

Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable



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DEDICATION

To the relentless warriors, who fight against disability every day advocate for inclusivity, challenge barriers, and inspire change. Your courage, compassion, and determination pave the way for a more equitable world. We honor your unwavering spirit and profound impact of what you do.



FOREWORD

I am filled with immense joy and pride as we celebrate the completion of 35 years of SARPV's glorious journey since its inception in 1989. When we look back to see where we started and then realize where we are today concerning mainstreaming disability, we see that this year has been a remarkable lap in our journey. Throughout this tortuous journey, we have navigated through challenges, embraced opportunities, and achieved significant developments in various areas.

We have been doing our best to **ensure inclusivity** in all our approaches, thoughts and actions, by creating inclusive spaces in our minds and lives that embrace diversity, providing equtable opportunities for all focusing on the following factors:



Empowerment: Empowering youth through negotiation, leadership, entrepreneurship, and employability.

Innovation: Fostering creativity and entrepreneurial spirit to address social issues and drive impactful solutions.

However, sadly enough, when we look around, we do not hear the voices raised from different corners of society, be it individuals, organizations, and communities at large, as it used to be in the yester years regarding barrier-free societies where all can survive with their dignity and rights.

To this end, SARPV will keep up its unwavering dedication to finding the missing links and raising the flag to have the voices of the voiceless people with disabilities heard. While continuing its journey, SARPV plans to emphasize three issues:

Collaboration: Building strong partnerships, fostering teamwork to achieve collective goals and amplify the positive outcomes.

Lifelong Learning: Promoting continuous learning and skills development for personal and professional development.

Impact-driven: Creating meaningful and enduring change, focusing on tangible results and social benefits.

This annual report for 2023-24 highlights our achievements in various areas such as Mainstreaming Disability, Humanitarian Assistance, Alleviating Malnutrition, Protecting people from Climate Change and Disasters, Renewable Energy support, and Empowering people through Inclusive Micro-finance facilities.

I extend my heartiest appreciation to our revered Advisers, Executive Committee, Management Team, and all my colleagues at every level of the organization. Their commitment and tireless support have been the driving force behind our achievements. I also express my fullest appreciation for our stakeholders who have been with us all the time – when the journey was smooth as well as when it was bumpy.

Lastly, I have no doubt that, together, we will continue the invaluable work of SARPV with a great synergy towards a barrier-free society for all. With the support and cooperation through active engagement and sharing of thoughts and experiences of all concerned, I eagerly look forward to the promising year ahead.

MD. SHAHIDUL HAQUE Founder & Chief Executive Officer Accessibility Education Empowerment Equity Inclusion Participation

Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV) is an organization dedicated to promoting the socioeconomic development of underprivileged and marginalized vulnerable groups in society. Its primary focus is on people with disabilities, but SARPV also addresses other critical issues such as poverty eradication, inclusive education, health and nutrition, human rights, humanitarian support, climate change, and skill development. The organization aims to integrate these vulnerable groups into the mainstream of society, providing them with the opportunity to lead dignified lives in a productive and meaningful manner.

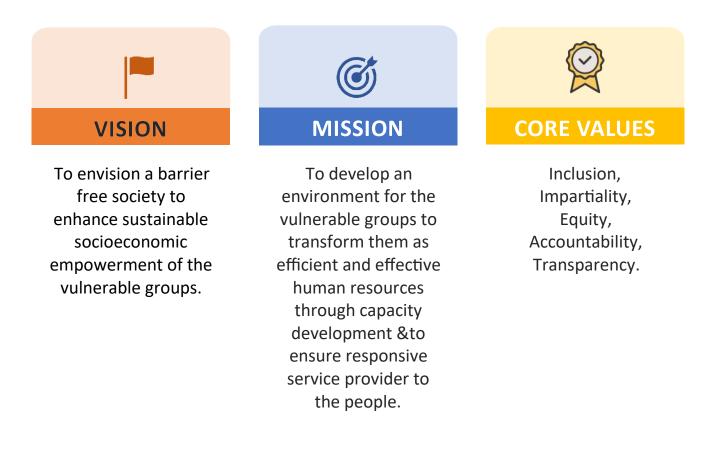
SARPV was founded in 1989 by Md. Shahidul Haque, a person with physical disability, and his friends in response to a catastrophic tornado that struck Saturia, a sub-district of Manikganj near Dhaka. Recognizing the correlation between disasters and disabilities, SARPV became a pioneering organization in Bangladesh, implementing disability-sensitive emergency response and relief operations.

In 1991, after a devastating tropical cyclone hit the southeastern region of Bangladesh, particularly Cox's Bazar, SARPV extended its community-level work to the area. It initiated relief and rehabilitation operations with a specific focus on preventing disabilities caused by physical injuries and mental trauma.

Additionally, SARPV played a crucial role in identifying the prevalence of Rickets in Bangladesh during the mid-90s, highlighting its commitment to addressing health issues affecting vulnerable populations.

In 2015, SARPV expanded its operations to encompass the socioeconomic development of all vulnerable groups, irrespective of disability status. To achieve this, the organization places significant emphasis on technical skill development as a means to generate employment opportunities, whether formal or informal. SARPV believes that economic empowerment is integral to leading a dignified life and strives to integrate vulnerable groups into society by increasing their access to employment.

SARPV collaborates with various entities, including government agencies, UN agencies, international/foreign organizations, INGOs, NGOs, and private entities operating in Bangladesh, to effectively carry out its mission and contribute to the well-being of vulnerable individuals and communities.



1988: SARPV established

1989: Got registered with the Directorate of Social Services; and carried out first-ever Study on Disaster relating to Disability conducted after Saturia tornado.

1991: Carried out first-ever Disability-sensitized Emergency Response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh; and Identification of Rickets in Bangladesh

1993: Started Community-based Rehabilitation

1995-97: Conducted National Rapid Assessment of Rickets.

1996: Started Psycho-physical Rehabilitation for PwD

1997: Formed Rickets Consortium Chakaria, Bangladesh

1999: Established Prodipaloy, an integrated school for Students with and without disability

2003: Health Program undertaken to cure the children with rickets through services and prevention through nutritional support

2004: A simulation project Seeing in the Dark undertaken for advocacy to change people's perception by showing how visually-impaired people see and feel

2005: Established Assistive Device Centre and Physiotherapy Center

2006: Incorporated Micro finance in CBR Program

2007: Started working on Climate Change and its impact on Health

2008: Collaborated in National Rickets Survey

2010-11: Provided Emergency Rehabilitation support for the People suffering from Flash flood in Chakaria, Cox's Bazar

2012: Started working on Disaster Risk Reduction through Community Action

2013: Started working in Renewable Energy sector

2014-15: Response to Flashflood in Southern region; and started Nutrition program to prevent malnutrition

2017: Humanitarian Response for Rohingya Population, Cox's Bazar District

2021-22: Response to COVID-19 in Rohingya Camps

2022: Started Humanitarian Response for Rohingya Population in Bashan Char, Noakhali.

SARPV Timeline

Registration



Directorate of Social Services Registration no: 02330, date: 23/10/1989

NGO Affairs Bureau under Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities); Registration no: 409, date: 15/11/1990

Micro Credit Regulatory Authority (MRA); Registration no: 00952-00132-0542

Principles

- Every beneficiary or family must ensure easily accessible sanitary latrine use safe water in all household activities and be neat and clean in all aspects including adequate lights and air in the house.
- There must be a hole or ditch near to the household area for garbage and household waste management through composting to ensure clean and fresh environment.
- Every beneficiary family must sow and grow fruit timber and herbal medicinal plants including Guava Papaya Banana Neem etc.
- Every beneficiary household must ensure poultry and livestock rearing.
- Every beneficiary family or household must send their children to school and ensure accessibility and in all aspects of the affairs.

Banking Partners

Bank Asia BRAC Bank Dutch Bangla Bank Limited Jamuna Bank Limited Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) Limited NCC Bank Pubali Bank Southeast Bank

Development Partners

Les Amis des Enfants du Monde (AEM), France Aide Medicale et Developpement (AMD), France Concern Worldwide Handicap International Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) People's Action for Inclusive Development (PAfID) Toitomboor UNHCR UNICEF World Food Programme (WFP)

Policies and Codes Followed

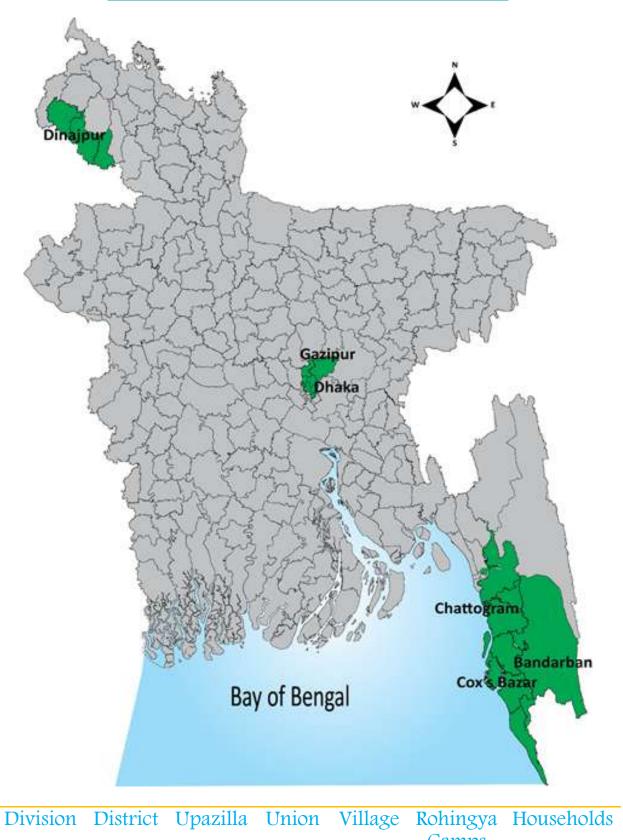
- Child Protection Policy
- Code of Conduct for Staff
- Code Of Ethics
- Code of Conduct for Suppliers
- Gender Policy
- Transport Policy
- Policy On Prevention of Sexual Harassment (Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse)
- Procurement Policy
- Human Resource Policy
- Provident Fund
- Policy of Whistle blowing
- Children and Adult-At-Risk safeguarding policy
- Information Disclosure Policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Depreciation Policy
- Staff Welfare Fund Policy
- Disaster Management Policy
- Finance Policy
- Data Management Policy

Networks

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) Credit Development Forum (CDF) Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB) Food Security Cluster National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) Rickets Interest Group (RIG)



Geographical and Demographic Coverage



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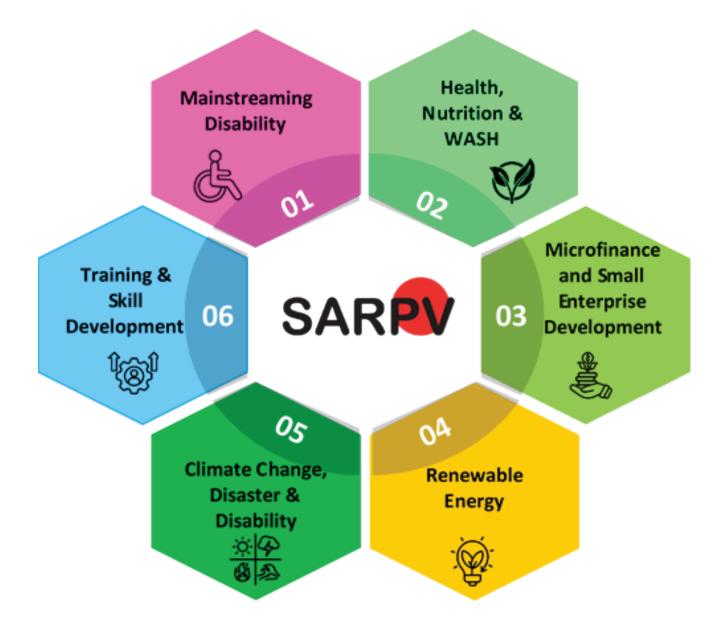
Abdullah Al Farial Deputy Director - HR

Employee Information



Subrata Debnath Deputy Director- Finance







Around 10% of Bangladesh's population live with disabilities, as per World Bank.

Only 19% of children with disabilities are enrolled in primary school, contrasting sharply with the national average of 97%.

□ Labor force participation for individuals with disabilities is approximately 38%.

Program Overview

SARPV is a disability-focused organization, and mainstreaming disability is the core mandate area of the organization's work. People with disability are the most vulnerable members of our society, and the primary objective of SARPV's initiatives is to ensure the rights of them. Mainstreaming disability can help guarantee the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Components and Major Activities

- 1.1 Advocacy and Networking for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 1.2 Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation
- 1.3 Inclusive Education.



Program Highlights

Geographic coverage of the Program: Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Bandarban districts		
Number of children treated for rickets	411	
Number of children treated for clubfoot	53	
Number of children treated for cerebral palsy	188	
Number of beneficiary received physiotherapy services	12252	
Number of assistive devices produced and delivered	753	
Number of PwD cooperatives established	8	
Total number of students at inclusive Prodipaloy school	170	
Total children with disability in Prodipaloy school	10	

CED ALITIES

PROGRAM

01/1.1

1.1 Advocacy and Networking for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Overview

The Advocacy and Networking for Rights of Persons with Disabilities component aims to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and equal rights for individuals with disabilities. Through targeted advocacy efforts and strategic networking, the program works towards influencing policies, raising awareness, and fostering collaboration to advance the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

Key Activities

- Policy Advocacy
- Accessibility and Universal Design
- Education and Skill Training
- Employment and Economic Growth
- Health care and services

Key Achievements

- Established 8 Registered Cooperatives of Person with Disability (PwD) in Chakaria and Cox's Bazar Sadar upazilla of Cox's Bazar District, those are now operating their economic activities for their own development.
- Incorporated PwDs in different standing committees of union parishad of Chakaria, Cox's Bazar and Moheshkhali upazilla.
- Allocated a room at Chakaria Health Complex for PwDs to get their service easily.
- Because of SARPV's advocacy the Mayor of Chakaria municipality organized himself a free medical camp for mental health support to the person with disability.
- According to the decision of Hiace Micro Bus owners association of Chakaria-Cox's bazar rout, PwDs moving by half free of fare in Chakaria-Cox's bazar route.
- Chakaria Police Station made a commitment to provide legal support to the PwD with special consideration on violence against women (women with disability) and children (children with disability)

Sustainability and Future Plans

- Expand advocacy efforts to address specific rights issues faced by different disability groups.
- Strengthen networking platforms to enhance collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- Develop long-term sustainability strategies to ensure the continuity and impact of advocacy efforts.



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1.2 Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation

Overview

Under the disability prevention and rehabilitation initiative, SARPV ensures the treatment and management of children with rickets, clubfoot, and cerebral palsy. For the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, SARPV produces assistive devices through its Prosthetic and Orthosis production center. Additionally, SARPV operates a physiotherapy center that provides treatment for people with disabilities.

The service description and achievements under the disability prevention and rehabilitation component are outlined below.

Rickets

Rickets is a nutritional disorder that can develop if you do not get enough vitamin D, calcium, or phosphate. Rickets leads to poor functioning of a bone's growth plate (growing edge), softened and weakened bones, stunted growth, and, in severe cases, skeletal deformities.

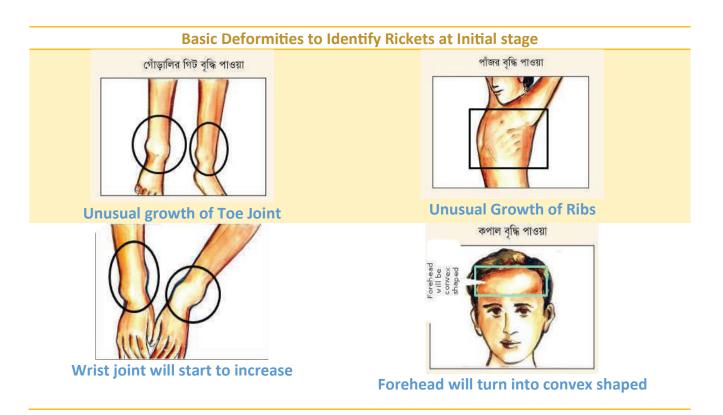
Vitamin D helps our body absorb calcium and phosphate from your intestines. We can get vitamin D from our foods, such as milk, eggs, and fish, but our body also makes the vitamin when exposed to sunlight.

SARPV is the first organization that identified rickets in Bangladesh and the pioneer organization of Bangladesh working on rickets prevention. In 1991 rickets was first identified in Bangladesh by SARPV. Since then, SARPV is working on this issue and trying to mitigate this disease. 2% of children in the Chattogram division are affected by rickets. If the disease is not identified early in a child's life, managing the condition becomes challenging. SARPV manages 200 children affected by rickets each year through its center, helping them lead normal lives.



Before

After



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1.2 Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation

Club Foot

Clubfoot is a congenital foot deformity that occurs when a baby is born with one or both feet turned inward and downward. It's also known as talipes equinovarus.

Clubfoot is not painful for babies, but it can become painful and make it difficult to walk if left untreated.

Children with certain neurological and chromosome conditions are more likely to have clubfoot. Most times children who have clubfoot are otherwise completely healthy.





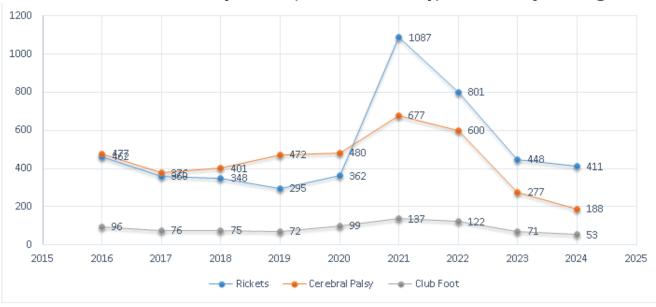
Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral palsy is a group of disorders that affect movement, muscle tone, or posture. It is caused by damage to the developing brain, often before birth. This damage can occur due to various reasons, such as infections, maternal health issues, or oxygen deprivation during birth.

Individuals with cerebral palsy may have difficulties with movement and coordination. The symptoms can vary widely, ranging from mild to severe. Some common signs and symptoms of cerebral palsy include:

- 1. Muscle stiffness or floppiness
- 2. Impaired reflexes
- 3. Poor coordination and control of movements
- 4. Tremors or involuntary movements
- 5. Delays in reaching developmental milestones (e.g., sitting up, crawling, walking)

Treatment for cerebral palsy typically involves a multidisciplinary approach that may include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medications to manage symptoms like muscle spasticity, and in some cases, surgery.



Yearwise new cases (Rickets, Cerebral Palsy, Club Foot) managed

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1.2 Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation

SARPV Physiotherapy Center

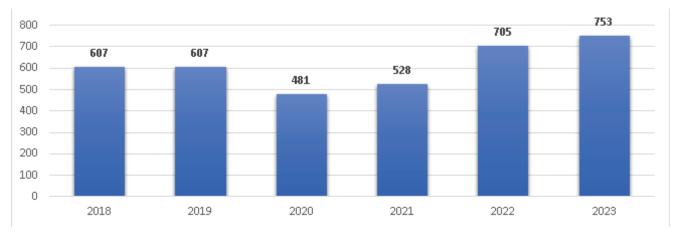
SARPV initiated a physiotherapy unit in May 2001, supported by AMD and KDM of France, to train six physiotherapists serving the rural populace of Chakaria in Cox's Bazar District. Collaborating with AMD France and CMOSH hospital, efforts include correcting deformities caused by conditions like rickets, especially in children with disabilities. Currently in Cox's Bazar, our four physiotherapy centers focus on disability rehabilitation, catering not only to persons with disabilities but also to paralyzed patients. Our trained team offers a variety of services, including pain management, recovery assistance following surgeries or injuries, movement improvement, strength building, balance enhancement, injury prevention education, heart health improvement, and pediatric physiotherapy services. We are here to support you on your journey to improved health and mobility.



SARPV Prosthetic & Orthosis Center

SARPV initiated a physiotherapy unit in May 2001, supported by AMD and KDM of France, to train six physiotherapists serving the rural populace of Chakaria in Cox's Bazar District. Collaborating with AMD France and CMOSH hospital, efforts include correcting deformities caused by conditions like rickets, especially in children with disabilities. Currently in Cox's Bazar, our four physiotherapy centers focus on disability rehabilitation, catering not only to persons with disabilities but also to paralyzed patients. Our trained team offers a variety of services, including pain management, recovery assistance following surgeries or injuries, movement improvement, strength building, balance enhancement, injury prevention education, heart health improvement, and pediatric physiotherapy services. We are here to support you on your journey to improved health and mobility.





Number of Assistive Devices Produced

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1.2 Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation

Assistive Devices produced at SARPV Prosthetic & Orthosis Center





Cerebral Palsy Chair









Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (KAFO)

Ischial weightbearing KAFO with bar Joint



Leaf splint AFO Ankle foot orthosis removing preview



Partial foot Prosthesis

AFO (Ankle Foot orthosis) Prosthesis limb

Transtibial Prosthesis

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1.3 Inclusive Education

PRODIPALOY

In collaboration with Cornell University, Institute of Child and Mother Health, SARPV conducted a study in Chakaria in 1998, which revealed that 6.4% of children were affected by calcium deficiency rickets (only clinical rickets), leading to permanent disabilities if left untreated. In response to these findings, SARPV initiated a program called "Prevention of Rickets in Cox's Bazar," which provided treatment to many children with disability.

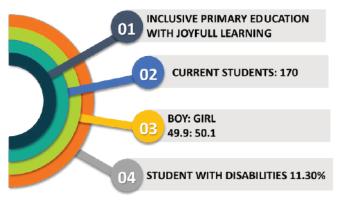
As part of the treatment, SARPV also offered nutritional snacks and physiotherapy services to the children. Subsequently, Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of SARPV, arranged for primary education for the treated children with disability, leading to the establishment of PRODIPALOY, a school for inclusive education catering mainstream education children with disabilities.

Since its establishment in 1999, Prodipaloy School has seen a total of 2,000 students graduate from class five, including 200 children with disabilities. Many of these individuals with disabilities are now employed in various sectors.



Unique characteristics of the Prodipaloy School:

- 1) An inclusive school for all children, with and without disability.
- 2) Accessible classrooms.
- 3) Ensuring a joyful learning environment by incorporating inclusive sports activities, exploration, creativity, and collaboration to make learning enjoyable and effective for students.
- 4) Well-trained teachers to educate a diverse student regardless their disability.
- 5) Participation in extracurricular activities by both students with and without disability sets a positive example for building an inclusive society.
- 6) Physiotherapy and assistive device support services for student with disability.
- 7) Parental engagement serves as a positive example for creating an inclusive society.







Approximately 31% of children under five in Bangladesh are affected by stunted growth due to chronic malnutrition.

Only 43% of the population has access to basic sanitation services in Bangladesh, contributing to waterborne diseases.

Program Overview

The goal of the Health, Nutrition & WASH program is to reduce mortality and illness among children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, and vulnerable groups by providing essential interventions to combat malnutrition. It also aims to access to clean water, safe sanitation facilities, and promote hygiene practices in rural communities in Chattogram district. By addressing these fundamental needs, the program seeks to enhance the health and well-being of community members, particularly women and children who are most vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

SARPV has been providing life-saving emergency nutrition services in the Rohingya camp since the beginning of the influx. With 14 integrated nutrition facilities in Cox's Bazar and 2 at Bhasan Char, SARPV ensures a comprehensive nutrition package, including treatment and prevention services. A unique characteristic of SARPV is its disability-inclusive nutrition program. An innovative aspect of the SARPV nutrition program is the appropriate feeding technique for children with disabilities.

Components and Major Activities

- 2.1 Malnutrition Treatment
- 2.2 Malnutrition Prevention
- 2.3 Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Program Highlights

Geographic coverage of the Program: Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Rohingya Camps Nøs. 5,6,8W,10, Kutupalong Registered Camps, 19, 20, 20 Extension, 1E, 1W and Bhasanchar Noakhali camp.

Noakhall camp.		
Number of children aged 6-59 months screened for malnutrition	82,945	
identification	(Monthly)	
Number of Pregnant and breastfeeding mother screened for malnutrition	18,054	
identification	(Monthly)	
Number of children aged 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition managed in Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP)	1,207	
Number of children aged 6-59 months with Moderate Acute Malnutrition managed in Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP)	12,822	
Number of Pregnant & breastfeeding women with Moderate Acute	5,377	
Malnutrition managed in Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP)	5,577	
Number of children aged 6-59 months received Blanket Supplementary Food	8,395	
Number of Pregnant and breastfeeding mother received Blanket Supplementary Food	6,831	
Number of Adolescent girl and the Pregnant mother received Iron Folic Acid tablet	16,002	
Number of households with upgraded water sources	296	
Number of Households benefitted from Twin Pit toilet construction	1,025	
Number of Households benefitted from toilet up gradation	19	

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2.1 Malnutrition Treatment

SARPV, in collaboration with UNICEF, & UNHCR, WFP, worked on the malnutrition treatment program. Malnutrition treatment is a life-saving intervention, and SARPV implemented these activities in Moheshkhali & Pekua Upazilla of Cox's Bazar district and in the Rohingya Refugee camp both Cox's Bazar & Bhasan Char. SARPV managed severelv and moderately acute malnourished children without any medical complications. Severely malnourished cases with medical complications were referred to nearby with inpatient facilities management facilities.



2.2 Malnutrition prevention



As part of the integrated nutrition package, SARPV implemented a malnutrition prevention program at the above geographic locations. Under this component, SARPV implemented а Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program for children aged 6-59 months and and breastfeeding pregnant mothers. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counseling and messaging are important activities of this component. Growth monitoring and promotion, cooking demonstrations, and iron folic acid supplementation for adolescent girls and pregnant mothers are also implemented in the program area.

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2.3 Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

In collaboration with PKSF, SARPV implemented WASH activities in Chattogram district. Major activities are as follows:

Water Supply

The program focuses on constructing water sources such as Tube well to provide safe and reliable access to clean drinking water for community members.

Sanitation Facilities

Efforts are directed towards building twin pit latrines and promoting safe sanitation practices to reduce open defecation and improve overall hygiene standards.

Hygiene Promotion

Through community workshops, training sessions, and awareness campaigns, the program educates community members on proper hygiene practices like hand washing, food handling, and menstrual hygiene management.

Capacity Building

The program works with local authorities and community volunteers to build their capacity in managing water sources, maintaining sanitation facilities, and promoting sustainable hygiene behaviors.

Future Plans

- Expand the program to neighboring communities to reach an additional 2000 individuals lacking access to safe water and sanitation facilities.
- Strengthen partnerships with local health clinics to integrate WASH practices into healthcare services for a more holistic approach to community health.
- Planned to address health and nutrition needs during the critical `Golden Thousand Days'.





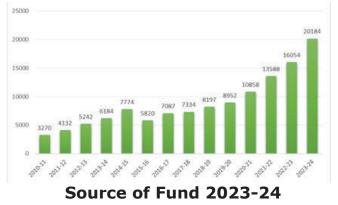
- □ It is estimated that over 35 million people in Bangladesh have been reached by microfinance institutions, providing them with access to financial services.
- Around 90% of microfinance borrowers in Bangladesh are women, contributing to their economic independence and social empowerment.

Program Overview

SARPV believes that every single person regardless sex, ethnicity, disability is potential resources for development. Contextualizing the economic condition and availability of resources specially for PwDs, this organization started this program in 2006 as a component of community-based rehabilitation for PwDs. Though the financial capacity indicates the social wellbeing for the vulnerable groups, SARPV continued this program since then. SARPV obtained the legal permission from Microcredit Regulatory Authority in 2011 and became the 275th Partner organization of Palli karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) in 2017.

In the financial year of 2023-24 the total number of members was 20,184 where 98% are the female members.

Growth of Micrfinance Members





Components and Major Activities

- 3.1 Savings Component
- 3.2 Malnutrition Prevention
- 3.3 Disability & Development Component
- 3.4 Social Responsibility

Program Highlights (Micro Finance and Small Enterprise)

Number of District	3
Number of Upazilas	10
Number of Union/ Pouroshova	111
Number of Village	921
Number of Branches operational	16
Number of Loan Disbursed	18417
Number of members	20,184
Number of borrowers	11849
Total amount of savings (BDT)	260,882,091
Total amount of loan disbursed (BDT)	1,309,058,000
Number of Person with Disabilities members	164
Amount of loan distributed to Person with Disabilities (BDT)	4,591,000

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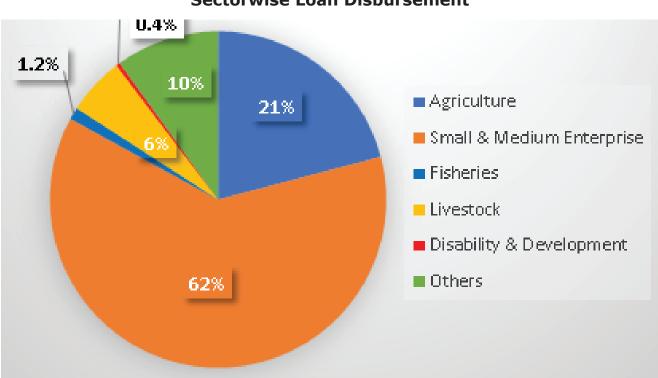
3.1 Savings Component

SThere are 4 products under savings component of SARPV microfinance. At the end of financial year 2023-24, the savings balance was BDT 260,882,091



3.2 Loan Component

SARPV is empowering women and persons with disabilities through its loan component under the microfinance program. SARPV is providing loans in the sectors of agriculture, small and medium enterprises, fisheries, livestock, and nurseries. The total amount of loans disbursed in 2023-24 is BDT 1,309,058,000. 1% of loan recipients are persons with disabilities.



Sectorwise Loan Disbursement

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3.2 Loan Component

LIFE TOWWARDS LIGHT



Kaisernesa Sumi, a member of the Shefaly group in our microfinance program. With a BDT 70,000 loan, she started her poultry farm and succeeded. Now, she shows how microfinance can help people reach their business goals.



Laila Begum, a dedicated member of the Akash Samity in our microfinance program. With a loan of 150,000 Taka, she ventured into betel leaf cultivation. Today, Laila's story exemplifies the power of microfinance in turning dreams into reality, showcasing how determination and support can lead to success in the world of entrepreneurial endeavors.

Md. Habibur Rahaman,

(004-138-064) is a member of Hera Samiti of Harbang branch. At the beginning he borrowed 2,50,000 taka but considering the increased growth of his business at present he took 4,00,000 taka as loan and operating his business in Harbang Bazar at Harbang Union of Chakaria Upazilla.



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PROGRAM

3.3 Disability & Development Component



SARPV is a disability-focused organization that supports the financial inclusion of persons with disabilities. 1% (165) of the members in SARPV's microfinance program are persons with disabilities. In the last financial year (2023-24), SARPV disbursed a loan of BDT 4,591,000 among 133 borrowers with disabilities

3.4 Social Responsibility



- In collaboration with PKSF, every year SARPV provides scholarships to 20 poor but brilliant students within the microfinance coverage area. This scholarship is distributed among the children of the members of the microfinance program.
- Other than the scholarship SARPV provide treatment service and assistive device support to its members of Microfinance Program. Previous year total 173 members got this support.

Future Plans

- Expansion of the program in additional districts.
- Provide multidimensional loan to its members.



- Bangladesh aims for a 10% renewable energy share by 2021 and 20% by 2030, emphasizing sustainable energy growth.
- □ According to World Health Organization estimates, in Bangladesh alone there are over 107,000 deaths annually because of indoor air pollution.

Program Overview

Climate change is a global issue that requires significant attention. Bangladesh is a country profoundly impacted by climate change. The world's temperature is rising due to this phenomenon. CO2 emissions are a major of the increasing cause global temperature. One solution is to reduce CO2 emissions and replace them with renewable sources of energy. Bangladesh has set a target for 20% of its energy to come from renewable sources by 2030. SARPV is one of the leading contributing organizations working to reduce CO2 emissions by implementing renewable energy projects in the country.



Components and Major Activities

- 4.1 Improved Cooked Stove (ICS)
- 4.2 Biogas and Bio Fertilizer
- 4.3 Solar Irrigation

Program Highlights

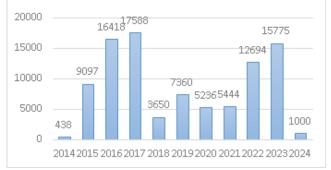
Geographic coverage of the Program: Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Bandarban, Dinajpur		
Number of solar irrigation pump operating	28	
Number of Improved Cook Stoves (ICS) produced and distributed	16775	
Number of Biogas plant constructed	14	
Amount of CO ₂ emission reduced (Ton)	94396	
Amount of fuel wood savings (Ton)	55331	
Amount of land cultivated by Solar pump (Acre)	1400	
Number of farmers trained on agriculture production by solar pump	420	
Number of beneficiaries trained on clean cooking	16775	

04/4.1

4.1 Improved Cooked Stove (ICS)

Improved cook stoves are designed to enhance the efficiency of cooking processes while reducing fuel consumption and emissions compared to traditional cooking methods. Only 5%-10% of households in Bangladesh use fossil fuels such as kerosene or liquefied petroleum gas for cooking. The majority use a mix of agricultural residues, twigs, leaves, cow dung, and firewood.

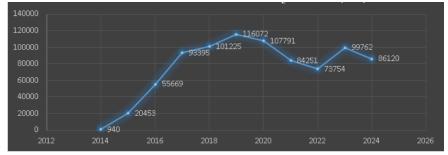
Yearwise ICS Production and Distribution



The combustion of some of this biomass in traditional cooking stoves generates a variety of gases, including CO2, carbon monoxide, and other particulate matters. replacement The of traditional stoves by improved cook stoves improves heat transfer, reducing the total amount of fuel required for cooking and the emissions produced.

In collaboration with IDCOL, SARPV is producing 3 types of improved cooked stoves since 2014.

Yearwise contribution on reduction of CO2 emission (Ton)



80000 69102 70000 64172 60263 59392 60000 55602 51270 50158 50000 43908 40000 33142 30000 20000 12176 10000 559 0 2024 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



Yearwise Amount of fuelwood savings (Ton)

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4.2 Biogas and Bio Fertilizer

Biogas is a renewable energy source produced through the anaerobic digestion of organic matter such as agricultural waste, food waste, sewage, and other biodegradable materials. The involves microorganisms process breaking down the organic matter in the absence of oxygen, producing biogas, primarily composed of methane (CH4) and carbon dioxide (CO2), along with small amounts of other gases like hydrogen sulfide.

Since 2016, SARPV has been implementing a biogas program in Cox's Bazar district as a partner of Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL).

The main objective of biogas is to reduce dependency on fossil fuel, firewood, and electricity.

In the reporting year, SARPV constructed 14 biogas plants in Cox's Bazar district.

In collaboration with the Infrastructure Development Company (IDCOL), SARPV initiated the solar irrigation program in 2017. To date, SARPV has successfully installed 28 solar irrigation pumps in Dinajpur district. The primary objectives of the project are to ensure uninterrupted irrigation and to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. The target demographic of this initiative is the agriculture-dependent population residing in rural off-grid areas. Presently, approximately 1400 acres of land benefit from solar irrigation systems.

One of the key challenges facing the project is the lack of awareness among farmers regarding this innovative technology. Enhancing outreach and education efforts to promote understanding and adoption of solar irrigation systems among farmers is ongoing to achieve a more significant impact of the project.



4.3 Solar Irrigation





□ Bangladesh ranked 7th most affected by climate change (2000-2019), with 700,000 deaths from climate disasters.

□ 20% of Bangladesh's population faces waterborne disease risks, causing 100,000 annual deaths.

Program Overview

Bangladesh is the most climate-affected country in the world. Every year, Bangladesh faces cyclones and floods. The coastal areas of Bangladesh are experiencing the most adverse effects of climate change. People are losing their livelihoods and living below the poverty line. The Bangladesh government has developed a climate change strategy and action plan with six pillars.

SARPV is a disability-focused organization that begins its work by supporting people after a disaster. SARPV participates in the emergency response to disasters. In collaboration with Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), SARPV is working in the climate program.



Components and Major Activities

- 5.1 Resilient Homesteads
- 5.2 Livelihood Support
- 5.3 Emergency Response

Program Highlights

Geographic coverage of the Program: Chakaria Upazilla of Cox's Bazar district		
Earth work for raising plinth	20	
Reconstruction of resilient house	20	
Construction of sanitary latrines	20	
Rainwater harvesting system	20	
Homestead tree planting	3000	
Construction and loan support of slatted houses for goat/sheep rearing	563	
Introduce the cultivation of saline tolerant vegetables within homestead areas	150	
Development of crab hatcheries (1st stage)	2	
Technical and financial support for "crab nursers"	161	
Number of families received 5000 BDT/family cash support after flash flood	2000	
Number of family received NFI after flash flood	600	

05/5.1

5.1 Resilient homesteads

House repair & Construction: In the disaster-prone area, there is a significant issue concerning the housing of the people. Every year, cyclones destroy the houses of the inhabitants. Ultra-poor individuals cannot afford to repair or construct their houses. SARPV has observed that houses made with CI sheet and bamboo pose risks during cyclones, as CI sheet can injure people. SARPV has developed a model house that is safe during disasters and also accessible to person with disability and the elderly. SARPV has provided these houses to the most vulnerable people in Chakaria Upazila, a disaster-prone coastal area of Bangladesh.



Tree Plantation

Rickets is a nutritional disorder that can develop if you do Tree plantation is one of the activities that ensure household resilience against disasters. Trees keep the soil intact, safeguarding homes from erosion and cyclonic winds. SARPV is implementing this initiative and aims to plant 3000 trees in Chakaria upazilla by next year. People will benefit by obtaining wood and fruits from these trees. Furthermore, trees will help maintain a cool environment and absorb carbon from the atmosphere



Cultivation of Saline-tolerant Vegetables within Homesteads

There is a significant scarcity of fruits and vegetables in the coastal belt area due to water salinity. SARPV has initiated efforts to cultivate saline-tolerant varieties of vegetables in the homesteads of the coastal area of Chakaria. This initiative helps prevent malnutrition among the children of the beneficiaries. In the initial stage, SARPV is assisting 150 families in cultivating saline-tolerant vegetables in their homesteads.

Tomatoes, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, and radishes are some varieties that are tolerant to saline water and soil.

These vegetables are selected and cultivated based on their ability to grow in soils with elevated salt content, making them suitable for cultivation in coastal areas with salinity issues.

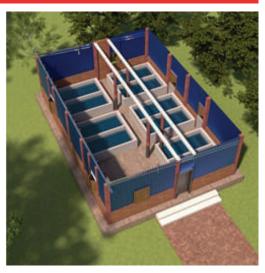


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5.2 Livelihood Support

House repair & Construction: In the disaster-prone In the coastal area of Bangladesh adverse effect of climate change is high and SARPV is working for the people to improve their livelihood. Under this component, SARPV is doing the following activities:

- Construction and loan support of slatted houses for goat/sheep rearing
- Introduce the cultivation of saline-tolerant vegetables within homestead areas
- Development of crab hatcheries
- Technical and financial support for "crab nursers
- Technical and financial support to "crab farmers



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Training Session on Crab Farming

Goat/sheep Rearing: Slatted House for Goat/sheep



05/5.3

5.3 Emergency Response

SARPV was established by distributing relief in Saturia, Manikganj after a devastating cyclone in 1989. Every year, SARPV implements relief distribution programs after any disaster, actively responding to crises. People with disability are the most vulnerable in the society, and their vulnerability typically increases during disasters. SARPV is particularly concerned with supporting affected persons with disabilities by providing life-saving assistance and facilitating their rehabilitation.

During the reporting period, SARPV in collaboration with Norwegian Refugee Council responded to 2000 families by providing 5000 BDT in cash support after a flash flood in Chakaria upazilla.



Future Plans

- Climate change has adverse effects on health and nutrition. SARPV will focus on the climate-related health program in the future.
- Planned to initiate disability inclusive and gender-sensitive climate program.
- Increase resilience through financial inclusion.
- Promote locally led adaptation



☐ Investing in skill development is crucial for Bangladesh's economic growth.

Training & Skill Development According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, as of 2021, only 16% of the country's workforce has received formal vocational training.

Program Overview

At SARPV, we believe that capacity and skill development are not just tools but lifelines for achieving better performance and a dignified life. Without opportunities to grow and learn, individuals are left struggling to reach their potential. Training, therefore, becomes a powerful instrument — a beacon of hope that equips people to transform their lives.

Recognizing this profound need, SARPV established Skill а Capacity and Development Unit as an integral part of its mission to uplift vulnerable communities. This unit is more than just a service; it is a for empowering individuals, pathway nurturing self-reliance, and building resilient professionals.

In this journey, SARPV ensures that no one is left behind, especially individuals with disabilities. We are committed to creating inclusive learning environments where every person, regardless of their physical limitations, has the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive. By addressing the diverse needs of all, we strive to build a world where dignity, opportunity, and success are within reach for everyone.

SARPV's Training Centers (STCs) are designed to be inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities, ensuring a friendly and accommodating environment for all. The training rooms, residential accommodations, dining areas, and washrooms are equipped with features that prioritize accessibility and comfort, making them ideal venues for diverse participants, including those with disabilities.







06/6.1-6.4

6.1 STC Chakaria

A disability-inclusive training venue with residential facilities, a conference hall for 40 participants, AC and non-AC dormitories (40 beds), and dining services. Located centrally in Chakaria Pourasava, it offers a tranquil and secure environment.



6.2 STC Kapasia

A non-residential training center in Gazipur district, catering to 30–35 participants. It includes food/snack services and a guest room for facilitators.

6.3 STC Maheshkhali

Established in 2020, it accommodates 25–35 participants with facilities for training, workshops, and seminars.

6.4 STC Ukhiya

Established in 2021, this center hosts 50 participants and provides visitor accommodations alongside facilities for training, workshops, and seminars.



Future Plans

- To offer disability identification training for civil society organizations and others.
- Introduction of new trade for skill training.
- Ensure an accessibility audit for all service points of SARPV.







INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY VULNERABLE (SARPV) CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2024

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Social Assistance And Rehabilitation For The Physically Vulnerable (SARPV) (the organization), which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024, and the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated the statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated statement of financial position of the organization as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) Bye Laws. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements and Internal Controls

Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), and other applicable Laws and Regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the
 disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
 events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all

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relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements:

We also report the following:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit and made due verification thereof;
- b. In our opinion, proper books of accounts as required by law have been kept by the Group so far as it appeared from our examination of these books; and
- c. The statements of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended dealt with by the reports are in agreement with the books of account;

Signed for & on behalf of K. M. Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants

Md. Belayet Hossain FCA Partner Enrollment No.: 1480 K.M. Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants DVC: 2411301480AS845225

Place: Dhaka, Bangladesh Dated: November 30, 2024



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Social Assistance & Rehabilitation For The Physically Vulnerable (SARPV) Statement Of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2024

0.5 1040-052 6-0045		Amount in BDT	
Particulars	Notes	2023-2024	2022-2023
Property and Assets:			
A. Non-Current Assets:			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5.00	82,051,487	77,844,902
Total Non-Current Assets:		82,051,487	77,844,902
B. Current Assets:			
Loan Outstanding	6.00	611,012,433	453,358,248
FDR & Security Deposit	7.00	66,445,225	41,245,225
Advance A/C	8.00	115,121,214	114,810,325
Savings Account	9.00	11,948	11,948
Stock & Store	10.00	1,160,048	764,794
Head Office field Office current A/C	11.00	185,700,424	185,270,958
Accounts Receivable	12.00	2,651,748	-
Bank Gurantee (Cash Margin)	13.00	5,440,141	5,440,141
Cash In Hand	14.00	351,850	269,473
Cash At Bank	15.00	100,740,016	76,373,607
Total Current Assets:		1,088,635,047	877,544,719
Total Assets:		1,170,686,534	955,389,621
C. Capital Fund: Capital Fund / Cumulative Surplus	16.00	315,265,154	221,820,753
Total Capital Fund:	12	315,265,154	221,820,753
D. Current Liabilities:	2024408 21		
Members Savings Deposit	17.00	355,539,251	221,357,170
Payable & Other Liabilities	18.00	33,849,516	60,196,858
Insurance Fund	19.00	5,873,075	5,873,075
Revaluation reserve	20.00	49,909,412	49,909,412
Loan loss reserve	21.00	10,389,438	10,389,438
Loan Account	22.00	353,515,554	349,927,736
Accrual A/C	23.00	21,756,262	21,756,262
Members Welfare Fund	24.00	21,553,815	8,783,455
Security Money	25.00	80,000	80,000
Staff Security Money	26.00	1,470,733	1,161,226
Contingency Fund For Staff	27.00	(671,314)	156,949
Donation- Conditional	28.00	445,000	445,000
Interest Provision on SPS & Savings	29.00	862,905	2,684,554
Provision for Expenses	30.00	549,883	549,883
Misc. Payable	31.00	297,850	297,850
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Total Current Liabilities:	10	855,421,380	733,568,868

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Subrata Debnath Deputy Director - Finance

Founder & Chief Executive Officer

Hasnain Sabih Nayak President

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Md. Belayet Hossain FCA Partner K.M Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants DVC: 2411301480AS845225

Dated, Dhaka 30 November, 2024 "Concentrate on the abilities your disability doesn't hinder and don't dwell on the things it interferes with. Be disabled physically, not in spirit"

Stephen Hawking







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