

# Annual Report 2018-2019



**Subah Samajik Unnayan Sangstha  
Amjhupi Meherpur**

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President's speeches



Subah Samajik Unnayan Sangstha is a non-political, non-profit voluntary organization. Under the patronage of some enterprising people, it has been working since inception with the aim is to improve the lot of the backward people of the society. All the activities of Subah are being organized to make the financially indigent rural people self-sufficient and to make good citizens. It started its journey in 1996 in the village of Amjhupi under Sadarupazila of Meherpur. At present Meherpur district is conducting social and socio-economic activities of the destitute, deprived poor people. In the future, the activities will be accelerated with a firm commitment to expand outside of Meherpur district.

Development is the main goal of taking the country forward. And poverty alleviation should be the theme of development. Sustainable development is essential to make poverty alleviation. For development it is important to make the poor economically self-sufficient along with social development. To this end, non-formal education, primary education development programs, afforestation programs to protect the environment, rights and development of persons with disabilities, health, nutrition and population control programs, agricultural development programs, computer training, smoking and tobacco use control, mother and child development, community minorities and implementing a various of activities, including a program to increase access to school for the poorest children. Through this program, Subah's work area is playing an effective role in improving the economic well-being and living standards of the extremely poor, deprived, oppressed and downtrodden people.

Subah has been implementing and managing the said activities by investing maximum labor with a bunch of dedicated life workers with limited resources. My sincere congratulations and best wishes to all the individuals and organizations who have supported Subah in different ways at different times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Md. Hamidul Haque', written on a light-colored background.

Md. Hamidul Haque  
President

## Executive's speeches

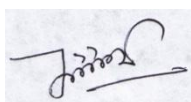


Bangladesh is the smallest country in the third world. We love this country, the soil and the people of this country, this country has a huge population and resources. But there is a lack of sound policy making and proper use. As a result, the people of this country are stuck in the constant swing of backwardness and poverty. In order to break the shackles of this unequal backwardness, Subah has been working constantly being a non-government organization with limited scale.

With limited resources and in short range, Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha has been conducting and implementing activities in a smooth and efficient manner. Despite this, Subah has to deal with many internal limitations. Donors are assured of full cooperation for the implementation of the program. Initiatives have been taken to improve the skills of the staff. With the active cooperation of general members, executive members, members at the management and implementation level, staff and other sections of the grassroots society, Subah's progress will be accelerated in the future.

The results of the activities in the annual report, the constraints and the future programs are presented here in a well-organized manner. We believe this report will help to get a clear idea of Subah's progress over the past year. Subah has achieved great success in the past due to the active participation and constant efforts of the family members. Although the organization is small, it has won the National Award of the Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for its special contribution in environmental health, education, afforestation program in maintaining the balance of the environment. If this continuity and commitment of development continues, the activities of Subah will take a strong and integrated form in the future as well. As a result, Subah SamajikUnnayan Sanstha will be able to play a stronger and more effective role in the wider community in the interest of the poor.

We thank the donor agencies for their continued support. We also extend our sincere congratulations to the members of the General Body, Executive Council, Advisory Council, Management and Implementation Council of Subah and the grassroots community for their unlimited cooperation and consultation. Needless to say, Subah's advancement has lagged behind the significant contributions of staff at all levels, and I thank them as well.



Moin-ul-Alam  
Executive Director

## Introduction of the Organization

Bangladesh is a developing country. 80% of the people of this country live in villages. The people of this country live below the poverty line due to poverty, illiteracy, superstition and natural disasters. In addition, most people live below the poverty line due to poverty, illiteracy, superstition and natural disasters. Subah Sangstha was established on January 1, 1998 by a group of conscious and creative people to work for the sustainable development and empowerment of the backward people of the society, to play their role in the society as well as to bring economic self-reliance of the helpless, oppressed, humiliated and backward people. Which is a completely non-political a developmental organization. The organization believes that one day all the disadvantaged poor people will be able to come under the umbrella of Subah and improve their fortune.

### Vision

To establish a society conducive to the socio-economic and cultural development of the disadvantaged poor.

### Mission

Ensuring sustainable resource management, assurance of life, livelihood, emphasis, equality and human rights by creating opportunities and capacity building for the disadvantaged poor.

### Strategies

1. Livelihood development for the target population.
2. Sustainable natural resource management.
3. To create alternative work for the purpose of collective development.
4. Development of the destitute.
5. Human rights and good governance.
6. Leadership development and building public organizations.

### Basic values

1. Subah believes in popular knowledge and believes in learning from people;
2. Subah believes in the rights of all, regardless of race, religion, caste, gender, social status and age;
3. Subah is responsible to its intended population, the larger society;
4. Subah is committed to providing quality services with a sense of responsibility and service to society;
5. The main task is to develop the backward and vulnerable sections of the subah society

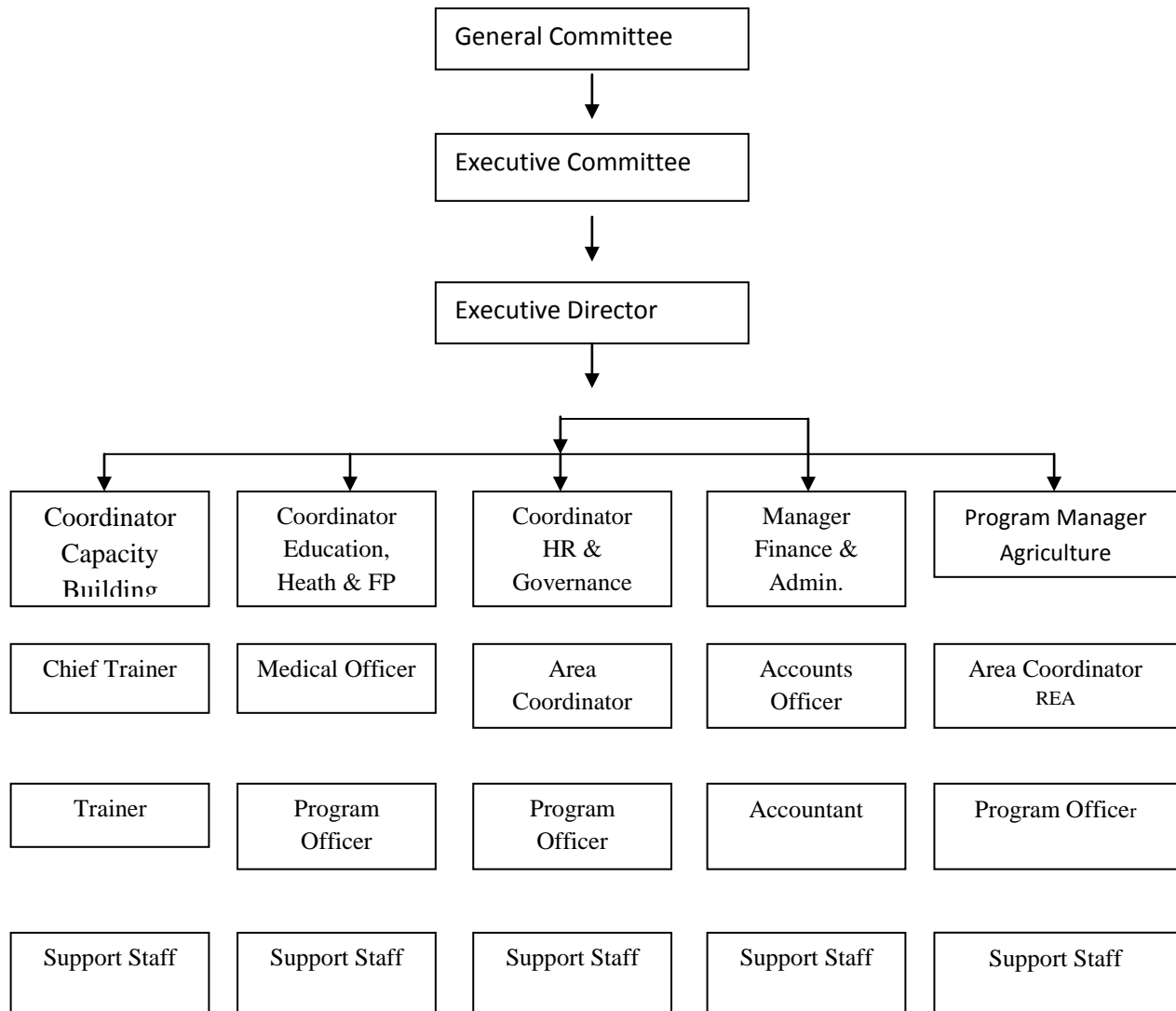
## Legal Status

Serial	Registration Authority	Certificate Number	Date
01	Department of Social Services	Mehr / 63 22	22 October 2001
02	NGO Affairs Bureau	2112	13 June 2007
03	Department of Youth Development	Meher / 34	10 April 2002

## Management System

In the case of management, in the light of the situation, Subah uses a low-key (Top to Bottom) approach. Subah follows a participatory approach to management, planning and decision making. In the case of planning and decision-making it follows Participatory Reflection and Action and Participatory Learning Approach). Where officers, staff and beneficiaries at all levels can participate equally and express their views freely.

### **ORGANOGRAM** **Subah Samajik Unnayan Sangstha**





## General Body

The general body of Subah consists of 25 members. Among them are professors, journalists, social workers and people from other professions who have been volunteering for the overall development of Subah. The executive council has been formed with 7 members from the general body.

## Executive Committee

Subah's executive council consists of 7 members. According to the constitution, the executive committee is accountable to the general body for all its activities. The Executive Committee is also elected by a vote in the General body and the Executive Committee is elected for a term of 3 years.

### List of members of the executive committee

Serial No	Name	Committee Designation
01	Md. Hamidul Haque	President
02	Md. Shafiqul Islam	Vice President
03	Md. Moin-ul-Alam	Executive Director
04	Md. Nazir Hossain	Treasurer
05	Md. Mominul Islam	executive member
06	Md. Ansarul Islam	executive member
07	Mst. Habiba Parveen	Executive Member

## Net Working Partner

Subah believes that for institutional development, it is necessary to establish good relations not only within the organization but also with various NGOs and development partners to coordinate with the external environment. Following this, the organization has achieved good relations with the members of the following organizations.

Serial No.	Member of that organization
01	Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB)
02	National Disability Forum
03	Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance
04	CSA for Sun.

### Total manpower of the company (till June 2018)

Type manpower	Man Power		
	Male	Female	Total
Permanent	08	10	18
Apprentice	06	08	14
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<b>Total:</b>	16	10	34

## Ongoing programs

- Forestry to protect the environment
- Basic Literacy Project.
- Education scholarship program for poor students.
- Distressed Women Development (VGD) Program.
- Increasing enrollment of minority and ultra poor children through public motivation
- Motivation to implement tobacco control laws.
- Health, Nutrition and Population Control Program.

## The current work area of the organization

District	Upazila	Union	Town	Village
Meherpur	03	18	02	210
Kushtia	01	11	01	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>320</b>

## Forestry program for environmental protection

Afforestation on government land, beside roads and river banks

Subah has been implementing this activity since 2002 by planting saplings produced from Subah's nursery. With the help of Bangladesh NGO Foundation, 4 km afforestation in 2007-08, 4 km afforestation in 2008-09, 3 km in 2009-10, 3 km 4 km in 2011-12, 3 km in 2011-12, 4 km in 2012-13 Forestry programs are being implemented on both sides of the road and on government lands. At present there are 14,000 living fruit, timber and medicinal plants are alive.

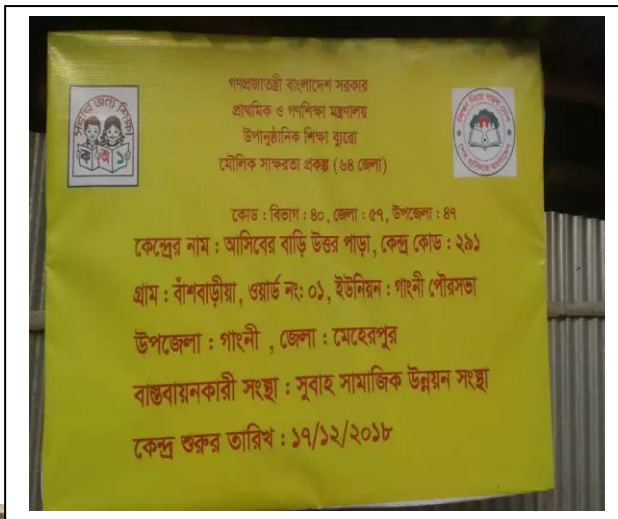


Sahanara Khatun, Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur is inaugurating the tree planting program.



## Basic Literacy Program(64 districts)

MeherpurSadarUpazila Gangni



Mr. AtaulGoni, Deputy Commissioner seen inaugurated the program.

In collaboration with the Bureau of Non-Formal Education under the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, 9,000 men and 9,000 women, a total of 36,000 illiterate people, through 600 learning centers literacy program implemented by Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha.





## Scholarships for poor students

In collaboration with Bangladesh NGO Foundation, Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha is providing scholarships to poor secondary students in MeherpurSadarUpazila. The project provides assistance to students from families in the community who may drop out of school due to financial reason.



Mr. Khairul Hasan, Deputy Director, Local Government, DC Office Meherpur is seen addressing on the occasion of scholarship giving program.



## Vulnerable Women Development (VGD) Program

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Department of Women's Affairs under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, the Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha is implementing the Vulnerabe Women's Development (VGD) program in 4 unions of Mujibnagarupazila of Meherpur district and 9 unions of Gangni upazila.





The VGD program is the largest social safety program of the government, which conducting only to improve the quality of life of women members in rural very poor households. In addition to food assistance (job skills, income-generating training, savings and loans), 2,167 women in MujbinagarUpazila and Gangni Upazila of Maherpur are getting monthly assistance through this program. Subah SamaikUnnayanSangstha is implementing the training program.

### Health, nutrition and population control programs

Bangladesh is a populous country. Public and private healthcare facilities are inadequate for the vast majority of the population in this country. Unaware and poor people are deprived of access to the health services they need. As a result, they are now dependent on Jhar-Fuk and illegal methods. These problems are more widespread in rural areas than in urban areas. Subah continues to work to address these fundamental humanitarian issues. Since its inception, the organization has been conducting health, nutrition and population control programs among other activities. All members of the family are being provided free medical services by experts and experienced doctors in the past. Nutrition and population control are being raised. For a long time, Subah has been trying to provide medical services to the poor people at the grassroots level with a service-oriented approach and has been appreciated by all. At present, the activities of Subah Sangstha Health Nutrition and Population Control Project have received a slightly different dimension and are moving forward with more constructive steps. Free medicine and distribution of medicines to the people at the grassroots level is funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh. Under this program, medical camping, health and nutrition and population awareness yard meetings, health seminars, child nutrition food are distributed.



Health Nutrition and Population Control Incentive Backyard Meeting. Civil Surgeon, Meherpur is distributing nutritious food.



According to the plan, seminars on health, nutrition and population control are organized at the training center of Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha. It is attended by representatives of government and non-government organizations, dignitaries of the area and a fixed number of grassroots women and men. Regular seminars are held to increase the health nutrition and population awareness of the seminar participants through specialist doctors.

### Increasing enrollment of minority and ultra poor children through public motivation

In the minority communities of MeherpurSadarUpazila such as Das (slaves), professional sweepers, fishermen and children from extremely poor families are being deprived of the opportunity to get basic knowledge due to social and economic barriers. Many families are moving away from the light of education due to not going to school. That is why those families remain in the dark. Their quality of life is not improving. At the beginning of the project, a survey was conducted in the area to identify the problems of such children and their families. In this program, parents of minority and extremely poor families, teachers of the nearest school, school management committee, public representatives, religious representatives and other eminent persons of the area have been organized to create awareness environment for the education of deprived children. Posters, leaflets and signboards were put up in the area to raise awareness. To measure the progress of school going by monitoring the children under this program every month.



Educational materials are distributed to the Das community and the poorest children.

Organizing meetings to increase the enrollment of children in schools with the aim of improving the quality of education by targeting the meritorious children and their parents.

## Various activities in the implementation of tobacco control laws

### Introduction:

Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha has been an associate member of the anti-tobacco alliance since 2000. It has been conducting various activities in MeherpurSadarUpazila of Meherpur District since 2005 to enforce the Tobacco Control Act. In order to be more active in enforcing the Tobacco Control Act, various activities have been carried out in the past in collaboration with the WBB Trust. The report of these activities is given in detail below.

### Tobacco Control Act Monitoring:

Monitoring is an important issue for the implementation of tobacco control laws. An observational survey was first conducted by the Subah SamajikUnnayanSangstha as part of the implementation of the Tobacco Control Act. All these activities identify the ways in which tobacco control laws are being violated. Discussions were held with the concerned on the implementation of the Tobacco Control Act. Subsequently, information related to tobacco control violations was provided to the administration, media and concerned organizations. There has been a positive response from all quarters for the implementation of this law.



### Sticker distribution:

The stickers were distributed in the name of Subah in collaboration with the WBB Trust to raise awareness about tobacco control laws. Stickers given by WBB Trust affixed in Meherpur District Council, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Office of Bus Owners Association, Office of Motor Workers Union, Meherpur Passenger Camp, Wapda Passenger Camp, MeherpurSadarUpazila Parishad, Meherpur Press Club, Meherpur Reporters Unity Office, C Hospital, MeherpurSadarUpazila Health and P.P. Office, District Lawyers Association Office, MeherpurSadar Thana, Colleges etc.





### Installation of non-smoking sign boards:

As part of awareness about tobacco control laws, 8-inch by 6-inch signboards with inscribed smoke-free signs are distributed in public places. Signboards are distributed in the areas which are Meherpur Deputy Commissioner's Office, Superintendent of Police's Office, Judge Court Meherpur, Civil Surgeon's Office, Upazila Executive Officer's Office, Meherpur General Hospital, MeherpurSadar Thana, Meherpur Bus Terminal, Shilpakala Academy, Meherpur Municipality. Meherpur Government College.

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