

Project completion Report

On
Support to Community Healthcare, Education and Income Generating Activities to
Moanoghar in Rangamati, CHT



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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Title of the project	:	Support to Community Healthcare, Education and Income Generating Activities to Moanoghar in Rangamati, CHT
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Working area	:	Moanoghar Rangapani, Rangamati Sadar
Reporting period	:	April 2015 to June 2016
Project costs:		
a) Total approved budget (BDT)	:	BDT 2,301,000
b) Foreign currency (in USD)	:	USD 29,500
c) Total approved budget for the reporting period	:	BDT 11,48,072
d) Total amount spent (for the reporting period)		BDT 11,46,585
Number of beneficiaries who directly received support during the reporting period	:	5,375
Focus areas of the project	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile clinics and sub-nodes; • Awareness raising sessions on safe drinking water and sanitation, natal care (pre-natal, natal and post natal), nutrition and immunization. • Scholarships (Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships) to the female students for their excellent performance • Weaving • Income generation activities (bamboo plantation and coconut tree)

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1. Background of the project and its purpose

Moanoghar, an oldest child charity in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), has been working to provide general education and vocational training to the ethnic minorities' children of the three hill districts in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. Alongside general education, it provides basic health care services to the children sheltered at the Moanoghar Children's Home and poor people of the neighbouring villages.

Since its establishment in 1974, Moanoghar has been working for the orphaned and disadvantaged children and marginalised communities in the CHT region. Within the catchment area of Moanoghar, the large portion of the population lives below the poverty line. Due to poverty and lack of education, do not have access to basic health care and other social services.

On this backdrop, Moanoghar with support from BoDHI, Australia implemented a two year project from April 2014 to March 2016 (extended up to June 2016) to provide basic health care support to the poor communities within its catchment area along with the residential children at Moanoghar Children's Home. The project also included income generating activities (e.g. weaving and plantation of coconut saplings) scholarships (Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships) to encourage and promote education to the most disadvantaged girls in the CHT region.

This report covers the second year activities of the project from April 2015 to June 2016.

2. People assisted: who is the project aimed at?

The poorest and marginalised communities had been selected for this project. One of the criteria for selecting communities was lack of access to government health care facilities and water and sanitation. For this project, 5 disadvantaged communities within the catchment area of Moanoghar have been selected. They are: Khammar Para, Tanchangya Para, Deppochari, Morongchari, and Lemuchari. Please see the annex A for the location of the villages covered in this project.

3. Number of people assisted (no. of people who benefitted from the project directly and indirectly)

Basic health care support

This support included primary health care medicines and prescription service to the patients. During this reporting period from April 2015 to June 2016, a total of 5,375 patients received service from the project's mobile clinics. The trends of patient's turn-out over 15 months have been presented in the figure 1 below.

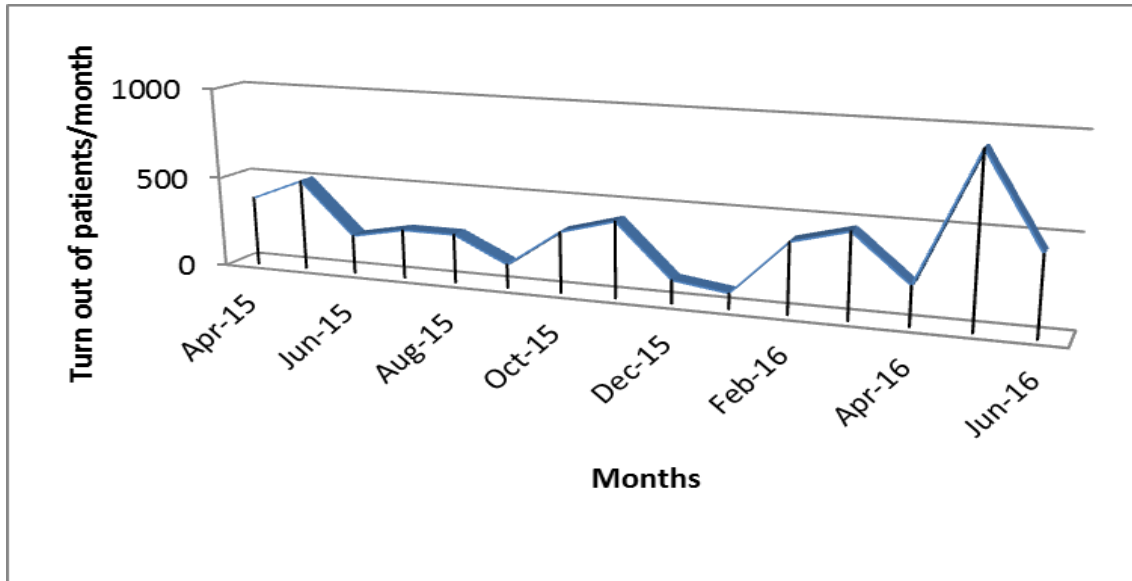


Figure 1: the trends of patient's turn-out over 15 months

As per the patient's registers, during the reporting period a total of 5,375 patients received support from the project's mobile clinics. Among them, the male patients were 2,724 (50.88%) followed by 2,303 females (42.85%) and 348 (6.47 %) children. Please see the *table 1* below for number of patients supported.

Category	April 2015 – June 2016	
	no. of patients	percentage
Male	2,724	50.68%
Female	2,303	42.85%
Child	348	6.47%
Total	5,375	100%

Table 1: the number of patients treated during the reporting period

Through the project, basically the common diseases were treated. For serious cases, the patients were referred to the government hospital in the district headquarters. The *table-2* shows the list of common diseases and number of patients who received treatment.

Diseases	Patients Category			
	Male	Female	Child	Total
Abdominal pain	61	80	4	145
Allergy	44	62	7	113
Boil/abscess	252	133	40	425
Chicken pox	3	-	-	3
Common cold	178	130	16	324
Tenia	101	34	11	146
Conjunctivitis	26	16	1	43
Cough	217	192	31	440
Diarrhea	310	222	10	542
Dysentery	-	-	-	-

Gastric	108	103	-	211
G-weakness	38	89	34	161
Hypertension	13	30	1	44
Malaria	1	1	-	2
Measles	-	3	-	3
Mums	16	30	-	46
Scabies	54	27	7	88
Scariasis	88	94	35	217
Tonsillitis	57	52	2	111
Viral fever	398	383	84	865
Others*	759	622	65	1,446
Total	2,724	2,303	348	5,375

Table 2: Patient's category

* Other diseases include back pain, joint pain, minor injury, and headache etc.

Health awareness raising sessions with beneficiaries

The Moanoghar Health Outreach team led by the Health Educator (nurse) conducted sessions on basic health rules. The objectives of these sessions were to pass message on specific subjects. As per the plan, a total of 49 health awareness raising sessions were conducted with both both male and female members covering topics on four areas: safe drinking water and sanitation; vaccines to kids, and where the services are available; hygiene practices and natal care (pre-natal, natal and post natal). These sessions were conducted through informal court yard meetings. For details, please see the *table 3* below:

Subjects	# sessions	Male	Female	Total
Safe drinking water	12	31	105	136
Vaccination	10	26	92	118
Natal care (pre-natal, natal and post natal)	12	29	96	125
Hygiene & sanitation	15	142	172	314
Total	49	228	465	693
Percentage (%)		32.90	67.10	100

Table 3: Health awareness raising session

4. Other activities of the project

Apart from primary health care support and health awareness raising sessions, the project included several activities such as: running mobile health clinics at the project villages, scholarships to meritorious girls (Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships), weaving and bamboo and coconut tree plantation.

4.1. Outreach community clinics

In order to provide free prescription support and primary health care medicines to community people, 4 nodes (mobiles clinics) have been established in the project villages. These mobile

clinics are operated on five days in a week. The schedules of the mobile clinics are presented in the *table 4* below.

Name of the mobile Clinics centre	Opening days	Time	Sub-centre
1. Rangapani-Vedvedi	Open every day	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	The doctor and the medical assistant are available on call at any time.
2. Tanchangya Para	Monday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Supported by Lemuchari sub-centre. The medical team visits by rotation i.e. on first day in the main centre followed by the sub-centre next day.
	Friday	3:00 – 5:00 pm	
3. Khammar Para	Sunday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Supported by Morongchari sub-centre
	Saturday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Supported by Montala sub-centre
4. Deppochari	Thursday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	

Table 4: Days and time of holding clinics

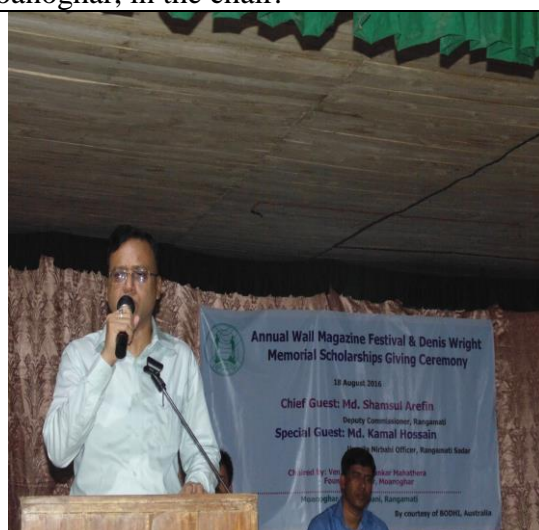
During the reporting period, a total of 5,375 patients received primary health care support from these mobile health care clinics. The general physician, medical assistant and the nurse regularly pay visit to these mobile clinics as per the schedule. They were assisted by the community health volunteers, who acted as the chaperons for the patients in need.

4.2 Awards of the Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships

As per the provision of the project, 3 girls were awarded with the ‘Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships’. The Award Giving Ceremony took place on 18 August 2016 with Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathera, founding member of Moanoghar, in the chair.



Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner handing over the cheque to Tumprong Mro



Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner delivering speech as chief guest

The Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships Giving ceremony was graced by Mr Md. Shamsul Arefin, Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Hill District and Mr. Mohammad Kamal Hossain, Sub-district Executive Officer of Rangamati Sadar Upazila (sub-district).

The scholarships were awarded to the following students:

1. Purbasha Chakma, Class IX (Science group) received the award of *Academic Excellence* for her outstanding results in JSC (Junior School Certificate) examination. She obtained GPA-5 (in a 5 scale), which was the highest marks among all girls from the Moanoghar Residential School.
2. Tumprong Mro, Class X (Science group) received the award of *Academic Improvement*. This award was given in recognition of her further improvement in her academic results.
3. Banashree Chakma, Class VIII received the award of *Academic Inspiration* in recognition of her strong determination in her studies. She came from a very much marginalised background. Despite all odds, she is determined to continue her education at Moanoghar.

The Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships recipients were selected by a committee consisting of 6 members. For details, please see *Annexure B*.

4.3 Sewing and weaving training

The objective of this component was to provide vocational training to the children on handloom and weaving. During this reporting period, 5 dropped out girls (who had to repeat the same class) attended the training session after the Junior School Certificate examination.

In addition to vocational training, the weaving centre is making clothes like *gamcha*, *lungi* and traditional clothes for girls. One master trainer and 3 weavers had been employed for training and making clothes. Children – both girls and boys can buy these clothes from the Moanoghar Sales and Display Centre at subsidized prices.



4.5 Plantation: Bamboo and coconut

On the fallow hilly land owned by Moanoghar, bamboo and coconut plants were planted. The objective of this plantation is to create an income generating opportunities for Moanoghar in the future through agricultural activities. It is expected that bamboo and coconut plants will help to regenerate the green cover of the fallow land on one hand hand, and will create some income sources on the other. Moanoghar also can utilize the bamboos for various purposes when they will be matured. Some 200 pieces of bamboo stumps (rhizomes) and some 150 coconut plans were planted on the hill slopes in and around the Moanoghar campus.



Figure 1: Coconut plants on the hill slopes

4.6 Maintenance of water supply system in Moanoghar

With the unspent amount from the previous year, the water supply system of Moanoghar had been repaired. A training on maintenance of tube well and water faucet was conducted with the senior students so that they could fix up the problems by themselves. To address the water crisis of the Moanoghar's children, especially for cooking, taking bath and washing clothes etc. two ring wells were dug within the Moanoghar campus.



The instructor (engineer) is showing the tools for fixing tube well



Practical exercise how to fix a tube well

5. Financial Report

The table 5 below shows the budgeted amount and the actual expenses of the project. For details, please refer to the audited report enclosed herewith.

Sl No	Heads of expenditures	Approved Budget for 1st year (BDT)	Actual expenses (BDT)	Variance (BDT)
1	Medicine cost	50,400	50,400	0
2	Fuel & Transport cost	24,000	24,000	0
3	Medical kits	0	0	0
4	Tube wells for drinking water supply	120,000	119,833	167
5	Mobile clinic expenses	19,500	19,500	0
6	Staffs Salary and benefits			
6.1	Medical officer	104,000	104,000	0
6.2	Medical Assistant	110,500	110,500	0
6.3	Nurse/health educator	136,500	136,500	0
6.4	Community mobilizer	97,500	97,500	0
7	Denis Wright Scholarships	50,000	50,000	0
8	Expenses for Award Giving ceremony	5,000	5,000	0
9	Stipend	124,000	124,080	(80)
10	School Teacher benefit	36,000	36,000	0
11	Handloom materials	50,000	50,000	0
12	Honourarium for Handloom Trainer	48,000	48,000	0
13	Handloom Assistants	48,000	48,000	0
14	Income generating activities (coconut & bamboo plantation)	98,000	97,240	760
15	Audit cost	8,000	8,000	0
16	Administrative expenses	18,672	18,032	640
	Total	1,148,072	1,146,585	1,487

Table 5: Expenditures of the project

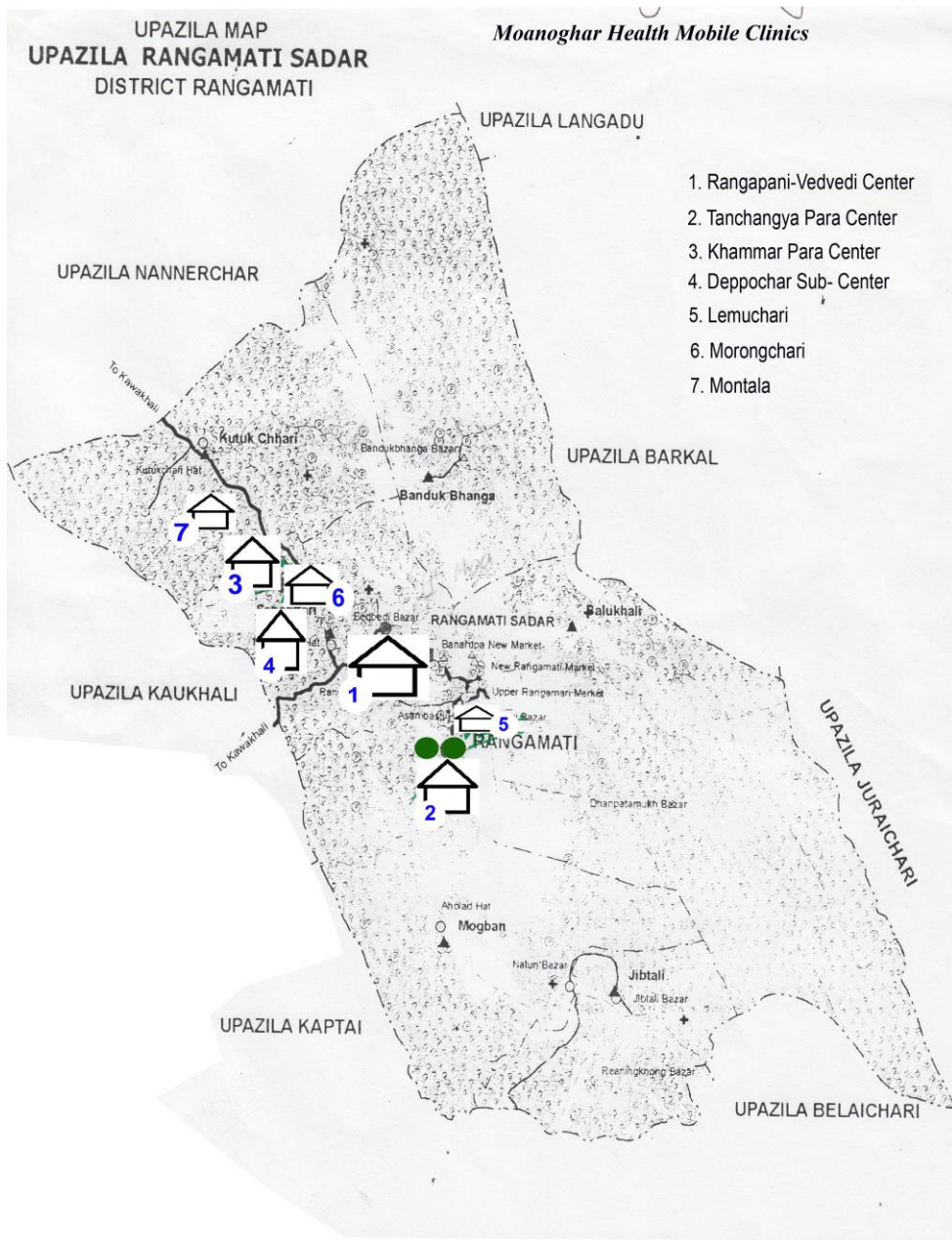
Concluding remarks

Generally in the Chittagong Hill Tracts the health care facilities are largely centred in the district headquarters. Above all, widespread poverty among the rural communities stands as a barrier to accessing health care services by them. On this backdrop, this project funded by BoDHI, although not a big one in term of money invested, had been very useful to improving access to primary health care and prescription services to the poor communities within the catchment area of Moanoghar. Moreover, the project included awareness raising sessions for both male and female members of the community. To change the attitudes of the community towards health care, such sessions were very much essential.

One of the most remarkable components of this project was the Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships for the girls. These scholarships have inspired them and dared them to dream for their future. Former recipients are now pursuing higher education in the university. This memorial scholarship should be treated as one of the best examples for making a difference in society.

Moanoghar and BoDHI – both had difficulty in receiving and transferring money for the project. Despite this reality, the project gave an ample opportunity for Moanoghar for project management. We value this experience as an asset for Moanoghar towards its journey to the future.

Annexure A: Location of mobile clinics



Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships 2015 (to be awarded in 2016)

I. Selection Committee

A Selection Committee consisting of six members headed by Ven. Buddha Datta Bhikkhu, Joint Secretary of Moanoghar Executive Council has been formed to select the deserving students for the Dr. Denis Wright Memorial Scholarship 2015 (to be awarded in 2016). The members of the Committee are:

1. Ven. Buddha Datta Bhikkhu	Convenor	Joint Secretary, Moanoghar Executive Council
2. Jhimit Jhimit Chakma	Member	Headmaster, Moanoghar Residential School
3. Shishir Kanti Chakma	Member	Assistant Headmaster, Moanoghar Residential School
4. Gourika Chakma,	Member	Senior teacher, Moanoghar Residential School
5. Niro Moni Chakma	Member	Assistant Teacher, Moanoghar Residential School
6. Suparna Chakma	Member	Hostel Superintendent (Girls' Section), Moanoghar

II. Selection of students

The Selection Committee had a meeting on 15 July 2016. The following three girls have been selected by the Selection Committee for the Denis Wright Memorial Scholarships 2015.

Name of the awardee	Scholarship	Remarks
Purbasha Chakma, Class IX (Science group)	Academic Excellence	Purbasha Chakma obtained GPA 5:00 (in a 5 scale) in the Junior School Certificate (JSC) examination held in 2015. She got the highest score among all girls in Moanoghar Residential School.
Tumprong Mro, Class X (Science group)	Academic Improvement	She obtained GPA 4.00 (in a 5 scale) in the final examination of Class IX.
Banashree Chakma, Class VIII	Academic Inspiration	She obtained GPA 3.11 (in a 5 scale), which is further improvement compared to her previous results.

III. Amount of the Awards

- a) The Award of Academic Excellence is Tk. 30,000 (thirty thousand taka)
- b) The Award of Academic Improvement is Tk. 15,000 (fifteen thousand taka)
- c) The Award of Academic Inspiration is Tk. 5,000 (five thousand taka).

IV. Award Giving Ceremony

The Scholarships will be handed over through a ceremony. Initially a date was proposed on 18 August 2016, where a high government official would be invited as the chief guest.