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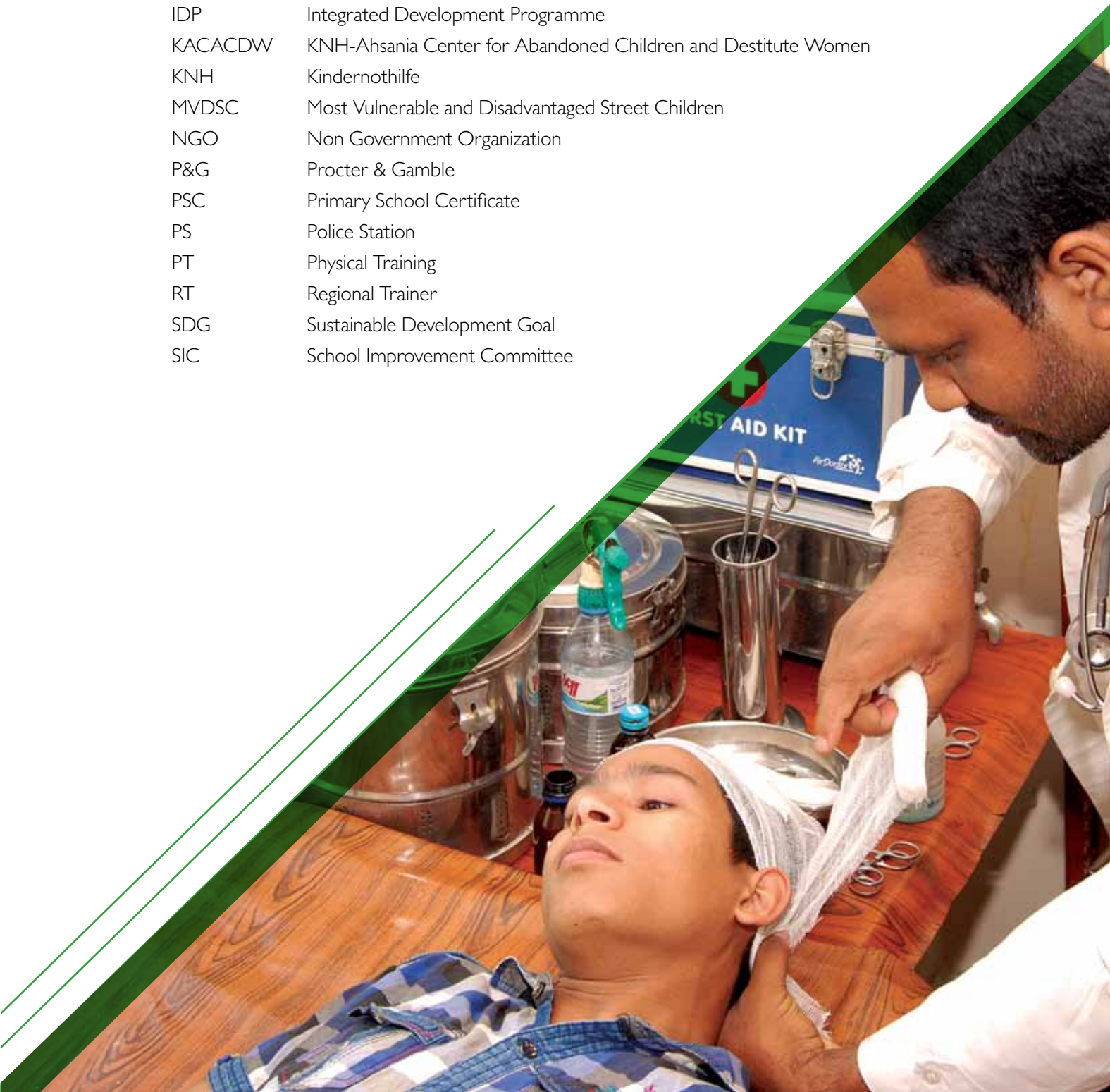
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Acronyms

AMCC	Ahsania Mission Children City
CVAC	Children Village Advisory Committee
DAM	Dhaka Ahsania Mission
DC	Deputy Commissioner
ENT	Ear, Nose Throats
GDE	General Diary Entry
IDP	Integrated Development Programme
KACACDW	KNH-Ahsania Center for Abandoned Children and Destitute Women
KNH	Kindernothilfe
MVDSC	Most Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Street Children
NGO	Non Government Organization
P&G	Procter & Gamble
PSC	Primary School Certificate
PS	Police Station
PT	Physical Training
RT	Regional Trainer
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SIC	School Improvement Committee





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Message of President

I am delighted that AMCC management has taken up the initiative to publish the AMCC Annual Report for the second consecutive year. Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC) is a development project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged street children especially who are homeless and roaming around the streets of the country. This is a national as well as global concern supporting the notion of 'leaving no one behind' of the sustainable development goal (SDG). Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has prioritized to concentrate on child rights and protection issues and with its ample knowledge and experience it has started the operation of AMCC at Jalapara village, Hafizabad union of Panchagarh sadar upazila of Panchagarh district, a remote and underdeveloped area of Bangladesh.

AMCC project rehabilitates the children and provides them with safe shelter, education, health care, counseling, fostering facilities and reuniting them with their own families. After the kick-off project in 2012, one children city has been established at Panchagarh with accommodation for 300 children.

It was quite a feat to establish the first children city at Panchagarh sadar upazila of Rangpur district with one 5-storied building. In consequence of the project's ongoing progress, a second building with accommodation of 300 children is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2018. All primary services for instance food, accommodation, education, health care, counseling and child centric development supports are provided from the programme including vocational training until children turn 18.

This Annual report depicts progress of the programme, children's activities, challenges and way forward, key achievements, staff development initiatives and financial statement for the period of July 2017 to June 2018. We deeply acknowledge the contribution of our development partner KNH-Germany in developing the programme.

At last but not the least, I personally convey my gratitude to all the individuals and the editing panel who have worked hard in bringing out the insightful annual report of AMCC.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam
President
Dhaka Ahsania Mission



Message of General Secretary

Thousands of children sleep in the streets, bus and railway station. They have no access to basic needs like education, healthcare, shelter etc. Many of these children are drawn to criminal activities by the people of dark world. Ultimately they become a problem of the society.

Ahsania Mission Children City, a one of a kind establishment of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, was made with the objective of rehabilitating the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and allowing them to grow within an enabling environment where they can unlock their potential. AMCC following DAM's motto of "Divine and Humanitarian services" provides full residential accommodation to almost 300 children who would have otherwise ended up in the streets. AMCC provides them with high quality education, nutritious food, vocational training and life skills. We are especially thankful to KNH-Germany for their support and contribution in implementing this challenging project.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission, a sixty year old organization is praised both nationally and internationally for their multidimensional activities. DAM has received many national and international awards over the years some of the most notable awards are Independence Award, UNESCO International Literacy Award and UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy. DAM dreams of a society where there are no children living on the street and also end discrimination of all forms to the children living in distress conditions.

I am pleased to report another successful year for AMCC with solid performance. Amid all the achievements and progresses we have made, we are very much aware of the challenges faced in our activities and strive to convert them into opportunities. With various new initiatives underway, I firmly believe our commitment to quality and our focus on overall development will propel us forward.

I would like to thank all of AMCC's employees and partners for their hard work throughout 2018 and KNH and individual donors for their continued support and look forward to a successful 2019.

Dr. S M Khalilur Rahman
General Secretary
Dhaka Ahsania Mission



Message of the Assistant Director

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been implementing AMCC project since 2011 in Panchagarh district of Rangpur division with support from DAM own fund. In 2012 the project was funded by KNH-Germany on pilot basis for a period of one year. Later in 2014 this program was escalated into a full-fledged separate project with financial supports from KNH-Germany. Initially we struggled a lot to start the project as we had to face numbers of internal and external challenges like ensuring funding, designing the project, handling administrative issues, managing staff and other resources at the project implementing area etc. However, with everyone's sincere effort and guidance of DAM senior management now we have reached in a stable condition.

Besides, challenges of starting a project like AMCC, at the outset, the project had to struggle with the children brought to the center from streets as they had a tendency of running away. Being street children, these children's behavior and habits were bit rebellious towards rules, regulations and systematic life. So, it was hard for AMCC staff to manage the children and change their behavior. With love, care and counseling the children gradually started to accept the rules of the center and their behavior and attitudes showed the positive changes. I am proud to say that, now AMCC children receives prizes by participating in district and upazila level competitions on singing, arts and sports. They are also showing their achievements in the field of education as three children have received government scholarships this year, a continuation of the previous year when five children received government scholarship.

AMCC children's positive changes in their lives are well known in the society, development

organizations, policy makers, educationists especially in Panchagarh district. To disseminate the success of AMCC to donors and other stakeholders beyond geographical limitations, the management of AMCC has decided to publish the Annual Report 2017-2018. We believe, this report will give a complete picture of what AMCC is doing to protect child rights of the most vulnerable group of children known as 'street children'.

I personally want to thank KNH-Bangladesh office for their support by providing strategic guidance during designing and implementing the project, visiting AMCC at Panchagarh to see progress in person and for their time to time advice on programme implementation besides their funding support. I am also grateful to them for their inspiration to publish this report.

At last but not the least, my deepest thanks to all the project staffs of AMCC, senior officials and advisors of DAM, external consultants and all stakeholders who are supporting the programme in all possible ways and also for helping to publish this report. I hope that the experiences shared in this report will be a reference for many like-minded organizations and donors working in the area of child rights and child protection, inspiring them to work more for the children in need across the world.

M. Jahangir Hossain
Assistant Director
Ahsania Mission Children City



Executive Summary

Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC) is a programme of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) which provides primal support to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged street children of the country under the name of 'Integrated Development Program for Most Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Street Children (IDP-MVDSC)'. Supporting street children has been one of the most prioritized social development interventions by DAM. At the onset of the programme in 2012, it was funded by DAM and then from 2014, KNH-Germany came forward to provide financial support to the good cause.

AMCC provides its children a complete package of services considering child rights and protection issues. The programme interventions include basic education, residential support, food and cloth, medical support, psychological counseling, opportunity for extra curricula activities, develop soft skill and human values, trainings for livelihood and rehabilitation support so that children

can grow up as a human being as well as can become human resource for the country. This programme champions DAM's goal of ensuring the rights of street children and bring them back in the mainstream of the society. In a nutshell we can say that, AMCC is working to give these most vulnerable children a decent life and a lambent future with education, knowledge, skills, empowerment and livelihood opportunities.

Since its inception in 2012 till June 2018, a total of 430 children have been enrolled at AMCC had at Panchagarh, Rangpur. So far, 158 children were reintegrated to families and relocated to other organizations and drop-in-centers. At present 272 children are residing in AMCC.

Education: The children brought to AMCC center are all street children-most of whom had never been to school or were dropped out from the regular schools due to poverty, separation from their families or for any form

of social repression. So, AMCC concentrates on the education of the children who come to the Children City for rehabilitation. AMCC primary school is registered from government of the people's republic of Bangladesh. In the public exams students of AMCC did outstanding results overshadowing other students of the Union. In 2017 only three children received primary scholarships in Hafizabad union and all of them were from AMCC.

Health: Health support includes day-to-day health care and hygiene, periodic health check-up, medical support for contagious and common diseases, admission in hospitals in case of complicated health situation and arrangement of nutritious foods. A paramedic is working round the clock to develop awareness on health and hygiene issues in the AMCC children city. Moreover, children are regularly advised on health issues by staff and teachers during assembly, evening sessions and in various meetings. During the reporting period, 108 children suffered from different illness and health complications. Total of 110 health sessions were done for the children with the presence of the house mothers. These health checkups are done by the paramedic with a group of children who are trained in basic health care services. For better treatment 15 children were referred to different government hospitals of Panchagarh, Thakurgoan, Rangpur and Dhaka districts.

Counseling: AMCC believes that counseling is an effective method of controlling aggressive behavior of children and making them to abide by the rules of AMCC. To ensure proper counseling for the children, AMCC has appointed an experienced staff to join the rest of the team. The person responsible for rebuilding the psychological state of these children is rendering a challenging task as the children are coming from different vulnerable social stratum bearing cultural, religious, and habitual diversity. The counselor is also bridging the gaps between the staff and the children through holding counseling sessions, in-house trainings and meetings. To

make children aware about their rights, each year a Student Council is formed through election process. This Council enables the children to take part in decision 14 Annual Report making process of AMCC. Child protection officer is ensuring child rights issues. During the reporting period, 188 children were given counseling support individually. Besides, three peer educators' meeting and student council meetings were held.

Agriculture: AMCC maneuvers agricultural activities to generate income to support the management cost. Presently, AMCC has 18 acres of agricultural land under cultivation and farming as a part of a farsighted husbandry plan in future. For the reporting period, as a Annual Report 15 progress of the plan, 6 acres of land are under cultivation and irrigation process to grow crops which is 33 percent of total agro land. Moreover, 300 saplings of different species of fruits (guava, embolic myrobalan, lemon, pear, hog-plum, carambola, mango, litchi) have been planted; and except for palm trees all other fruits will be matured by next year. Besides crops and fruit cultivation, AMCC has a plan to establish a commercial livestock farm with 60 cows for fattening and milking by 2020 as income generating initiative. At present the farm is in a rudimentary stage of the farm with six cows, few chickens and pigeons. A notable advancement in crop production has been observed during this period due to use of proper techniques to increase fertility of land, timely irrigation, proper care of saplings by AMCC children and staffs and consultation from locally upazila agriculture officers regarding various issues related to cultivation. As a result the amount of production has been proliferated outstandingly.

Key Achievements of AMCC

- **272** boys receive AMCC services
- **61** new children were enrolled
- **40** boys were reunited with families
- **335** boys received counselling
- **110** boys received health support



Overview of AMCC

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AMCC is not the foremost child-centric development initiative of DAM, as the organization has been working with disadvantaged children for the last three decades and implemented several projects e.g. improving development opportunities for street children; drop-in-centre and shelter homes; developing

social protection mechanism against child abuse and exploitation programmes. All aforementioned initiatives produced significant impact on the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged children of the country. Besides, DAM worked for early childhood development, preschool to non-formal primary education, remedial and preventive education support to low performance learners from Grade I to V of formal primary schools and basic education integrated with livelihood skills training support to working children programmes.

The child-centric development programmes DAM worked before mostly concentrated on a single issue of children. Hence, DAM felt an urge to work with a holistic approach through which the socially excluded and disadvantaged children could get the basic needs for their normal growth and can develop their capacity with skills trainings so that they can earn their living after eighteen years of age. AMCC programme is designed to achieve

that holistic approach and the first children's city is established at Panchagarh district under Rangpur division in 2012 with DAM's own financial support. Later financial support from KINDERNOTHILFE (KNH- Germany) helped DAM to escalate the MVDSC programme with a 10-year long mission. DAM has contrived to establish 10 children cities to support 10,000 street children by next ten years under the AMCC programme. The first children city is established at Panchgarhon DAM's own land of 16 acres with one five-storied building accommodating around 300 children. Recently, a second building is under construction to accommodate more children. The 2nd building is likely to complete by February 2019 to cover additional 150 - 200 kids.

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Children of AMCC

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Programmes

Education

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status of education is measured through a test and based on their result they are placed into suitable classes.

After basic education, for livelihood, AMCC has planned to provide vocational trainings to the children over 14 years through DAM's TVET (Technical Education & Vocational Training) programme for the children's skills development on market driven trades. AMCC management has primary discussion with the DAM TVET team and a proposal is prepared by TVET team with training plan and costs. Meanwhile, another KNH supported project trainer has designed a short course on handicraft which is also under development process. The vocational training will enable the children with required skills to earn their livelihood and thus they will be mainstreamed in the society.

A group of experienced and highly committed teachers are working tirelessly to teach the children and achieve good results. At present there are 10 teachers (08male and 02 female) at the children city at Panchgarh. There are four primary teachers, three para teachers and



three part-time teachers working under close supervision and directives of the Education coordinator. Para teachers assist the main teachers in conducting classes though at recent time due to increase of classes they are rendering responsibilities as the main teachers. Besides taking regular classes, teachers help students in their evening studies. Children are also supported by the residential five caretakers at AMCC.

AMCC children are very inspired by the result of their elder brothers who achieved GPA 5 in PSC examination of 2016 and 2017. The high achievers were given special prizes which encouraged the younger children to study hard. For 2018, fifteen children are prepared to sit for the PSC examination and for better preparation they gave model tests in a local primary government school. Below table shows us the present status of children at AMCC school:

SL	Class	Number of total students
1	Preparatory class	68
2	Class- I	63
3	Class-II (A)	35
4	Class-II (B)	41
5	Class- III	30
6	Class- IV	19
7	Class- V	10
8	Class - VI	06
	Total	272

Health

Health support for children is the second necessary service AMCC has incorporated in its programme. The support includes day-to-day health care and hygiene, periodic health check-up, medical support for contagious and common diseases, admission in hospitals in case of complicated health situation and arrangement of nutritious foods. A paramedic is working round the clock to develop awareness on health and hygiene issues in the AMCC children city. Moreover, children are regularly advised on health issues by staff and teachers during assembly, evening sessions and in various meetings. During the reporting period, 108 children suffered from different illness and health complications. Total 110 health sessions are done for the children with presence of the house mothers. These health checkups are done by the paramedic with a group of children who are trained in basic health care services. For better treatment 15 children were referred to different government hospitals of Panchagarh, Thakurgoan, Rangpur and Dhaka districts.



Types of health supports provided by AMCC are mentioned below:

Name of disease or type of illness	Number of children affected	Support provided by AMCC
Fever, cough, cold	23	Children were taken to Sadar Hospital in case of severity of disease besides AMCC centre health supports.
Minor injury and pains	34	Treated in the AMCC centre with support from paramedic
Allergy and asthma	11	Children were treated by Sadar hospital doctors
Skin disease	17	
Surgical treatment	08	
ENT problem	05	ENT specialist was consulted for treatment
Eyesight problem with other minor health issues	10	Children with eyesight problems were taken to Thakurgaon Eye Hospital,

In addition to the above, AMCC provided its staff and caretakers basic knowledge on health counseling and primary treatment with the help of the paramedic so that they can also support the children. Simultaneously, for prevention from diseases the paramedic is working to keep the AMCC house neat and clean and as a member of 'Food committee' he is also giving expert opinion about nutritious food while menu is prepared for the staff and children of AMCC.

Counseling

"The childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day;" - The saying by John Milton echoes the familiar belief we have that childhood shapes a person's later life. So, it's very crucial to have a sound childhood for a person to become a human



being with a healthy mind and body. However, there are lots of children growing up in this world without having basic child rights. Similarly, children brought under the AMCC programme are somehow affected by adverse conditions of life such as extreme poverty, hazard of street life, scarcity of food, clothes, education and health care support from their early life. In a word, these children do not get the minimum basic needs of life and most of them have to face physical and verbal abuse, humiliation, ill-treatment and other sorts of harassment affecting their normal mental growth and some cases reason of their aggressive behavior, tendency to violate rules and regulation, creating depression and unwillingness to socialization etc. So, AMCC gives special attention to develop the psychological condition of these vulnerable children after enrolling in the children city.

AMCC believes that counseling is an effective method of controlling aggressive behavior of children and making them to abide by the rules of the city. To ensure proper counseling for the children, AMCC has appointed an experienced staff to join the rest of the team. The person responsible for rebuilding the psychological state of these children is rendering a challenging task as the children are coming from different vulnerable social stratum bearing cultural, religious, and habitual diversity. The counselor is also bridging the gaps between the staff and the children through holding counseling sessions, in-house trainings and meetings. To make children aware about their rights, each year a student council is formed through election process. This council enables the children to take part in decision

making process of AMCC. Child protection officer is ensuring child rights issues. During the reporting period, 188 children were given counseling support individually. Besides, three peer educators' meeting and student council meetings were held.

To know about the children brought under the program, AMCC search out their background information and keeps record for the newly admitted children. A process of opening 'child profile' through case management including information of the child's family history, health, education etc is followed by the AMCC authority. Under this effort, 23 new child profiles are created during the reporting period. Counseling also helps children to reintegrate with families and AMCC has reintegrated seven children with their families and 26 children were taken under fostering program for the reporting period. Besides, as part of development of children's psychology, group tour for children were organized and forty children participated at the event. It has been observed that with counseling and other psychological supports 30 children are showing more positive behavior now compared to the earlier state when they came to the city.

Social works

Social work of AMCC comprises activities like collecting vulnerable children, keeping record of them through preparing individual profile, reporting to police station, local administrative

and regulatory offices regarding admitted or reintegrated children, to their original families, general diary entry (GDE) with local PS and birth registration from Union Parishad for children. There are total three social workers working to ensuring all these activities.

As part of social works, AMCC has signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with many child rights based organizations to collect children and get other supports. For the reporting period, AMCC collected children from LEEDO, Aparajeyo Bangla, Maer Achol, Apon Foundation and government safe home. The social workers also collect lost children directly from bus and railway stations. They are working hard to collect children, searching their background information and reuniting them with families or finding a foster home for them. They prepare regular report on AMCC children and keep communication with Upazila, Police Stations and DC office. For their effort and with support from government and other regulatory offices, about 40 children have been reunited with families from July 2017 to June 2018.

Agriculture

As an integrated programme, AMCC maneuvers agricultural activities to generate income to support the management cost. Presently, AMCC has 18 acres of agricultural land under cultivation and farming as a part of a farsighted husbandry plan in future. For the



reporting period, as a progress of the plan, 6 acres of land are under cultivation and irrigation process to grow crops which is 33% of total agro land. Moreover, 300 saplings of different species of fruits (guava, embolic myrobalan, lemon, pear, hog-plum, carambola, mango, litchi) have been planted and except palm trees all other fruits will be matured by next year. Besides crops and fruit cultivation, AMCC has a plan to establish a commercial livestock farm with 60 cows for fattening and milking by 2020 as income generating initiative. At present the farm is in a rudimentary stage with six cows, few chickens and pigeons.

A notable advancement in crop production has been observed during this period due to

use of proper techniques to increase fertility of land, timely irrigation, proper care of saplings by AMCC children and staffs and consultation from local upazila agriculture officers regarding various issues related to cultivation. As a result the amount of production has been proliferated outstandingly. For instance, we can mention the bumper production of gourd in March 2018. Total 6000 kg of gourd and pumpkins were produced and compared to last year production of all crops increased by 40%. The recommendations and tips of the General Secretary of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, who is a renowned agriculturist of our country, helped the AMCC staff and student to grow bumper crop production.

Key Achievements of AMCC (July 2017 to June 2018)

✔ 272 boys receiving AMCC services	✔ 61 new children are enrolled
✔ 40 boys reunited with families	✔ 335 boys received counselling
✔ 110 boys received health support	✔ In 2017 PSC exam out of 10 students 3 got primary scholarships while 7 passed with GPA 4.
✔ 5 children enlisted with Thakurgaon Radio as singers.	✔ In District and upazila level music, drawing and run competitions 12 children received prizes.



Challenges and way forward

Since 2012, AMCC has encountered many challenges while implementing the programme. Few key challenges are shared below:

Physical infrastructure

The existing children's city at Panchagarh is the first of its kind under the programme, as a result it was difficult for the project staff to apprehend all possible pitfalls of constructing a building suitable for children. The existing semi-bricked school building is not well constructed as it becomes too hot in summer and too cold in winter and in rainy season some parts under water. During rain, sometimes water infiltrates through windows, doors and from tin-shed roof. It is found that, few changes during construction could have fixed identified problem. Considering the situation, another five storied building is already under construction and is likely to get ready for use by children by end of the current year.

Staff capacity

AMCC children city is situated in one of the most remote areas of Bangladesh which makes the program challenging in case of getting experienced and qualified staff and retaining them. Moreover individuals with knowledge on child rights and protection issues are not commonly found in our society for which AMCC is struggling to meet the expectation of the donor. AMCC team is heading past under dynamic leadership of Assistant Director M Jahangir Hossain.

Accommodating new children

The existing building is now accommodating nearly 300 children which is not adequate for

living as well as for conducting other activities requiring different sorts of place like dining hall, class rooms, computer lab, library room, cultural activities rooms, rooms for health checkup etc. When new children are admitted into the center, it's been a challenge for the management of AMCC to accommodate and manage all activities within the existing facilities. Moreover, lack of space is not allowing AMCC to provide counseling to children in a separate room and proper medical care to the children when they are affected with communicable diseases.

Emergency response support

Though AMCC has provided training on earth quake and fire fighting, the emergency response mechanism in the center needs to be strengthening with more facilities and training to the staff and children.

Communication facilities

AMCC center faces challenge in day to day communication with head office at Dhaka or with donor, as most of the communication is done through email and AMCC's facility of internet and computer devices need to be developed according to the need of the time. Staffs also need to be more habituated in email communication.



AMCC activities

AMC children in action

Participate in Assembly



As a part of discipline, all AMCC children take part in assembly held for twenty minutes before class starts at school. There are eleven types of physical training (PT) developed following government schools are practiced in school. Children take part in national anthem and show respect to the national flag. Children also take oath to be committed to the nation and pray together from the religious books.

Study in Library

AMCC has an internal library with around 200 books which is a resourceful place for the children to enrich their knowledge. During the reporting period, children have taken books from library for 460 times as per record register. A student councilor for education is responsible for distributing the library books to the children under supervision of a teacher. There are many story books in Bangla & English, magazines for children, autobiography of famous persons of the world and comics in the library. The library is open for children from afternoon.



Computer skill development

Considering the continuous advancement of technology in the world, AMCC has provided the opportunity of learning basic computer operations for children admitted in the children city. Regular computer classes are held under a supervision of a teacher. Children of class four, five and six have access to the computer lab. There are seven computers now.



Cultural activities

As a part of cultural activities music classes are conducted and thirty students have attended music class for the reporting period. Classes are segmented in sections as per the learning phase of the students. AMCC children also took part in art, music, dance, drama competitions organized by District Child Academy, District council office and Upazila Education office of Panchgarh and won prizes. Formation of a cultural team with



fifteen children is under process who are capable of doing 30-45 minutes long stage performance (drama or dance).

Scouts

AMCC children have scout group consisting 40 children. They practice in two groups. They are able to display acrobats to external audience. During the reporting period, the scout team members were responsible of maintaining discipline of AMCC. They also provided 'guard of honor' to the distinguished visitors of DAM head office, donor and government officials.

Wall Magazine

In a view to develop the children's creativity, two wall magazines have been developed where children have written rhymes, poems, short stories with illustrations. An editorial board under supervision of a teacher was designated to select best poems and stories for the magazine which promoted a competitive attitude among the children. However Children seemed very happy to see their creativity on wall magazines which encouraged them to engage in writing stories or poems.



Student Council Election

AMCC children city has student council which is formed through election by the students. The Student council is formed with a purpose to develop leadership, democratic practice, participation and decision making capacity and sense of responsibility. Like previous years, this year's student council election was held on 15 February 2018 in a festive mood with huge enthusiasm and excitements. This year seven students were elected as councilors.



Art Competitions

Drawing class is a regular activity of AMCC children and during reporting period, groups. AMCC feels proud that talented children obtained prestigious prizes from district and upazila level competitions. Out of many a few examples are like Emon Mia got 2nd prize in drama, Roni obtained 1st prize in drawing and Siam had a 3rd prize in music competitions held by different government departments. A culturally active art teacher has guided children to perform better day by day.



Weekly Cultural Programs

AMCC organized weekly cultural programme for children where they performed song, dance, recitation of poem, drama, jokes, storytelling, debate, quiz etc. Teachers, social workers and music teacher helped children conducting this programme.



Participation in radio programme

Six of AMCC children gave audition in the Thakurgaon Radio for being enlisted singer; though none passed the audition test, AMCC is very happy with the enthusiasm of the children.



Observance of 'Child rights week'

AMCC observed the 'National Child rights week' and 'Children's day 2017' from 29 September to 06 October 2017 through participating in different competitions. AMCC children have received total seven prizes obtaining the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions from the music competition organized by District Child Academy of Panchagarh. AMCC expresses its gratitude to 'District council' and 'Shishu Academy (Children Academy)' of Panchagarh for providing access to various competitions and events. AMCC also observed child rights week in its own style. Boys sat in the open field circular way and drew their dreams on a piece of sheets.

Participation in games

AMCC children have 'football team' and 'cricket team' comprising of 26 children in each team. Nine football and five cricket matches have been held with external teams from Hafizabad primary Govt. School, Darikamari Govt. Primary School and Bosunia club of Panchagarh district. AMCC team won six football and four cricket matches in the reporting period. For their performance, AMCC plans to send this team in district level age-group cricket tournament. Due to the hard

work of the games teacher AMCC children are playing well and are becoming a challenge for any team in Panchagarh district. One of the members of football team, Rasul is called Messi of AMCC team by the local fans.

New book distribution programme

To inspire the children, like every other year AMCC distributed new books published by government to the students on 1st January 2018. These new text books were received from upazila education office. Assistant Director, M. Jahangir Hossain distributed the sets of text books to children. The joyous moment was captured in group photo shoot holding the books by children with happy faces.



Victory Day celebration

On 16 December 2017, victory day was observed with paying homage to the martyrs of liberation war. AMCC children participated district level programs like parade and display. Finally AMCC children received prizes from chief guest for their outstanding performance.



International Women's Day

AMCC observed International Women's day on 08 March 2018 at their own premise. A discussion session was held highlighting the role of women in a nation's prosperity. Center Manager and Ruksan Islam head teacher of Panimasbukuri high school spoke at the session. To inspire the female staff, Ms. Lebuna Begum, house mother, was selected as best female worker for the year 2016. She received a prize from President of DAM, Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam. Besides, all the female staffs of AMCC were greeted with flowers.

International Mother Language Day

International mother language day is observed on 21 February 2018 by AMCC children and staff with organizing rally and paying floral homage to the district Shahid Minar, participating in art and music competition at district level. AMCC children city jointly celebrated the day with Hafizabad Darikamari School of Panchagarh. Event of the day was ended by a discussion session highlighting the significance of the day with Mr. Saiful Alam, the Center Manager and Mr. Ruksan Islam Leon, Headmaster, Panimas Pukuri school and CVAC members speaking on language movement.

Birthday of Bangabandhu and National Children's Day

On 17 March 2018 AMCC observed the 99th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and



National Children's Day. On this very day, AMCC children gathered at the school premise, hoisted national flag and sang national anthem.

Independence Day



AMCC children and staffs observed Independence day on 26 March 2016 by attending district level programs organized by district council, the local administrative authority of government. Scouts team took part in the parade and displayed outstanding physical exercises to enchant the audience for hours.

Exposure visit

AMCC organizes exposure visit to interesting places for the children every year. It's called 'day out for children'. This year, the exposure visit was organized on 13 and 15 March 2018 at Sun City Children Park at Thakurgaon. They were accompanied by AMCC staff and teachers. Children had lots of fun rides and had improved diet on the occasion. A raffle draw held following lunch.



Training, Workshop and Meetings

Case Management Training



A-3 day long training on 'Case Management' was held from 22 to 24 September 2017 at Paikpara, Mirpur, Dhaka to enhance the capacity of participants in understanding and explaining case management, child rights and child protection, child law and how to fill up case management forms including SWOT analysis. The training was attended by 20 participants including AMCC and KACACDW project staffs and selected children from children city.

Disaster preparedness training

Disaster preparedness training was organized by AMCC in collaboration with Fire Service Department of Panchagarh held at AMCC premise, Panchgarh with 230 participants including children. The purpose of the training was to enhance the knowledge of children



and staff regarding what to do during earth quake and fire disasters. The training presented practical use of fire extinguishers and defined valuable and effective tips and techniques to stay safe at disasters.



partner organizations by KNH Bangladesh from 18 to 19 October, 2017 at CCDB Hope Center at Savar. The workshop was facilitated by KNH Regional trainer for Asia region, Mr. Ysrael. AMCC Assistant Director Mr. Jahangir Hossain, KACACDW Program Manager Mr. Tariq Masud and Deputy Director of HR division, Dhaka Ahsania Mission represented DAM in the policy development workshop.

Basic Teachers Training

A 3-day long basic teachers training was held at AMCC from 12 to 14 February 2018 where 10 primary school teachers took part. Mr. Md. Saiful Alam, Education Coordinator of AMCC facilitated the training.



Life Skills Training

A 3-day long life skills training for KACACDW and AMCC, staffs with children representing children city. The training was held from 13 to 15 October 2017 at Panchagarh and facilitated by child rights expert Mr. Chowdhury Mohaimen, Coordinator, Bangladesh Helpline 1098, CSPB Project, Ministry of Social welfare. Some parts of the training was also held in the open field to make it more open, interactive and participatory.

Workshop on Child Protection Policy (Module- III)

A 2-day long workshop on 'Child protection policy (Module III)' was organized for KNH

Gender in Emergency Training

A 3-day long training from 11 to 13 November 2017 on 'Gender in Emergency' training was held in Dhaka Ahsania Mission office by Elna project of





Disaster Unit. Total 25 participants attended the training. School teacher Sumi represented AMCC in the training.

Workshop on 'Child Protection in AMCC, concerns and way forward'

On 30 December 2017 a workshop on child protection in AMCC, concerns and way forward' was held at KACACDW & Transitional Shelter Home, Mirpur, Dhaka. The workshop was conducted by guest speaker Mr. Zaki Hasan, Advisor to DAM President. The workshop was presided over by Mr. M. Jahangir Hossain, Assistant Director-AMCC, AMCC head office and field office project staffs with senior officials of DAM attended the workshop.



Public Relation (PR) Event

A meeting engaging various stakeholders was organized as a PR event to brief about the progress of second building construction of AMCC at Panchgarh children's city was held on 14 December 2017 at Ahsania Mission Children city campus at Panchgarh. In the sharing meeting Mr. Amal Krishna Mondal, Deputy Commissioner, Panchagar was present as chief guest. Mr. Maruf Rumi Momtaz, Country Coordinator, KNH-Germany and Mr. Gaisuddin Ahmed, District Police Super were present as special guests. Other guests included Md. Md. Akteruzzaman, District Child Affairs Officer; Mr. Md. Borhanuddin, Thana Education officer; members of CVAC; NGO representatives, journalists, representatives from local schools; local elites; staffs and children of AMCC. In his speech Mr. Maruf Rumi Momtaz expressed his willingness to continue their support to AMCC programme in future.

School improvement committee meeting

An annual meeting of 'School Improvement Committee (SIC)' was held on 26 December 2017 with forty members of the committee comprised of teachers, UP members, CVAC members, local religious leaders, legal guardians of children, AMCC staffs and children representatives. The meeting reviewed the existing SIC2017 and developed a new school improvement plan for 2018 which was unanimously accepted by all.

Significant visits

KNH-Bangladesh officials visited AMCC



During participating in the workshop on Module III related to child protection issues held at Hope Center Savar from 18-19 October 2017. Immediate after the workshop a high level senior officials of KNH-Germany including Mr. Maruf Rumi Momtaz, Country Coordinator, Ysrael C. Diloy, Regional child protection trainer for Asia-KNH, Ms. Matilda Tina D Baroi, Program coordinator and Mr. Nikhil Chandra Das, Project officer visited AMCC at Panchagarh from 20-21 October 2018. The visit was a follow-up activity to see measures taken by AMCC against a report from an external investigator commissioned by KNH Bangladesh regarding several child protection concerns. After visit the team a report with recommendations was prepared and shared to AMCC team for action.

Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam

President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission visited AMCC

Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President, Dhaka Ahsania Mission visited Panchagarh from 4 to 5 October 2017 with a team comprised of Mr. Syed Mostafizur Rahman, Director of Human Resource, AMCC; Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam,



Consultant and Mr. Murtazur Rahman Newsad, Joint Secretary of DAM-USA. The distinguished guests were welcomed by members of AMCC student council and the children accompanied them during their visit to AMCC. The team also observed the progress of the second building construction.

Local Government Officials of Panchagarh visited AMCC

Mr. Amal Krishna Mondal, DC of Panchagarh visited AMCC on 14 December 2017. He was accompanied by Mr. Giasuddin Ahmed, Superintendent of Police and Mr. Borhanuddin Ahmed, Upazila Education Officer. They talked with children and found project activities very interesting.

A group of management level staffs from Kedarnath Tea Company Ltd. visited AMCC on 07 January 2018 and donated sweaters to the children. They were very delighted to get in touch with these children. Mr. Masudul Islam, Center Manager welcomed the guests, briefed them about overall project activities and child protection issues.

Professor Abdul Halim Ph.D,

Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Agriculture University visited AMCC

Professor Dr. Abdul Halim, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Agriculture University visited AMCC Panchagarh on 08 March 2018. Professor

Halim gave a courtesy visit to children's city and spent some time with children and staffs. He was very impressed by the innovative and challenging drive taken by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in protecting child rights and mainstreaming street children through basic living services, formal education and trainings.

Mr. Zaki Hasan

Advisor of DAM visited AMCC

Mr. Zaki Hasan, Advisor, Dhaka Ahsania Mission visited AMCC at Panchagarh on 17 January 2018. During his visit, he had meetings with children and staffs regarding different aspects of the programme interventions and asked updates of current progress of work. Assistant Director, Mr. Jahangir Hossain accompanied him during his visit.

Mr. Asaduzzaman

Head of DAM-DFED visited AMCC

Mr. Asaduzzaman, Head of DAM-DFED paid a visit to children's city at Panchagarh on 15 February 2018. He talked to children and staffs about ongoing activities. The objective of his visit was to assess the needs and possibility of launching micro-finance program among the children. He was happy to see the set up and management system. Md. SaifulAlam, Education Coordinator received him and answered questions about related matters.



Community support



Donation from Kedarnath Tea Company Limited

Kedarnath Tea Company Limited donated 300 full sleeve sweaters to AMCC children. A group of officials from the company visited AMCC on 07 January 2018 while they formally handed over the colorful sweaters to AMCC local management. Children were very happy to receive the sweaters.

Nutrition International Team Bangladesh

Nutrition International Team Bangladesh donated 300 new winter caps to the children of AMCC. The caps were donated to children in a ceremonious way on 18th January 2018. Nutrition International Country Representative



Mr. Zaki Hasan was present on the occasion of cap distribution.

Blankets donated by Mr. Forhad Reza

AMCC acknowledges the donation of 300 blankets from a benevolent individual Mr. Forhad Reza, Vice President of DAM-USA for the children of AMCC on 20 December 2018. The blankets were a great help for AMCC to abate the staunch cold of winter season.



Donation by Mr. Rafiqur Rahman Kajal



An individual donor Mr. Rafiqur Rahman Kajal, Vice Chairman of Innovative Knittex Ltd. donated 699 T-shirts for AMCC children on 07 January 2018. The children were very happy to receive the gifts from Mr. Rahman.

AMCC team members

AMCC has a group of highly committed and dedicated staffs working together in achieving goal of the project. Currently total number of staff is 36, out of them 6 are working at Dhaka office and the rest is attached to Panchagarh field office. During the reporting period, for satisfactory performance, Program Manager of AMCC has been promoted to Assistant Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Currently an experienced teaching faculty of 10 teachers led by Education Coordinator is responsible for teaching the primary school students. Five home mothers

are responsible to take care of the children. Four security guards, one support staff and two cooks are ensuring round the clock service to maintain security of AMCC premise, arrangement of nutritious foods and ensure hygiene for the children. There are one agriculture expert, one counselor and one paramedic working hard in their respective areas to bring a real change in the lives of AMCC children. Out of total 36 staffs, 25 are male and 11 are female which means 33 % of the total staff of AMCC is female. ■

Services by AMCC for children

Food & Nutrition

To ensure proper nutrition of the children AMCC's one of the prime focuses is it's food menu. A food committee of 5 members comprised of staff, children and a paramedic is responsible for ensuring nutritious food. While preparing the menu, fresh vegetables and fishes are procured from local kitchen market at daily basis. The head cook is assisted by two assistant cooks for preparation of foods for children and they work from early morning till 10 o'clock at night. Breakfast includes rice, vegetables, khichuri, handmade bread and potato fry. For lunch and dinner rice, curry of fish or chicken, lentil soup are served hot. However, the food menu is subject to change on availability of seasonal food stuffs in local market. Children have their meals sitting together in the dining hall on ground floor. Meals are served by the elderly children by turns with supervision of assigned staff. In Tiffin and afternoon snacks biscuits, fruits, puffed rice and fried chickpeas are given to children. Each month one day children are served improved diet. As children representatives are in the food committee, they can share children's choices about food items and preferences. In the winter season, floor mats are provided in the dining hall so that children can comfortably sit and have their meal.



Accommodations

The existing building of AMCC has all basic accommodation and utility services with a healthy environment for the children to live. There are 14 dormitory rooms most of those were class rooms at first then turned into dormitory to manage the accommodation. The rooms are located in different floors. Caregivers of AMCC are responsible to maintain the accommodation facilities available with help of other relevant staff. Children less than 11 are under caregivers while 12 and above are self managed. However, for increasing number of children, more places are required soon to accommodate all activities of the city.

Currently there is adequate number of double-decker beds accommodating 276 children of AMCC to adjust with the existing space. This will continue until the second building is completed to give more space for children. Now, it's a challenge for AMCC to give each child separate bed from the child rights perspective. Sometimes children have to share beds until additional beds are arranged when new children are admitted. Other challenges AMCC face are to ensure safe accommodation is when window panes are broken especially in winter season and chill wind enter the room before the repair work is done. Local management has initiated to replace Thai glass window frame with traditional grilled window to avoid frequently happened window crash. Floor mats are also provided for the children to give comfort at winter season.

Clothes

During the reporting period, 300 blankets, 275 sweaters, 100 pcs of bed sheets and 679 pieces of half and full sleeve T-shirts were provided to



children. Currently there is 350 blankets in the center and additional 300 quality blankets would be enough to fight against biting cold in the winter season. Children frequently suffer from cold sticken diseases. Warm clothes helped children to stay warm. In Bangladesh remotest northern part of the country especially Panchagarh is extremely cold because Mount Everest is 30 kilometers off to Panchagarh and during winter temperature goes below 5-6 degree celsius almost paralyzing normal life.



Success Story

Once homeless, Shamim has now two families



The life-story of Shamim Hossain (12) is a story of sanguinity for all the homeless and street children, bearing a life full of uncertainty. His story tells us how once a homeless street child is saved from vulnerability, given a decent childhood and at the end blessed with the best gift for a homeless child, 'reunited with his long lost family'.

Like most other children, at his early childhood, Shamim lived with his family comprising of his father, mother and an elder brother at the Kamrangirchar area of Dhaka city. Being a rickshaw puller it was hard for his father to run the family suavely, compelling Shamim and his brother to restrain them from fulfilling the infantile wishes. Despite being undeniably hard-up, they were a happy family with love and care for each other. But the felicity faded away with the sudden demise of Shamim's mother even before he was eight years old. Soon after his mother passes away, his father remarries and the step mother's attitude towards Shamim and his brother was fierce, worsening day by day. Shamim's young heart was full of despair, pressing for motherly love and care. One day, he left his home at the age of eight without knowing what was awaiting for him. After roaming around at the streets of Dhaka for some days, he was found by social workers of a development organization and was brought to one of its centre at Mirpur, Dhaka. From there AMCC brought him under its custody and sent him to the AMCC

center at Panchgarh district of Rangpur. It was 2014, a new phase of life begins for Shamim.

Shamim started to love the AMCC center soon after his arrival, since after a long time he was among so many children like him in a safe and happy place. It helped him to get back his normal childlike attitudes. Like other children at AMCC, he was provided with safe shelter, food, cloth, education, counseling including all other primal child right supports. He was loved by everyone for his good manner, caring, sharing and helpful attitude to others. In 2015 with other children he started studying in class one at AMCC School. Besides education he loved playing football and cricket with his friends, reading books and drawing pictures. Again his calm and steady life was at stake when he became seriously ill in 2016. He was brought to Ahsania Cancer and General Hospital at Dhaka and was identified with tuberculosis (pulmonary). With continuous treatment and care of AMCC staff, he slowly recovered nearly after two months. Shamim felt it as a second life for him and for the first time he expressed his desire to reunite with his family.

It's nearly four years, Shamim had left his family. When he tried to remember the name of the place where he lived, he struggled. AMCC staff started to find his family based on the clues given by him. It was hard for Shamim and AMCC staff to locate the area of Kamrangirchar where his family used to live. However, after ceaseless efforts, a communication was possible with his grandparents and then with his father. It was a miracle moment for Shamim and his family members when they reunited after a long time. Eyes full of tears, heart full of love Shamim was so happy, he immediately gave away few pennies he had with him to a beggar. Then in a shiny morning of January 2018, Shamim left AMCC, his second home to return to his 'family' his first home. As he said, **“Once homeless, now I have two families. I am feeling so blessed, can't express in my words.”**

Financial Statement

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)
Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC)
Integrated Development Program for Most Vulnerable & Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC)

Statement of Receipt & Payment

for the year ended 30 June 2018

Receipts	
Opening Balance:	
Cash in Hand	-
Cash at Bank	8,183,032
Fund Received from KNH	24,123,249
DAM Contribution Received	611,500
Bank Interest	99,523
Loan received from DAM	1,000,000
Advance Realized	11,670,556
Other Income	11,720
Total Receipts (BDT)	45,699,580
Payments	
Awareness & Child Development	168,489
Advocacy Meeting/ Seminar/Publicity/Monitoring & Evaluation	97,214
Organization Development(Office Maintainance)	1,209,941
Furniture Fixed Asset & Capital Item	152,420
Child Enrollment	79,958
Skill Development for Children	180,956
Training/Orientation of teachers/Cucurulam Development	171,605
School Material for Learners	460,459
Cloth and Liveries for Children	1,039,362
School & Hostel Furniture	992,050
Salary & Allowance	5,240,794
Children Food Medicine & Toilotries Cost	6,241,219
Community Participation/Socialization	37,815
Building Construction	11,205,395
Management Cost	259,216
Advance Payment	12,751,272
Accounts Payable paid	25,000
Opening Balance:	
Cash in Hand	-
Cash at Bank	5,386,415
Total Payments (BDT)	45,699,580

Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC)
Integrated Development Program for Most Vulnerable & Disadvantaged Street Children (MVDSC)

Statement of Income & Expenditure

for the year ended 30 June 2018

Income	
Fund Received from KNH	24,122,576
DAM Contribution Received	884,304
Bank Interest	99,523
Other Income	11,720
Total Income (BDT)	25,118,123
Expenditure	
Awareness & Child Development	168,489
Advocacy Meeting/ Seminar/Publicity/Monitoring & Evaluation	97,214
Organization Development(Office Maintainance)	1,209,941
Child Enrollment	79,958
Skill Development for Children	180,956
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School Material for Learners	460,459
Cloth and Liveries for Children	1,060,650
Salary & Allowance	5,254,059
Children Food Medicine & Toiltories Cost	6,241,219
Community Participation/Socialization	37,815
Management Cost	1,117,679
Depreciation	217,616
Total Expenditure (BDT)	16,297,660
Excess Income Over Expenditure	8,820,463
Total BDT	25,118,123



2nd Building of Ahsania Mission Children City

Ahsania Mission Children City is in implementation since 2014 with financial supports of KNH-Germany. The only existing five story residential building offers around 200 children that get to live comfortably while the figure sharply rose close to 300 and this excessive number of children cannot be afforded and treated properly.

Practically another fully residential building to cover growing number of children was in a dire need. In response to DAM proposal for a second building PNG finally agreed to fund. `Construction of 2nd Building of Ahsania Mission Children City` project being implemented by DAM and funded by Proctor & Gamble (PNG) through KNH-Germany. The five story fully residential 2nd building is under construction in a bid to accommodate additional 150 to 200 children in it. The construction work is fairly in good progress in line with the timeframe and is likely to be finished by end of February 2019. Engineering

unit of DAM has been working hard to meet the deadline. An overview of work in progress shows that brick work is almost finished and ceiling plaster, electrical works, and sanitary works will be followed. Despite growing crisis, of labor shortage, lack of standard quality construction materials and environmental threats particularly during floods when major infrastructures are under water, the overall construction work is steadily in progress.

Children are already very enthusiastic and happy to see a new 5 story residential building under construction just 30 meters ahead of the old one. The new building has about 27000 square feet of total area. It has spacious dormitory rooms, prayer room, space for indoor games and recreation rooms. Interior design of the building has been proposed by a group of experts ensuring child protection concerns in the interior decoration of the building.





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