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Message from Light House Chairperson



It is my privilege to present to you the introductory note for the Annual Report of Light House for the year 2022-23. As the Chairperson of this esteemed organization, your dedication, vision, and unwavering commitment to our cause have been instrumental in driving positive change and making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

The year 2022-23 has been a remarkable chapter in the journey of Light House. Despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic and its far-reaching consequences, the unwavering support of our dedicated team, generous donors, and passionate volunteers has enabled us to continue fulfilling our mission of empowering and uplifting marginalized communities.

The report will highlight the various programs and initiatives undertaken by Light House in 2022-23, focusing on key areas such as education, healthcare, women's empowerment, legal aid, environmental sustainability, and community development. We will delve into the impact of these initiatives, sharing inspiring success stories and testimonials from beneficiaries whose lives have been positively transformed through our interventions.

Additionally, the financial section of the report will provide a transparent and detailed account of our income, expenses, and the prudent management of funds entrusted to us. This will reflect our commitment to accountability, ensuring that our supporters have complete visibility into the utilization of their contributions.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, and benefactors for their unwavering support and belief in our mission. Together, we have achieved significant milestones and created a ripple effect of positive change that will continue to resonate for years to come.

As the Chairperson of Light House, I am immensely proud of our collective achievements and the impact we have made in the lives of countless individuals. I extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions, dedication, and passion.

I invite you to delve into the pages of this Annual Report and witness the transformative power of our shared commitment. Let us celebrate the progress we have made and draw inspiration from it as we embark on our journey towards a brighter, more inclusive future.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Habiba Begum', written in a cursive style.

Professor Habiba Begum,
Chairperson

Message from Light House Chief Executive



I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we reflect upon the year that has passed, it is with great pleasure that I present to you the Light House Annual Report for the period of July 2022 to June 2023. This report serves as a testament to the collective efforts and unwavering commitment of our dedicated team, generous supporters, and the resilient communities we serve. At Light House, our mission has always been to be a beacon of hope, providing assistance, empowerment, and sustainable solutions to those in need. The year 2022-23 was filled with challenges, but it also brought forth remarkable achievements and inspiring stories of positive change.

In this annual report, you will find a comprehensive overview of the impactful programs and initiatives undertaken by Light House throughout the year. Our focus areas encompassed education, healthcare, legal aid, community development, and environmental sustainability. By leveraging strategic partnerships, mobilizing resources, and embracing innovation, we made significant strides towards creating a brighter future for individuals and communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to every individual, organization, and institution that played a role in making our endeavors possible. Your unwavering support, whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or advocacy, has been instrumental in enabling us to make a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

As we embark on the journey ahead, we remain committed to our vision of a world where every person has access to education, healthcare, and the opportunity to thrive. With your continued support, we are confident that we will continue to achieve meaningful and sustainable impact.

In closing, I invite you to delve into the pages of this annual report and join us in celebrating the milestones, successes, and profound impact we have collectively achieved in 2022-23. Together, we have illuminated hope and kindled a flame of positive change that will continue to burn brightly for years to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and we look forward to your continued partnership in the pursuit of our shared vision.

Warm regards

Md. Harun-Or-Rashid,
Chief Executive
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List of Acronym

ADAB	Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh
ASP	AIDS/STD Program
AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
CSS	Community System Strengthening
DGFP	Director General of Family Planning
DTRRC	Drug Treatment, Research and Rehabilitation Center
DGHS	Directorate General of Health Service
DIC	Drop-In Centre
FSW	Female Sex workers
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HTS	HIV Testing Service
HBSW	Hotel Based Sex Worker
HSS	Health System Strengthening
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
icddr,b	International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh
KAP	Knowledge Attitude and Practice
KP	Key Population
MARA	Most At-Risk Adolescent
MJF	Manusher Jonno Foundation
MIS	Management Information System
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NFM	New Funding Model
NFOWD	National Forum of Organization Working with the Disabled
NCSC	National Center for State Courts
RMG	Ready Made Garment
SJA	Sylhet Jubo Academy
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
GAFTAM	The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
GCPA	Governance Capacity and Performance Assessment
DLAC	District Legal Aid Committees
UZLAC	Union Legal Aid Committees
UPLAC	Upazila Legal Aid Committees
SSN	Social Safety Net
SSAO	Sub Assistant Agriculture Officer
UP	Union Parishad

About Light House

Light House is a well reputed non-profit voluntary development organization working for the development of rural and urban populations who are economically disadvantaged, marginalized and at high risk. This includes the landless, homeless, sex worker, drug users-both injecting and heroin smokers, men who have sex with men (MSM) and Hijra with transgender, distressed, school drop-outs, child labor, Adibashi and other disadvantaged adults and children in Bangladesh.

It is a leading Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Bangladesh that was founded in 1988, following a devastating and gigantic flood. Feeling concerned, a group of young and energetic men came together to work for the flood victims. One of those members, **Md Harun-or-Rashid** is now the Chief Executive of Light House. Gradually it has achieved people's trust, established transparency within the working areas while maintaining strong relationships with civil society, district and upazila level administration, and local government. Light House has been working in 23 districts of 6 divisions of Bangladesh.

Light House believes in making a difference through accountability, peace, harmony, gender equity & participation.

Light House has launched a multi-dimensional project in Hard-to-Reach Areas of Rural Bangladesh with the financial support of well-known donors. The project is targeted to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs including SDGs as well as national target with respect to the access to public health, community legal service, justice improvement, increased food security & awareness building about natural disasters & adaptation-mitigation etc. The aims of the overall project are to promote decentralized and sustainable facilities through increasing the capacity of the hard-to-reach marginalized community and creating their access to basic health services, public health (HIV/AIDS prevention) awareness, community legal services and improved justice (Human rights & Good Governance) services, increased food security for poverty reduction, and disaster risk reduction for excluded or deprived people in vulnerable areas.

Vision: A society where all people, irrespective of their ethnicity, age, economic status and sexual identity, can enjoy a healthy life with dignity.

The Mission of Light House is to serve the socially and economically disadvantaged people in Bangladesh, who are deprived of health care facilities, nutrition and income generating opportunities, justice, good governance, and are vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The organization works with both supply and demand sides, emphasizing on capacity building, training and supporting the community members using the internet and online platforms and sustainable ICT solutions / services that meet the need of the targeted beneficiaries, improving the availability of and facilitating the accessibility to required services and products.

Objectives

Light House is committed to strengthening governance system including improving access to justice for marginalized populations. The organization also prioritizes the need to improve and develop its services to empower our target groups. Additionally, we are deeply committed to prevent the Communicable and non communicable disease in Bangladesh.

Goals

- Ensuring social security and justice at local & regional level.
- Improving the socio-economic conditions of poor, marginalized and vulnerable people and thereby decreasing the number of people living in or below the poverty line.
- Disaster Management, DRR, Environment & Climate Change
- Prevents the communicable and non communicable disease and providing sexual and reproductive health services
- To increase self-sustaining activities/ self-sustainability of Light House

Legal Status

Light House is registered with both the Department of Social Services, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to carry out voluntary activities. It got the registration from the NGO affairs Bureau (Registration Number DH- 02791 dated on 6th September, 1992 and Registration Number FDO/R 1307 dated on 5th November, 1998) for receiving foreign donations to operate other projects or programs throughout the country.

Organizational Motto: Empowering key people

Where do we Work?

Light House works to address 'Inequalities', with its Coordination office in Dhaka and corporate office located in Bogura, a northern regional town of Bangladesh at coordinates 24.8417°N 89.3750°E. Currently, Light House operates with more than 369 staff through approximately 35 field offices, covering twenty three districts, including Tangail, Faridpur, Rajshahi, Natore, Chapai Nawabgonj, Sirajganj, Bogura, Naogaon, Rangpur, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Pabna, Khulna, Kustia, Meherpur, Bagerhat, Jessore, Satkhira, Barishal, Patukhali, Rajbari, Dhaka, and Gazipur, spanning 5 divisions of Bangladesh.

Major works of Light House: Light House has been operating its operation in the following Strategic areas:



Information of a few of projects of Light House has given below for the period of last five years:

Year	Project/Initiative	Supporting Organization
2023	Urban Primary Health Care Service Project	Income to Cost Model in partnership with Bogura municipality with technical assistance from the USAID-LHSS
2023	Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB)	Department of Women Affairs, Ministry of Women Affairs.
2023	Increase climate friendly agricultural productivity for economic empowerment of women	Light House own fund
2023	Strengthening Acid Survivors Network (ASN) to Eliminate Acid and Other Forms of Gender-Based Violence	ASF/DAFAT (Australia)
2022	Excluded People's Rights (Piloting GRS Intervention)	Manusherjonno Foundation
2021	Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning	USAID/Pathfinder International
2021	Promoting Peace and Justice Project -Maherpur	Democracy International/USAID
2020	Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package	UNFPA/UNAIDS
2020	COVID-19 responses for vulnerable women, girls, children, and elderly Rohingya population living in Ukhiya	University of South Wales
2020	Women-led Gender-Sensitive COVID-19 Response Project at Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar	UN-WOMEN
2020	COVID-19 Advocacy and Response Program	Counterpart International/USAID-UKAID
2020	Humanitarian Response program for women and girls in Cox's Bazar	UNFPA
2020	Providing food support to transgender women (hijra) and male sex workers (MSW) during COVID-19	German Doctors and ICDDR,B
2019	Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project	MoLGRD&C/ADB
2019	Drug Abuse Resistance and Understanding	Counterpart International/USAID-UKAID
2019	Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package for BBFSWs	UNFPA
2019	Improve the quality of life of women and children residing in the brothels of Mymensingh and Tangail	UNICEF
2019	Sustainable & Integrated SRH & HIV Prevention & Management Service Package	UNFPA/UNAIDS
2019	Promoting Peace and Justice Project -Bogura	Democracy International/USAID
2019	Promoting Peace and Justice Project -Tangail	Democracy International/USAID
2019	Enhancing Community Capacity and Resilience to Promote Female Migrant Workers' Rights	British High Commission
2018	Situational Assessment in 11 brothels of Bangladesh	UNFPA
2018	HIV, SRHR and PMTCT project for brothel-based sex workers	UBRAF/UNAIDS, UNICEF & UNFPA
2018	DIC establishment at Teknaf (Cox's Bazar district)	GF-FR, FSWI

STRATEGY NO	STRATEGIC THEME
Strategic Area – 1	Health, Nutrition & Population
Strategic Area – 2	Poverty Reduction & Sustainable Livelihood
Strategic Area – 3	Governance and Justice
Strategic Area – 4	Disaster Management, DRR, Environment & Climate Change
Strategic Area – 5	Organizational Capacity

The reporting year at a glance

Observed International Youth Day 2022

International Youth Day is observed annually to celebrate the role of young people in bringing positive changes to global issues. International Youth Day gives a platform to the voices of the youth and the day is also a chance to raise awareness of the global challenges that the world's youth face. It engages youngsters and aims to take initiatives and actions that will increase opportunities for them. It focuses on building a better world for our children and Youth, raises awareness about poverty, and encourages creative thinking for a better future among the youth. The Day gives an opportunity to celebrate and give attention to young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement. International Youth Day is commemorated annually on 12 August, bringing youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society. The theme of 2022 was "Intergenerational solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages," emphasizing the need for amplifying solidarity across all generations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leave no one behind. The 2022 International Youth Day-also raised awareness on certain barriers to intergenerational solidarity, notably ageism, which impacts young and old persons, while having detrimental effects on society as a whole. With the objective to accelerate changing community norms through creating mass awareness among the people, Light House observed IYD 2022. It organized various participatory and interactive events like cultural programs; TV talk show, Press conference with print and electronic media, etc. at Dhaka and Gazipur district on 12 August, 2022 under Shukhi Jibon project.

TV Dialogue Call Young Talk: A panel discussion was conducted at ATN Bangla TV channel. The panelists included Mr. Md. Azharul Islam Khan, Director General (Grade-1) Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Mr. Mahbub UI Alam, Country Director, Pathfinder International Bangladesh, and Ms Shakla Islam, Youth Representative. Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House, facilitated the program. On the other hand, a group of young people also joined the discussion, sharing their concerns and aspirations. The members of this group included Ms. Raida Rozana Rashid (as moderator), Hasibur Rahman Shan, Bristi Akhter, Ariful Islam, Atifa Akhter, and Sohanur Rahman. The TV show was broadcast on 12th August 1.10 pm on ATN Bangla TV channel.



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Shukhi Jibon



Colorful Rally: In celebration, Light House Shukhi Jibon project organized a rally in Dhaka at T&T playground, Mohakhali, under the leadership of Mr. Md. Harun-or- Rashid, CE of Light House. Light House invited DGFP and GOB high officials, and youth and adolescents to attend the colorful rally.



Cultural Event: Collaborating with a cultural team, Shukhi Jibon project arranged a cultural program in the areas of Dhaka south city corporation and Dhaka North city corporation, specifically at the T&T playground and Haider Ali school and College at Mugda, Dhaka.



The cultural team tailored their performances to align with the theme of the day, which included topics such as the prevention of child marriage, the role of young people to ageism, the prevention of child motherhoods and responsibilities of parents towards the youth. The Ongikar Cultural team performed both of the cultural events.

Media Advocacy: As part of media advocacy, the ShukhiJibon Project, Light House organized an in-person media advocacy at Bangladesh Shishu Kalyan Parisad on 11th August, 2022, in observance of International Youth Day. 15 journalists participated in the event. Chief guest of the program was Ms. Farida Yasmin, President of the Bangladesh National Press Club. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Harun-or -Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House, who welcomed all the attendees and chaired the meeting. He also presented a key note / press release, providing the historical background and context of International Youth Day, 2022.

Chief guest Ms. Farida Yesmin, President of the Bangladesh National Press Club, emphasized the need for youth training. She stated that if we train our youth, we can achieve the target of 2030 SDG's. She explained that a small percentage of youth received health services from health centers but a large number of youths struggled with drug addiction so we fail to engage youth in every sector, we will not be able to develop our nation. The participants highlighted the need for proper guidance for youth and the need to engage them in diversified projects from the government as well as the NGO sector. Fifteen print and electronic media journalists attended the meeting.



Observance of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based violence 2022

Light House has been observing 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based violence since it was declared by the UN. In 2022, the observance took place from 25th November to 10th December, with a high priority across the working areas of Light House. Under the initiative of Shukhi Jibon project, Light House took several initiatives e.g., printing leaflets, organizing colorful rally, Media advocacy, hosting TV talk show at the leading TV channel, arranging cultural event, hosting online seminars, etc. Light House also participated in joint rallies and other events organized by 50 other leading NGOs. These events were mostly organized in Dhaka north, Dhaka south and Gazipur city corporation, and various Upazilas in the Gazipur district. The event details are:

Rally: Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House organized a colorful rally for observation of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2022, in collaboration with Nari Pakkha, a feminist coalition. The Rally took place at Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka to Manik Mia Avenue, Dhaka (in-front of the National Parliament building). The rally featured festoons, slogans, and dance performances with bamboo sticks. The rally commenced at 5.15 pm and ended at 7.30 pm.

Md. Harun-or- Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House, joined the rally along with coalition leaders. The rally demanded women's participation in the decision-making processes, both within families as well as in the formulation of the country's policy and law making.

Following the rally, a discussion meeting was held at Manik Mia Avenue (in-front of the National Parliament building), focusing on the importance of the Day. Coalition leaders discussed the theme of the day, articulated demands to the government, parliament members and members of civil society.



Cultural Event:

The Shukhi Jibon Project of Light House organized a cultural program in both City Corporations of Dhaka. One was held at Ershad School playground, Karail, Banani, Dhaka and the other at Manik Mia Avenue (in-front of National Parliament building), Dhaka.

The cultural team comprised a group of Transgender/Hijra people, including RJ and dancing performers. Before starting the cultural program, Mr. Harun-or- Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House, inaugurated the event. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of the Day and how we can prevent Gender-Based Violence (GBV) within families and society. He stated that violence against women and girls are increasing day by day. He said we must stop this if we want to have a happier life, both within families and society.

The cultural team aimed to create awareness on Early / Child Marriage, Early pregnancies, Family Planning, Gender Based Violence (GBV), etc. through their performance. The entire program was recorded and made available on Light House's YouTube channel and Facebook page to reach a wider audience. The program reached at least 74,275 people through YouTube and 55,323 viewers through Light House's Facebook page. Furthermore, approximately 1,000 people watched this cultural show in person.

You tube link : <https://youtu.be/o-1Vbipbl8>

Face book link : <https://fb.watch/h8Anb3f0iz/>



Talk Dialogue: As part of 16 days of activism program, a television program (panel discussion) was arranged. The talk show was recorded and telecasted at the ATN Bangla Television channel on December 9, 2022. In the talk show, the following resource persons attended as guests and panelists for discussion:

- Ms. Farida Pervin, Director General, Department of Women Affairs, MOWCA, Bangladesh
- Mr. Md. Mahbub-ul-Alam, Country Director, Pathfinder International
- Md. Ahsanul Wahed, Deputy Program Manager (Climate Change)- Manusher Janna Foundation;
- Md. Harun-or-Rashid, Founder & Chief Executive, Light House (Moderator)



During the panel discussion, all guests focused on climate change and its effectson women's vulnera- bilities. They urged the international communities, policy makers and activists of Bangladesh to priori- tize these issues.

Organized a Policy dialogue on Transgender Issues:

As part of the effort to make the adolescent and youth friendly health services functional in the catchment area of Light House Shukhi Jibon project (Dhaka and Gazipur), Light House arranged and conducted a "Light House: Young Talks" **TV Dialogue**. The show was broadcast on ATN Bangla on October 29, 2022 at 6.20 pm. The title of the show is "বাংলাদেশ ট্রান্সজেন্ডার কমিউনিটি - হিজড়া জনগোষ্ঠীর পুষ্টি, বাস্তবতা ও করণীয়"

The panel discussion had 2 parts. The problems of the Hijra community in terms of living, social safety net, job etc. were shared by the hijras in session 1, and the solutions to these problems were discussed by panel members in session 2.

In the talk show, the following resource persons attended as guests and panelists for discussion;

1. Dr. Mokter Hossain (deputy secretary), Director-Social safety net program, Department of Social Service, Ministry of Social Welfare, Dhaka.
2. Dr. Shamima Pervin, Gender Manager - Pathfinder International Bangladesh
3. Ms. Rani Chawdhury- Hijra Representative
4. **Md. Harun-Or-Rashid**, Chief Executive, Light House (Moderator)





The TV dialogue began with a report filmed by ATN Bangla at various locations in Dhaka city, which described the challenges and opportunities of the hijra community. After presenting the voices and opinions of the hijra community, the panel members discussed the policies and laws related to the Hijra community. The panel members thanked the government for passing a law in support of the community. The TV program was also shared on Light House's Facebook page and YouTube channel. The link is mentioned below;

Face book <https://fb.watch/gAD6fAhLxW/>

You tube; <https://youtu.be/5nl5UPDq4j8>

It reached a total of 58,247 people, with 32,103 people watching the program on television.

Observance of National Legal Aid Day 2023

The Promoting Peace and Justice (PPJ) project in Bogura played a significant role in broadcasting important messages related to government legal aid services. Light House PPJ Project team organized one National Legal Aid Day celebration in 2023 at the district level and five celebrations at the Upazila level. The goal was to raise awareness and improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities among the general public, with a total of 735 attendees.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh declared 28 April as the "National Legal Aid Day" in 2013. The purpose is to promote government legal aid activities at the grassroots level, and to create greater public awareness about government legal services. The National Legal Aid Day is celebrated annually on 28 April through rallies, meetings, campaigns, posters and seminars across the district. Like every year, National Legal Aid Day was celebrated across the district with huge enthusiasm in 2023. This year's theme is:

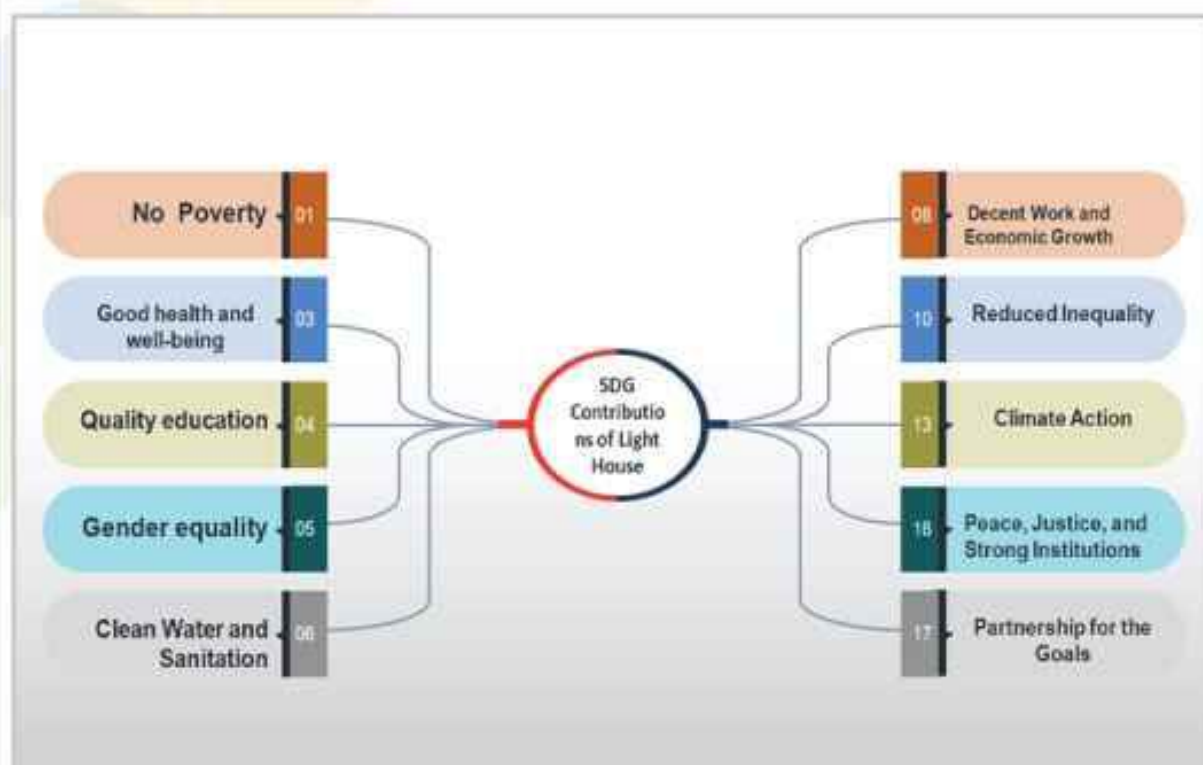
"Fulfillment of Bangabandhu's dream,
opening the door to free legal services"

In order to celebrate the day, the District Legal Aid Committee of Bogura Organization took a huge initiative. Honorable District and Session Judge of Bogura District inaugurated the opening ceremony at the District level in National Legal Aid Day Celebration 2023. District level government officials, judges, lawyers, local leaders, legal aid panel lawyers, law and human rights activists, journalists, civil society representatives, and print and electronic media were present in the celebration of this event.

Development partners



SDG Contributions: Light House has been contributing to the following SDGs through their projects.



Programme Overview

Strategic Area: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project Name: Prioritized HIV prevention services for key populations in Bangladesh, supported by The Global Fund/icddr,b

"Prioritized HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for Key Populations in Bangladesh", the GF-supported NFM program, ended on the 31st of March, 2023. icddr,b served as the Principal Recipient (PR) and was responsible for ensuring Technical and Financial support to implement HIV prevention and treatment services for men who have sex with men (MSM including MSW) and hijra. Light House was one of the sub-recipients (SRs) and implemented and monitored the activities in some specified geographical areas of Bangladesh. Light House has been operating and managing a total of 23 service centres (04 DICs, 10 SDICs and 09 Outlets), covering 19 districts of Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barishal and Dhaka division. These centres provided support to the 15,836 MSM and Hijra populations

Project Goal: To prevent new HIV infections, reduce HIV incidence, decrease HIV-related morbidity and mortality in Bangladesh by improving and expanding targeted HIV interventions, with a focus on key populations and their partners.

Project beneficiaries: The beneficiaries included MSMs and hijra Populations. In addition, married MSMs along with most at-risk adolescents from the same target groups were covered under the prevention services.

Coverage: The project targeted 1,408 hijra and 14,428 MSM populations, covering 19 districts, namely Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Bogura, Natore, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Tangail, Khulna, Bagherhat, Satkhira, Jashore, Kushtia, Magura, Barishal, and Patuakhali.

Major activities: The major activities of the service centres included HIV testing services (HTS) as well as STI treatment for MSM and Hijra population, including MARA beneficiaries and their regular partners (parikh and phanthi). Other activities included counselling, providing Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) messages, promoting and distributing condoms and lubricants for free, and creating awareness among beneficiaries through one-to-one and group education sessions. Moreover, the project conducted sensitization meetings with relevant stakeholders to ensure that service centres became safe spaces for MSM and hijra population. Beside the DIC-based activities, the project included some referral linkage activities like complicated STI cases, etiological management of complicated STI cases, reward-based referral of female partners of married MSM and presumptive TB cases. Peer Navigators provided patient navigation services to People Living with HIV (PLHIV) by accompanying them to ART centres, offering adherence counselling and following up on treatment adherence.

Significant achievements (July'2022 to June'2023):

Output Indicators/Activities	Target	Achievement
Hijra reached by outreach workers/peer educators	1408	1539
MSM reached by outreach workers/peer educators	14428	15369
Group education session with MSM including Most at Risk Adolescents (MARA) and married MSM at DICs	2187	2,183
Group education session with hijra (including MARA) at DICs	333	355
Number of Condoms distributed to hijra and MSM	2,563,746	2,674,606
Number of Lubricants distributed to hijra and MSM	213,645	228,783
MSM who have received HIV testing service (HTS) and who know their results	9,738	9,935
Hijra who have received HIV testing service (HTS) and who know their results	951	987
Number of episodes of STIs among hijra and MSM diagnosed, treated and counselled at DICs	4941	5,156
Number of sensitization meetings with Health service provider, religious leader, lawyer, journalist, law enforcement agency and CBO representatives at DICs/Sub-DICs (# of participants)	280	306

Project Name: Urban Primary Health Care Project- UPHCSDP, Phase- II supported by Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives- MoLGRD&C/Asian Development Bank-ADB

Urban Primary Health Care Project- UPHCSDP, Phase- II: Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, a Public-Private Partnership, is an innovative initiative with the goal to improve the health status of the urban population, especially focusing on the poor, women and children. Light House has been awarded for implementing the UPHCSDP-II project in Rangpur City by Partnership Agreement with the Rangpur City Corporation from August 2019 to June 2024. Its purpose is to improve the health of the urban poor by improving access to the healthcare services, and changing the ways through which health services are provided in the urban areas. Its aim is to improve the reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health & nutritional status, to reduce vulnerability to communicable diseases, to combat non-communicable diseases, and to enhance the quality of life of the target population who are living in urban settings. The project Service delivery model utilizes frontline health workers and health centres, connecting them with the public health facilities to improve access, coverage and quality of health services at both the individual and community levels.

Project Goal: The goal of the project is to improve access, equity, quality, utilization and institutional sustainability of urban primary health care (PHC) services in all city corporations and selected municipalities, particularly for the poor, women and children.

Project objectives:

- Improve access and utilization of urban primary health care (PHC) service centres in Rangpur city for the poor, women and children.
- Provide cost-effective, quality Essential Services Delivery Package (ESD) in line with UPHCSDP efforts to improve the health status of poor, Poorest of the Poor, women, adolescent, children and newborns.
- Strengthen the institutional sustainability of urban primary health care (PHC) service centres of Rangpur city corporations by enhancing utilization and healthcare financing to meet the needs of the urban poor.

Coverage: The project plans to provide services to a total of 366,600 (Male: 186,966; Female: 179,634) urban population, especially the poor residing in 15 wards (Ward # 16-30), Rangpur City Corporation through 4 urban primary health care centres, located at Satmatha (Maternity), PHCC (Jummarpara, Ershadnagar and Sommanipur) and 36 Satellite Clinics.

Major activities /components: comprehensive reproductive health services comprised of family planning services, child health care, limited curative care, communicable disease control, STI/RTI prevention, prevention of violence against women, tuberculosis control, primary eye care, health awareness through BCC, counselling, provision of medicines, clinical and pathological services, referral services to meet the unmet needs, etc.

Major Target Vs Achievements:

Output Indicators/Activities	Target	Achievement
# of Total Client	97567	104466
# of Total RC Client	29270	31034
# of Antenatal Care services provided	7904	8784
# of Delivery Care (Vaginal Delivery) services provided	487	224
# Delivery Care (Caesarian Section) services Provided	719	554
# of Postnatal Care services provided	2512	2250
# of Neonatal Care services provided	1434	1666
# of Menstrual Regulation services provided	120	27
# of Post Abortion Care services	120	17
# of Family Planning services provided	12171	12
# of Maternal Nutrition services provided	4020	4010
# Violence Against Women cases reported	170	147
# Adolescent Reproductive Health Care service provided	1209	1156
# RTI/STI Care services provided	920	779
# of Immunization Program – EPI services provided	2000	1439
# of Immunization Program – NID services provided	1100	1040
# of Diarrhoea cases reported	600	543
# of Acute Respiratory Infections Care service provided	1630	1373
# of Child Nutrition services provided	13308	12616
# of Minor Infection & Disease Control services provided	26549	24404
# of Diagnostic Service provided	24740	17862
# of participants got Health Education	4320	3888
# of Clinical Counselling service provided	15200	12056
# of Other Reproductive Health Care service	1530	1472

Covid-19 vaccination

A part of the regular activities under Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II is providing COVID-19 Vaccination with the direct support of Rangpur City Corporation since the beginning. Light House is strongly committed to prevent the COVID-19 throughout the country and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development goals by 2030. Rangpur City Corporation has set up a permanent Centre to provide corona vaccine from Light House Nagar Matrisadan, Satmatha railgate, Rangpur, Nagar shasto kendro 01 Ershad nagar and Nagar shasto kendro 2 New Jummapara. Every day many people come to Light House health care centre to receive COVID-19 vaccines. In the reporting year, we have provided vaccines to a total of 74,620 people, 29,320 of which were male and 45,300 of which were female.

Vitamin A Plus Campaign:

Light House UPHCSDP-II project has organized Vitamin A plus Campaign in collaboration with Rangpur City Corporation during this reporting period at 4 centres (1 Nagar Martisadan and 3 Nagar Swasthya Kendras). Through this campaign, we provided 1,040 Vitamin A plus Capsules to children.



Meeting with satellite support group members

To ensure health services to the women and children at grassroots level, Light House implements the Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II, under the Rangpur City corporation. In order to ensure social accountability and participation of local community, Light House established a satellite support group in deferent area of each ward level through this project. The Public-Private Partnership is an innovative initiative to improve the health status of the urban population, especially poor and ultra-poor women and children. Providing health services at the Para/Mohollah level is one of the

major strategies for reaching urban poor and ultra-poor women and children, who receive quality health services from their doors by the expert health service providers at minimal cost. Satellite support group are very effective and supportive; they assist us in the smooth operation of health service activities, and counsel other pregnant women and their guardians to receive ANC/PNC services from Light House satellite team.

Red Card service provision

A total of 30% of the beneficiaries get free health services from Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project under Family Health Card. This card is known as Red Card. This card holder or their family get all types of health care, free of cost. The card is issued through a survey to the ultra-poor and poor people who cannot afford health care and live in urban areas. So far, more than 8,000 cards have been distributed during the project period and this effort is ongoing. At least 3 or 4 family members are included in each card. In the last year, red card holders have received various services 45,953 times from satellites and static centres. There were 554 caesarean deliveries and 224 normal deliveries among the red card holders. The costing of free services and medicines is Tk 60 lakh 41 thousand.





Project Name: Light House Shukhi Jibon Project, supported by Pathfinder International/USAID

Light House was awarded Shukhi Jibon project, effective from May 2021, and the project will end on November 30, 2023. Under this project of Light House, the targeted beneficiaries are vulnerable youth and adolescents including RMG workers, similar group from the most at-risk youths and adolescents like transgender, lesbian community, feminized MSMs, etc. To change the harmful social norms related to SRHR education for youth and adolescents, Light House is covering the 3-city corporation area of Gazipur, Dhaka (north and south) and Gazipur district (5 upazila).

Project Goal: To increase access to SRHR services to the young key population through creating an enabling social environment.

Objectives:

1. Increase health seeking behavior of 21,600 individuals, especially vulnerable youth and adolescents including transgenders, lesbians, RMG workers and parents and community leaders on SRHR services by creating awareness and empowering them.
2. Establish functional referral linkage with 25 public and NGO facilities for providing SRHR services to 15,000 targeted youths and adolescents.
3. Sensitize 5,000 stakeholders to ensure increased access to SRHR information and services, especially for vulnerable youth and adolescents including transgenders, lesbians, and RMG workers.
4. Connect 100 young advocates and policy makers to promote supportive policies for youth and adolescents' health and rights through print and electronic media.
5. Create mass awareness to change community norms related to gender, adolescent sexuality, early marriage, and childbearing using media platform.

Coverage: Youth & Adolescent (most at risk, transgender, FSW, MSM, lesbians), Parents and stakeholders in Dhaka and Gazipur districts.



Major Achievement from July 2022 to June 2023:

Output Indicators/Activities	Target	Achievement
Orientation for guardians/ parents through school parent meeting	477	479
Education session for youth and adolescent of schools and out-schools; Most At-risk youth and adolescents including RMG workers	11903	20861
Home visit for newly married couple	185	213
TV talk shows for observing Day	3	3
cultural shows for Day Observance	8	8
Quarterly coordination meeting with public and NGO representatives	10	10
Provision of SRH services to youth and Adolescents through referral	7333	7861
Quarterly Legal System Team Meetings	4	4
Quarterly Alliance Team Meetings held	5	5
Distribution of Kishore KishoriderProjanan Sastha Adhikar fliers		35667
Quarterly reports on Community Squad Initiatives	4	4
Advocacy Meetings	5	5
Community Dialogue	87	87
Small group meetingwith Islamic Foundation, Dhaka	1	1
Consultancy support for CSDF for development of 300 khutba guide	1	1
Inception meetings with the Mosque Committees	20	20
Trainings for religious' leaders (Mosque Imams)	80	80
Trainings for leaders of youth led organizations	20	20
Exposure visits for the youth leaders of the youth led organizations and media	8	8
Publication of editorial/discussion/thoughts by trained youth leaders	8	8
Publication of e-bulletin	6	6
Regional exchange program for best performing youth leaders	3	3
Development of training contents for face book group	3	3
Policy dialogues/talk-show at TV channels	3	3
Development of video training contents for You-tube groups	5	5
Media advocacies	3	3

Strategic Area-2: Poverty Reduction & Sustainable Livelihood**Project Name: Micro Finance Program**

Since 1993, Light House has been motivating the grass roots poor people to establish a decision-making system in their family and society. It has also been organizing the poor into groups, conducting awareness development campaigns and helping the poor to identify various issues relating to the economic stability as well as the protection human rights. Light House believes that if the plans of the poor and working people can be turned into reality, it is possible to change the economic conditions of those people. This is why Light House conducts surveys and organizes these individuals to improve their socio-economic status by including them in groups. Light House has been working on Micro Finance under **MRA License No: 21112-00583-00774, 09.04.2017**, with the intention of supporting small-scale entrepreneurs to grow and nurturing communities' thoughts and initiatives. Light House started this program on September 1, 2014.

Objectives:

- To reduce poverty in rural and urban settings.
- To ensure economic empowerment of women.
- To Promote IGAs (Income Generating Activities)
- To provide skill training.
- To provide capital/resources.
- To develop human resource.

Coverage of districts:

Sl.	Name of division	Name of district	Name of Upazila	Name of Pourasova	Name of Union
01	Rajshahi	Bogura	Bogura Sadar, Kahaloo and Dupchanchia	Bogura and Dupchanchia Pourasova	Nishindara, Arulia, Fapore, Murul, Narhatta, Kalai, Birkedar, Durgapur, Chamrul.
02	Rangpur	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	Rangpur City Corporation	Ward no- 4, 18, 29, 7, 8
		Kurigram	Chilmari and Ulipur	-	Chilmari, Thanahat and Tabakpur

Target Vs Achievements July 2022 to June 2023:

Group Member admission	3625	3397
Group formation	185	177
Savings collection	65520380	63330496
Savings balance	17222990	15633108
Loan Disbursement	518335000	515441000
Loan realization	450437468	445421703
Loan outstanding	67897532	60019297
Outstanding Loan recipients	3195	2599
On time Recovery Rate (OTR)	100%	98.27%
Cumulative Recovery Rate (CRR)	100%	98.89%

A dream turned Achia Begum into a small entrepreneur

Mrs. Most. Achia Begum (40), is a resident of Putimari village under Chilmari Upazila of Kurigram district. Her husband, Md. Shah Alam, is a rickshaw puller. She faced the challenge of managing her



family's finances on her husband's limited income. Despite their financial hardships, Achia Begum had a big dream – to provide good education for her three children. But the situation was not improving in any way because of her husband's low income. Unfortunately, due to her husband's low income, it was becoming increasingly difficult to cover the educational expenses.

In her time of despair, Achia crossed paths with a field worker of Light House. She asked him about the rules of the Group and how to become a member. Impressed by what she learned, Achia contacted the Group Leader of Light House Mohila Samiti to get membership. On June 18, 2016, she became a member of Light House Mohila Samiti and started saving regularly. Encouraged by the developmental discussions during group meetings, Achia Begum decided to start a small-scale poultry farming venture in her backyard, raising broiler chickens. Through the discussions with the group leader, she proposed a loan of 20,000/- for the first round of her poultry project. After taking the loan, she began her poultry farm with 500 broiler chickens at home. Achia Begum took the responsibility of caring for and feeding the chickens herself. Within just over a month, she had chickens ready for sale and she began to see good profit by selling them. In this way, Achia Begum successfully raised and sold broiler chickens on her farm 5 times in the first year and made a lot of profit, significantly improving her family's financial situation. Thus, for long 6 years, Achia Begum has been successfully rearing and selling broiler chickens.

As time went on, her poultry farm expanded, and now she operates a two-story poultry farm where 4,000 chickens can be reared together. Her borrowing amount from Light House has increased to BDT 80,000.

Socially, Achia Begum also fulfilled her dreams. Her elder son is studying in class IX, younger son with speech impediment is in class IV, and younger daughter is studying in class III. The amount of her own agriculture land is 21 decimals.

Achia Begum expresses her gratitude towards Light House, acknowledging that her dreams have come true due to the timely loans and regular payments. She hopes that more people like her can become successful small entrepreneurs with the support of Light House and wishes for the continued development of the organization.

Strategic Area-3: Environment Disaster & Climate Change

Light House has been dedicated to aiding the impoverished and marginalized communities affected by various calamities such as floods, droughts, severe cold, tornadoes, and other disasters since its inception. Specifically focusing on addressing the needs of individuals affected by floods in Bogura, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Kurigram, Sirajganj, Natore, Netrokona and Pabna areas, Light House prioritizes disaster preparedness, risk reduction, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation programs. Operating as a non-governmental voluntary development organization, Light House holds the status of a pre-qualified partner with esteemed UN agencies like UNDP and member of WASH Cluster led by Unicef & DPHE, also a member of District Disaster Management Committee and NAHAB that enabling the implementation of early recovery and disaster response initiatives across Bangladesh. Collaboration efforts extend to partnerships with UNAIDS, UNFPA, CCDB, GTZ, CARE Bangladesh, VSO, and Proshika etc. Recognizing the criticality of disaster management, Light House has established its Disaster Management Committee (DMC) at both the head office and sub-district levels prone to disasters (Upazila).

The organization has invested in training over 213 staff members, equipping them with valuable expertise in disaster management. Additionally, they have engaged 230 volunteers within their operational areas, enhancing the reach and efficacy of their initiatives. Light House places a significant emphasis on disaster preparedness to ensure sustainable livelihoods within vulnerable communities. The organization conducts extensive training sessions and workshops on disaster management in regions prone to disasters. These sessions aim to equip young volunteers, students and members of the Disaster Management Committee (DMC) in these areas with essential skills in disaster preparedness and recovery.

Under the Shukhi Jibon project, Light House conducted different types of seminars on climate resilience in Bangladesh. Some of these seminars included topics like "Climate Action and Justice: Role of Youth," "Climate change and health risk and inequalities," and "Climate change-role of young people in climate adaptation", etc. These seminars were led by experts such as Md. Mozammel Haque, Senior Governance Adviser of UNDP Bangladesh, Md. Jamil Akter, Deputy Manager of Climate Bridge Fund and, other climate experts. Youth, adolescent groups, stakeholders and project staff attended these seminars virtually, where they had in-depth discussions and gained a clear understanding of the mentioned issues. Following the sessions, they were uploaded to the Light House Facebook page and YouTube channel for public access.

Light House has been Promoting Climate and Eco-friendly agriculture through awareness and provided credit support to 2,540 entrepreneurs and farmers in Kurigram, Rangpur and Bogura district.



Distribution of Relief and Rehabilitation Materials: The Light House organization has been actively engaged in distributing relief and rehabilitation materials since 1988. Utilizing its internal resources and receiving generous support from various donors like CCDB, GTZ, BRAC, Action Aid, VSO, as well as corporate sectors, Light House has effectively responded to major floods and other disasters in Bangladesh. The organization has played a significant role in addressing the immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation needs arising from major floods in the country. In recent, Light House conducted relief distribution efforts in Netrokona district, specifically in Krishnapur of Khaliajuri Upazila. A huge engagement made during coronavirus pandemic- vaccination, mask distribution, health services and emergency food support was remarkable contribution from Light House with the support from UN bodies, INGOs and local agencies.



One Million Palm Tree Plantation Campaign

It is worthy to discuss the contribution of Palm tree to save people and to maintain environmental equilibrium and combat climate change and natural disasters, particularly to mitigate lightning risks. Light House initiative launched a palm tree planting program at Kazipara bus stand in Kahalu upazila of Bogura district. During the inauguration of the palm tree planting initiative, Mr. Harun-or-Rashid, the Chief Executive Officer of Light House, underscored the significance of various tall species, including palm trees, in preserving the environmental balance and safeguarding against natural calamities. He urged everyone to participate in planting this national tree.

Highlighting the protective properties of palm trees against lightning and their pivotal role in regulating environmental temperatures, Mr. Rashid emphasized their substantial contribution to preventing heat-related issues. Discussing the plan to plant 1 million palm trees in phases across the district, he outlined the program's implementation across the diverse operational areas of Light House.



Strategic Area-4 : Governance, Human Rights and Justice

Project Name: Strengthening Acid Survivors Network to eliminate acid and other forms of gender-based violence

This projected, implemented in Bogura District for a year, focuses on three major aspects of combating Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G): capacity building of the acid survivors, raising awareness in the community and improving access to the services. A framework has been established to achieve the overarching goal reducing long-term gender-based violence. A set of priority activities related to

training, campaign and advocacy forums will be discussed. It is expected that the following results will be achieved:

1. Development of local ASN to act as catalyst for sharing their knowledge on VAW/G into the community
2. Increased knowledge and awareness within the community
3. A decrease in gender-based violence with proper access to services provided by the stakeholders.

Goal: Reduce acid and other forms of violence against women/girls(VAW/G) strengthening Acid Survivors Network (ASN)

Coverage: Bogura district (Bogura Sadar, Sherpur, Dhunat, Nandigram, Kahaloo, Adamdighi, Dupchanchia, Sariakandi, Gabtali, Shibganj, Sonatala and Shajahanpur)

Target Vs Achievements July 2022 to June 2023:

Output Indicators/Activities	Target	Achievement
Project Induction Meeting	01	01
Advocacy meeting with service provider	05	00
Bazar Campaign	08	08
School Campaign	05	05
Leadership Training for Acid Survivors	01	01
Day Observance	01	01

Project Name: Excluded People's Rights (Piloting GRS Intervention)

Grievances may arise from citizen dissatisfaction with promised services, service-oriented approaches and quality of services provided by government departments. In such cases, it is crucial to create an effective forum or platform for seeking or giving a speech so that everyone gets an opportunity to address their grievances. The government of Bangladesh introduced online grievance redressal management system since 2015. Grievance Redress System (GRS) aims to ensure accountability of government department to the people, improve quality of their services, offering hassle-free public services to ensure good governance. The main objective of the project is to increase the awareness of the general public about the use of grievance redressal mechanism. To popularize this system among the common people, Light House has taken this project funded by FCDO and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).

Objectives: To reduce the dissatisfaction of poor, marginalized and vulnerable people in getting services from government institutions by raising awareness about GRS.

Coverage: Dhanut Upazila, Bogura.



Target Vs Achievements July 2022 to June 2023:

Sl.	Name of activities	Total targets	Total achievement
01	Awareness raising and Demonstration on GRS at Union Level	26	26
02	Awareness Campaign at College level	12	12
03	Monthly Meeting of GRS committee	04	04
04	Orientation for Govt. Official on GRS at Upazila Level	01	01
05	Community Based Help Camp (For online support to submit complaints)	07	07
06	Awareness materials (Festoons & Leaflets) develop and print	4225	4225
07	Capturing Learning from Stakeholder	01	01
08	Findings Sharing Meeting at District Level	01	01
09	GRS Sharing Meeting with Journalists	01	01
10	Training on GRS for Union Uddakta	01	01
11	Learning sharing workshop with stakeholders	01	01

Project Name: Promoting Peace and Justice-in the districts of Tangail, Bogura and Meherpur with the support of USAID/ Democracy International

Promoting Peace and Justice Project has been implemented by Light House covering Tangail, Bogura and Meherpur districts with the financial support of Democracy International/USAID. The project planned to increase confidence in public institutions, counter violent extremism by improving the delivery of legal aid in the justice system, and raise citizen awareness of their legal rights and responsibilities. The project worked closely with the National Legal Aid Service Organization and Legal Aid Committees, and local civil society organizations for improving the capacity of District, Upazila and Union-levels relevant departments. Its objective was to better serve citizens who were applying for government legal aid and to their legal rights and responsibilities under Bangladesh law.

The project expected to reach almost all the people of Bogura, Meherpur and Tangail district targeting specifically the vulnerable women, poor & hardcore poor, persons with disability, TIP survivors, potential migrants, at-risk population of child marriage, and GVB victims, Hijra and sex workers, etc. Apart from the project beneficiaries, the project targeted members of UPLAC(Union Legal Aid Committee), UZLAC(Upazila Legal Aid Committee) and DLAC(District Legal Aid Committee), aiming to raise awareness about their legal rights & justice through awareness-raising activities, meetings and other events about NLASO activities. DLAC, UZLAC and UPLAC provided assistance to community members with legal aid & justice, especially for those in the low-income group, elderly citizens, persons with disability, abandoned women with minor children for dowry, rape victim, polygamy, child marriage, domestic violence, land dispute, torture, injury at local rivalry, and human trafficking, among others.

Coverage: The project covers 13 upazilas of Tangail, Meherpur and Bogura districts spanning across 76 unions. The tables below provide details of the geographical coverage.

Table A: Bogura district

District	Upazilas	Unions
Bogura	BoguraSadar	Fanpore, Erulia, Namuza, Shekherkola, Shakharia, Razapur, Sabgram, Nishindara, Gokul, Lahiripara, Nungola
	Sonatala	Balua, Tekanichukainagar, Madhupur, Digdair, Jorgacha, Pakulla, Sonatala
	Dhupchanchia	Talora, Gobindapur, Dhupchanchia, Chamrul, Gunahar, Zianagar
	Kahaloo	Birkedar, Kalai, Narahatta, durgapur, Kahaloo, Malancha, Jamgram, Murail, Paikor
	Nandigram	Burail, Nandigram Bhatgram, Bhatra, Thaltamajhgram
District coverage (Bogura)		05 38

Table B: Tangail district

District	Upazilas	Unions
Tangail	Tangail Sader	Baghil, Dainna, Gala, Gharinda, Hugra, Karatia, Katuli, Kakua, Mogra, Silimpur, Porabari, Mahamoodnagar
	Bhuapur	Arjuna,Falda, Gabsara, Gobindashi, Nikrail, Aloa
	Delduar	Atia, Delduar, Deoli, Dubail, Elasin, Fazilhati, Lauhati, Pathrail
	Basail	Basail, Fulki, Habla, Kanchanpur, Kashil, Kakrajani
	Shakhipur	Baheratail, Gazaria, Hatibandha,Jadabpur, KakrajanKalia
District coverage (Tangail)		05 38

Table C: Meherpur District

District	Upazilas	Unions
Meherpur	Meherpursadar	Amdaho, Amjupi, Buripota, Kutubpur and Pirojpur
	GangniUpzila	Bamondi, Dhankhola, Raipur, Solotaka, MotmuraKazipur, Tatulbari and Kathuli
	Mujibnagar	Bagoan, Dariapur, Monakhali and Mohajonpur
District coverage (Meherpur)		03 18

The project was able to provide direct service coverage to 120,861 beneficiaries (Tangail: 62,380; Bogura: 58,481; Meherpur:61,897). Additionally, an analysis indicates that the project indirectly benefited 594,704 beneficiaries (Tangail: 262,880; Bogura: 331,824; Meherpur:61,897) through implementation of the major activities described below:

Major achievement July 2022 to June 2023:

Output Indicators/Activities	Achievement		
	Bogura	Tangail	Meherpur
Output Indicators			
Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly of UZLAC	6	12	16
Facilitation and monitoring of bi-monthly of UPLAC	72	138	66
Half-yearly Coordination Meeting between DLAC, UPLAC & UZLAC	2	2	02
Quarterly fund for logistical and material support to DLAC for their DLAC stakeholders' meetings	3	3	3
Sensitizing session for DLACs including issue areas such as TIP, GBV, and VE	0	1	0
Facilitate courtyard meetings to improve understanding of legal rights and responsibilities;	88	166	57
Public hearing events (Host public questions and answer sessions with Legal Aid Officers) at Upazila level;	5	5	01
Facilitate debates on legal rights and responsibilities engaging secondary school students/college students;	4	4	4
Day Observation at District Level	1	1	1
Day Observation at Upazila Level	5	5	3
Monthly & quarterly staff coordination meeting	8	10	12
E-dialogue through utilizing of Union ICT center (distant and Char land areas)	5	3	5
Cable TV broadcast	0	1	0
Face mask distributed	1240	0	5526
Hand wash soap distributed	720	0	2722
Face shields distributed	15	0	0

Case Story**Munjila Khatun Received Dower and Maintenance Money through ADR**

Mst. Munjila Khatun (27), daughter of Md. Helal Uddin of Majhgram village, under Nandigram union in Nandigram Upazila of Bogura district, was married to Md. Abdul Kuddus (28) son of Md. Abdus Samad of Kalishakuri village, under Kahaloo union in Kahaloo Upazila of Bogura district. Mst. Munjila Khatun moved to her father's house when there was a family disturbance. A few days later, her husband sent her a divorce notice dated January 10, 2023. Overwhelmed with emotion, Mst. Munjila sought help the next day, visiting the Upazila Parishad and Union Parishad. When the issue of divorce was raised with a member of Union Legal Aid Committee in the Union Parishad, this member coordinated with the Upazila coordinator of the PPJ project. Mst. Munjila, accompanied by the Upazila coordinator, filed a complaint at the District Legal Aid Office on January 24, 2023, after sharing her story. Finally, the District legal aid officer, through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), successfully obtained her dower and maintenance money at Tk. 30,500 (Thirty thousand and five hundred). Munjila Khatun thanked Light House, PPJ-Bogura Project for getting her dower and maintenance money.

Rabia Khatun got her dower money by ADR

The Government of Bangladesh has set up Legal Aid to establish the legal rights of the poor and help-less people in remote areas. The PPJ-Tangail project was dedicated to implement this noble objective of the government. Courtyard meeting is one of the activities aimed at raising awareness in remote areas, where community participation plays an important role.

The objectives of the courtyard meeting are, to inform the people of remote areas about government Legal Aid services, make people aware about their legal rights and how to access to justice, and increase number of recipients of government Legal Aid services.

Fact details: To achieve these objectives Light House (a local partner) jointly organized Courtyard Meeting on 23 July 2022 at Kanchanpur Union under Shakhipur Upazila of Tangail District under Promoting Peace and Justice-Tangail.

Md. Salahuddin, Upazila Coordinator of Light House under Promoting Peace and Justice (PPJ) -Tangail, facilitated the courtyard session by displaying flipchart. The courtyard meeting was run in an interactive way and covered topics such as legal services, eligibility for legal aid services, details of legal aid and District Legal Aid Office, toll free National helpline numbers, hotline number of District Legal Aid Office, as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Mst. Laily Begum was a participant in that courtyard meeting and learned about government legal aid service by the courtyard meeting. After the meeting, she approached the Upazila Coordinator of PPJ-Tangail and shared her daughter's problem. After discussion, she decided to go to the District Legal Aid Office for legal support.

As per their decision, Laily Begum and her daughter Mrs. Rabia Khatun went to District legal aid office on July 31, 2022. Laily's daughter, Rabia Khatun, explained her situation to the District Legal Aid Officer, stating that her husband had divorced her but had not paid her dower money. Upon hearing her problem, the District Legal Aid Officer advised her to file a complaint. Following this advice, Rabia submitted a complaint against her husband at the District legal aid office to recover her dower money. After receiving the complaint, the District Legal Aid Office sent a notice for ADR to her husband and Rabia Khatun's family. After receiving the notice from the District Legal Aid Office, the two parties came to the District legal aid office and agreed to pursue ADR. On August 14, 2022 after extensive discussions, Rabia's husband agreed to pay the dower money of Tk. 260,000 in installments.

According to the decisions of ADR, Rabia Khatun's husband paid as 1st installment of Tk 70000/- to Rabia Khatun in the presence of District Legal Aid Officer on October 19, 2022.

Present situation: Rabia Khatun is happy to have achieved justice and received her money. She deposited her dower money in the bank and expressed her gratitude to the District Legal Aid Office and Light House.

Ms. Sathi Khatun got full custody of her son

Ms. Sathi Khatun, from Gangni Upazila in Meherpur, reported that she had been living separately from her husband due to family problems. Her husband was not returning their four-year-old son. Previously, the Legal Aid Office assisted Ms. Sathi Khatun in filing a criminal case against her husband Tamim Islam on August 17, 2022 under Cr PC Section-100. In this case, Ms. Sathi Khatun was awarded full custody of her son (case number LIT-MEH-20220817-0000033).

However, on October 25, 2022, her husband took the son and refused to return him, despite the court order. He demanded that Ms. Khatun withdraw the case for their son's return. Ms. Sathi Khatun informed the District Legal Aid Officer about this during a quarterly coordination meeting organized by the Light House. The Legal Aid Officer inquired whether the court was informed about this through her lawyer. Ms. Khatun confirmed that she had informed the court, but her lawyer had not taken any action. The Legal Aid Officer assured Ms. Khatun that they would take action to bring back her son and directed the office assistant to contact Ms. Sathi Khatun's husband. The assistant called her husband, as per the instructions of the District Legal Aid Officer and informed the instructions of the District Legal Aid Officer. He also informed that a case will be filed against him if he does not follow the instructions. Ms. Khatun's husband told the legal aid office that he would return the son to his mother as soon as possible. True to his words, he returned the son to Ms. Khatun within 7 days. She expressed her gratitude to Light House for helping her regain custody of her son in such a short time, as court cases often take a long time.

Light House School

In October, 2017, Light House School embarked on its journey as a unique institution in Muruil village, Kahaloo Upazila of Bogura. It operates as a non-profit and service-oriented educational institution. The institution started its journey with the great goal of providing all the modern education facilities to grass-roots students of West Bogura. The foundation stone of the institution was laid on December 30, 2016, by the Ekushey Padak laureate novelist Selina Hossain, and renowned social activist and Ekushey Padak laureate Late Palan Sarkar.

The academic activities of the school started on January 1, 2018. Teaching and learning activities are being conducted from pre-primary to tenth grade. Currently, teaching and learning activities are being conducted by a team of 11 teachers and staff members. The school's vision is to transform into a modern and high-quality institution that meets the educational needs of the 21st century. Its mission is to provide inclusive education, promote equity and equality in education, and deliver work-oriented education.

Observed Martyred Intellectuals Day at Light House School:

On December 14, 2023, Light House School organized a discussion meeting and poetry recitation on the occasion of Martyred Intellectuals Day 2023. The program was overseen by the school's principal, Wahida Yasmin, with the presence of all teachers and students. Prayers were offered for the souls of the martyred intellectuals during the event. The program was facilitated by Oliur Rahman the Islamic religion teacher of the institution. Subsequently, poetry recitals took place, with young students participating actively. Mr. Mostakim Ahmed, the school's English teacher, elucidated the significance of Intellectuals Day. The Principal of Light House School- Ms. Wahida Yasmin expressed that intellectuals and the spirit of liberation war would be awakened among all of us on the day.





Celebration of Victory Day at Light House School

On December 16, 2023, Light House School organized a discussion meeting and cultural program. The event was chaired by Md. Harun Or-Rashid, the founder and president of Light House School. Wahida Yasmin, the school's principal, conducted the discussion meeting and cultural program. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran on the school premises. President Md. Harun Or-Rashid, along with the students, raised the Victory Day flag. A drawing competition was held among the students, accompanied by various cultural activities. The President distributed prizes to the participants and winners of the drawing competition. Students also recited poems in honor of Martyred and freedom fighter for the Victory our country to mark the Victory Day 2023



Capacity Building Initiatives of Light House

Advocacy and Training Name	# of participants		Organized by
	Male	Female	
Urban Primary Health Care Project- UPHCSDP, Phase- II			
Satellite support group Advocacy	230	1101	Light House
Stakeholder Advocacy	90	60	NGO forum
TB, Malaria awareness Advocacy	18	15	Brac
Mother- & Child nutrition awareness Advocacy	21	11	SMC
Ward Urban Coordination Committee Orientation	24	26	BCCM
Shukhi Jibon			
Advocacy Meeting with Project Director of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2	38	15	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Advocacy Meeting with Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2, Tongi, Gazipur	12	18	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Advocacy Meeting with Upazilla Family Planning department –Kaligonj, Gazipur,	7	14	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Advocacy Meeting with Department of Women Affairs.	13	15	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Advocacy Meeting with Transgender community leader.	5	19 (TG)	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Training for religious’ leaders (Mosque Imams)	80	0	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House
Training for leaders of youth led organizations	13	7	Shukhi Jibon Project, Light House

Organizational Structure & Management

Management Structure: Light House operates with a four-tier management structure consisting of projects and policy staff, Light House Executive Committee and stakeholders, who contribute to running the organization's programs smoothly. To ensure diverse societal participation, a General Committee has been established, comprising 29 members, including male and female policy makers and representatives from marginal groups. This committee meets once a year to generate innovative ideas, offer guidance and advice on Light House's overall development and progress. It also contributes to building a transparent image, fostering trust with partners and stakeholders, and supporting public relations and fundraising activities.

The Light House Executive Committee comprises seven members elected during the annual general meeting for three-year terms. This committee meets every three month or as needed to make policy decisions. The role of the Executive Committee is to assist the senior management team in implementing the strategies, developing plans, policies and decisions consistent with the organization's Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles. The Executive Committee supports the Chief Executive (CE) and

engages in decision-making through meetings, especially in urgent and crisis situations. The CE serves as a member of the Executive Committee, along with other specified members.

A senior management team, composed of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Deputy Director-M&E, Deputy Director-Finance and Team Leaders, collaboratively addresses major issues and makes decisions for the betterment of the employees, projects and organization. Detailed organigrams along with key sections and positions are provided in the following sections.

Monitoring & Evaluation: The organization maintains a dedicated M&E unit headed by the Deputy Director-Monitoring and Evaluation, responsible for coordinating with project heads within the organization. Besides, it has developed and designed M&E software for tracking indicator-based achievements, where project data can be uploaded and analysed.

There are M&E Specialists and M&E officers working under different projects. They are assigned to submit the project M&E reports to Deputy Director-M&E for review and comments. The Deputy Director-M&E, after providing input, submits these reports to the management for information and necessary action. The project personnel conduct monitoring as outlined in the project's M&E plan and submit the reports to Deputy Director-M&E for review and comments. Once approved, the reports are disseminated to the project level for addressing recommendations.

In addition to monitoring visits, regular supervision, and on-the-job training, Light House employs distance monitoring through phone/email added in the M&E system. Throughout the project implementation period, Light House follows a participatory monitoring process at all levels.

Project Program Personnel: The respective project focal persons and project coordinators are responsible for ensuring adequate and appropriate monitoring of project activities. Light House monitoring activities include quarterly or semi-annual field visits as described in the project proposal. During these visits, they visit the intervention sites to gain updates on the progress of the project, observe direct service provision and training activities, attend meetings with stakeholders, and provide technical assistance both in technical areas and overall program development. Furthermore, the monitoring activities also include identifying success stories and innovative implementation ideas for replication other sites. If they identify needs for specific technical assistance, they coordinate this with the appropriate project staff or a relevant core team member of the organization. The results of these trips are documented in trip reports, and these are shared with Senior Management during regular weekly and monthly meetings based on the importance of the findings.

Technical Team (M&E and Clinical services): Relevant technical staff make regular visits to the project, following a schedule of technical visits developed at the project's outset. During these visits, they provide training, review documentation, participate in quality assessments, observe activities and analyse data contained in monthly and quarterly reports. The M&E Specialist/M&E Officers provide feedback as well as hands-on training to the field level staff. Debriefings with the project managers and site managers are a part of quality improvement initiative from technical units.

Senior Management Team (SMT) meets monthly to discuss major issues and takes decision for the betterment of the employees, projects and organizations. Besides SMT, project management team meets once a month as part of a project coordination meeting where all project heads present their achievement, failures and discuss challenges, strategies to overcome them as well as best practices.

There are two ways of evaluating or assessing the projects that exist in the Light House culture. In some projects, there is provision for conducting midterm and final evaluation, which may be carried out by the donor according to the contract's provision. In other cases, the organization conducts these evaluations and submits report to the donor. To conduct evaluation, Light House follows the provisions of the contracts made with funding agencies. When evaluations are conducted by the organization, M&E department is responsible for the entire evaluation process and prepares report for transmission to the donor for suggestions and comments. Based on the findings, appropriate actions are taken. The suggestions and comments made by the donor are taken into consideration during project restructuring/extension. The annual reports are submitted to the donor according to the provision of contract. However, it is done quarterly, half yearly and annually based on requirements. Financial reports are also submitted through the same process.

Management and HR& Admin: This division is headed by the Director-Finance who operates under the direct supervision of Chief Executive. Light House strictly adheres to the organization's constitution in governing its operations and has developed different policies and manuals. All these have been approved by the management and we strongly follow the policies, rules and regulations of these manuals / policies. We try to maintain gender balance at organizational level and priority is given to the women. The performance of the staff is appraised annually, and actions are taken accordingly.

Light House has a good number of professional staff working in different projects and in the head office. They are acquainted with their duties & responsibilities. Necessary capacity-building trainings are provided to the staffs to build an efficient team. The Director Finance oversees the HR & Administration and is responsible for conducting staff appraisals and managing other administrative aspects for all staff of the organization, reporting directly to the Chief Executive.

Financial Management: The finance section is headed by Director Finance and supported by the Finance Specialist, Officers and Assistants who manage the financial aspects of the organization. The organization has been successfully dealing with the financial aspects of different donors. An external audit firm has audited the financial statements of the organization every year and the reports are available. Light House has developed a standard financial manual in collaboration with professionals, which details financial procedures for proper accounting. The accounts of the organization are meticulously maintained following the manual's rules, with an efficient team managing financial transactions. A computerized accounting system and software are being maintained at the head office. Trial balance, income and expenditure statements, and the balance sheet are being prepared through the computerized accounting system.

Operation of Bank Account: Every office and project maintain separate bank accounts for financial transactions. The project heads and Chief Executive jointly operate these accounts according to the financial manual. Any amount of cash in hand beyond the ceiling amount is strongly discouraged.

Auditing and Internal control system: The accounts of the organization are audited every year by Chartered Accounting Firms and the report is placed before in the annual general meeting as the management is accountable to the general committee. We try our utmost to keep the financial management transparent to all parties concerned. The internal financial control system has been

established in the organization. An internal audit team headed by Internal Auditor is doing the task. He is directly responsible to the Chief Executive. All the projects' accounts and other accounts running under the organization are audited by the Internal Audit team. Reports are submitted to the Chief Executive for proper initiatives. The General committee selects a chartered accountant firm for auditing the accounts of the organization every year. The executive committee proposes a panel of auditing firms in the AGM to select a firm.

Organizational Policies: Light House has developed and implemented various organizational policies and guidelines in order to run the organization smoothly. The policies are being applied at all levels of the organization. The management formed separate committees to develop manuals and guidelines. After preparing draft, all senior staff members sit together and provide inputs to finalize/improve those policies. Occasionally, external consulting firms are engaged by partner agencies to update the policies and guidelines.

At present, Light House has the following policies-

- Human Resource Management and Administrative Policy
- Finance Manual
- Gender Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Child safeguard policy
- Fraud and Corruption prevention and control policy
- Overhead policy
- Information disclosure policy
- Internal Audit Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)
- Fact finding Guideline (Draft)
- Risk Matrix
- Environment Policy

Light House owns the following resources:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Storied Foundation Office Building. -3 Flats at Banani and Gulshan, Dhaka. -1 Flat in Bogura - 9 decimals of plain land with tinshed rooms Johurul Nagor, Bogura -11 decimals of plain land with tinshed rooms Mostofapur, Dubchachia, Bogura - 6 decimals of plain land with tinshed rooms Kazipara, Kahaloo, Bogura - 2 storied school building on 103 decimals of high land, Moruil, Bogura. - 9 Motorcycles - 2 Microbus - 1 Jeep - 1 School Bus, 1 Human Hauler - Training facilities- training room with necessary equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24 Televisions -5 Multimedia Player - 20 digital Cameras - 4 Scanners. - More than 40 Computers - 40 Printer - 2 Photocopier Machine - Email and internet access to all offices
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Members of the Light House Executive Committee:

SL	Name	Position	Qualifications and Experiences
01	Professor Habiba Begum	President	BSc (Honors), MSc Ex-Principal, Government Mujibur Rahman Women's college, Bogura; Eminent Social Worker
02	Advocate Al-Mahmud	Vice-President	Jurisprudence (Honors), Masters of Jurisprudence, Principal, Bogura Law College, Ex-GP, Judge Court Bogura; Human Rights Activist.
03	Md. Harun Or-Rashid	General Secretary	BSS (Honors), MSS (Economics), EMPH Development Specialist, CEO-Light House
04	Advocate Ashrafun Nahar Swapna	Treasurer	LLB; Lawyer, APP-Judge Court Bogura; Human Rights Activist
05	Md. Hasan Asra fu Zaman	Member	MSS, Development Specialist
06	Adv. Sufia Begum Kohinur	Member	LLB, LLM, Lawyer Judge court Bogura, HR activist, Panel Lawyer, DLAC, BNWLA, Khan Foundation etc.
07	Masudar Rahman Helal	Member	BA, Freedom fighter, President SANAK

Staff: Light House passed the fiscal year 2022-2023 with 369 employees who are experienced and well-skilled in their own arena. HR and Administration department of Light House has been working independently and it has grown this department as an institution of the organization. This department facilitates the recruitment and annual employee performance evaluation independently.

Management Position			Mid-Level			Field Level				Total staff
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total	369
9	01	10	45	14	59	220	64	16	300	

Light House's existing and recent past donors and development partner

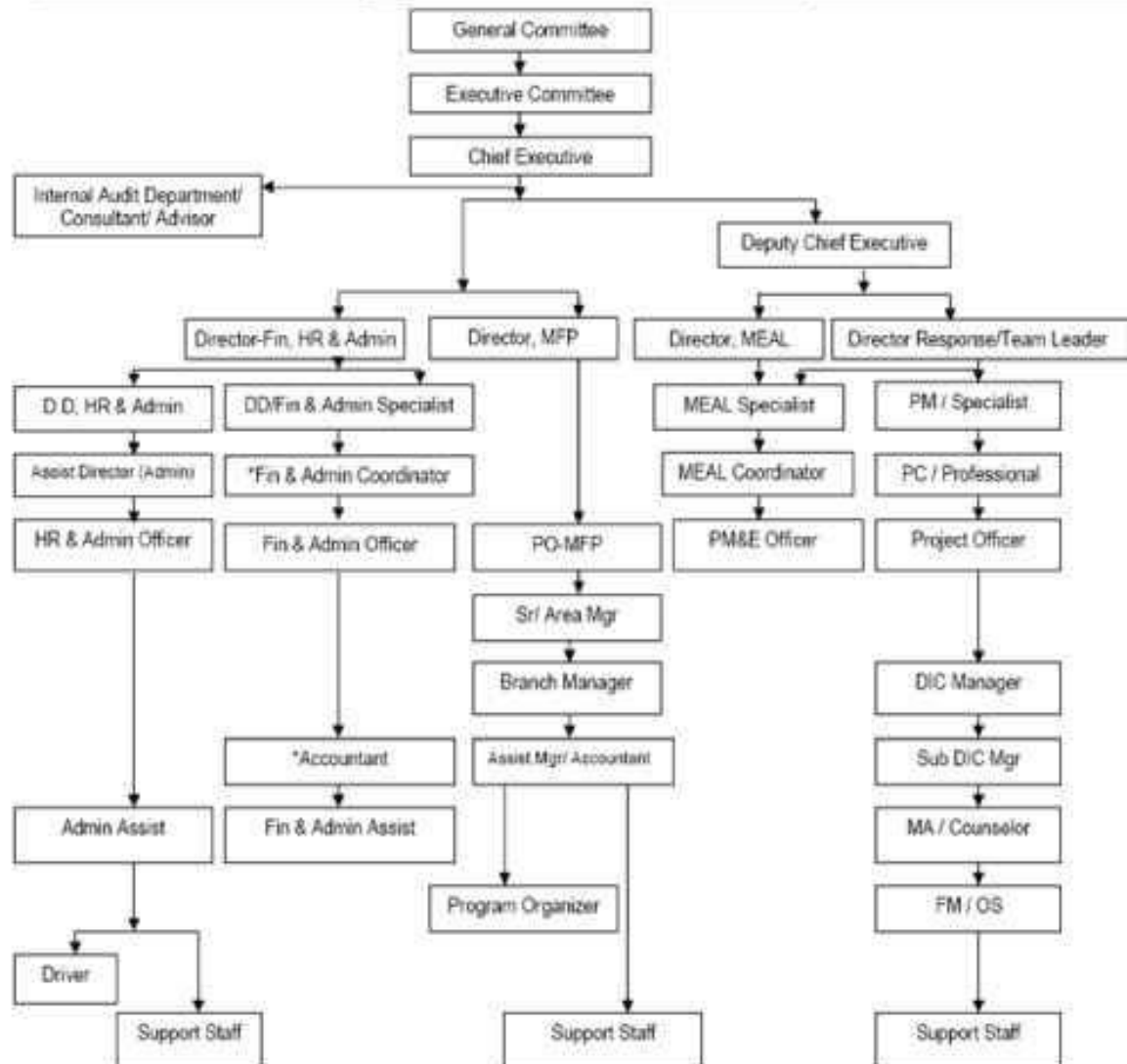
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Networking and membership: Light House maintains networking membership with different national and international bodies, which includes the International Aids Society (IAS); ECOSOC (Special Consultative Status), CANSEA, NFOWD, STI/AIDS network in Bangladesh, ADAB, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Setubandhan, National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh-NAHAB, Citizen's Platform for SDGs, etc.

Our Collaborative partners: 1) Sylhet Jubo Academy (SJA), 2) Nari Mukti Sangha (NMS), 3) DAM, 4) PHALS, 5) LOCOS, 6) APOSH 7) NSKS in Bangladesh and 8) KMSS. 9) YPSA 10) Maristopes 11) NDP 12) Pabna Protissarity 13) Avas 14) Lusture 15) DCPUK 16) SKS 17) DABI 18) ASUS 19) PUMDO 20) ASUS

And beyond the border partners are: 1) Community Support Group (CSG), Nepal, 2) LIGHT Institute, Vietnam 3) Aye Myanmar Association (AMA).

Light House Organogram



* Vacant position will be filled-up when it is needed and subject to availability of fund

* Support Staff (SS): Program Assistant, Caretaker, Aya, Guard, Night Guard, Cleaner etc.


 Prof. Habiba Begum
 President
 Light House, Bogra.

Light House
Jahurul Nagar, Bogra
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As on June 30, 2023

Particulars	Note	Amount in Tk.	Amount in Tk.
		30.06.2023	30.06.2022
ASSETS			
Non- Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	3.00	75,050,831	83,983,113
		75,050,831	83,983,113
Current Assets			
Loan to Beneficiaries	4.00	60,019,297	52,221,211
Loans and Advances	5.00	42,793,240	41,749,630
Investment in (FDR)	6.00	4,253,922	2,666,106
Bid Security	7.00	2,399,070	2,487,070
Bill Receivable	8.00	658,176	477,380
Cash and Cash equivalents	9.00	3,940,330	10,516,932
		114,264,035	110,118,328
Total Assets		189,314,865	194,101,441
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Capital & Reserve			
Surplus/Retained Earnings	18.00	99,155,188	98,441,806
		99,155,188	98,441,806
Long Term Liabilities			
Loan Account	19.00	64,215,919	72,647,570
		64,215,919	72,647,570
Current Liabilities			
Insurance	10.00	1,983,679	2,639,137
Group Savings	11.00	15,633,108	13,477,420
Staff Security from Staff	12.00	1,973,675	2,015,155
Provident Fund	13.00	613,785	570,232
Reserve for Loan Loss Provision	14.00	4,324,254	2,425,873
Account Payable	15.00	879,723	1,629,479
Tax & VAT Payables	16.00	535,534	254,769
Down Payment for Motor Cycle	17.00	-	-
		25,943,758	23,012,065
Total Fund & Liabilities		189,314,865	194,101,441

The annexed notes (1-17) form an integral part of these financial statements.

Asayed
Deputy Director- Finance

[Signature]
Chief Executive

Signed in terms of separate report of even date.

Dated: 29/01/2024
Place: Dhaka.

[Signature]
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