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Message from the Executive Director

By 2021-2022 ASHIKA has made remarkable achievements over the last 19 years- in improving internal and external governance system. We had a built up good working relationships with local, national and international level partners, stakeholders, networks and beneficiaries. We continued to work with them to improve our ability to generate knowledge towards bringing exceptionality within the organization in the local context. In the past years slowly the organization made a fabulous progress-which is the result of our initiative steps and intimacy with Donors, Stakeholders, and Beneficiaries. We appreciate their efforts, specially the beneficiaries including child, women and men specially marginalized community to improve their lives and livelihood. We look forward to continue the same in the coming years ahead and tackle the challenges in the context of CHT. We are now registered under NGO Affairs Bureau of Prime Minister's Office in the name of ASHIKA Development Associates. ASHIKA had its interventions in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency response even during 1st wave of COVID 19 pandemic which merged with food insecurity problem in Rangamati hill district.

I hope that this report will let you know about our organizational development activities and initiatives of towards sustainability. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to develop this report by depicting our organization's continued advancement.

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Executive Director

Our Intervention for the year 2021-2022

ASHIKA has made a remarkable improvement compare to last decade covering more than 600 staffs and 100 volunteers even during pandemic situation in Chittagong Hill Tracts through the implementation of more than 13 donor funded projects. Besides this the organization has also focused on its capacity building initiatives along with policy updating new policy adoption and regular monitoring at its best level ASHIKA can do. The staff and gender base ratio showed covering of diverse communities in hill areas:



ASHIKA has established Bamboo made furniture and crafts section and contributed to increase revenue of Government. The organization has implemented emergency response (health) related activities to the Measles prone areas in Sajek union under Baghaichari Upazila of Rangamati district, then it has provided a big food package (40 kg rice,5 litre edible oil,potato etc.) contextualizing Food Package- A in very remote areas of Dumdummya union of Jurachari Upazila and Sajek union and conducted mobile health camps covering more than 700 cases.ASHIKA has implemented projects covering its 5 thematic areas under Strategic Plan and received funding from more than 10 donors at international, national and Government level.

1. ASHIKA Mushroom Seed Social Business

There is a demand for mushrooms in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Mushrooms are consumed locally by indigenous communities who used to search for wild mushrooms in the forests of the Hill Tracts. However, the rise in mushroom cultivation has made access easier and increased its popularity. Furthermore, there is a demand for mushrooms from food manufacturers who use processed mushrooms in a variety of products. The Hill Tracts are also have a comparative advantage in mushroom production as it requires slightly cooler temperatures and do not grow as well in the plains of Bangladesh. Mushrooms as an IGA require relatively less investment and time for good returns as noted by the experience in various projects. In 2008 ASHIKA had limited knowledge on mushroom cultivation and during the course of PLIEG project with the technical support from International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), ASHIKA gained through trainings and exposure visits to mushroom cultivation sites such as Savar, Bangladesh and ICIMOD's Godavari site in Nepal. Mushroom cultivation helps people in the Hill Tracts earn an average of Tk.1500/month without any substantial investment. Producers buying seed from ASHIKA noted that the average production cost for mushroom/kg is Tk.23.50 and sold at Tk 30. The households consume a small proportion of the mushroom produced, but the majority is sold to local traders and intermediaries. They sell the mushrooms for Tk.80/kg to local traders and intermediaries who sell it at the market for Tk.100/kg. Based on the experience during the project, ASHIKA and other local partners have concluded that mushroom cultivators can earn an additional 32% income in a year. The increase in income helped people meet their household expenses and many re-invested in expanding mushroom cultivation or in other livelihood strategies such as livestock.

PLIEG project drove a demand for mushroom seeds and ASHIKA recognized the need to meet the demand. Through its initiative, ASHIKA established a seed production lab in Rangamati town in 2009. This ensured that people had year round access to quality seed at competitive prices. The seed production lab is an air-conditioned incubation room, an autoclave machine to mix the different seed packet components. ASHIKA has employed eight people to work in the production lab on part-time and full time basis. The cost of producing one packet was Tk.16.50 and sold at Tk.20. ASHIKA annually produced 36000 packets, which it sells through its outlet centre. The profit from the outlet centre has been crucial in helping ASHIKA meet its operating costs with limited external assistance. It helped pay the monthly salary for eight staff members who were engaged with mushroom centre including full time staff for the seed production lab and outlet centre. ASHIKA planned to expand its outlet centre and provide an avenue for mushroom cultivators to sell mushrooms at higher prices without intermediaries.

In addition to the outlet centre, ASHIKA held meetings with local traders and worked with them to establish linkages with mushroom producers. A few of traders work closely with ASHIKA to collect and buy mushrooms directly from the producers at a higher wholesale price. This ensures that mushroom producers are able to earn more for their efforts and reduces the costs

of transportation to markets. Furthermore, the local traders also benefit by earning more income and it creates jobs within the Hill Tracts.

On 23 August 2014 ASHIKA contracted with Grameen Telecom Trust for establishing “Mushroom Seed Social Business” in Chittagong Hill Tracts. Till now the lab became a unique one in allover the three hill district providing exclusively mushroom spawn, even we covered Chittagong division too.

2. Strengthen Civil Society and Public Institutions to Build Community Resilience to Adopt Climate Change’ project

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women human rights and violence against women & girls, child marriage women human rights, and existing policy and legal provisions; climate change, open and participatory planning and budgeting. In this project, there will be initiation and facilitation of regional & national NGOs /CSO network for policy advocacy with Headman Association and Circles/ national and international agencies.

3. Project Name: Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh Part 1 and Part II

Donor: UNDP

These two implemented projects which gives an overview basically on the issues of traditional justice mechanism is, and will be improved with more extensively, importantly and properly in the future. The overall objective of the project was “To contribute to improving access to justice for disadvantaged and marginalized groups in Bangladesh”. There were two specific objectives in this project:

- 1) To make local authorities more responsive to local justice needs and offer appropriate legal services in the form of well- functioning village courts/local justice mechanisms in CHT
- 2) To empower local people, especially women, the poor and vulnerable groups to seek remedies for injustices and to resolve their disputes at the local level in an expeditious, transparent and affordable manner

The expected outputs were-

- 1) Capacity of relevant stakeholders at national and local level improved and key skills strengthened to enable Village Courts in new target Ups and local justice mechanisms in CHT to function effectively by the end of project implementation.
- 2) Legal and policy framework revised to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of VCs and local justice mechanisms in CHT
- 3) GoB monitoring capacity for evaluating Village Courts and other local justice mechanisms' performance is strengthened and systematized
- 4) Beneficiaries in project areas understand the roles and functions of the Village Courts and other local justice mechanisms and are able to access their services when required

Evidence-base and knowledge-management on VCs and local justice mechanisms increased.

4. Skill Development Training on Livelihood Activities of Ethnic Destitute Women of CHT

ASHIKA has been working for women empowerment in Naniarchar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District with financial support from Bangladesh NGO Foundation since 2007. The project covered various villages: 1. Khamar Para, 2. Noadam, 3. T & T Bazar, 4. Choy Kuri Bil, 5. Patachari under Naniarchar Sadar Union; 1. Purba para, 2. Bhuiyan Adam, Nangel Para under Ghilachari Union and Headman para of Sabekkhoyong Union of Naniarchar Upazila in Rangamati. At present, 8th phase of this project, the organization has been implementing at 2 Unions of Naniarchar Upazila which has increased various options of alternative livelihoods like Mushroom Cultivation and vegetable trainings are provided to 60 indigenous women. The

activities will be carried on till December 2018. Saving tendency and always be united is their main rule for survival.

Donor: Ministry of women and Children Affairs -NGO Foundation

Duration: 2007-June 2022

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The project has 3 Objectives includes:

1. Reduction of poverty and achievement of better quality of life of the destitute indigenous working women.
2. Raise the security of the indigenous working women in the society.
3. To develop the quality of indigenous handloom textile.

The Major Activities were:

- i) Set up a training center
- ii) Conduct a baseline survey
- iii) Selection of target group
- iv)Hiring of project staff
- v) Imparting training to the target group
- vi) Operation of micro credit.
- vii) Formation of producers' cooperative.
- viii) Set up an outlet center
- ix) Carry out an evaluation report
- x) Training on livelihood activities
- xi) Gender base Violence training

5. Empowerment through Integrated Livelihood and Right base Actions (EILIRA)

Donor: Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)

Duration: 01- January 2019 to 31-December 2021

Working Area: Rajasthali,Kaptai,Rangamati

Description:

Through this project ASHIKA has been working on ethnic women's rights on property, right to access to services, participation at decision making process under traditional Karbari court, come under free legal services and safety net etc. are exemplary initiatives by ASHIKA in Rangamati. In CHT several factors are responsible for low development and economy including social tensions. Ethnic communities (Indigenous) are highly involved with agriculture and land base activities but very less in off-farm activities like weaving, small business, govt. services, private sectors, selling fuel wood etc. Ultimately they are in risk of crop failure, price fluctuations and natural disasters that threatens household income, food and nutrition security and livelihood security. The problems related to Social tensions, political influence, settlement of outsiders, discrimination against women in terms of inheritance and access to property, ethnic language problem in school etc. impact on their economical status.



Goal: To advance sustainable economic transformation of ethnic communities into an upgraded status align with tradition, cohesion and unity in Kaptai and Rajasthali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.

Outcomes :

- Capacity and economic access of vulnerable ethnic and disable poor below poverty are enhanced, and improved as potential entrepreneur preserving traditional right, education and culture by 2021.
- Participation of ethnic poor are increased to governance process and enhanced service availability from LG, NGO and Govt service delivery machinery through strengthening mechanism by 2021.

Output and Major activities:

I. To increase productive capacity of 1000 poor ethnic people on Income Generating Activities with improved entrepreneurship results into an increased monthly income from Tk.3000 to Tk.6000 by 2021.

Activities: Group formations, capacity building through line department and resource person, provide eco-friendly agriculture inputs and livelihood and cash support through banking transactions to inspire entrepreneurship, Refreshers training and vaccination supports, video development on vermin compost making ,seed preservation, nursery demonstration plot with logistics support/guidance from MJF etc.

II. To increase access to and sensitize availability of services from local government ,non-government and public service delivery machinery on education, safety-net, District Agricultural Extension, livelihood etc. and strengthen stakeholders for prompt delivery of services from village to district level by 2021

Major Activities: Organize quarterly informative session on social safety net programs, agriculture, livelihood, livestock, union information centre etc. of GoB, Trainings and Upazila level workshops on RTI, Day observations, organize agriculture fair in link with GoB with market

linkages with beneficiaries, MLE training (Refreshers) support with teaching learning materials for primary level school teachers to cover 3000 ethnic children.

6. School Feeding Programme

Donor: World Food Programme

Duration: November 2019-August 2020

Working Area: 10 Upazila, Rangamati

Description:

This project has been designed to serve the children of families from below poverty rate in the rural areas of Rangamati Hill Districts. This will focus on the distribution of food at all Para Centers under Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board with the aim to reduce malnutrition, dropout rate and illiteracy and thereby increase awareness on education and child health etc.

-A total of **15890** school children studying at 1602 CHTDB Para Centers, Rangamati Para Centres is assisted by high energy/fortified biscuits.

-90% enrolment and attendance increased.

-90% child malnutrition reduced through school feeding assistance programme

ASHIKA has been working on the following activities:

- Collect PC list from ICDP and finalized through the verification by physically in the field.
- Compile a list of selected Para Center with PC's name, location, and number of student boys/girls and Para worker etc and send to World Food Programme (WFP) for final approval.
- Organize community mobilization workshop to make the village people aware of the impact of nutrition value about HEB and other food habits
- Ensure the properly and safely distribution to the GPS on and High Energy Biscuit in time.
- Ensure that WFP food aid commodities reach the intended beneficiaries in good condition and Proper quantitative.
- Be responsible for commodities received from WFP and take all necessary actions to safeguard the commodities in term of storage, transportations, documentations etc.
- Prepare a distribution schedule/plan in consultation with local ICDP staff and submit to WFP.
- Monitor distribution and storage of biscuits at school level; check whether other facilities such as access to safe water supply, sanitation, etc. are available for the students within the school premises.
- Provide reporting formats (i.e. attendance) to PC and ensure its correct usage.
- Submit monthly distribution report, monthly utilization report, and quarterly utilization report to WFP.
- Organize orientation sessions on School Feeding Programme activities to all stakeholders at village level.
- Implement FFE activities in close relation with World Food Programme, UNICEF and ICDP.
- Inform WFP of any irregularities in FFE activities or any other circumstances that might affect the success of the operation.
- Assist Para Worker to maintain proper documentation in PC level

Collect attendance card in time and compile those and send Monthly Utilization Report, Quarterly Progress Report, CPDR etc. to the WFP Rangamati Sub Office.

7. Emergency Response of COVID 19 and Measles in Rangamati Hill Tracts project

Donor: Start Fund Network Bangladesh

Duration: 3 April-17 May 2020

Working Area: 10 Upazila of Rangamati Hill District

Description:

ASHIKA Development Associates considered the exact picture on awareness on COVID 19 and Measles outbreak (in Sajek) from village level to the town in Rangamati. The detail of miseries of poor Jumias and Daily labors we already have mentioned, are of our great concern to prevent for preparedness and the places where water source was not safe, will come under this coverage. Through this project, 10,000 households' will be covered under the WASH & Hygiene kit distribution. Especially women and children are the first sufferer in any emergency, they will be given priority in this response. The population coverage by the district and upazila administration is not sufficient enough and the awareness by distributing leaflet, posters etc. is still lacking. We will deploy our 100 volunteers of emergency who are already in field working as their core level, the supports from Start Fund Network made their efforts speedier. The list of Dalily labor and jumias will be collected from local government authority and administration.

Prior to the permission from the district and upazila administration to deliver even during closure of transportation and movement, our team will work on this emergency response.

We were coordinating with administration of District and Upazila and Local government bodies, Journalists, media, Disaster management committees, Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council and Rangamati Hill District Council. The list of vulnerable was finalized as per district administration and Upazila & Union Parishads. The traditional Institutions (Headman and Karbari) were added in this coordination so that

the community gives more importance on this issue. With the help of defence community like police for maintaining social distance, our distribution was conducted if needed. Overall the primary concern of project participants and civil society were involved to increase awareness on prevention measures of COVID 19.

Regarding need assessment we have involved personnel from administration, journalist from respective upazila and the respective field staffs of 10 upazilas. During this assessment, some of targeted population was discussed with regarding the COVID 19 issue and its world widespread. The project has been designed by observing and discussing about the need of shifting cultivators, poor and daily labors during this closure by government and the media reports, online news has given a clear picture of the poor households who live from hand to mouth. So they were provided WASH & hygienic kit to the targeted communities. The targeted populations were trained through awareness events and demonstration of handwashing steps



in 20 seconds. The distribution will be accomplished upazila wise and municipality (2 municipalities-Rangamati and Baghaichari) wise listing out the finalized real needy people especially who belong to Marma, Tanchangya, Khyang, Mro, Tripura, Pankhua, Bawm,Lushai community.From the other mainstream community and major ethnic community, the most poor people will come under the implementation of this emergency project.

08. Emergency Health, Food security and WASH support to Malnutrition prone areas in Sajek and Dumdummya union of Rangamati Hill District

Donor: Start Fund Network Bangladesh

Duration: 25 May 2020-09 July 2020

Working Area: 2 Upazila of Rangamati Hill District

Description:

ASHIKA has covered 1000 HHs (HHs size of 5 individual=in total 5000 individuals) of Sajek and Dumdummya union in Rangamati to provide short term FSC food package-A (BDT.3900) for 30 days.

Approximately 500 HH (5 individuals in each HHs, total 2500 Individuals) will be supplied with 5 litres of safe water/Day for 30 days to ensure effective medicinal support, nutritional food preparation, safe hygienic practices etc.

#There were 2 mobile Medical/Health team will be in both the unions and to cover 1000 HHs with medicinal support who are Measles affected and suffering from severe Malnutrition.

#These mobile medical/Health Camps will also cover cases of general diseases approximately 600 individuals in Sajek and Dumdummya by 30 days.

#ASHIKA arranged an Advocacy meeting at district level towards a sustainable solution to the food insecurity and water crises, including potential means to link existing support services to the communities' remote areas.

#The participants(10-15) were from District/Upazila administration, Department of Public Health & Engineering, Health Dept., Women Affairs/Social Welfare Dept.,UNICEF/WFP/BRAC, if possible Representatives from local Govt. Bodies of Baghaichari and Jurachari Upazila and Traditional institutions, Journalist etc.

#ASHIKA provided FSC Package A (BDT.3900) to 1000 HHs that include rice, fortified vegetable oil, lentil, iodized salt, sugar, mung and cholar dal and considering local context, Chira will be replaced with Puffed rice. This package was targeted for 30 days to support gap filling till govt response.

There were 40 PPE distribution for Medical Team, Staff, Journalist & others who will be involved with this response as precautionary measures because spread of covid 19 is increasing rapidly in different upazilas of Rangamati.



#This response included medicinal support for eg. Multi-Vitamin, Civit, Calcium, ORS etc. in guidance with Civil Surgeon Office,Rangamati. The project staff will ensure proper water consumption.

#ASHIKA will ensured 150 Ltr.(5 Ltr.*30 days)Safe water support to appox. each of 500 HHs for daily HHs usage and after purifying it can drink.

9. CHT Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Program

Donor: Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh

Duration: May 2018-June 2025

Working Area: 9 Upazila, Rangamati Hill District (except Rangamati)

Description:

The activities under this project included:

- i. Dissemination of message on leprosy and rabies through different activities such as courtyard meeting with community people, sharing with School and staffs and groups, other NGOs
- ii. Advocacy to educational institute and other organization for creating a message disseminating environment in those organizations. It will also do advocacy to the local government (especially health and Social Welfare) that will help people affected by leprosy and disability have access into govt. services.

It is proved that the IEC materials could play a great role to disseminate information of CHT Leprosy Rehabilitation Project. The stakeholders told that the community mass people have not yet reported to us regarding the cases of Leprosy /dog bites etc. In some places though we have suggested taking treatment from health complex, they didn't respond us. But many of them are now aware of the issues related to leprosy, rabies and initiatives done by Leprosy Mission International in Bangladesh. In traditional cultural context in CHT, people



faced these problems through involvement of traditional healers in their own village; they had lack of knowledge on facilities by Leprosy mission in CHT. Through this project, ASHIKA has been trying its level best to disseminate the problems and facilities allotted through this project. Sometimes people do not want to give time to hear on leprosy, we are trying to motivate to hear us and gets aware on Leprosy or rabies or dog bites.

10. Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Resilience In Bangladesh (SERB phase 2)

Funded by USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), in cooperation with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) Country Office in Bangladesh, ASHIKA has been implementing Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Resilience In Bangladesh (SERB

phase 2) in the vulnerable coastal district Cox's Bazar and two other vulnerable districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts namely Rangamati and Bandarban. The SERB Program aims to strengthen the emergency response of first responder agencies, urban community volunteers and hospitals in the three districts by integrating key capacity development activities in existing institutional systems, strategies, programs and budgets under the leadership of the Department of Disaster Management and national implementing partners from the Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD), Directorate General for Health Services (DGHS) and the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM)

11.Promotion of agro-ecology practices in the Chattogram Hills Tracts

Donor: CARITAS Bangladesh

Duration: July 2019 -December 2023

Working area: Rajasthali Upazila,Rangamati

Description:

ASHIKA has been implementing this project in partnership with CARITAS following implementation strategies:

Provide Vaccination and treatment facility for livestock & Poultry program: A large number of cattle and poultry/ducks are died every year through infectious diseases in Rajasthali Upazila in the absence of timely vaccination and lack of awareness. In terms of the reality at least two open vaccination camps will be conducted annually through direct and indirect support from livestock department office of government in the remote area of Rajasthali.

The program will be organized in the presence of the government officials/public representatives/local elite people by ensuring banner on distribution day at the mentioned Para.

National and International Day Celebration (World Food Day and Environment Day): In coordination with government and non-government agencies as per the date announced to increase awareness on environmental protection, tobacco alternative farming, reduce use of chemical fertilizers, increase use of organic fertilizers, etc. in the project area. A day celebration should be organized at the time of reporting.

Agriculture fair/Tree fair: In conjunction with the Upazila administration, agricultural and technology fair and tree fair will be participated with stalls as per the demand.

Meeting of forum for Agro Ecology: A Forum consisting 15 members exist in the upazila where Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) is convener in that Forum. The Forum meeting will be held in 2 times in each year that is one in each six month at upazila level. This forum will work on protecting the environment, protecting environmental balance by establishing network with upazila level. The forum meeting will share the activities of the forum and will provide various opinions and will take programs to protect environment.

Inputs distribution: "Organic farming practice": Seeds, Organic Solutions/Vermi Compost support will be provided to the beneficiaries of vegetables, paddy and financing. 10% local contributions should be collected from the beneficiaries according to the allocation of the project.

Support for Land settlement: Make understand among beneficiaries the complexities of land belonging to the small ethnocentric population at the para level and provide financial support to the collection of documents. Assist in collecting Headman Reports by engaging Headman/Karbari.

Marketing Committee meeting & support for marketing of Agriculture product: To encourage the beneficiaries of the project to market their products and to assist them in marketing the products in order to get fair value for their produce. To organize advocacy meetings for fair marketing of beneficiaries.



Inputs support for Bee keeping & Mushroom and others: Project has involved beekeeping beneficiaries those who were doing apiculture by getting training. Supports were given based on need like Goat and pig distribution, there were also distribution of saplings among students at schools for the purpose of protecting the environment, encouraging conservation and awareness of the youth group, so that students, students and youth community can contribute to conservation of environment.

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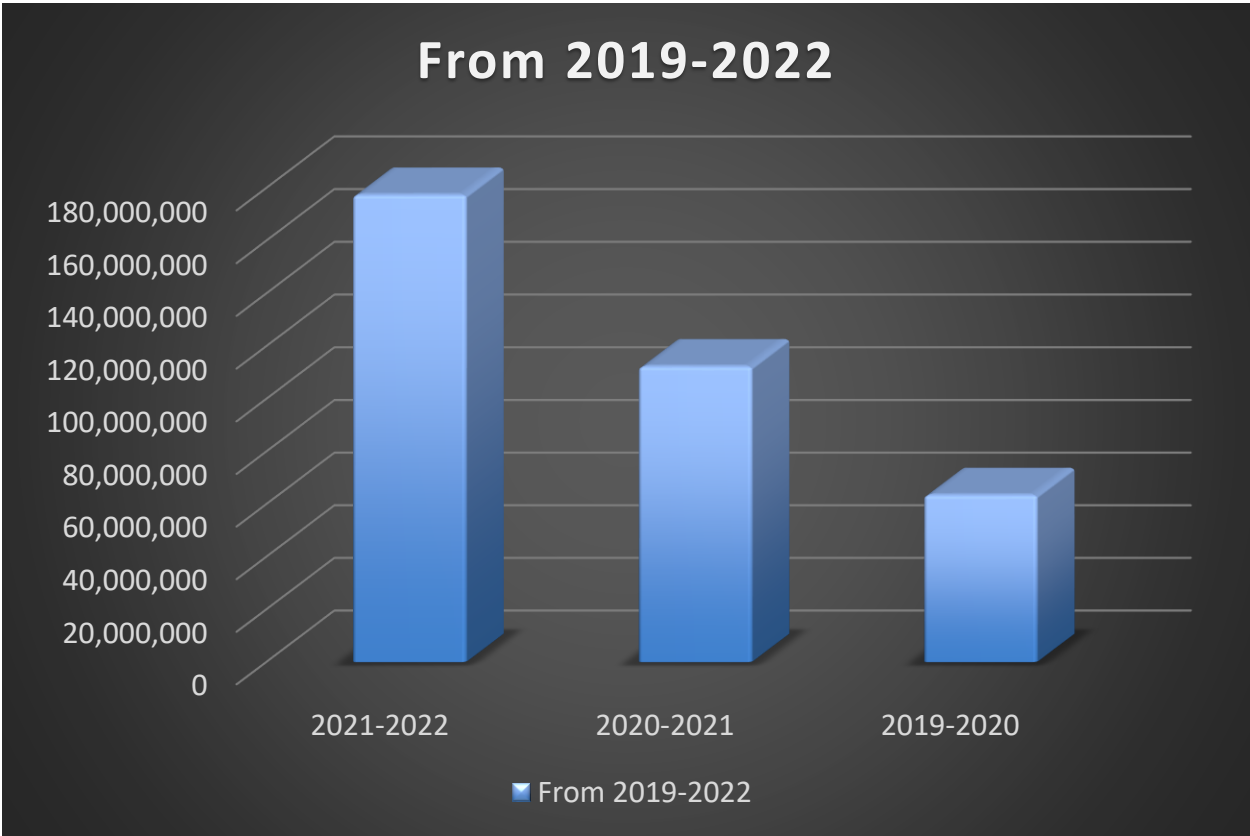
14.Project : “Women and Girls Empowerment through Education and Skills in CHT” component

The Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MOCHTA), in collaboration with UNDP and other Development Partners has implemented several projects aiming to protecting the diversity of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and its distinct characteristics by supporting the increased implementation of Peace Accord objectives, building capacity of devolved Regional and Hill District Councils to deliver the subjects transferred from national level and supporting confidence building and social capital strengthening in communities. Even after one and half decade of signing the CHT Peace Accord 1997, in the Seventh Five Year Plan (FY 2016-20), it has been stated that “CHT is one of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable regions in the country in terms of almost all major development indicators, such as income, employment, poverty, health, water, sanitation, education, women employment, access to infrastructure and national building institutions, inter-community confidence, etc.” (The Seventh five-year plan FY2016-FY2020. Accelerating growth, empowering citizens, pg. 637-638. Government of Bangladesh. 2015).

In virtually all social and economic indicators the region is disadvantaged with limited access to education, an absence of clear linkages between the capabilities and needs of communities and state institutions as well as a lack of understanding of key challenges (7th FYP page 680).

UNDP in collaboration with MoCHTA is implementing Strengthening Inclusive Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (SID-CHT) to keep up the momentum of development process of the CHT. It aims at strengthening community land, resource and livelihood management; increase participation and influence to shape decision-making; and strengthen democratic governance with responsive institutions and effective services. As part of the integrated endeavor of inclusive development of the CHT, Global Affairs Canada’s support for “Women and Girls’ Empowerment Through Education & Skills in Chittagong Hill Tracts” is commendable for having impact on empowerment of women and girls in the region.

The financial turnover of ASHIKA can be depicted as follows based on expenditures as per our Audited Statements of last five years:



ASHIKA Development Associates
 Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
 For the year ended 30 June 2022

Particulars	Amount in Taka
Income	
General Fund: ADA	83,559,224
Communication Conservation under CHTWCA Project	12,960,499
Emergency Assistance to COVID-19 Affected Vulnerable People in Bangladesh	31
General Fund - 1	30,000
ASHIKA Conventions Park	372,517
ASHIKA AVC IN CHT (PART-2) Project	18,699,755
CPPPAEP-CHT Caritas	905,000
Empowerment through Integrated Livelihood & Right base Actions (EILIRA), MJF	4,043,227
Bangladesh Jhukipurno Shisusrom (4th state)	2,381,334
CHTWCA Livelihood Project	7,795,106
Skill Dev. Training on Livelihood Activities for Destitute Ethnic Women of CHT	275,230
Strengthen civil society and public institutions to address combating gender based violence and build community resilient to adopt climate change project"	1,644,355
Promoting Engagement of Civil Society in Governance Process of CHT	4,012,889
School Feeding Programme	10,981,775
Basic Literacy Project (64 District)	-
Empowerment through Integrated Livelihood and Right base Actions (EILIRA)	1,612,020
Promotion of agro-ecology practices in the CHT (PAEP-CHT)	3,950,651
Shuvolong Safe Drinking Water Social Business	9,951,903
Sustainable Management of Community Dev. in Chittagong Hill Tracts" SID-CHT	5,592,902
Mushroom Seed Social Business	2,221
Bangladesh NGO Foundation (BNF)	-
Total Income	168,770,639


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Particulars

Expenditure

General Fund: ADA	91,338,347
Communication Conservation under CHTWCA Project	13,299,655
Emergency Assistance to COVID-19 Affected Vulnerable People in Bangladesh	9,930
General Fund-1	30,656
ASHIKA Conventions Park	339,553
ASHIKA AVC IN CHT (PART-2) Project	21,930,029
CPPPAEP-CHT Caritas	904,841
Empowerment through Integrated Livelihood & Right base Actions (EILIRA), MJF	4,104,682
Bangladesh Jhukipurno Shisusrom (4th state)	2,381,840
CHTWCA Livelihood Project	7,713,220
Skill Dev. Training on Livelihood Activities for Destitute Ethnic Women of CHT	276,230
Strengthen civil society and public institutions to address combating gender based violence and build community resilient to adopt climate change project"	2,085,507
Promoting Engagement of Civil Society in Governance Process of CHT	3,954,976
School Feeding Programme	10,981,322
Basic Literacy Project (64 District)	-
Empowerment through Integrated Livelihood and Right base Actions (EILIRA)	1,752,460
Promotion of agro-ecology practices in the CHT (PAEP-CHT)	4,156,607
Shuvolong Safe Drinking Water Social Business	6,428,563
Sustainable Management of Community Dev. in Chittagong Hill Tracts" SID-CHT	5,758,329
Mushroom Seed Social Business	5,875
Total Expenditures	177,452,622
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	(8,681,984)
Total Expenditure & Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	168,770,639

The annexed notes from an integral part of these financial statements

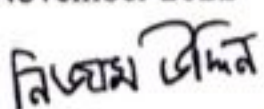
Managing Director

Director / Chairman

Signed in terms of our report of even date annexed

Place: Dhaka

Dated: 09 November 2022


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