



PROGRESS REPORT

JANUARY-JUNE '24





EMPOWERING EDUCATION

Providing Academic Resources to Foster Learning

Since our establishment in 2013, OBHIZATRIK School has aimed to mitigate poverty and empower its students to become engaged global citizens. With over 600 students enrolled, our primary goal is to foster active participation and enthusiasm for learning. We distribute complimentary academic books and study materials to our students each year. In early 2024, we initiated our annual outreach program, providing brand-new study materials to students enrolled in OBHIZATRIK schools. The students expressed immense joy and eagerness to learn, resulting in a noticeable increase in attendance. The availability of fresh educational resources has encouraged students to take a more proactive approach to their studies.

Beyond academics, we believe in creating a holistic learning experience by integrating extracurricular activities, such as art, music, and sports, which foster creativity and teamwork. Through these combined efforts, OBHIZATRIK School continues to inspire and support, empowering young minds to pursue their dreams and build a brighter future for themselves and their communities.



Over a span of 20 years, Bangladesh experienced 81 cold wave incidents resulting in a total of 5,610 fatalities, averaging 281 deaths annually. The primary cause of death was attributed to insufficient winter clothing and inability to endure the cold temperatures. The OBHIZATRIK has been dedicated to giving people in need winter clothes and blankets for several years. Following in the footsteps of previous years, OBHIZATRIK provided blankets to people in need and homeless people in different areas of Dhaka. We distributed winter clothes among disable community Gandharia, Bongaon union in the Savar area. Along with that, we also distributed winter clothes to school students of charlata and to Mirpur branch. Charlata students were also offered dental kits along with winter clothes.

WINTER GIFT 2024

Extending Warmth to Student & Underprivileged Children

We organized a fair at Mirpur branch school, providing an opportunity for both enrolled students and underprivileged children from the surrounding community along with their families to receive winter clothing for themselves for free. This event aimed to extend warmth and support to those in need, fostering a sense of inclusivity and care within the community. This noble initiative is sponsored by Scholastica School, Uttara Branch.



EXPLORING & ENGAGING

Muslim Charity UK Visits OBHIZATRIK Projects

A team from Muslim Charity explored two significant projects under the OBHIZATRIK : The Sheikh Russel Rehabilitation Centre in Tongi and the Appayon Project in Mirpur. This visit was marked by personal engagement as the team went beyond observation to actively interact with children, joining them in games like football and badminton. Their time spent playing with the kids at the rehabilitation center created a lively and heartening atmosphere, with smiles all around. The visit also showcased OBHIZATRIK's commitment to community support through the Appayon Community Kitchen. As part of this, the team distributed nutritious meals prepared by the kitchen, reinforcing our focus on ensuring access to healthy food for underserved families. These engagements left a positive and lasting impact.



On January 21st, a meal of Khichuri with beef and vegetables was arranged for students and their families at the 'Appayon Community Kitchen' operated by OBHIZATRIK. Additionally, some of our school students volunteered to assist in ensuring the smooth execution of this program.





Under the 'SHAKTI' project by the OBHIZATRIK, in collaboration with ZXY International, five women in Gandharia, Savar, were selected to receive cows as part of the project's second phase. The primary objective of this year's initiative was to empower women towards self-reliance, with a special emphasis on prioritizing their needs. This project is a major advancement toward the goal and outreach of the 'SHAKTI' project.

COMBATING HUNGER WITH COMPASSION

In collaboration with DARAZ BANGLADESH, OBHIZATRIK launched the 'Amar Dawat' campaign, offering free meals five days a week to tackle Bangladesh's persistent hunger issues. We deliver 300 meal packages daily to 30 designated points in Dhaka. Over 30 shops have already joined us in this noble endeavor, benefiting around 334,000 individuals. Through this innovative initiative, we strive to make a significant impact on the lives of marginalized people by providing essential nourishment and promoting inclusivity in society.





FALGUN FESTIVAL

Students from OBHIZATRIK School organized a colorful Falguni festival in the Mirpur branch on February 14. The whole OBHIZATRIK were present at the event. Alongside a mehedi shop, students set up a variety of food vendors selling items like pitha and fuchka. They worked on their own to set up the whole fair. The school community was profoundly impacted by this joyful event, making it an unforgettable day for all those who attended it.



MILESTONE: OBHIZATRIK STUDENT'S FIRST SSC EXAM

Since 2013, the OBHIZATRIK has been dedicated to providing education to underprivileged children. This year marked a significant milestone as one of our students appeared for the S.S.C. examination for the first time. This achievement serves as a testament to the effectiveness of our initiatives, inspiring us to continue our efforts in empowering underprivileged youth through education.



HONORING INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY & SCHOOL'S 11TH



In honor of International Mother Language Day and the 11th anniversary of OBHIZATRIK School's foundation on February 21, an energetic cultural performance and prize distribution ceremony were held on the school's grounds.

The children mesmerized the audience with a play portraying the historic language movement as part of the cultural celebrations. The celebration got even better with a variety of entertainment, including singing and dancing.

11 years of OBHIZATRIK SCHOOL



For over a decade now, OBHIZATRIK School has been a beacon of hope for underprivileged children, thanks to the visionary leadership of Ahmed Imtiaz Jami. Founded 11 years ago, this institution has tirelessly worked towards transforming dreams into reality through the gift of education. The main aim of OBHIZATRIK School isn't just reducing poverty but also empowering students to be active global citizens. Besides teaching a wide-ranging curriculum, the school offers crucial support like medical check-ups, healthcare, and healthy meals. It also promotes overall development through study tours and sports events. Additionally, the school supports parents with livelihood projects to uplift families, acknowledging their crucial role in shaping children's lives. Every day, it unlocks doors to a brighter future for children who may not have had such opportunities otherwise. Through dedication and commitment, OBHIZATRIK School continues to change lives, one student at a time.

Partnership for SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

OBHIZATRIK and Mile Technologies inked a MOU at the start of March 2024. Mile Technologies is offering car battery changing services for electronic vehicles for the first time in Bangladesh.

Through waste reduction and beneficial environmental impact, this cooperation will prioritize sustainability. This partnership aims to set a benchmark for green initiatives in the region, showcasing how innovative technologies can contribute to environmental conservation.

This initiative will also create awareness and educate the public about the importance of sustainable practices in everyday life.



MANGO FESTIVAL-2024

The annual Mango Festival is a beloved tradition held at OBHIZATRIK School. Collecting mangoes from their own trees on May 16th is evidence of their commitment to protecting the environment. They spread mustard on the juicy mangoes, adding flavor and giving everyone in presence a special food experience, all while laughing and rejoicing.

A few of our children helped to make delectable mango pickles, which further fostered a sense of community and teamwork. Mangoes were happily delivered to kids, teachers and staff members after the preparations, bringing excitement and a sense of unity. The Mango Festival highlighted the harmonious combination of education, nature, and shared experiences that characterize our school community.



OBHIZATRIK's Participation in

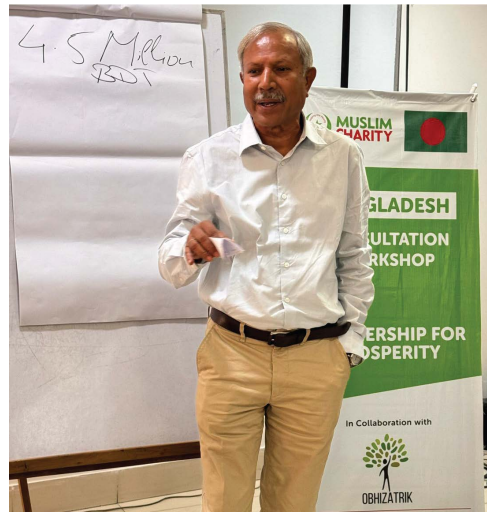
REGIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT



Since 2023, OBHIZATRIK has been actively involved in the Young Engagement & Democracy Project, led by MANUSHER JONNO FOUNDATION. This year, we are excited to join the Regional Youth Summit 2024, hosted by Accountability Lab Nepal & Manusher Jonno Foundation. Our representative, Sharaban Shakin Oni, attended the final summit in Kathmandu, Nepal, from March 4th to 8th. This summit presents an incredible opportunity to exchange ideas and catalyze positive change alongside fellow young leaders from the region.

BUILDING PROSPERITY THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

A total of 35 community-based organizations (CBOs) convened for the 'Partnership for Prosperity' workshop, organized jointly by MCKUK and OBHIZATRIK. It was a remarkable sight to witness these CBOs uniting, as they engaged in meaningful discussions with the younger generation. Together, they tackled various community challenges and collaboratively brainstormed innovative solutions, fostering a sense of unity and empowerment among all participants.





OBHIZATRIK is Awarded **ICESCO AWARD**

OBHIZATRIK received the prestigious ICESCO Prize for Literacy of Girls and Women in 2023, a commendation given to Civil Society Organizations and NGOs. The accolade was granted by ISESCO in recognition of our 'Empowering Extreme Poor Women (Shokkhom Nari)' project. Among 54 countries, only two organizations, from Bangladesh and Egypt, were honored with this award, bringing pride to our nation.

The award ceremony, titled 'ICESCO Prize for Literacy of Girls and Women awarded to Civil Society Organizations and NGOs,' was organized by the Bangladesh UNESCO National Commission (BNCU) under the Ministry of Education. The event took place at 03:00 PM on February 19, 2023.

The esteemed event witnessed the presence of notable dignitaries, including the Honorable Secretary of the Ministry of Education's Department of Secondary and Higher Education, and the Secretary General of the Bangladesh UNESCO National Commission, Mr. Soleman Khan, who graced the occasion as chief guests.



**RAMADAN
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In the holy month of Ramadan, OBHIZATRIK embraced the spirit of unity, compassion, and generosity by organizing "Ramadan Iftar for All," a month-long iftar program. For 30 consecutive days, we served iftar meals on Appayon Community Kitchen, ensuring that families and individuals across Dhaka and beyond could share in the joy of Ramadan, regardless of their circumstances. This initiative aimed to spread the profound essence of Ramadan: generosity and inclusivity.

Our dedicated team and volunteers reached underserved communities in both urban and rural areas, delivering iftar essentials to those who might otherwise struggle to break their fast with a full meal. Our program brought together people of all backgrounds, promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose during this sacred time.

We also provided iftar in East Africa. "Iftar for All" succeeded in becoming a symbol of hope, community, and shared blessings throughout the month.

JOY OF GIVING - 2024

This year, the OBHIZATRIK successfully participated in the "Joy of Giving 2024" initiative, spreading joy to underserved individuals during Ramadan. We provided essential food bags filled with groceries needed for the holy month, ensuring families could celebrate with ease and comfort. Through a thoughtfully organized campaign, we presented a chart displaying three types of food bags, each with detailed costs and contents, allowing donors to support them according to their preferences.

Thanks to generous sadaqah contributions, we reached numerous individuals in need, delivering not only food but also a sense of community and care. This heartfelt initiative made Ramadan a memorable and joyous experience for those who need it most, embodying the spirit of giving that defines the season.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



On 17 March, in celebration of National Children's Day, the 34th BCS (Agriculture) Association paid a special visit to Obhizatrik School. The association members engaged with the students. The day's highlight was the distribution of Ramadan gifts, which brought immense joy to the children. This heart-warming gesture left a lasting impact on the young students, reinforcing their sense of community and support during the holy month.

JUICE DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

Between 2003 and 2007, around 1,500 deaths happened yearly due to heatwaves. Recently, Bangladesh faced its second-highest heatwave since 1992. Chuadanga recorded a scorching 43 degrees Celsius this year, leading to at least 15 heat-related fatalities. Additionally, media sources reported 10 suspected heat stroke deaths across the country.

In April, we experienced the peak of the ongoing heatwave, causing discomfort to all. Given the persistent hot weather, it's crucial to stay hydrated. Even a small act like sharing juice can make a significant impact. Thus, we organized a 3-day juice distribution campaign across various areas in Mirpur.



PROVIDES RELIEF

We also provided water and saline to the working-class individuals who must venture outdoors to support their families during the heatwave. The recipients expressed gratitude for these provisions. Many people, including non-volunteers, joined us in distributing juice, saline, and water. Our dedicated school students volunteered tirelessly during the campaign to provide relief from the heat.

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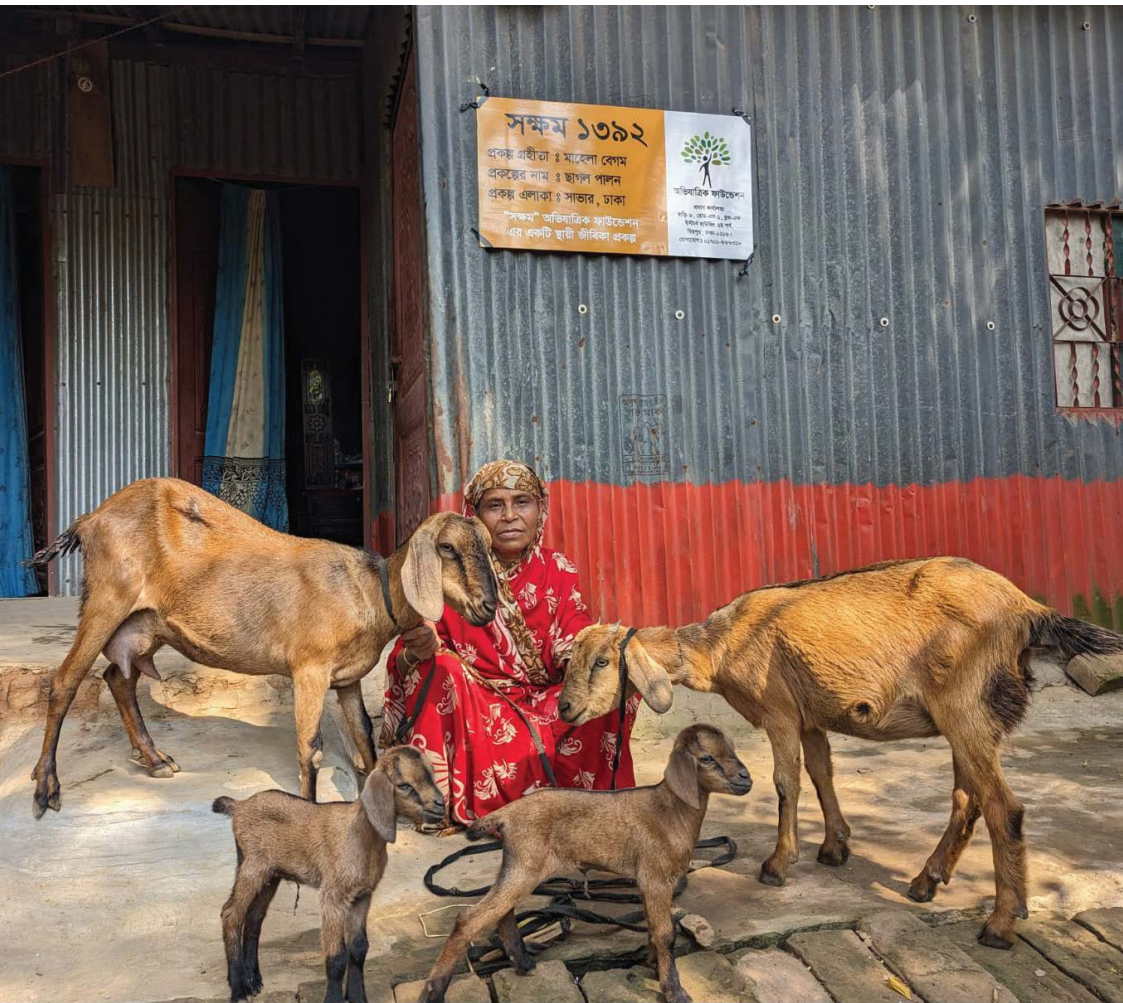
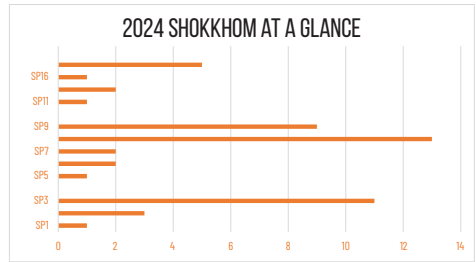


“SHOKKHOM” EMPOWERMENT JOURNEY

Shokkhom stands as an ongoing endeavor dedicated to uplifting the lives of our beneficiaries by providing them with sustainable avenues for financial stability. Over the months of January through May, our project has facilitated the distribution of various assets to those in need. From electric rickshaws and paddle rickshaws to livestock such as cows and goats, we have aimed to equip individuals with the means to generate income and improve their economic standing. Additionally, we have extended support to ventures like fisheries and agricultural projects, offering investments to boost their operations. Furthermore, some beneficiaries have been granted small business stalls or shops and many more, empowering them to establish themselves financially.

Our beneficiaries' increased quality of life is a clear indicator of the projects' real effects. Seeing people go from struggling to succeeding is a strong source of inspiration for our staff to work even harder. We are motivated to positively affect more lives and bring about significant change in our society as we keep reaching out. We

continue to be constant in our dedication to this noble cause as we work to establish a flourishing and sustainable environment in Bangladesh for everyone.



CISCO BANGLADESH'S DAY OF ENGAGEMENT

at OBHIZATRIK School



CISCO Bangladesh dedicated a day to interacting with students at OBHIZATRIK School. The representatives spent some thoughtful time with the students, engaging in meaningful connections and sharing knowledge about technology, future goals and values. They brought along some thoughtful gifts for the students to brighten their day further. The interaction proved to be mutually enriching, as students had the opportunity to learn from industry experts while CISCO members were inspired by the young minds.

HANDS-ON SESSION AT OBHIZATRIK SCHOOL



At the end of May students from DPS STS School Dhaka recently paid a visit to OBHIZATRIK School, where they engaged in a hands-on session, teaching our students the art of origami. Through this interactive experience, both sets of students had the opportunity to not only learn from each other but also to appreciate each other's talents, fostering a remarkably strong bond in the process.

BRINGING CLEAN WATER CLOSER TO HOME

In mid-May, we embarked on a project that brought immense joy to both the recipients and ourselves. Recognizing the daily struggle of ten impoverished families in the East Gilabari area of Rangpur, who had to travel far to fetch water for their household needs, we took action under our community development initiative. We installed deep tubewells in their vicinity, ensuring convenient access to clean water for their daily chores.

The impact was greater as the families expressed their gratitude and happiness. For many, the installation of the tubewells meant the alleviation of years of hardship. Some of the elderly members offered prayers for us and the generous donor, acknowledging the relief from their prolonged suffering. This initiative not only provided a basic necessity but also brought hope and improved the quality of life for these families. The team felt encouraged by witnessing their happiness and hopes to undertake similar initiatives in the future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



PROJECT GREEN

Planting trees is essential for mitigating heat and creating a sustainable environment. Trees provide shade, cooling urban areas through evapotranspiration. Additionally, trees support biodiversity, fostering ecological balance and ensuring long-term environmental health and resilience. We recently planned a campaign where we will plant



trees in many different areas and we named that project "Project Green". Over the June-July we planted 5000 trees in various areas of Mirpur. Each tree planted signifies a step in mitigating climate impacts, enhancing air quality, and nurturing community spirit.

CELEBRATING “MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY”



Maintaining menstrual hygiene is crucial for women's health and well-being. Proper hygiene practices during menstruation prevent infections, such as urinary tract infections and reproductive tract infections. Additionally, menstrual hygiene promotes comfort and dignity, allowing women to engage in daily activities confidently and without disruption, ensuring overall reproductive health. On Menstrual Hygiene Day, Travelettes of Bangladesh took a workshop at OBHIZATRIK School focused on

enhancing menstrual hygiene management. Dr. Sakia Haque conducted the workshop and provided valuable guidance on maintaining proper hygiene and tackled the stigmas surrounding menstruation. It was a significant and impactful session for the girls.

RELIEF EFFORTS AMIDST CYCLONE “REMAL”

In the aftermath of Cyclone Remal's devastating impact on Bangladesh's coastal regions, numerous families found themselves displaced, homes destroyed, and lives lost. Responding to this crisis, our volunteer team mobilized swiftly, recognizing the urgent need for assistance. Venturing into the affected areas, our team assessed the situation firsthand, witnessing the widespread destruction and dire circumstances faced by the affected communities.

Our primary objective was to ensure the safety and well-being of those affected. We worked tirelessly to relocate families to safer locations, providing temporary shelter and essentials like food and clean drinking water. In coastal areas such as Patuakhali, where the devastation was severe, we coordinated efforts to address the acute shortages of essential supplies. Our team

Our team prepared meals and distributed them to those in need, alleviating hunger and ensuring access to nourishment.

Moreover, we prioritized the most vulnerable members of the community, including the elderly and disabled. Recognizing their limited mobility and increased susceptibility to harm, we facilitated their evacuation to safer areas, offering assistance and support every step of the way. By ensuring the safe relocation of all individuals, regardless of their physical abilities, we aimed to uphold the principles of inclusivity and compassion in our relief efforts.





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