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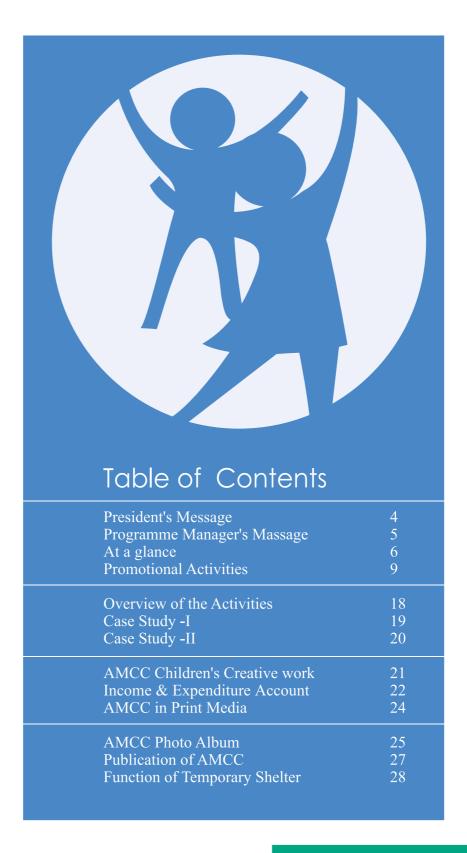
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Message from founder of AMCC

Being imbued with the spirit of the founding motto of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), 'Divine and Humanitarian Services,' a noble project titled 'Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC)' has been undertaken aiming to rehabilitate the underprivileged street children.

Bangladesh is a developing country where a large segment of population is deprived of basic amenities, not to speak of human rights. On the other hand, our future national plans should be formulated depending on the young generation so that today's children may grow up as young assets. But a large part of our children live without love and care.

Spreading a ray of hope among street children, DAM set up the children city at Jalapara in Panchagarh district in July 2012 to impart education as well as food and shelter to such kids. Ultimately, they will be involved in income generating activities (IGA). DAM envisioned to rear up 10,000 street children so that they can establish themselves as dignified members of society.

A heartfelt gratitude to KINDERNOTHILFE (KNH-Germany) and KNH Bangladesh Country office for their effortless cooperation to establish the 1st Children village and its operation.

As the AMCC stepped into its second year, its first annual report has been prepared as an overview of the entire activities of the institution.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam

President

Dhaka Ahsania Mission



Programme Manager's Massage

July 2012 Ahsania mission children city (AMCC) elapsed its journey and in continuation of this, it has already crossed a year of its set out. It was kicked off with only 6 children but now the number has been reached 100. AMCC has flourished from the buds to flowers.

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We are conveying a lot of happier memory alongside sorrowness. Moreover, we had to face more stringent and unexpected incident which, through materializing our experience, would simplify our next activities.

Construction work of a new five storied building of AMCC has already been completed while another new one is going to be started very soon. In this process, 10 Children village will be established separately to rehabilitate 10,000 unprivileged, most vulnerable and disadvantage street children where they will get the opportunity of living and studying. This has been materialised due to the endeavor of a flock of dedicated youths. All's cooperation will go on to hold this continuous success. Not only for Bangladesh, AMCC would be an example for the whole world as model.

Special thanks to KINDERNOTHILFE (KNH-Germany) Program Management committee (PMC) for support to 1st year completion of 'Most vulnerable & disadvantage street children (MVDSC) project' of AMCC.

M. Jahangir Hossain Programme Manager

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At a glance

Background

Bangladesh is one of the densely populated countries in the world. Cities in Bangladesh are overcrowded with dense slums, squatter settlements and pavement dwellings. Increasing rural poverty and urban migration continue to swell the number of people living in urban slums and on the streets. Among others, problems of rural unemployment, landlessness, river erosion, climate change impacts, natural disasters, family conflicts, cause rural families to leave their homes in search of better prospects in the urban centres. This movement contributes to the disintegration of traditional family and community structures and results in an increasing number of children being exposed to deprivation and abuse in urban areas.

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In Bangladesh, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) estimates the number of street children in Bangladesh to be around 380,000 of whom 55% is in Dhaka city of 5-14 years age group. The estimation of the size of street children and their projection for major urban areas of Bangladesh 2004' commissioned by BIDS by ARISE (A Project of department of social services of Bangladesh) that in 2004 number of street children were 679,728; Report also estimates that by 2014 the number of such children will grow up to 1,144,754 and 2024 the number will be 1,615,330. A recent survey of BIDS showed that nearly 445,000 children sleep on the street. Street children are the worst victims of child labour. Life on the streets has always been unstable due to the deteriorating socio-economic infrastructure. The life of the street children is so pathetic that with the little money they make by street based jobs, such as rag picking, begging, porting, street vending and shoe shining, they cannot afford one full meal a day and most of the time they are hungry. It is hunger that is forcing them into criminal activities and the ultimate reward they get is mob beating.

To survive, every street child has to work very hard and in many ways they are threatened with various forms of violence. Many such children develop physical complications related to their hazardous work and unhygienic living conditions. As a result, they become apathetic to social norms and values. The horrible tale, sadly, doesn't end here. Street children are often at greatest risk of violence.

They also become HIV/ AIDS and STD carriers. They are also used as agents of political activities. They are trafficked into abysmal prostitution rings, forced into ceaseless violence and recruited into many other forms of modern slavery.

The existing governmental and non-governmental interventions for street children are not adequate to meet their diverse needs to bring them back to the mainstream. Some NGOs and organizations are working for street children, but it is unfortunate to tell that for various reasons the project activities did not reach many of them and did not produce significant impact on the lives of children. To bring meaningful and long lasting changes in the lives of street children, a holistic programme approach is needed. The AMCC aims to improve the quality of life and mainstreaming these most vulnerable and disadvantaged street children through integrated interventions by the MVDSC project initiated for the street children. Eventually, a model for serving this vulnerable population will be developed and demonstrated for wider replication.





Objectives of the AMCC

The major objectives of the AMCC are

- * To support and rehabilitate the Most Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Children of urban city centres helping them to grow with their full potentials up to 18 years of age through education and specialized hands-on training on different trades of employable skills and child development services.
- Interim arrangement to move them from street to world of work / decent citizenship.

To materialize the objectives, the AMCC will provide three-fold strategic support and services to 1000 children for (i) enrollment and survival; (ii) capacity development and empowerment; and (iii) rehabilitation/mainstreaming through job placement support and services for wage-employment and self-employment by providing them with money. The broad strategy of the AMCC is to ensure integrated support, services and facilities for survival and development through enrolment until their rehabilitation are described as follows:

Enrollment and Survival

The Most Vulnerable Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC), a project of Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC) of DAM started to select most vulnerable & disadvantaged street children to enroll with AMCC from July 2012. Initially, the AMCC team completed a survey in prospective locations of Rangpur, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Dhaka divisions. The AMCC selected 60 children and finally 55 children were enrolled. At present, the total number of children is 100. All of them are boys.

Opportunities

Outreach activities, full residential accommodation, socio-legal protective environment, nutritious food, clothes, safe water and sanitation, healthcare, electricity and other facilities are available here.

Capacity Development and Empowerment Activities

Quality basic education particularly in primary and secondary school certificate (SSC), vocational training, life-skills and child rights training, cultural events, sports competitions, picnic, observance of national days, and socialization with neighboring communities until the children reach 18 years of age.

Rehabilitation/Mainstreaming through Job Placement

Job placement support, counseling and guidance, wage-employment, self-employment, seed money for starting of small business. During the period, MDSC project have started its activities at its new building at Jalapara village, Sadar Thana, Hafizabad Union in Panchagarh district.



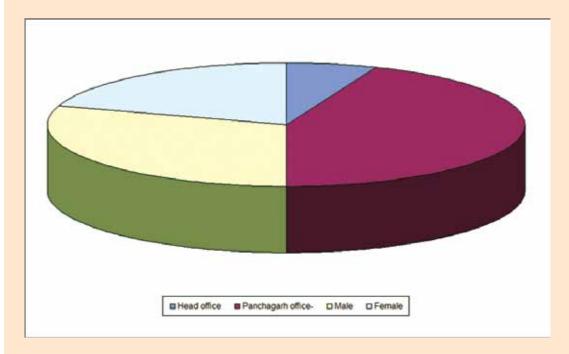




AMCC's Human Resource

AMCC total human resource-25 (as on December 2013)

Head office-3 Panchagarh office-22 Male-15 female-10



AMCC total children (as on December 2013)

| Sl. | Age group | Children |
|-----|-----------|----------|
| 1. | 5-6 | 46 |
| 2. | 6-7 | 22 |
| 3. | 7-8 | 17 |
| 4. | 8+ | 17 |
| | Total | 102 |







Education:

According to competency based curriculum of AMCC, the children were segregated in grade I-V as per age and merit for general education. Quarterly examinations and tests were taken out to assess the children improvement.

The children are imparted technical education alongside general to make them skilled and efficient.

Moreover, outside the class-rooms teaching to build up leadership patriotism, ethics and moral values, positive thinking, self-confident remained continued around the year.

Age and grade based students as bellow:

| Grade | Age group | No of students |
|-------|-----------|----------------|
| I | 5-6 | 46 |
| II | 6-7 | 22 |
| III | 7-8 | 17 |
| IV | 8+ | 17 |
| | Total | 102 |



Donor KNH-Germany visits AMCC's class room





Health service

Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC) took measures to step-up the medical assurance of the children. As part of this initiative, on regular basis, MBBS doctors visited the city to check up health and health check up is made compulsory in every week routinely for all children. Age specific regular nutritious food is provided as per recommendation of department of Social Welfare, UNICEF and nutrition expert of Dhaka University.

Moreover, a verbal understanding has been undertaken between AMCC and Panchagarh sadar hospital for the treatment of AMCC children in case of any emergency call.



Regular health check-up of AMCC's children

Information of health service of third quarter is given here

| Serial | Particulars | October | November | December |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| 01 | Regular check-up | 60 | 65 | 96 |
| 02 | Serious illness | - | 01 | 25 |
| 03 | Fever, Cold & cough | - | - | - |
| 04 | Skin dieses | - | 10 | 15 |
| 05 | ENT infection | - | - | - |
| 06 | Stomachache | - | - | 12 |
| 07 | Wounded injury | - | 02 | 03 |
| 08 | Toothache | 02 | - | - |
| 09 | Hair fall & infection | - | ı | - |
| 10 | Chicken pox | | 20 | 15 |







Training & Curriculum Development

AMCC continued training program to train the staff, teachers and developed curriculum to accelerate the AMCC activities. The training includes basic and follow up training, refreshers' training, child right and counseling training. The curriculum has been developed with a view to making a proper guideline for the students and all staff.

| Trai | Training & Curriculum Development in 2013 | | | | | |
|------|---|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| SI | Activities | Yearly target | YTD target | YTD Achieve | Variances | |
| 1 | Basic & follow up training for teacher (7+3 days) | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| 2 | Refreshers Training for teacher(each month 1 day) | 25 | 18 | 18 | 0 | |
| 3 | Staff training on child rights issue (3 days) | 18 | 18 | 18 | 0 | |
| 4 | Training for counseling and social service (5 days) | 18 | 18 | 18 | 0 | |
| 5 | Integrated Curriculum and AMCC managerial guideline preparation | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |



Training workshop of AMCC staffs





Birth registration

AMCC processed all formalities for birth registration for AMCC children with local government institution. So far we have received 94 birth certificates and only 8 are left.

| SL | Month | Present Child | Registration Complete | Apply for Registration | Certificate Received | Under Process |
|----|-----------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | July | 53 | 17 | 35 | 35 | - |
| 2 | August | 52 | 52 | - | - | - |
| 3 | September | 69 | 53 | 15 | - | 15 |

Activity Planned and Achievement for MVDSC from July 2013 - September 2013

| SI | Activities | Yearly | YTD | YTD Achieve | Variances | Comments |
|----------|---|--------|--------|----------------|-----------|--|
| A | areness | target | target | Acnieve | | |
| Awa 1 | Days observation | 5 | 5 | 5 | l | |
| 2 | Children (Education) fair | 1 | 1 | 0 | | Not done for present political situation |
| 3 | Cultural events | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 4 | Sport competition | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 5 | Picnic for children | 100 | 100 | 100 | | |
| Adv | ocacy meeting/seminar | | | | | • |
| 6 | Project concept share with GO/NGO, community and district Level | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 7 | Media coverage /press conference | 1 | 1 | 1 | | A roundtable organized in corporate with daily Alokito Bangladesh |
| 8 | Annual report | 1 | 1 | 0 | | January '14 |
| 9 | Brochure & half yearly news booklets | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 10 | Project launch in own premises | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 11 | Project monitoring | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 12 | Parents gathering | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 13 | Most significant change report & reflection | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |
| 14 | Children city project management committee (PMC) meeting | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |
| 15 | National level event for advocacy seminar | 1 | 1 | 0 | | Not done for present political situation and it will be done by February 2014. |
| Chi | ld Enrollment | | | | | |
| 16 | Children survey | 100 | 100 | 145 | | |
| 17 | Advertize for child enrollment & sticker | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 18 | Case management & counseling with record keeping | 100 | 100 | 141 | | enrolled children |
| 19 | Child collection | 100 | 100 | 100 | 41 | left 41 children for reintegration |



Ahsania Mission Children City was officially launched at its own campus on June 7, 2013. DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam inaugurated the campus by cutting ribbon while Additional District Commissioner (ADC) Shamsul Azam and Superintendent of Police (SP) of Panchagarh district spoke on the occasion as honourable guests. Moreover, the Country Coordinator of KNH-Germany (Donor Agency), Maruf Momtaj Rumi, and the Programme Coordinator were also present. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Centre for International Education and Development (CINED), Shahnewaz Khan, exhibited two documentary film shows on the activities of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Ahsania Mission Children City.

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A Snapshort of opening AMCC own building

Since its inception, the AMCC has been providing with essential basic services to its resident children. Nutritious food is served to the children, according to age, regularly as per recommendations of recognized organizations and individuals including the Department of Social Welfare, the UNICEF and the nutritional experts of Dhaka University.

The AMCC organised cultural functions and held annual sports meets on its own campus in Panchagarh on June 29, 2013. The children took part in competitions on various events like drawing pictures, rendering song and dance, recitation, Quran tilawat and hamd-nath. Participants hoped that if regular practices are continued





and if they get required management support then they would be able to participate in national level competitions and even they will be able to win laurels.

With the slogan; 'Let's make the EID special', the AMCC celebrated the Eid-ul Fitr-2013 with religious festivities. Wearing new clothes, the children went to the



Eidgah in the morning to offer prayers. On conclusion of prayers, they embraced each others to exchange Eid greetings. On return from the Eidgah ground, they visited Eid Fair held to mark the occasion where they purchased various foods and sports items. They were served with delicious food at noon as well as at night.

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per As competency based curriculum teaching and methodology, the **AMCC** organized an assessment for all children, according to their age and skills and select them for study in grades I - IV (general education). The AMCC also train the resident children on leadership, patriotism, ethics and moral values, positive thinking, self confident etc outside the classroom. Two teachers were trained with refreshers' training course to teach the children properly. Such training programme will continue for a few months so that the teachers gather adequate experience.

Azmayen, a resident child of the AMCC, won the third prize by rendering country songs at a music competition held at Panchagarh Shishu Academy. The competition was held on the occasion of the Child Rights Weak and the World Children's Day on September 29, 2013. On the day, an art competition was organized for the AMCC children and a rally was also held in Panchagarh.



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Agri work of AMCC children



Promotional activities

The AMCC has conducted some promotional activities. As part of this, four legal guardian meetings were held every three months.

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All guardians witnessed the facilities including catered food, clothing and education. Expressing their satisfaction at the existing facilities, they opined for more progress.

Meanwhile, a programme activities sharing meeting was held at the AMCC campus at Jalapara on November 9, 2013 where the background, objectives and recent activities were discussed.



Workshop with local community

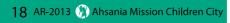
The AMCC organised a roundtable conference titled 'Street Children and their Rehabilitation in Bangladesh" at the office of Daily Alokito Bangladesh (a popular daily Bangla newspaper) in Dhaka on July 6, 2013. Dignitaries and national level experts participated in the conference. During spontaneous interactions in the conference, many recommendations were proposed.

A separate policy and budget are specially needed for the street children.

The AMCC Management has felt the need to establish a strong network with the GoB, INGO, GO and relevant institutes to formulate a separate policy on the street children in Bangladesh.

Most Vulnerable Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC), a project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, organised a workshop to share the project concept with community people, local government, NGO representatives and journalists. Around 80 stakeholders participated in the workshop. All participants appreciated the event and expressed their commitment to cooperate with the AMCC authorities.







Case Study-I

Rony intends to bring an end to cruelty to children



Here is the tale of an 8-year-old resident of the AMCC named Rony who intends to bring an end to cruelty to children from society.

Son of Mohammad Rafique and Sufia Begum of Kanchpur village in Benapol of Jessore district, Rony is the elder one of two siblings. His younger brother is Rubel.

His father earned a living by pulling a rickshaw while his mother was a garment worker in Chittagong.

But luck did not favour Rony as his mother suddenly died suffering from a mysterious disease. But his father used to blame Rony for his mother's death. After her death, his father confined him in a room when he went outdoors. On return home, he again freed Rony. Because of father's cruelty, Rony decided to get rid of his father.

One night, Rony fled away from home with only 100 taka in pocket. He took shelter at his grand mother's house in Jessore.

He frequently visited the nearby railway station and used to play by jumping from one compartment to another one risking life. While playing, one day he reached Kamalapur railway station and started living with the railway children. He began to earn a living either by begging or collecting wastes from garbage. But one day a drug addict snatched away his money. He was also sexually abused by an elderly man.

At this stage, Rony came in contact with an official of the AMCC who was closely observing the activities of the railway children. He welcomed Rony with a big smile and asked about his well-being. Actually, he became his friend. As he regained confidence, the counselor asked him if he agrees to accompany him for starting life anew. On agreement, the official brought Rony to Panchagarh and enlisted him as a resident child of the AMCC.

At present, Rony reads in Class-II. Alongside study, he attended art and music classes. He took part in the Independence Day art competition on March 26 last year and won the first prize. In June 29 the same year, he again took part in the cultural meet and indoor games competition. In both the event, he won the second prize.

At present, Rony leads a decent living at the AMCC. But he said he missed his younger brother very much. He strives to become a police official. He intends to bring an end to cruelty to children from society.







Case Study-II

Sakib, once a street urchin now wants to be a police official

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Sakib walked casually behind the unsuspecting man. In one deft movement, he took the blade in his hand, sliced the edge of the man's back pocket, grabbed the man's wallet and walked away.

Sakib's full name is Mozaffar Islam Sakib. He is a child of Sufia Begum and Mokhlesur Rahman, according to Sakib. Actually Sufia was an impoverished woman. Because of poverty, she became a sex worker. At one stage, young Sufia conceived a baby and ultimately gave birth to Sakib. Mother told him that his father lived in India. Close relatives and neighbors used to scold Sufia frequently. As he was fond of his mother, these incidents broke his heart. At this stage, he ran away from home in Tanore thana of Rajshahi district and arrived at Rajshahi Railway Station.

When he arrived at his final destination came at Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka, he stepped out into the strange station without money, friends, family or a place to go to. In the chaos of a busy city station, he could easily have become prey to gangs ready to abuse and exploit him. One day the man unveiled his ugly face and sexually abused Sakib. As the traumatized boy cried for help, local people rushed for his rescue and handed him over to Sylhet Shahparan (RA) police who placed him to their safe custody [General Diary No-544 of Shahparan (RA) police station.

Police informed the matter to the programme manager of Ahsania Mission Children City, M Jahangir Hossain who asked police to contact the safe home for women, adolescents and children at Sylhet.

As PM of AMCC expressed his willingness to take care of Sakib, the Senior Judicial Magistrate Court ordered to send the kid to Ahsania Mission Children City in Panchagarh. Finally, he was shifted to the AMCC office on May 31, 2013.

Because of regular counseling of the officials and staff members and warmth of his friends at the Children City, Sakib is gradually forgetting the memory of his terrible life. He now dreams of a world far from the squalor and abuse of the railway station. He's just one bright, caring boy transformed through the work of Ahsania Mission Children City. Being encouraged by the education and training at the Children City, Sakib now hopes to serve the country as a police officer.





AMCC Children's Creative work and appreciation















Dhaka Ahsania Mission Most Vulnerable & Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC)

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Income & Expenditure Account

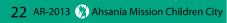
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| | Amount in Taka |
|--|----------------|
| Income | |
| Fund Received From KNH: | 9,679,940 |
| Bank Interest Received | 88,517 |
| Total Income (BDT) | 9,768,457 |
| Expenditure | |
| Awareness | 116,870 |
| Advocacy meeting/seminar | 518,997 |
| Organizational Development | 838,378 |
| Capital Item | 308,700 |
| Child Enrollment | 255,835 |
| Training/Orientation & Curriculum dev. | 716,167 |
| Teaching learning Meterial for learners | 399,333 |
| Cloth and liveries for children | 571,641 |
| School furniture & fixed assets | 1,197,535 |
| Salary-(AMCC) | 2,825,152 |
| Children Food & Medicine Cost | 1,982,279 |
| Total Expenditure (BDT) | 9,730,887 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | 37,570 |
| Total BDT | 9,668,457 |

Program Manager MVDSC of AMCC

President
Dhaka Ahsania Mission







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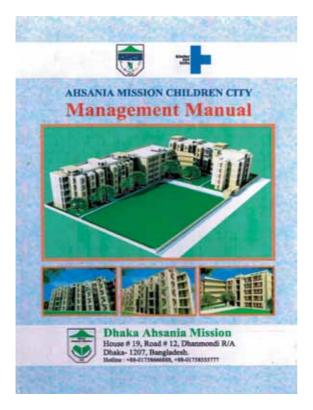






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Function of temporary shelter

A child care centre was established in Savar to nourish enrolled child at the first time. the centre also plays role as the temporary centre of AMCC. The centre first enrolled the abandoned children and destitute women are enrolled in the centre for the first time. After keeping them close observation for a week with proper counseling, they are sorted out and sent to AMCC main centre in Panchagarh

During the reported period 15 children were enrolled in the Savar temporary child care center. There were 6 children collected from Komlapur railway station, 5 children from Tongi, 1 from Mirpur Majar, 2 from Oparajeyo Bangla and another 1 child were collected from Gazipur. After one week observation with proper counseling and case management, as per choice of the children 14 were sent to Panchagarh AMCC.

| Period | Enrolled | Send | Drop Out |
|-----------|----------|------|--------------|
| July | 3 | 4 | - |
| August | 3 | - | - |
| September | 9 | 10 | 2 |
| Total | 15 | 14 | 2 |









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