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Assessing Impacts of Kazi Shahid Foundation

The previous KSF impact evaluation was done in 2012. It is high time to complete a new evaluation after 5 years.

a. **Impact Evaluation Survey and Training for the Data Collectors:** An extensive survey of 500 households was conducted for the evaluation of KSF programs on the beneficiaries and how their livelihoods have been changed after becoming the members of KSF. A structured questionnaire was prepared on economic status, access and mobility for women, ownership of assets and gender violence, social infrastructure development and resilience. One on one interviews were done for the survey to assess the impact on the personal level, leading to the family and overall to the community level. The survey was carried out in March 5-10, 2018.



Training for Data Collectors

KSF had organized a day long training session for the data collectors and KSF personnel who did the interview of the members. The data collectors appointed from the local community within the areas so that they could communicate easily. All KSF beneficiaries are women, to connect with them, and to collect gender-sensitive information, all female data collectors were appointed. Another objective to involve local youth for this purpose was to give them some experiences and earnings during their study break.



Health and Nutrition Survey

b. **Assessing Impact of KSF on Health and Nutrition:** Another survey is going on simultaneously for assessing the impact of KSF Dairy Program on mother and child health and nutrition status. For this purpose a total of 300 households are interviewed, where 200 are KSF members and 100 non-KSF members with children under 5 years of age. The main goal for this survey is to evaluate the consumption of milk and better diet can improve a mother and her child's health, which eventually will give a healthy and better future generation.

International Women's Day Observation

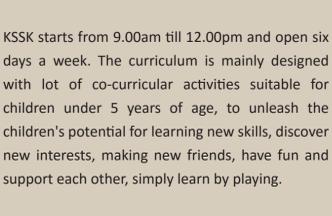


International Women's Day Observation

08 March 2018, was celebrated as the International Women's Day and this year's theme for the day was "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". Rural women ensure food security for their communities, build climate resilience and strengthen economies. Yet, gender inequalities, such as discriminatory laws and social norms, combined with a fast-changing economic, technological and environmental landscape restrict their full potential, leaving them far behind (UN Women). Kazi Shahid Foundation works specifically with rural women for their social and economic empowerment.

KSF management team observed the International Women's Day with the members and discussed about their rights in the society and encouraged them to send their daughters for better education to school with their sons.

New KSSK Branch Opening



New Branch of Kazi Shahid Shikshon Kendro (KSSK)

A new branch of Kazi Shahid Shikshon Kendro (KSSK), a pre-primary school has opened at Tetulia under Rawshanpur branch with 25 new students from May, 2018.

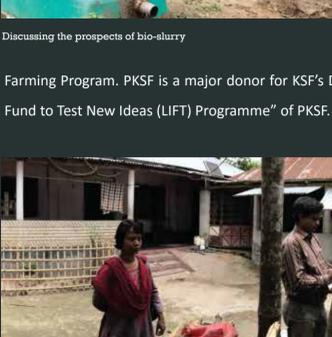
The main objective of KSSK is to promote learning and development of young children, to grow interest in school environment and formal education for them.

KSSK starts from 9.00am till 12.00pm and open six days a week. The curriculum is mainly designed with lot of co-curricular activities suitable for children under 5 years of age, to unleash the children's potential for learning new skills, discover new interests, making new friends, have fun and support each other, simply learn by playing.



Students of New KSSK Branch

PKSF Visit and Bioslurry Processing Demonstration



Discussing the prospects of bio-slurry

KSF was invited by the Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) to attend a meeting on "Bio Digester Slurry Management" held on 29 March, 2018 at PKSF Bhaban. As a follow-up of the meeting outcome, PKSF visited KSF's Research and Development facility where a successful bioslurry processing demonstration was conducted on April 26, 2018.

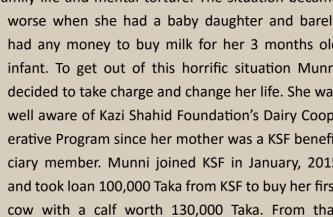
PKSF representative visited KSF's different beneficiaries' household to see the progress of the Dairy Farming Program. PKSF is a major donor for KSF's Dairy Farming Program under the "Learning and Innovation Fund to Test New Ideas (LIFT) Programme" of PKSF.



Successful Dairy Farm Visit by PKSF Official

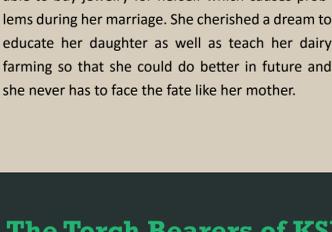
Champion's March: Munki Begum

Mst. Munki Begum, a child bride who struggled through her way to gain approval from her in-laws. She is now a successful dairy farmer and has voice in the family to make decisions. Munki got married when she was about 12 years old, a student of class five with her maternal cousin. It is very common in Bangladeshi rural society that the marriage of two cousins are decided when they are very young by their parents or grandparents. Her marriage was decided by her grandfather as she and her husband both were the only child of their parents. As Munki was too young her parents decided to send her to the in-laws house when she would be 15 years old and with a dowry of fifty thousand taka (equivalent to 35 grams of gold). When she came to her in-laws' house with the dowry her mother-in-law was not happy with the amount of money that was decided earlier and demanded one lakh taka as the current value of 35 grams of gold had risen. This issue was causing a huge turmoil in her family life and mental torture. The situation became worse when she had a baby daughter and barely had any money to buy milk for her 3 months old infant. To get out of this horrific situation Munki decided to take charge and change her life. She was well aware of Kazi Shahid Foundation's Dairy Cooperative Program since her mother was a KSF beneficiary member. Munki joined KSF in January, 2015 and took loan 100,000 Taka from KSF to buy her first cow with a calf worth 130,000 Taka. From that moment she never had to look back. She had successfully repaid her loan, and then took her second loan (worth 100,000 taka) and after repaying the second loan currently she is on her third tenure



Munki inside her dairy farm

(worth 120,000 Taka). Moreover, when she learned about KSF's Biogas Program and the benefits of it, she persuaded her family members and installed a fiberglass biogas plant. Currently, Munki is a proud owner of a dairy farm with six cows and calves worth 535,000 Taka. She can now feed her family well, lives well and works relentlessly towards her dream. Munki finds herself in the walkway to economical emancipation and eventually she is able to buy jewelry for herself which causes problems during her marriage. She cherished a dream to educate her daughter as well as teach her dairy farming so that she could do better in future and she never has to face the fate like her mother.

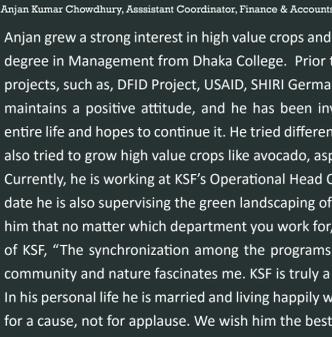


Munki's biogas stoves that burn without smoking



Delighted Munki while Talking about future

The Torch Bearers of KSF: Anjan Kumar Chowdhury



Anjan Kumar Chowdhury, Assistant Coordinator, Finance & Accounts

In this issue, the Kazi Shahid Foundation (KSF) would like to recognize Mr. Anjan Kumar Chowdhury, Assistant Coordinator, Accounts and Finance, for his skillful efforts and commitment to the organization. Anjan has joined at the Kazi Shahid Foundation (KSF) in November 2015, and was given the responsibility of KSF Savar branch which mainly involves in organic produces, as the branch manager for his previous experiences and expertise on organic farming practices.

Being the youngest between two brothers and raised in the fertile land of Mithapukur, Rangpur and farming in the hands of his father, Anjan is a master degree in Management from Dhaka College. Prior to join KSF, he worked for various national and international projects, such as, DFID Project, USAID, SHIRI German Health, CLP and Kazi Farms Group. He is hard-working and maintains a positive attitude, and he has been involved in and around agricultural activities throughout his entire life and hopes to continue it. He tried different innovative concepts of farming practices, like hydroponics, also tried to grow high value crops like avocado, asparagus and strawberries, etc. Currently, he is working at KSF's Operational Head Quarter in Panchagarh, besides keeping KSF's accounts up to date he is also supervising the green landscaping of the new office premise. His time here at the KSF has shown him that no matter which department you work for, everyone here is a part of one big community. Anjan's view of KSF, "The synchronization among the programs of Kazi Shahid Foundation and the harmony between the community and nature fascinates me. KSF is truly a unique family."

In his personal life he is married and living happily with their 3 years old son. Anjan's philosophy of life is to work for a cause, not for applause. We wish him the best for his future endeavors with Kazi Shahid Foundation.

Conferences and Presentations



"Global SDG7 Conference 2018" at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand

Research and Development Manager of KSF had attended the "Global SDG7 Conference 2018" at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. On 21-23 February 2018, a global SDG 7 Conference in support of the review of Sustainable Development Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, at the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development was held in Bangkok, at The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), bringing together key stakeholders from Governments, UN system, the private sector, and civil society.



International Conference on Sustainable Engineering and Technology (IconSET2018), organized by ACS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, India

A paper titled, An Innovative Approach towards Sustainable Energy in Rural Bangladesh, was presented at the International Conference on Sustainable Engineering and Technology (IconSET2018), organized by ACS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, India held on April 19th-20th, 2018.

Program Highlights

5,856
Current Loanee

So Far
1.9 Million
Liters Milk Collected from the Cooperative and Brought About Better Nutrition for Kids

Monthly Household Income Reached
2,843 BDT
(33.63 USD)

New Interventions:
20
Fiberglass Biogas Plants Installed &
252
Bull Rearing Loans Distributed

Employment Generation
36,000+
in Panchagarh Area

30 Million
Kg of Cow Dung has been used for transforming the landscape of Bangladesh's only organic tea garden, Kazi & Kazi Tea Estate

Cumulative Savings Balance in BDT
12 Million+

So Far
162 Batches
Got Training on Dairy Farming and Vermi Composting

Decreased Mortality Rate:
For Cow From 1.92% (2016) to
0.74%

For Calf From 3.61% (2016) to
1.10%