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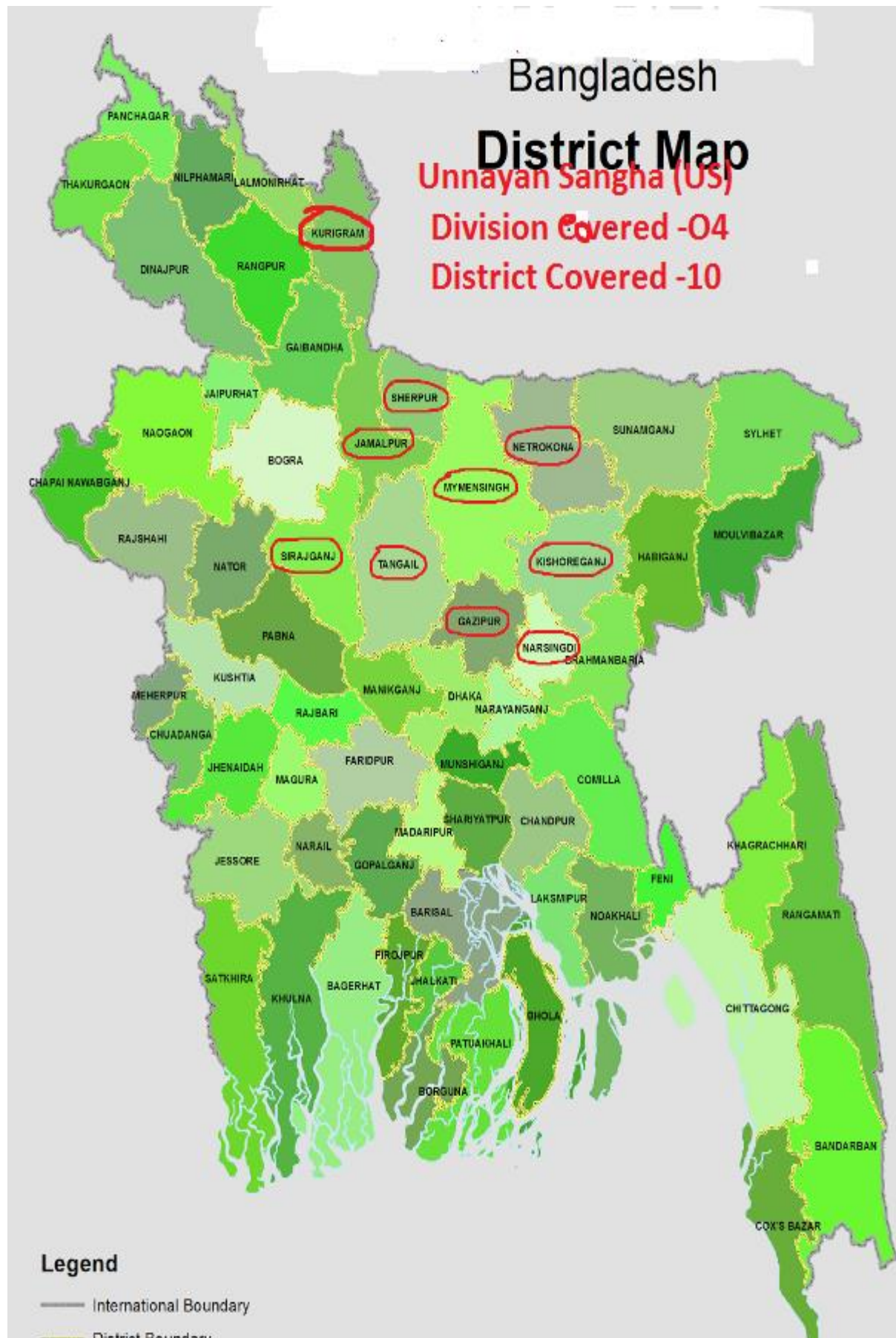
Annual Report

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1. Working Area-



2.General Committee (GC) Members-

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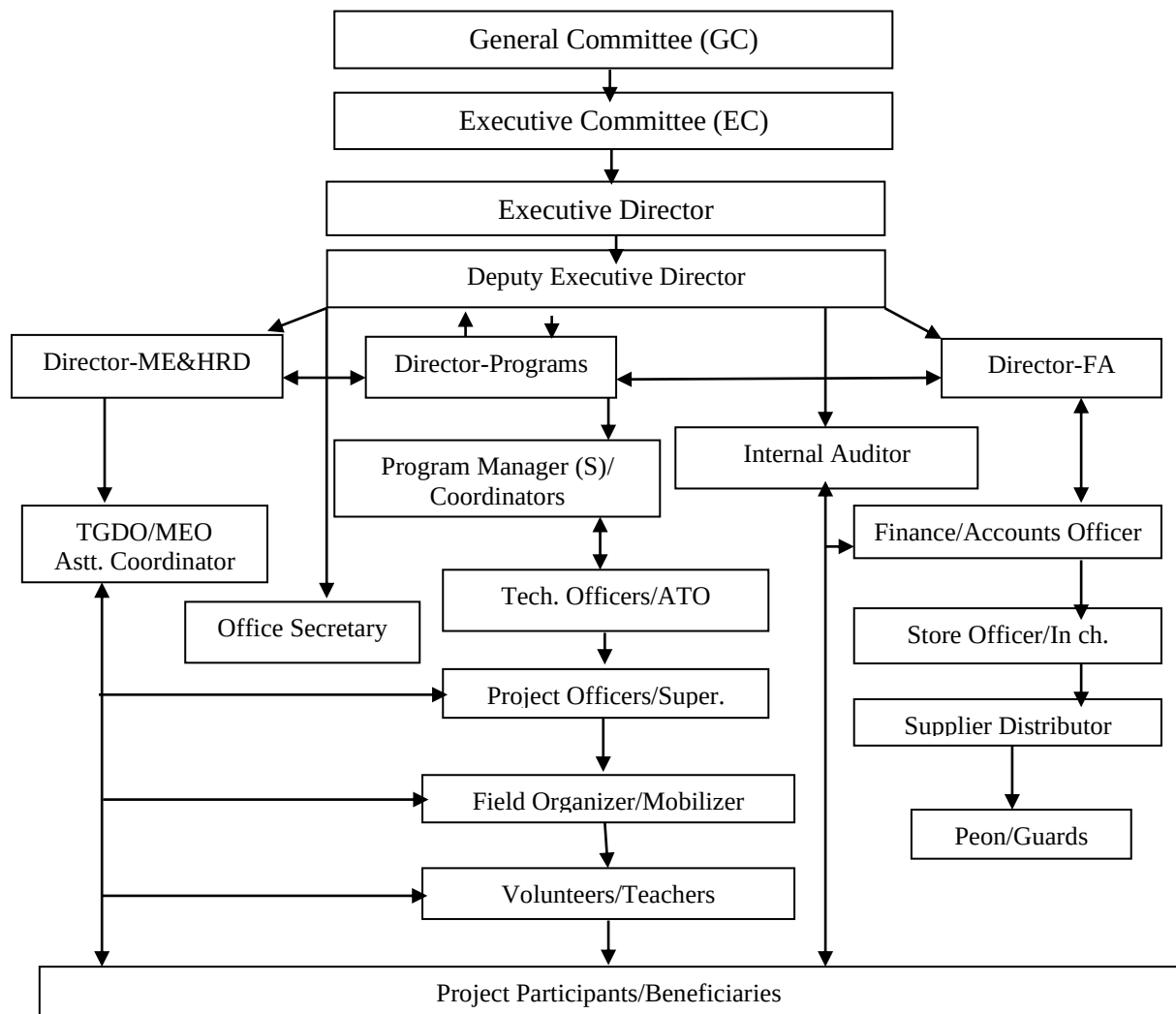


Md. Zahangir Alam Salim
Director-ME& HRD



Md. Ziaur Rahman
Director-Finance & Admin

5. Organogram of the Organization-





6. Message from Executive Director-

Unnayan Sangha (US) is a non-government, non-profitable and non-political organization established in 1980 by some of the enthusiastic and benevolent persons of Jamalpur and Sherpur district with a view to help poor people of the area. For running the organization smoothly, two different committees of Unnayan Sangha are functioning well. The general committee of the organization consisted of 21 members in whom 8 are female and in the executive committee 3 are female out of 7 members.

The head office of the organization is situated in Jamalpur District. It has been working within the 55 Upazilas of Jamalpur, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Kishoreganj, Narsingdi, Gazipur, Tangail, Sirajganj and Kurigram Districts.

US works in two different approaches: Group based approach and community based approach. Unnayan Sangha is a Child Focused Organization.

For well implementation of development activities and ensuring good governance and human rights especially children and women rights, the organization has gained a good partnership with Bangladesh Government, different national & international organizations including donors, like-European Union (EU), Oxfam, World Vision, Unicef Bangladesh, UNFPA, WFP, CIDA, UKAid/DFID, WSUP, USAID, AusAid, ADH-Germany, Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), CARE Bangladesh, Stromme Foundation, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), Action aid Bangladesh, Chemonics International, Nari Pokkho, Manusher Janno Foundation, Aparajeyo Bangladesh, NGO Forum etc.

US has a good relationship with local Administration, line departments like- Health & Family Planning, Fisheries & Livestock, Agriculture, Social Services, local government, NGOs, local elites and community people. During implementation of various development activities, local administration, line departments and other stakeholders helped us by providing logistic and other supports.

Among above stated activities, some are operated with the financial support of different donors and some other are continued with organizational own support.

We try to receive all suggestions and recommendations positively from any individual, NGOs, INGOs and Donor organizations for overall development of Unnayan Sangha.

Md. Rafiqul. AlamMollah
Executive Director

7. Overview of Unnayan Sangha (US)-

- a. **Year of establishment:** 1980.
- b. **Nature of organization:** Non govt. Non-political and Non-profit making organization
- c. **Legitimacy/Registered under-**
Social service department: No. Ma-0200/81, Date-01/04/1981
NGO affairs Bureau: No.DSS/FDO/R-310, Date- 29/07/1989, Renewal date :29/7/2014
Micro-Credit Regulatory Authority: No. 05225-02132-00092, Date: 1 January'2008
Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 with Joint Stock Companies and Firms: No. S-11556 dated 15 October, 2012
- d. **Vision:** The vision of the organization is “A society, based on equality, fairness and good governance, which can ensure sustainable development and people’s empowerment”
- e. **Mission:** To work with exploited and disadvantaged groups of the people particularly poor, ultra-poor, Indigenous groups and differently able communities, men, women and children living in plain land, river basin and hilly/haor areas of Bangladesh for their socio-economic development implementing different socio-economic and right based development programs.
- f. **Experience of Unnayan Sangha (US):** US has 40 years’ experience on implementation of livelihoods development, food security, health-hygiene and nutrition, WASH, education, market development, value chain development, child protection & gender development, DRR and climate change adaptation etc. in char, hoar, hilly and plain land areas within 10 districts of Bangladesh . On the other hand it has experience on Khas land arrangement for landless households advocating government, community participation and engagement, coordination, cooperation with GO, NGO, Donor, LGI, community & other stakeholders and organizing people, managing programs-events, facilitating communities, training, Workshop, advocating/dialogue at various level.
- g. **Thematic Area of US**
 - Education
 - Health hygiene & nutrition
 - Livelihoods & economic empowerment
 - Child protection
 - Gender equity & women empowerment
 - Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
 - Child and Adult Education
 - Human rights

8. Major Programs/Projects implemented by Unnayan Sangha (US) in the recent Past-

- Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP)
- SHOUHARDO-I & II Programme
- South Asia WASH Result Program (SAWRP)
- Provision of Life Saving Child Protection & Emergency Education Services to the Flood Affected People in Jamalpur District of Bangladesh
- Maternal and Neonatal Health Initiative (MNHI)
- Primary Eye Care Project (PICP)
- Child and Women Rights Project (CWRP)
- Women Friendly Hospital Initiative (WFHI) in Sherpur
- Agriculture & Livestock Development Project (ALDP)
- Assistance for Flood Affected Women and Girls(Women Friendly Space)
- UN-Joint Program on WASH and Nutrition
- Bangladesh Local Procurement Pilot Project (BLPP)
- Maternal Neonatal and Child Survival (MNCS)
- Community Mobilization to Promote Social Change
- Maternal and Young Child Nutrition Security Initiative (MYCNSI)
- Juvenile Justice Program (JJP)
- Ending Child Marriage(ECM)
- Bangladesh Flood Response Project in Jamalpur
- Improving the Well-Being of Adolescents with an Emphasis on Ending Child Marriage Project

9. Implemented Programs/Projects during reporting period in July 2019-June 2020-

- School Feeding Program (SFP)
- Improved Institutional Responses to Children in Contact/Conflict with the Law (IIRCCL) Project
- Resilience through Economic Empowerment, Climate change Adaptation, Leadership & Learning (REE-CALL2021) Project
- Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains for Smallholder Farmers (NSVC) Project
- Bangladesh Initiative to Enhance Nutrition Security and Governance (BIeNGS) Project
- Improving Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights including Maternal and Newborn Health (SRHR&MNH) Project
- Enhancing the participation of CBO and CSO in democratic governance in Bangladesh (EU-CSO Project)
- Strengthening Economic Empowerment with Dignity and Sustainability (SEEDS) Project
- Defending Human Rights through Network Strengthening (DHRNS) Project
- Housing Project (HP)
- Savings Management Program (SMP)
- US-Child City
- Development Training and Resource Centre (DTRC)

10. Programs/Projects Description:

10.01. School Feeding Program (SFP)-

To achieve the SDG-4 through ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030, the program has been implementing by Unnayan Sangha (US) since May 2015 in Madarganj upazila and July 2018 in Islampur upazila under Jamalpur district. The program has been running smoothly in both upazilas by the technical assistance of World Food Program (WFP) and financial support of Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) considering these upazilas are poverty prone areas in Bangladesh.

Under the program, 32,866 students (Girls-17,686, Boys- 15,180) of 207 Government Primary Schools including 7 Independent Ibtedayi Madrasa and 1 managed by the Child Welfare Trust of Madarganj upazila and 42,479 students (Girls-21,526, Boys- 20,953) of 196 Government Primary Schools including 20 Independent Ibtedayi Madrasa and 1 managed by the Child Welfare Trust of Islampur upazila has been receiving each student 0.75 gram weight one nutritious biscuit for every school day.

Additionally, from October 2019, School Meals Program had been initially started for 28 schools of Islampur upazila which had an extension plan for all schools of the upazila. Due to sudden outbreak of worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the School Meals Program and its extension has been temporarily suspended after the smoothly implementation in 28 schools up to March 2020. When the ongoing epidemic situation will become normal, then the stated school meal program will be started again in Islampur upazila including its extension for remaining schools.

The Objectives of the Program are-

- ❖ Increase enrollment and attendance of students
- ❖ Improve learning ability of students through reducing micronutrient deficiencies
- ❖ Enhance GoB capacity to implement the program efficiently and effectively

Achievement in reporting period:

- ❖ Nutritious biscuits distribution to students 965 metric tons and consumption in schools
- ❖ One day interval school meals arrangement for 6072 students of 28 schools in Islampur
- ❖ Monitoring 403 schools using checklist 6700 times and mitigation of problems by the cordial cooperation of respective teachers and SMC members
- ❖ Arranged 2198 SMC meetings for smooth implementation of school feeding program
- ❖ Arranged 428 mother assembly for enhancing caring activities to their school going children
- ❖ Established 215 vegetable gardens at school grounds by students
- ❖ Conducted 912 courtyard meetings with parents of students for enhancing caring activities
- ❖ Paid 777 home visits of students for sharing their educational progress status among parents
- ❖ Participated in the monthly, quarterly and half yearly coordination meetings of upazila and district level directorate of primary education department
- ❖ Establishment of 41 kitchens to implement the school meals program for the students

10.02. Improved Institutional Responses to Children in Contact/Conflict with the Law (IIRCCL)

Project- To provide greater protection for children in conflict with the law (CCL) through the accessing of rights and by improving institutional responses through strengthening of juvenile justice situation, the project has been implemented in partnership with Aparajeyo Bangladesh and financial support of European Union. The project has been run since January 2016 to December 2019 for Jamalpur district. Through this project implementation, a couple of remarkable achievement done by the organization which will be sustainably impacted children protection in conflict with the law for accessing their rights improving institutional responses.

The specific objectives of the project were-

- ❖ Protect the rights of children during arrest, detention and trial by establishing Child Welfare Desks in Police Stations and providing legal representation
- ❖ Divert children away from arrest, detention and imprisonment and promote rehabilitation by promoting community mediation through Child Welfare Committees
- ❖ Lobby the government for juvenile justice reform and the replication of models of good practice developed.

Achievement in reporting period:

- ❖ 15 children (girls-5, boys-10) enrolled in Safe Shelters
- ❖ Performed 6 monthly meeting with Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- ❖ 35 children (girls-15, boys-20) diverted through child welfare desk
- ❖ 29 children (girls-14, boys-15) reunified with families
- ❖ 35 children (girls-15, boys-20) diverted through Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- ❖ Conducted 6 Lawyers Panel monthly meeting
- ❖ Performed 6 monthly meeting of Community Volunteers & Youth Advocates
- ❖ Peer Support Scheme implemented where 530 children (girls-280, boys-250) were benefited
- ❖ 2 Youth Advocate's awareness campaigns performed where total 450 youths (girls-250, boys-200) were participated in two campaigns
- ❖ 40 child group meeting conducted where total 450 children (girls-250, boys-200) participated in these meetings
- ❖ Case movement for 7 children (girls-4, boys-3)

10.03. Resilience through Economic Empowerment, Climate change Adaptation, Leadership & learning (REE-CALL 2021)- To enhance capacity and knowledge of very disaster affected people who are facing different problem and limitation such as lack of knowledge, extreme poverty, frequent and long term flood, river erosion, impact of climate change, violence against women, Unnayan Sangha (US) has been implementing the project at Bakshiganj and Dewanganj upazilas under Jamalpur district since October 2017 in partnership with Oxfam Bangladesh and funded by ANCP. This is a comprehensive project to enhance capacity, knowledge, awareness, climate adaptation, leadership, learning and economical flows of targeted char people through community based approach. The project will be continued up to June 2021. **The goal of the project is by 2021, vulnerable women, men and institutions in rural areas are more resilient to social, economic and climate shocks and stresses.**

The Objectives of the Project are-

- ❖ Women, men, their families and communities have benefited from sustainable and equitable economic activity
- ❖ Government, communities and civil society have driven sustainable and inclusive climate action and disaster risk reduction through collective effort
- ❖ Duty bearers and lawmakers have developed policies and demonstrated practices that better incorporate the interests and rights of marginalized people and communities

Achievement in reporting period:

- ❖ Organized producer groups and strengthened value chain based enterprises like-chili, maize, mustard, milk through providing supports and linking with different market/value chain actors

- ❖ Capacity building and start up supports for producer groups like- training, distribution of goats, vegetable seeds, sex-pheromone materials for demonstrating integrated farming
- ❖ Arranged vocational training and mentorship for youth groups on driving, sewing, mason, carpenter, salon, motor mechanics workshop to engage them in income generating activities
- ❖ Arranged awareness training for couples to reduce the caring works burden of women, redistribution of caring works among men-women and recognition of women's caring works
- ❖ Demonstration of eco-friendly and climate adaptive agriculture technology through producing eggplant, sweet bitter gourd, balsam apple, pointed gourd, cucumber, cauliflower, cabbage etc
- ❖ Trained CBO leaders for their capacity building on child protection and women rights, safeguarding, anti-bribery and disability inclusion issues for establishing their access and rights
- ❖ Conducted training for UDMCs, CBOs and youth network to localize early warning system covering causes and impact of disaster and how to get prepare at community and family levels
- ❖ Arranged training on "Community Managed WASH Infrastructure Operation and Management" for WWP, CBO and O&M committee members to enhance capacity for operating and managing WASH infrastructure

10.04. Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains for Smallholder Farmers (NSVC) Project-

The project has been implementing at Dewanganj and Islampur upazilas under Jamalpur district since February 2018 in partnership with World Vision Bangladesh and funded by the DFAT-ANCP and it will be continued up to June 2022. **The goal of the project is Smallholder farmers and their families have improved nutrition and economic empowerment.** Adopting a nutrition-sensitive agriculture (NSA) approach, the project has been working to improve nutrition through multiple pathways. First pathway is to increase income of smallholder farmers (20-90 decimal land owners) through value chain development. Second pathway is to improve the utilization and consumption of nutritious food at the household level by increasing availability of nutritious foods for consumption. Third pathway is to increase gender equitable relations using the MenCare approach. Fourth pathway is to increase learning on nutrition-sensitive agriculture in Bangladesh.

The Outcomes of the Project are-

Outcome 1: Male and female producers have increased their income from value chain activities

Outcome 2: Farming households have improved consumption and utilization of nutritious food

Outcome 3: Farmer households have increased gender equitable relations

Outcome 4: Increased learning on nutrition sensitive agriculture in Bangladesh

Achievement in reporting period:

- Conducted union level 6 sensitization meetings on project activities
- Capacity building of 18 project staff on leadership and management
- Formed 457 producer groups with 11,425 selected smallholder farmers
- Trained 84 CFs & UFs on local value chain development, agriculture crops and vegetables
- Input/vegetable seed support among 5245 PG farmers and provide smart subsidy among 14 new women entrepreneurs as per business plan.
- Organized 3,624 monthly meetings of Producer Groups
- Formed 153 IYCF groups with 2015 eligible members from the existing producer groups
- Organized awareness session for 1,288 IYCF group members on nutritious foods and storage, using new BCC and IEC materials
- Provided chicken supports among 1113 IYCF members for creating animal protein source and input supports micronutrient gardening
- Formed 35 MenCare groups with 720 suitable couple from existing producer groups
- Organized drama and folk song event in 24 spots to raise awareness building among PG members and community peoples on nutrition, marketing, agriculture, MenCare, gender and disaster

- Organized 24 UDMC, UzDMC and DDMC meetings respectively at unions, upazilas and district level
- Organized 8 combined monitoring and evaluation visits at field level collaboration with relevant government official, NSVC-WVB official and Unnyan Sangha official.

10.05. Bangladesh Initiative to Enhance Nutrition Security and Governance (BIeNGS) Project-

The project has been implementing since November 2018 at Islampur and Dewanganj upazilas under Jamalpur district and Sherpur Sadar upazila under Sherpur district in partnership with World Vision Bangladesh and funded by European Union and Australian Aid. The project will be continued up to June 2023. **The goal of the project is “Improved nutrition status of children and mothers in nutritionally vulnerable areas of Jamalpur & Sherpur Districts by March 2023 by promoting multi-sector, pro-poor governance models”.**

The objectives of the project are-

- Improved nutrition and hygiene practice amongst caregivers of children under five (U5), pregnant and lactating women (PLW), adolescent girls through promotion by multi-sector local actors
- Increased quality and utilization of nutrition (sensitive) services through pro-poor governance and capacity development
- Improved household food consumption, through improved household food production, increased income, and equitable participation in household decision making and nutrition sensitive value chains
- Improved efficiency and effectiveness of nutrition (sensitive) activities through enhanced multi- sector coordination of local public and private nutrition stakeholders and locally informed nutrition advocacy

Achievement in reporting period:

- Conducted district and upazila level 5 stakeholders sensitization/inception meetings
- Deployed 18 project staff, 52 Community Facilitators, 111 Community Nutrition Promoters
- Facilitated 4 days long ToT for government Master Trainers and service providers on the nutrition-sensitive training module
- Facilitated 2 days long training for Community Group on basic nutrition including IYCF, GMP, adolescent health and nutrition, ANC, PNC and consequence of early marriage and the roles and responsibility to improve quality nutrition service, to conduct home visits
- Formed 153 Producer Groups (PG) and conducted their planning meetings on selective crops production
- Capacity building of health workers and Community Nutrition Promoters to promote a healthy lifestyle for adolescents adopting existing government module on adolescent nutrition
- Workshop with existing micro-credit service providers, traders, wholesaler, input suppliers, private sector companies and DAE to connect producer groups to different market actors and replicate zero cost extension services.
- Oriented Union, Upazila, and Zila Parishads, Standing Committees, community groups, and religious leaders on existing government and community programs
- ToT for Government Extension Officers at Upazila and Union level on Local Value Chain Development, nutrition and climate smart technologies

10.06. Improving Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights including Maternal and Newborn Health (SRHR&MNH) Project-

The project has been implementing collaboration with the health and family planning department of Bangladesh Government since December 2018 in partnership with UNICEF and financing by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) aim to reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity as well as improving adolescent wellbeing. Basically the project mostly involve in demand creation regarding maternal, newborn and adolescent health of the community through organizing different activities like- courtyard session, family counseling, referral mechanism with the support of Union Parishad, Community Group and Community Support Group those are connected with Community Clinic Management and Services. **The overall objective of the project is to develop practices on maternal, neonatal and adolescent health behaviors in the marginalized family of the community.** The project will be run up to December 2020 and all upazilas of Jamalpur district are the working area under the project.

The Outcomes of the Project are-

Output 1: By 2021 local governance improved for producing functional linkages with local health systems to ensure equitable access to maternal newborn child and adolescent health

Output 2: By 2021 capacity of service providers increased for improving quality of MNC&AH service delivery

Output 3: By 2021 appropriate knowledge, caring practices and demand for maternal newborn child and adolescent health services is increased among the focus population (adolescents, girls and women, pregnant and lactating mothers, newborn and children under one year of age)

Output 4: By 2021 community health systems strengthened through improved health Information systems, defaulter tracking of service users, and maternal perinatal death surveillance and responses

Achievement of reporting period:

- Trained 612 CHVs on ANC, PNC, counseling, referral and reporting system
- Sensitized 307 potential stakeholders on maternal, neonatal and adolescent health at upazila and district level
- Formed 6,120 women groups (Pregnant women, lactating mother, mother in law) for increasing awareness on maternal and newborn health
- Formed 1224 adolescent groups (boys and girls) for increasing awareness on adolescent health
- Performed 136 IPT shows at ward level with covering 33,577 people
- Organized 22 Mother Assembly at Jamalpur Sadar and Melandah Upazilas with covering 1048 pregnant mother, 567, under 2 years children and 554 adolescents. Through the mother assembly 1352 persons identified their blood group, 1048 pregnant mothers received ANC, 1048 persons examined Albumen, 567 children participated in MUAC measurement and 554 adolescent participated in counseling sessions.
- Provided 36 referral supports for pregnant, newborn and adolescents
- Conducted 08 joint monitoring visits with health and family planning managers
- Developed 1400 household maps and 290 Community Action Plan at CC level

10.07. Enhancing the participation of community based organizations (CBOs) and CSOs in democratic governance in Bangladesh-

Considering Oxfam's REE-CALL 2021 partner, Unnayan Sangha (US) has been implementing the "Enhancing the participation of community based organizations (CBOs) and CSOs in democratic governance in Bangladesh." Project as indirect partner since January 2018 and it will be continued up to June 2021. Basically Oxfam Bangladesh in partnership with Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) initiated the project supported by European Union (EU). **The overall objective of the project is to enhance the participation of community based organizations (CBOs) of vulnerable and marginalized communities and civil society organizations (CSOs) in democratic governance in**

Bangladesh. The project mostly focuses on active citizenship and knowledge management of the rural communities intended to contribute to the implementation of the 7th National Five Year Plan (NFYP) and show realistic path to reach government's Vision 2021.

The Specific Objective(s)/Outcome(s) and Outputs of the Project are-

Outcome(s): To strengthen grassroots CBOs and CSOs to secure the social and economic rights of vulnerable individuals and communities in the design and implementation of government policies and budgets related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Outputs:

R1: CBOs and CSOs have enhanced organizational and influencing capacity to work with local authorities (LAs) to address government commitments on SDGs and the National Five Year Plan (NFYP).

R2: CBOs and CSOs support LAs/LGs to effectively deliver people-centered services as per existing laws and policies relating to SDGs.

R3: Communities, CBOs, and CSOs hold LAs and interest groups accountable on existing laws and policies relating to SDGs

R4: Relevance and effectiveness of SDG framework is enhanced through contextualization at local, national and global levels

Achievement in reporting period:

- Conducted district level inception/sensitization meeting with relevant 46 participants/stakeholders
- Developed and incentivized 12 Community Volunteers
- Conducted district level workshop with relevant local authorities on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) linked policies and programs where 30 persons were attended
- Conducted training on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) linked Policies and Programs with CSOs & media where 25 persons were participated
- Conducted training on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) linked Policies and Programs with CBOs where 27 persons were participated
- Conducted training on public finance management and Social accountability tool for CBOs leaders where 27 persons were participated

10.08. Socio Economic Empowerment with Dignity and Sustainability (SEEDS) Project-

The project has been implementing at Islampur, Dewanganj and Bakshiganj upazilas under Jamalpur district since January 2019 in partnership with Stromme Foundation Bangladesh and funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and other back Donors. The project will be continued up to December 2023. **The goal of the project is “By end of 2023, 2500 marginalized households of Jamalpur district enjoy the improved socio economic status”.** Total 2,500 extreme poor/marginalized households of specific 6 unions under Islampur, Dewanganj and Bakshiganj upazilas of Jamalpur district will be benefited through the project activities.

The Objectives of the Project are-

- By end of 2023, 9 of people's organizations are institutionalized to address basic rights issues of the marginalized communities.
- 2500 targeted families have improved sustainable livelihood
- By end of 2023, 5714 vulnerable and marginalized eligible children have access to quality primary education
- By end of 2023, 1500 adolescents from marginalized communities are socially and economically empowered to protect their rights
- By end of 2023, 643 Youths from marginalized families equipped with relevant Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) skills

Achievement in reporting period:

- Selection of upazilas, unions and villages as working areas of the project
- Conducted sensitization/inception meeting for the project working upazilas
- Collected households data for selecting eligible project beneficiaries
- Organized staff training on project participants selection, FDP preparation, project activities implementation, SRG and PO formation
- Selected 128 eligible participants for Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- Established 8 pre-school centers and finalized MoU of 29 government primary schools for ensuring quality education
- Observed World Women's Day and participated in district and upazila level 16 meetings
- Organized regular basis district and upazila level 16 meetings for project staff

10.09. Defending Human Rights through Network Strengthening (DHRNS) Project:

Since September 2019 to August 2020

10.10. Housing Project-

The housing project has been implementing since 2017 with the credit support from Housing Fund of Bangladesh Bank under the Prime Minister's Office. The program has been implementing at Dewanganj and Islampur upazilas of Jamalpur district. **The goal of the program is "Improved living condition through affordable housing for poor and lower-income communities of Bangladesh"** During the reporting period from July 2018-June 2019, total 80 group numbers of SMP received loan per members Tk.70,000 for their house making very low interest rate with technical supports from Unnayan Sangha. It is also mentioned that the households who constructed their houses with the supports from Unnayan Sangha mandatorily they constructed water sealed latrines and maintaining hygienic practices in their families. The organization has a plan for financial year to provide housing supports among more households and already submitted proposal to Bangladesh Bank for providing Housing Fund for 500 more households. Loan realization rate of housing loan is satisfactory.

The objectives of the program are-

- Improved national growth through ensuring equitable growth of poor and lower-income communities
- Reduced poverty and strengthen communities through helping poor and lower-income households build assets
- Improved living conditions and empowering the middle and lower-income population

Achievement in reporting period:

- Distributed housing loan per household Tk. 70,000 and total Tk. 56,00,000 among 80 eligible households
- Realized due loan 100% and total loan Tk. 23,24,662 from respective housing loan receivers
- Outstanding loan amount stand on Tk. 54,25,229 as of 30th 2019 including last year loan balance

10.11. Savings Management Program (SMP)-

This is one of the basic programs of the organization started in 1980, which continued with different donor supports. Since 1994 the program has been implementing in Jamalpur Sadar, Melandah, Madarganj, Islampur and Dewanganj upazilas of Jamalpur district and Sherpur Sadar, Nakla and Jhinaigati of Sherpur district in assistance of organizational own fund. **The goal of the program is**

sustainable socio-economic development of poor and extreme poor households involving them with comfortable IGAs and creating savings mentality. Actually, the organization initiated this program for supporting most financially and socially vulnerable people those who have no any access to receive loan from other existing microfinance institutes and deposit their very little amount of savings weekly basis. As per the rules and regulations of US Savings Management Program, eligible poor and extreme poor households have easy access to form a group within 15-30 members and deposit their weekly basis savings based on capacity. On the other hand, all group members have the scope to take need based loan against savings and withdraw their deposited savings easily during any emergency.

The objectives of the program are-

Objective 1: Poor and extreme poor households have ensured sustainable income source involving them with suitable IGAs

Objective 2: Targeted households have their accumulated own savings as working capital for initiating their potential IGAs

Achievement in reporting period:

- Formed 3 new groups, enrolled 618 members in new and existing groups
- Phased out and dropped out total 495 members from groups
- Weekly group savings collection Tk.60,11,042 and group savings returned Tk.36,92,560
- Interest given on group members savings Tk.5,92,468 and cumulative group savings balance with organization Tk.1,63,41,629 as of 31 June 2019
- Loan disbursed Tk. 3,07,62,000 among 1331 members and loan realized Tk. 2,64,83,757
- Realization rate 98%, outstanding loan Tk. 2,56,35,553 as of 31st June 2019 and total overdue Tk.4,23,125 as of June 2019
- Total yearly income Tk. 41,98,219, expenditure Tk. 35,17,414 and income over Expenditure Tk. 6,80,805

10.12. US Child City-

The organization established an amusement park especially for the children manifestation and well entertainments in 2016 with the maximum investment from organizational staffs. The name of the park is “Unnayan Sangha-Child City” which is situated at Dewrpar Chandra under Jamalpur Poursava. **The goal of the amusement park is “Increased local level amusement facilities for every age’s people especially easy access of children for reducing social decadence”.** As there were no available enjoyment facilities at Jamalpur Town for every age’s people so that the organization initiated to establish such type of amusement park named Unnayan Sangha-Child City. Since the establishment many people especially huge children have been coming here regularly and occasionally to enjoy different rides.

The objectives of the program are-

- Every age’s people especially children have recreation access at local level for reducing social dissolution
- Organization has lengthened additional income source providing social business services for its sustainability.

Achievement in reporting period:

- Every age’s huge people especially children have come at US-Child City for their enjoyment
- Some beautification works have done to make more enjoyable for the visitors/clients

- During reporting period total incomes Tk.15,44,650, total expenditures Tk.15,20,822 and income over expenditures Tk.43,828 only

10.13. Development Training and Resource Center (DTRC)-

Unnayan Sangha (US) established a training and resource center in 2008 with the suitable residential facilities and training venues at Dewarpar Chandra, Jamalpur-2000. The name of the training centre is Development Training and Resource Center (DTRC). The training center is situated under Jamalpur Poursava in a very charming place. The training center has total air cooler and non air cooler accommodation facilities for 65 guests, 3 different sizes air cooler and non-air cooler hall//training rooms with the capacity of setting arrangement respectively 70 persons, 60 persons and 35 persons at a time. Other facilities like- Wi-Fi, dining, library, musical instruments, generator, multimedia projector, computer, sound systems etc. are available at these venues. All these venues are open for conducting need based training, meeting for the organization as well as other organizations. **The goal of the training centre is “Skill development of organizational staff including research on development activities and increased sustainable income for organization providing training facilities to other organizations”.** The organization believes that organizational staffs become knowledgeable and skill through receiving training on different development issues and so that they would be able to implement organizational programs activities very efficiently.

The objectives of the program are-

- Improved knowledge and skill on development issues for organizational staff
- Research and publication regarding different thematic areas of development
- Increased organizational income selling training facilities to other organizations

Achievement in reporting period:

- Facilitated total 55 effective trainings/meetings for different programs/projects like- NSVC, SEEDS, Imp. SRHR-MNH, REE-CALL2021, BiNGS, SMP, SFP etc of the organization where 1655 persons participated
- Facilitated total 54 effective trainings/meetings by other organizations like-ESDO, DAM, DMA, PARI Development, ASTA Project, Square Food Beverage Limited, Oponin Pharma Limited, ASA, United Purpose, LAMB, Sabolambi Unnayan Samity, CDD, WARB Development Foundation, Christian Aid, SHOMOTA etc where 1375 persons participated
- Generated income through providing trainings/meetings facilities for other organizations
- Constructed one more training venue using training benefits for extension of training facilities
- Improved existing training facilities to make more comfortable for training participants
- During reporting period total incomes Tk.58,66,384, total expenditures Tk.55,67,138 and income over expenditures Tk.2,99,246 only

11. Financial Management-

For better finance management, Unnayan Sangha (US) maintains donors and projects/programs wise Bank Accounts. The organization also maintains double entry accounting system, receipts and payments accounts, money transfer receipts, income and expenditures accounts, approval of expenditures, bill and vouching, stock maintain, procurement, supply, accounts checking, expenditure control, internal/annual external auditing and reporting properly and regularly according to the direction of financial guideline developed and approved by the executive committee of the organization.

12. Personnel Management-

Development and survival of any institutions depends on skilled, experienced and committed staffs. So staff or personnel management is very much important for any of the organization. Considering the

mater, Unnayan Sangha (US) developed a personnel policy in 1986, which is modified respectively in last 1998, 2004, 2010, 2011 and 2015. For recruiting and developing staff, training, leave enjoyment, promotion and demotion, honorarium and other facilities, disciplinary action and other related issues maintain as per direction of personnel procedure.

13. Policies/Guidelines-

The organization has different policies which have been practicing regularly to keep the organizational transparency and accountability up to the marks. The name of these policies are given below-

- Human Resource Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Organizational Strategic Plan
- Audit Manual
- Disability Inclusion Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Financial Management guideline
- Gender and Equity Policy
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Monitoring and Evaluation System
- Micro Credit Operation Manual
- Cash Transfer Policy
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

14. Membership/Relationship with National, International Association and Forums-

- Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB)
- Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF)
- Credit and Development Forum (CDF)
- Child Welfare Board
- Civil Society Alliance for Scaling Up Nutrition (CSA-SUN)
- National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors Bangladesh (NAHAB)
- GBV Cluster
- Asian Health Institute-Japan
- Home Net South Asia, India

15. Projects with US's own Resources-

- ❖ Development Training and Resource Center (DTRC)
- ❖ Savings Management Program (SMP)
- ❖ Unnayan Sangha-Child City (Amusement Park)
- ❖ Child, Women Protection and Human Rights Project
- ❖ Multipurpose Firm (Fish Ponds, Vegetable Garden /Flower/Fruits and
- ❖ Tree Garden

16. Income and Expenditure during reporting financial year-

Total Income	: Tk.11, 42, 39,830
Total Expenditure	: Tk.11, 35.80.574
Income over Expenditure	: Tk.6, 59,256

17. Donors/Partners-

US worked in the reporting year with different donors/partners. The major donor/partners are- Directorate of Primary Education, Bangladesh Bank/Housing Fund, Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), European Union (EU), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), UNICEF, World Food Program (WFP), OXFAM Bangladesh, World Vision Bangladesh, Norwegian Agency for

Development Cooperation (Norad), Stromme Foundation Bangladesh, Manobadhiker Sangskriti Foundation (MSF), Center for Policy Dialogue (CDP) and Aparajeyo Bangladesh.

18.a) Case Study-01

18.b) Case Study-02

18.c) Case Study-03

18.d) Case Study-04

19. Media Coverage-

Conclusion-

Unnayan Sangha (US) has been working with the supports of different donors, partners and other stakeholders since 1980 for sustainable development of the most vulnerable extreme poor, poor, small and marginal farmer, children, women and people with disabilities. During last working period, the organization implemented a couple of development programs/projects with the most vulnerable target people/households to make positive changes in their lives and families. All these programs/projects successfully implemented following existing rules, guidelines and policies of the organization to ensure accountability and transparency. However, the organization always appreciates any kinds of feedbacks, recommendations and suggestions from individuals, practitioners, professionals and related institutions relating further development of most vulnerable community people.