, and loving and caring for others as well. I have sensitized other children of my locality on child rights and protection with my acquired knowledge from World Vision. All these learnings contributed to developing my career and supported capacity building and confidence as well.

I feel empowered in my professional life and determined. World Vision has capacitated me with communication skills. Now I can make new relationships, deal with different people, handle difficult people, and present issues in front of the audience.

I believe that everybody should value the honest and responsible person and work for the poor in the community because a little bit of support can create a big impact on others' lives. With a smiling face,



Feroza said, 'Let us all do something good for the poor communities'.

That's why I am happy now

I am Nasir Molla from Dhaka, Bangladesh. I am a monitoring Officer at a renowned organization named Plan Bangladesh. My dream is to serve the vulnerable people specially children as well as establish my future through this organization.

I belong from a big family with 7 members. My father is Day Laborer and my mother is House wife. With the little income of my father it was difficult for us to continue our studies.

In 2005, when I was in grade one, I was enrolled in sponsorship Project of World Vision Bangladesh. With its generous support I continued my studies. In 2020, I was dropped from the sponsorship project. During this tenure, I received diverse trainings, session and orientation like child rights, bad effect of early marriage, Life Skill Base Education (LSBE), moral education and violence against children from World Vision which encouraged me to shape my vision, to be a good person as well as survive in this beautiful world.

I have continued my study by educational support of World Vision and the generosity of my sponsor. I paid my educational expenses through the World Vision. I also got involved in some orientation sessions arranged by World Vision in Kamalapur AP. I also participated in some awareness session like child rights, bad effects of early marriage, Life Skill Base Education (LSBE), moral education and violence against children.

I have made a change in my life by attending Life Skill Based Education (LSBE) sessions and learned the way of life formation and facing the critical situation through Kamalapur AP, WVB program. This change also happened in 2019 when I got job because the experience of previous year that helped me to search a job and the change can also be seen in our community because most of the people are aware on the importance of education, personal hygiene, child rights and child protection. They also know the demerits of child marriages that are impacting in the community.



With smiling face, Nasir said, 'I am really grateful to World Vision for its support which fostered me going ahead, that is why, I am happy now.'

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I feel successful

I am Uttam Kumar from Jatrabari, Dhaka. I am an Accounts Officer of a spinning mill. I got a good job in my life. But for that I was needed to complete my study. We had a big family but our family income was very low. So it was impossible to bear my education expenses for my family. In this circumstances, World Vision Bangladesh came forward to me and included my name under Kamalapur AP sponsorship program as one of the registered children. I have completed my MBA. I was engaged in sponsorship program from 1998 to 2015. During this time I have participated many orientations, awareness sessions, inspiring events as well as different capacity building programs that contributed to build my career very strong.



I have continued my studies with the support of World Vision Bangladesh. I also got medical support from this organization. I was involved with some orientation, meeting, workshop arranged by Kamalapur AP. I also participated in some awareness related session like child rights, bad effect of early marriage and violence against children. I have aware our community people about person hygiene and also the bad effects of illiteracy which I learned from World Vision. Now the general people are inspired to see mein the awareness sessions offered by World Vision changed my life as they were very helpful for me to get a job. In 2018, I got a job because of those training experiences.

At the community level most of the people are now aware on health issues, malnutrition, personal hygiene, and Primary Health Care (PHC) because of World Vision Bangladesh's interventions.. I would say that, "Without World Vision's support and motivation, it would not be possible to come up to this stage where I am feeling myself a success person. I am grateful to World Vision for its support."

Commitment is a power to bring success in life

I am Suma Mondal, a senior staff nurse of BIRDEM, Dhaka. My life has changed for inclusion with the WVB sponsorship program under Kamalapur AP. Being a registered child, I got opportunities to participate in different awareness sessions, motivational sessions and learned the importance of education including child rights and child protection. Due to support from the sponsorship program, I started dreaming to be a nurse and serve for patients. Finally, my dream came true and presently, I am working with one of the biggest hospitals in Dhaka.



When I was only 6 years old, I got engaged in the sponsorship program and continued my study with the support of World Vision as well as cooperation of my family members. I have participated in some awareness sessions which helped me to be a hard worker. From there, I got interested for becoming a nurse and wanted to participate in the health program of World Vision Bangladesh.

Now I am able to help poor patients and inspiring others to do the same. In 2019, I was appointed in this institution as a nurse. Now, many girls of my community want to join this profession. I feel proud to work with them.

Success Story of Akbor

My name is Md. Akbor Hossen. I am live in Jatrabari, Dhaka. I am an executive of Meghna Group. But it was not easy to reach the goal. I believe that I have reached my goal and built my career with the support of my family as well as World Vision Bangladesh

My father was a small businessman and it was very much difficult to maintain our seven members' family with his little income. One day my mother heard about World Vision Bangladesh and enrolled me as a registered child. I continued my education with the support of World Vision Bangladesh. I also got medical support from this organization including the hepatitis B vaccine.

Now I got a good job that has been possible because of the trainings that I have received from World Vision. Now I can take proper decision in my life. Education has changed my life. Now I am inspiring community people about importance of education and go to school regularly.



I believe that World Vision has changed our community by arranging awareness session, orientation, workshop and training on computer & sewing for IGA.

A new way of Sanjida

I am Sanjida Akter (18 years). There are four members in my family. I live in Golapbugh 39 no. Ward. I lost my father 6 years ago. My mother went abroad to find a job for maintaining our family. I was maintaining our family with my mother's income. Suddenly, my mother met an accident and returned. Now she is jobless and we have no source of income. My elder sister and I are giving tuition classes to maintain our family as well as overcome the crisis.

One day World Vision Bangladesh community facilitator informed me about sewing training and motivated me to participate in it. I took part in a sewing training four months ago. After the training, I told my mother I need to buy a sewing machine. My mother inspired me to learn the skill more before buying a machine. A few days later I tried to make a dress and was able to do it nicely. I gave the dress to my mother. My mother was astonished and brought me a sewing machine with her savings. By the end of my course, I had made some dress for myself and my family members. In the meantime, I also made over ten dresses and earned 1500 taka. Now I regularly get some work from outside and maintain my family and my education expenses.

My dream is to establish a new tailoring shop in future and simultaneously, establish a network to get a work order.



I do believe that this sewing training will show me a new direction and to find my destination in future. I am very much thankful to World Vision for the support.

Pregnancy is not a risk now

Chadni Begum (19) is a housewife. She is living with her husband at Nobur slum of Dhalpur PFA. While she was in class eight her parents married her off to Amir Hossain. After seven months, she was pregnant but her child died four days after the delivery. The causes of this situation were a lack of knowledge and awareness of the mother. Chandni again conceived after six months and have been extremely careful. She communicated with mother support group members and community promoter who were working in that area. Community promoter, enrolled Chdani's name in the CP register and engaged in awareness sessions like IYCF, breastfeeding, food & nutrition, safe motherhood, ANC/PNC service, personal hygiene etc. Chandni attended the sessions regularly and increased her knowledge successfully. At the same time, she was referred and linked to BRAC health centre for getting service. She got a heath card from BRAC and received various services such as Iron Folic Acid (IFA), Vitamin, Calcium, regular ANC checkup, TT vaccine, ultrasonography and pregnancy-related advice. Also, she got hygiene materials like soap, shampoo, toothpaste every month by paying Tk.100.00 as a service charge. Chandni has maintained all disciplines and used her knowledge in the pregnancy period properly. As a result, she gave birth to a healthy child. Now mothers and child are well. She is sharing with other pregnant mothers for reducing maternal and child death in the community. Chandni Begum is happy and thankful to Kamalapur AP, World Vision Bangladesh.

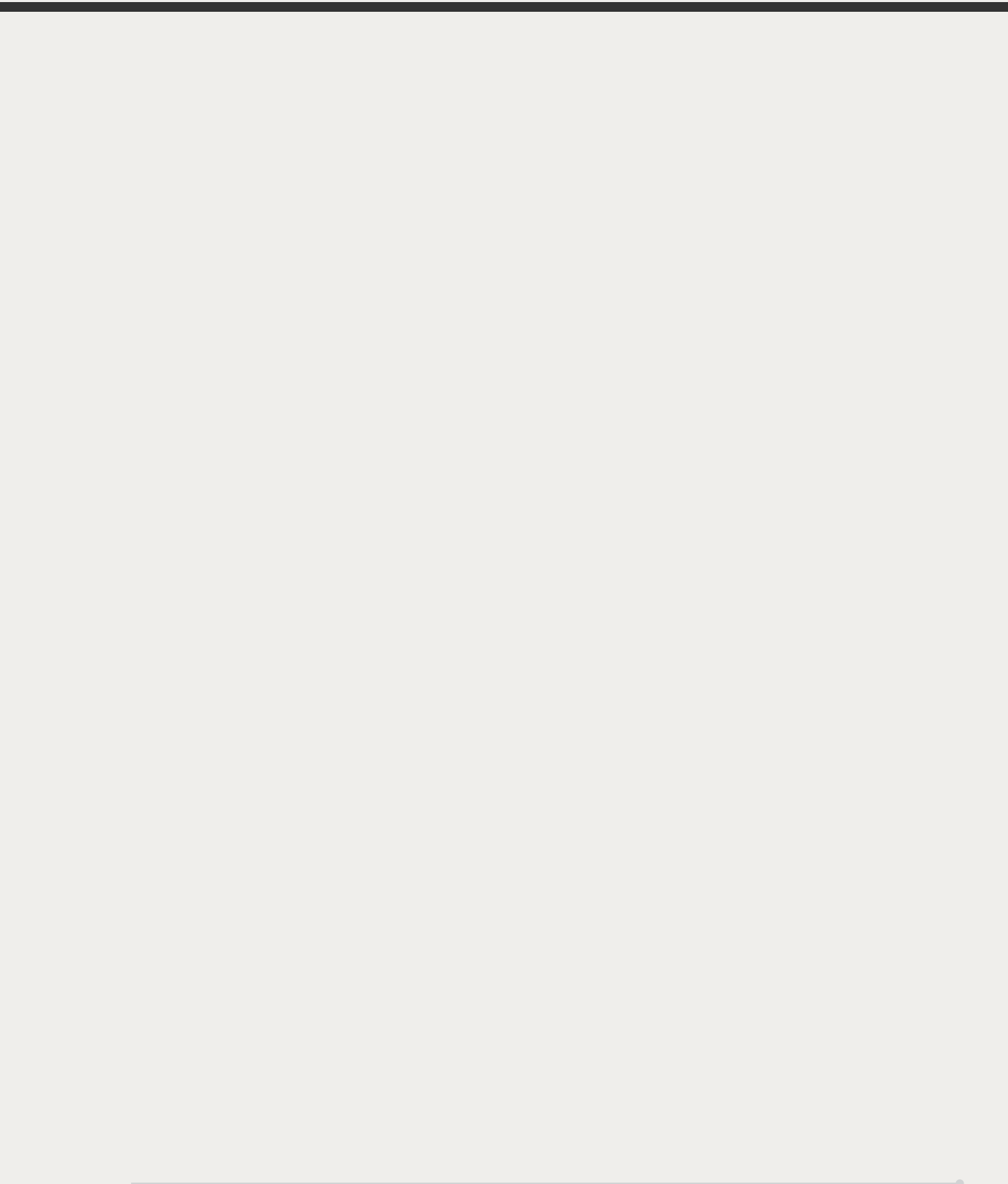
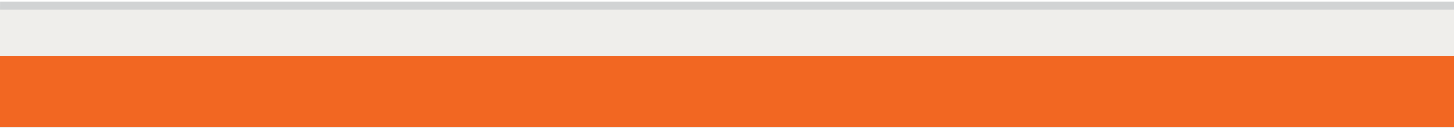


PD Hearth is a strength

Sayemis the 25 months old only son of his parents and a PD Hearth participant from Mannan slum of Dhalpur PFA. His mother is a housewife and his father is a van puller.

His mother, Sayma got married when she was only 17 years old. Though after birth, Sayem's health and nutrition status was as well, but a few days later he started suffering from malnutrition. Sayma communicated with Community





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