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# Director's Voice

Dear Friends, Well-wishers, and Supporters of BCSS,

I am thrilled to share the latest updates and developments in our mission to create a brighter future for the children and communities we serve. Your unwavering support drives our efforts, and I am excited to introduce the BCSS Insight, our new quarterly newsletter.

Thanks to your generosity, we support over 6,500 children in Bangladesh, providing them with essential resources and opportunities. Your sponsorship goes beyond financial aid; it is a beacon of hope for children in need. Our dedicated team is committed to creating safe, nurturing environments for around 400 orphans, offering them not only basic necessities but also emotional and psychological support. Education is central to our mission. Our schools are safe havens where children can explore their potential and dream big. We continually improve our curriculum, invest in teacher training, and ensure high-quality education for every child. This year, we have launched several projects, from building new classrooms to providing vocational training, all aimed at creating sustainable pathways out of poverty. Your support is instrumental in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

Life in the slums is challenging, but with your help, we are making significant strides in improving living conditions and providing essential services. Currently, we are serving around 1,000 slum children near the capital city, focusing on healthcare, sanitation, education, and community development.

Thank you for being a vital part of the BCSS family. Together, we are transforming lives and building a brighter future. Your generosity and compassion are the cornerstones of our success, and we look forward to continuing this incredible journey with you.

With heartfelt gratitude, Shohag Toton Boidya Director, BCSS role of a balanced diet, we now provide three eggs, three bananas, and three lemons weekly to each child. Twice a month, they enjoy special vegetable biriyani paired with you.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Shohag Toton Boidya  
Director, BCSS





# From Pain to Purpose: A Life Transformed

My name is Putul Marandi, and this is the story of my life—a life filled with both heartache and hope. Today, I am a third-year student at Anowara Nursing Science and Midwifery in Mirzapur, Dinajpur district, Bangladesh. As I reflect on where I am now, it feels like I am living the best chapter of my life, but the road to this point has been anything but easy. For most people, childhood is a cherished time—a period they wish to relive. For me, however, childhood was a chapter I wanted to escape. My earliest memories are filled with pain. When I was very young, my father walked out on my mother, leaving her alone to raise me, my elder sister Merina, and my brother Shimanto. I was the youngest, and my mother had no choice but to take us to her mother's home, where we lived in a joint family with her brothers. But from the moment we arrived, we were seen as an unwelcome burden.

The weight of being unwanted was something I felt deeply, even as a small child. My mother, faced with no other choice, left us in the village and moved to Dhaka to work and support us. She was forced to make an unimaginable sacrifice—leaving her children behind to fend for themselves. My brother, being the eldest, became our everything. He bathed us, fed us, and even combed our hair. He was only a child himself, but he stepped into the role of a mother and protected us the best he could.

For a while, things seemed bearable. We went to the village school, played with the other children, and swam in the ponds—innocent moments where we could forget the heaviness of life. But as we grew older, the harsh realities set in. We had to work in the fields for food, and I remember one day, a teacher came to the field and pulled me out so I could sit for an exam. Even in those moments, it was clear how different our lives were from the other children.

At my grandmother's house, we were treated as outsiders—reminded constantly that we didn't belong. The villagers gossiped about us, whispering about how my father had left my mother for another woman. The stigma of being a child from a broken family weighed on me. No matter what I did, I couldn't escape the judgment. I was just a child, but it felt like the world had already decided my worth.

I stayed in the village school until class 5. Then, one day, a teacher from SAMS took me under their care and got me admitted as an orphaned child. That was the turning point in my life. At SAMS, I found something I had never known before—belonging. It became my family, where I was no longer the girl with a broken family, no longer the child pitied by the villagers. I was simply one of many children like me—each carrying their own burdens but now with a shared sense of hope.

Soon after, I was blessed with sponsorship, and for the first time in my life, I didn't have to worry about school fees or food. It felt like a miracle. I began to dream—something I had never allowed myself to do before. I dreamt of changing my fate, of finding a future where I could break free from the chains of my past.

But as I found hope, my brother and sister were left behind. My sister, Merina, couldn't continue her education and was married off to a man from the village. She had wanted to study, but our family refused to support her.







## Water Tank Distribution at NBAS-CFSD Project, Monosapara

On May 16, 2025, a water tank distribution event was successfully held at the NBAS-CFSD project site in Monosapara under the CFSD program initiative, implemented by Bangladesh Children's Sponsorship Services (BCSS). Access to clean and safe water is essential for maintaining good health, preventing disease, and supporting daily household needs. In many rural and remote communities, the lack of proper water storage facilities leads to increased hardship, especially during dry seasons or periods of water scarcity. Recognizing this critical need, the project distributed water tanks to ten selected community beneficiaries to help improve their water storage capacity and overall hygiene practices.

The distribution was graciously led by Mr. Amol Baroi, Union Treasurer of BAUM, along with respected community leaders Pastor H. Hajong and Mr. Sujon Sangma. Their presence and involvement emphasized the importance of community collaboration in addressing local needs. Each water tank provided will enable families to safely collect and store clean water, reducing the time and physical burden of fetching water from distant sources and minimizing the risk of waterborne illnesses.

The beneficiaries expressed sincere appreciation for the support, acknowledging the significant difference it would make in their daily lives. This initiative reflects BCSS's ongoing commitment through the CFSD project to empower communities with practical resources that enhance health, dignity, and resilience. By ensuring access to basic necessities like clean water, the project continues to promote sustainable development and improve the overall quality of life for underserved families in Monosapara.





# Pathway to Brighter Futures: Bangla Help Light School for Slum Children



## Project Spotlight: Bangla Help Light School Spreading Light Through Learning

The Bangla Help Light School Project is a compassionate initiative dedicated to providing education and nourishment to underprivileged children living in slum areas. With the vision of ensuring every child's right to learn and grow, the project runs five feeding schools—Bonorupa, Konabari, Kornopara, Pagar, and Keranigonj—supported by generous donors through BCSS. Since its inception in 2000, the project has grown steadily, now serving 960 children annually with quality education and one nutritious meal each day.

BCSS manages the schools, which operate with the help of 41 dedicated staff, including 30 teachers and 10 support members. Each school runs from 7:45 am to 5:00 pm, driven by the belief that every child—regardless of background or faith—deserves a chance to learn and thrive.

Donor Visit-March 2025

This year, the donors of the Bangla Help Light School Project visited Bonorupa and Kornopara schools. Their visit was a meaningful opportunity to witness the impact of their generous support firsthand. The children warmly welcomed the guests, and the schools were filled with joy and appreciation. The donors expressed deep satisfaction in seeing the positive changes their contributions have made in the lives of these underprivileged children. BCSS extends its sincere gratitude to the donors for their continued commitment to the education and well-being of these students.





# Tree Distribution Program at Mohanoil ICDP School

Trees are more than just plants—they are life-givers, protectors of the earth, and silent witnesses to the growth of communities. They purify the air, hold the soil, provide shade, and support countless forms of life. Planting a tree is an act of hope—an investment in the future. With this spirit, Mohanoil ICDP School, under the BCSS-led ICDP project, organized a meaningful Tree Distribution Program on June 24, 2025, bringing together students, families, and community members in a united effort to restore and protect the environment.

During the event, over 1,225 trees were distributed among 175 families, each receiving a pack of 7 trees. The distribution included participation from all ICDP students, Child Representatives (CRs), and members of the local community. The event was filled with joy and a strong sense of purpose, as recipients understood the long-term benefits that these trees would bring to their homes and surroundings. This program was more than just a distribution—it was an educational experience and a call to action. Students learned the value of environmental stewardship, while families committed to planting and caring for the trees as a symbol of their responsibility toward the planet. The involvement of Child Representatives helped spread awareness and motivate younger participants.

Mohanoil ICDP School expresses its deepest gratitude to our generous donor, whose support made this initiative a reality. The trees planted today will grow with the community, offering shade, fruits, and clean air for generations to come. Through this event, the ICDP project continues its mission of nurturing both nature and human potential.







## "Stitching a New Life: From Brothel to Empowerment"

Under the RCOP project, the TVET Sewing Machine Training program has brought a new chapter of hope and dignity to 30 underprivileged women from the brothel community. Through six months of skill-based training, these women have been empowered to become self-reliant and contribute meaningfully to their families and society. The program was not just about teaching stitching—it was about restoring self-worth, building confidence, and creating pathways out of a life many of these women longed to leave behind.

The farewell and certification ceremony was an emotional and joyous moment. It marked not only the end of their training but also the beginning of a new journey. Six participants have already started earning by using sewing machines at their homes or suitable workplaces, and several others are planning to move away from the brothel in search of better opportunities. BCSS also hosted a pre-Christmas celebration as part of the year-end program, making the occasion even more special. For many, it was the first time they felt truly valued. The performances by the participants and the distribution of Christmas gifts added warmth and celebration to the memorable event.

Among the inspiring stories is that of Santona Akter, a 30-year-old woman and a student of the program's third batch. After spending seven years in the brothel, Santona longed for a life of dignity and freedom, especially for the sake of her young daughter. When she found the TVET program, it changed everything. With training and support, she left the brothel, moved into her own home three kilometers away, and started sewing work using an old machine. Today, she earns around 200 taka per day and is independently supporting herself and her child. Her greatest dream now is to educate her daughter and ensure she grows up with respect and dignity.

BCSS is deeply grateful to all who have supported this life-changing initiative. The impact of the program is already visible in the lives of these brave women, who are now writing their own stories of resilience and renewal.





## EMPLOYEE OVERVIEW

Employee Spotlight: Ashim Baroi Ashim Baroi serves as the Finance Controller at BCSS, where he ensures transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in all financial matters. With strong expertise in budgeting, audits, and donor compliance, he plays a key role in supporting the organization's mission. Known for his integrity and dedication, Ashim is a respected & valued member of the BCSS team. Outside of work, he is known for his calm demeanor, collaborative spirit, and passion for supporting the mission of transforming lives.



Ashim Baroi

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## Sanitation Support Initiative under CFSD Project



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