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## ► DIRECTOR MESSAGE

It is now thirty one years that Uttaran has been working for the development of the people. Since its inception in 1985, in a small village of Jatpur, a remote village in Southwest Bangladesh, Uttaran has been fighting to establish a society with gender, caste and class equality. Today we have successfully expanded our activities to 205 more Unions of 40 Upazilas under 13 different districts. In these three decades.



Uttaran, throughout its journey, has fought to ensure that the landless people get the access to the state owned khaslands. Till date, we have successfully facilitated the process of Khasland distribution among 35,350 landless families living in Southwest Bangladesh.

In the Southwest region of the country, severe food insecurity persist and at the same time the economy here is completely based on agriculture. Uttaran therefore has always given a special emphasis for the establishment of sustainable agriculture, based on the natural settings.

Along with cyclones, monsoon flood and human induced water logging occurs in almost every year and has increased the suffering of the local people immensely. Uttaran has therefore taken numerous unique initiatives to address these issues which are based on the local people's knowledge. One of the biggest achievements of Uttaran is advocating the implementation of the Tidal River Management (TRM) which is now being adopted by the national policy makers to deal with the issues of water logging and climate change in this region.

We are highly motivated to enhance the capacity of our nation and thus our special concern is towards the youth. Therefore to enhance their capacity and enable them to become self dependent, we are supporting two primary schools, one high school, two colleges, three technical schools and youth forum.

2015-2016 was an eventful year and I am privileged to present this Annual Report to all our stakeholders. I would like to thank our beneficiaries who have helped Uttaran fulfill our dreams to establish an equal and just society. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every staff of Uttaran whose dedication and commitment for the organization makes it unique. Last but not the least, I would like to thank all our development partners whose financial and technical supports and motivation inspired Uttaran throughout our journey.

**Shahidul Islam**  
Director





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# ▶ RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMME

## APARAJEO Project

(APARAJEO-Access to Public Resources by Asserting Rights and Justice for Economic Opportunities)

Khas land (State land) that can be allocated to the poor landless people which could help in poverty reduction.

With support of MJF-DFID the project is supporting directly and indirectly 10,650 families, including 44,000 landless people, while 3,500 families will get access to 2,800 acres of both land and water bodies and 50% of the families will get the chance to diversify and increase their income sources.

A total 1,245 landless families have been rehabilitated by the Government Khasland and water bodies. Among them, 441 families received 33748 acres of land, out of which are 43 female-lead families, while 455 landless fishermen families received 526.65 acres of water bodies and 349 families received 202.12 acres of khas land. A total 4474 beneficiaries have received Government social safety net assistance (VGD, VGF Old Age Allowance, Widow Allowance, Disability Allowance, etc), 1,271 beneficiaries have received 100 days work allowance, 560 women have been made self-employed and also received the opportunity for paid work.

### Government provided khas land has changed Jamila Khatun's life

Jamila, now leading a prosperous and happy life, lives with her husband and son. A day labourer 12 years ago, she is now financially stable and has a successful household due to her access to khas land. Jamila Khatun has achieved all this with Uttaran's help

and now she is self-employed, has her own house and spends most of her time working on her water bodies and looking after her family.

Jamila got married there, with Rezaul Molla. A labourer by profession, Rezaul could bring food to the table when he got work while starving the days without work. The couple had a child but in order to have a daughter, they had two further child, all of them sons, and Rezaul worked day and night to feed his 3 sons.

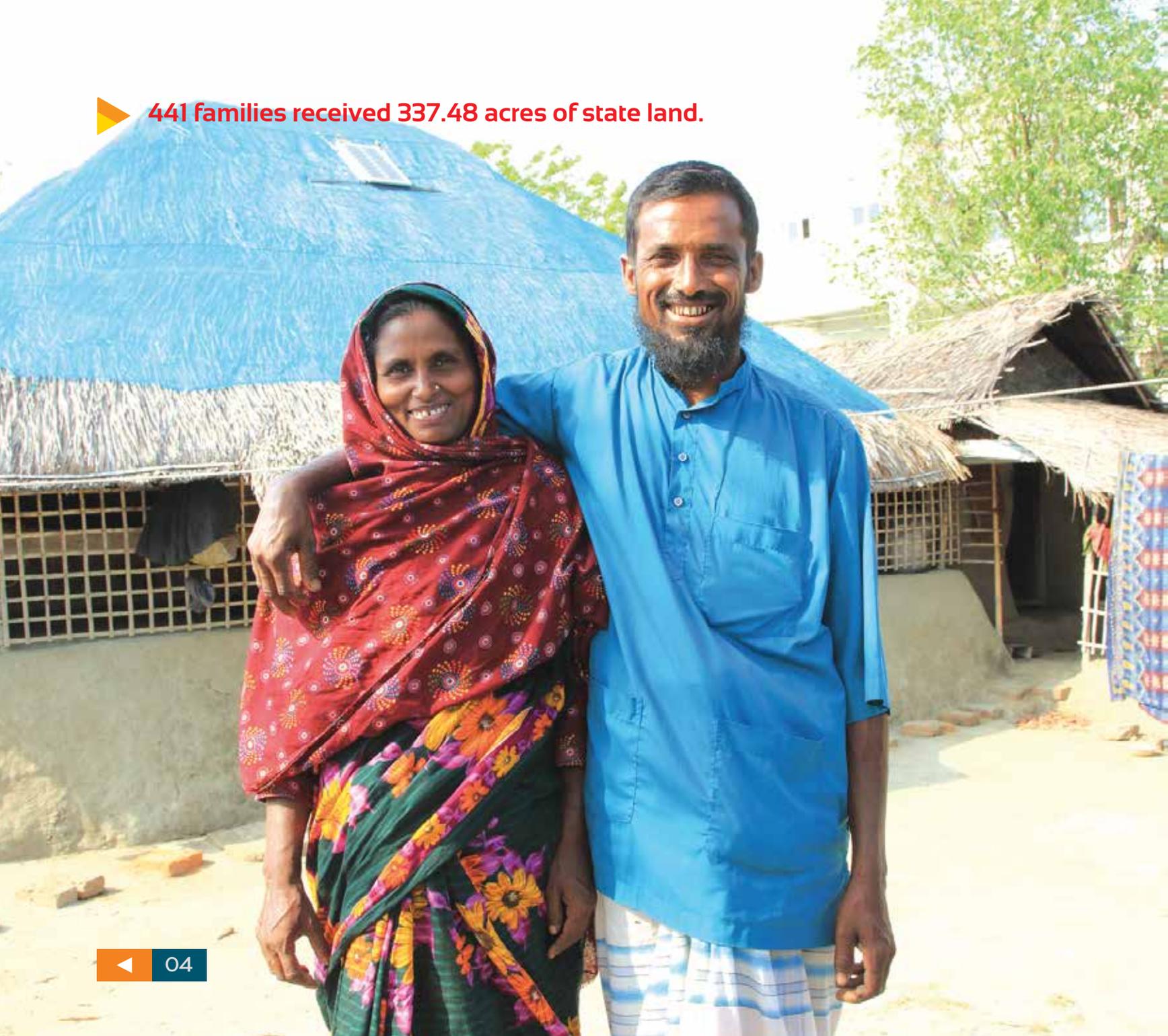
When they got the news about the khasland allocation by government, they tried to enlist their name under the landless list. However it was so tap and struggling for them. Finally Uttaran stood beside them, they enlisted as landless, applied for khasland and finally got allocation of 70 decimals of khasland.

## Sustainable Access to Land Equality Project

With the help of the European Union, Uttaran has implementing the "Sustainable Access to Land Equality" project. SALE partners are taking the main responsibility of the public awareness of vulnerable land owners, capacity support to make the vulnerable land owners sensitive land administration, participatory khasland selection process. In addition, SALE will document the good practices, learning and challenges of land reform.



▶ 441 families received 337.48 acres of state land.



A total 2496 women, 1270 widow, 3,840 extreme poor, 349 religious minority and 39 disabled have gotten legal legitimacy (registration/record) of their land as part of the pilot project in three upazilas. Partnership with Department of Land Records and Surveys under Ministry of Land, Kadaster, the Netherlands and Cadasta Foundation, USA have been developed and working.

**Sufiya Begum**, 45, is a childless divorcee who earns a low income as a housemaid in Chokkalipur, Jamalpur. Sufiya received 0.75 decimals of land from her brother following their father's death, but their relationship turned sour when she realised she was entitled to more.

"I have been living with my brother on our parents' land for a long time. My brother gave me a small house, where I reside."

"When I came to know about my warish rights to my father's land for the first time, I told my brother to give me my share. My brother got angry and annoyed, and he beat me. He was saying 'I already gave you a house, why do you need this land in your name?' My brother was in no way ready to share this land but I continued to argue that if my sisters and I were entitled to be the sharers of this land, then he had to give it to us."

"I mentioned all this to Uttaran, and asked her support. With the assistance of Uttaran, Bondona forwarded our case to the government officer, telling him that my brother was depriving us of our father's land by force. My name and those of my sisters were included in the khatian during the attestation phase. After this my brother again shouted at me and scolded me; he also tried to omit our names from the record. But he could not do it."

"Uttaran gave me an existence. Without them, acquiring this land was out of the question. I was not aware about my rights to my father's land and I did not have such courage to stand up to my brother.

## SEMPTI

With support of UKAID and SDC, Uttaran supported 33,000 ultra poor households of south-western Bangladesh in order to bring out them from extreme poverty through accessing Khasland/khas water bodies and assets. At a glance achievement in the reporting year is given below:

Sl.	Classification of Land received by the BHHs	Number of BHHs	Acres of Khasland	Women and men ratio in case of access to khasland
1.	Permanent	1005	242.12	50 : 50
2.	Temporary (DCR)	1211	217.98	35 : 65
3.	Water bodies	140	174.96	02 : 98
Total:		2356	635.06	

In the reporting year, the project was able to transfer assets to 539 households in eight categories mainly in small business, transport (Rickshaw van) Livestock, beef fattening and cow rearing, crop based agricultural, fish culture, boat and net.

## Community Legal Services in the Southwest Bangladesh (CLASSBd) Project

With the financial support of the DFID through Maxwell Stamp PLC, British Council and CIDR, Uttaran is implementing community legal services in the southwest Bangladesh (CLASSBd) project since 2014. A total of 4,320 legal awareness courtyard meetings have been held, in which 151,798 people were participated.





A total 2,496 women, 1270 widow, 3,840 extreme poor, 349 religious minority and 39 disabled have gotten legal legitimacy (registration/record) of their land.

A total 103 bimonthly meetings with upazila and union Legal Aid Committee while 12 meetings were held with District Legal Aid committee. This resulted in 354 complains, 1,288 legal information and 1,911 legal counselings being provided. Total 1,395 arbitrations are conducted where 402 women are supported. Till now, 113 negotiations have been completed by these arbitrator committee, by which 1,352 people were helped. 41 disputes were sent to the District Legal Aid Committee along with 190 follow up completed.

Additionally, legal assistance was given to the landless people on 20 cases in the lower court and 2 cases at high court.

**"Arocha Khatun** is now happy with her husband after the Arbitrator session"

Arocha Khatun, 32 years from Godara Village, Shobhanali Union, got married to Abul Shon's son Md. Jahangir Hossain fifteen years ago in presence of both families. They have one son and two daughters within the seven years. Due to poverty, her husband used to abuse her both physically and mentally to get dowry, and unable to suffer any longer she was forced to go back to her father.

Finally, on 10/05/2016, Arocha was seriously injured and had to get admitted to the Assasuni hospital. Accordingly, her mother visited Uttaran's Shobhnali Union's temporary Legal Aid Office and shared her problems with the legal advisors there. On the grounds of the complaint, Uttaran's Legal Aid Program's Lawyer provided notices to both sides and both were present at Uttaran's Satellite Legal Aid Clinic. They listened to the complains and statements of both sides and on behalf of the welfare of Arocha's children, they settled the dispute stating some terms and conditions. Now, Arocha is back with her husband, living happily.

## **Sustaining Capacity building of the grassroots people of the southwest Bangladesh for defending, claiming and exercising rights Project**

With the funding support of Germany's Misereor, Uttaran has been working in 26 unions, providing legal aid, skill training and advocating with lawmakers on local issues relating to poor peoples. Member of 661 primary organisations, 26 union and upazila federation were received training and 55 journalists are orientated. During the reporting period, dialogue sessions are arranged where combat child marriage and eve teasing are discussed among 2,058 students. Communication materials such as 6,000 leaflets are printed and distributed. Along with that 21 bimonthly legal clinics are organised, support to 16 cases are provided, winter clothes for 40 accused, and sanitary napkins to 30 accused women in Sathkhira Jail are provided.

## **Strengthening Civic Engagement in Elections and Political Processes for Enhanced Transparency and Democratic Accountability Project**

Uttaran as a member of National Forum "Election Working Group" consisting of 29 Civil Society Organizations to create public awareness and observe the election process. On the 30th December, 2015, Municipality Elections were held throughout the country. During the election, as a EWG, a volunteer team observed the Kolaroya and Sathkhira municipality elections. Uttaran did vote observation in Jalalpur Union, ward 2 and 4 of the Kolaroya upazila's Joynogor Union, and the ward 7 of the Kolaroya municipality.

Uttaran in collaboration with Nobolok and Rupantar held a workshop on Political Financing.

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# ► CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAMME

## Case Study 1: Revival of Motherchok Canal

Motherchok is one of the villages in Ysharipur Union in Satkhira District. On the southwest side of the village lays the Motherchok canal which provides the only way for drainage for the rain water during the monsoon season. For the last 3 decades, it has become filled with silt and turned into a flat land. The local people used to cultivate crops in the canal area. This resulted in waterlogging conditions during the monsoon since the rain water could not be drained and thus 600 hectares of paddy fields of Motherchok, Dhumghat, Shiltola and Pachbariya villages went under water while farmers faced problems regarding the cultivation of Boro rice during the dry season due to the unavailability of water for irrigation.

Under the project, 700 beneficiaries were selected and under the Money for work program, they re-excavated 1.5 kms of the canal's to connect it with the Aiburi River. This has saved 600 hectares of paddy fields as well has saved 1,500 families from waterlogging conditions and also increased the cultivation of Boro rice. During the dry season, 150 families could irrigate their Boro paddy fields while 700 families could cultivate vegetables around their house. At present, 1,600 families are living by fishing in the canal and has also provided jobs for unemployed day-labourers from surrounding areas.

## Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project

To provide an alternate income source for the forest dependent poor families, Uttaran is implementing a project with support of the Government of Bangladesh and Work Bank under the climate change resilience fund. During the reporting period, a total 1,777 households received loan without interest, and each family got 15 thousand taka as loan. Moreover, 2,400 families were provided with vegetable seeds and 49,500 seedlings and Uttaran helped the members to make a saving of 29,30,176 taka total. To solve the lack of safe drinking water, 25 deep tube wells were put in place and 3,264 were provided with training on agriculture, poultry, fishing, boutique, handicrafts and bamboo cultivation to provide them with a safe transition to a new source of income.

## Child Resilience Project

With the partnership with the Save The Children, organisation worked to reduce child-centric disaster risk. The families of 920 students of 10 school were participated to develop a disaster management plan, 10 guardian meetings were held and eco-friendly "bondhuchula" (special stoves) were distributed to 314 families. A total two Disaster Resource Centre were established and 60 volunteers were trained on first aid, search and rescue.



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A action research was carried out on salt tolerant agriculture with the technical support of North South University in Danganlota and Aaroshnogor village in Tala upazila and Poddopukur village in Koyra upazila. The cultivation of Chinese date along with companion crops in the same field has helped farmers make more profit. The farmers are still carrying on this cultivation despite the completion of the project.

## **Enhancing Resilience (ER) to Disasters and the Effects of Climate Change Project**

With the funding and technical assistance from Local Government Engineering Department of GoB and World Food Programme, Uttaran of conducted Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and native level planning. A total of 19 schemes including nine in Shyamnagar and ten in Assasuni upazila were implemented. Through 100 days' work, a total 5,000 beneficiaries were participated in these schemes and resulted in the construction of 3 canals and 7 embankment dams and the reconstruction of 9 roads in the area. The beneficiaries of Shyamnagar upazila received a total of 2,39,55,000 taka through the Money for Training scheme.

A total 2,432 people were supported under the Early Recovery-ER program. Each of the beneficiary received a one-time grant of 12 thousand taka and also received 500 taka every month for monthly living expense.

## **Sustainable River Basin Management (SRBM) adapting climate change in the Southwest Bangladesh**

During the reporting period, Uttaran facilitated 4 Upazila Water Committees and Central Water Committee as well as 3 River Basin Committees in order to organise public gatherings, press conferences, human chains, idea exchange meetings and workshops.

A memorandum was sent to the Honourable Prime Minister through the local member of parliament to provide proper planning on silt management in all rivers. A total 1000 posters and 3,000 leaflets were printed and distributed. On behalf of the project, 105 families were given assistance regarding their livelihood and financial support was given to 10 people for weaving fishing net, 20 for handicrafts, 15 for snail business, 25 for duck rearing, 20 or irrigation and 15 small business in the area.

## **Supporting the Government TRM Project in order to stop water logging in the Kapotakkho river**

A total 4 water committee have been formed consists of 94 peoples in order to support the project activities of the Pakhimara TRM areas. Uttaran did the survey and created the list of 2,037 landowners in the subsequent areas. Uttaran helped these marginal poor farmers in mutation financially, while 34 application were submitted.



**3 acres of khasland (state land) were filled with earth to provide 34 houses with concrete floors and bamboo fence.**



Additionally, Three acres of khasland (state land) were filled with earth to provide 34 houses with concrete floors and bamboo fence, costing 8,84,008 taka while the Government provided solar panels for these houses.

### **Uttaran IDCOL Advanced Stove (ICS) Program**

With the funding of the World Bank, IDCOL and Uttaran implementing advanced Stove Program to decrease the workload of women, improve health condition, reduction of air pollution, reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses (esp. Carbon Dioxide and Methane). Under this project, 6,000 Advanced Stoves were produced under 2 clusters (Dumuriya and Paikgacha upazila) in the Khulna District.

### **Immediate Recover Support for the Flood and Waterlogged affected families - 2015**

Uttaran, with the financial help of MISEREOR, created the Immediate Recover Support for the Flood and Waterlogged affected families - 2015 program for the period of Jan - Dec 2016 and helped 645 cyclone Komen affected families in Tala and Kolaroya upazila.

Under the project, 100 families had their homes reconstructed while 20 new houses had been partially completed which resulted in helping against winter related illnesses, in moving to new houses from shelters. Under the project, 8,000 taka was given to 35 families as grants for their micro businesses, 12,000 to 25 families for purchasing rickshaws and vans while 25 families got 5,000

taka to recover their handicraft business. A total 200 families were provided with 200 taka per day for 25 days on basis of earth work on roads.

### **Scaling up inclusive resilience amongst waterlogged communities in Southwestern Bangladesh**

With the financial support of the Islamic Relief Bangladesh, Uttaran has implemented the Scaling up inclusive resilience amongst waterlogged communities in Southwestern Bangladesh project in 11 Unions of the Assasuni upazila. This program helps in ward level Community Risk Assessment, approving Union and upazila level CRA and RRAP, creating and recreating Ward, Union and Upazila Disaster Management Committee as well as holding meetings for them and also holding meetings for Small scale mitigation program, Community Based Disaster Preparedness and Livelihood Training.

### **Adaptive Early Recovery in Waterlog Areas of South-western Bangladesh in Sathhira District**

With the help of UNDP, Uttaran has established the Adaptive Early Recovery in Waterlog Areas. A total 7530 people are being assisted including 450 members of union and upazila disaster management committee, civil society, government departments, youth club were received training on water management. Uttaran facilitated 2 dialogue sessions in Tala and Sathhira Sadar upazila, staged 12 street theatres in 6 Unions and created a GIS map of the Pakhimara river basin.



Provided 3,676 families with 514.68 tons of rice, a total 140 kg each of the household.

## ► HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMME

### Bringing tangible and sustainable changes in the WASH status of Tala upazila in Satkhira district

With the support of Simavi, Netherlands, Uttaran has been implementing the WASH programme with 6,750 households. A total 270 village WASH committees arranged 1,350 monthly meeting. The project conducted 02 quarterly meeting of Upazila Paani Committee, 2 linkage and networking workshop with Microfinance Institutions, 2 learning sharing meeting. The project has set up 5 step latrines (community based), 3 Shallow Tube-Well with Arsenic & Iron Removal Plant (AIRP). The project has provided interest free loan of BDT 50,000 to each of 5 entrepreneurs for expanding their existing business to produce more quality products for meeting the community demand of the project area.

### SAFAL Project

the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the Solidaridad Network Asia, has been supporting Uttaran, that has supported 34,273 micro, mid-level and landless farmers to ensure durable agricultural production, food security, and create market connections in seven upazilas of 3 Districts. As a result of project, a total 22,066 farmers were received training on advanced fishing techniques.

Product Name	Current Production (Ton/Hectare)	Production Increase
Shrimp	0.39	60%
Prawn	0.4	33.33%
Tilapia	12.23	80%

A total 6,481 farmers were received training on vegetable production.

Product Name	Current Production (Ton/Hectare)	Production Increase
Cucumber	36.58	18%
Bitter Melon	25	21.35%
Tomato	23.08	83.17%
Brinjal	23.8	29.28%

A total 5,726 farmers were received training on fruit production. Moreover, 59 demos were created and showed on different technologies for milk production. Currently, local cow breeds provide 2.2 litres of milk and Shankar cow breeds provide 5.68 liters of milk which show 154.78% increase respectively.

To enable farmers to get a fair prices on their vegetables, fruits, milk, vegetable and fruit stores, 3 fish and 2 milk purchasing stores were established





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in Dumuria, Kolaroya, Paikgacha and Debhata upazilas. The figures sold by these centre include 1483.90 tons of vegetable and fruits, 127.15 ton of fish and 16994 kilo litres of milk while 10 tons of mangoes were sold in country and out of country like Italy, France, England and Germany.

Uttaran facilitated the behavioral change communication amongst family members of beneficiaries, 49 nutrition volunteers received training and educating 31,278 members on the importance of food and nutrition, breast feeding and child care. Total 12 adolescent clubs were built to enable mental development and socialization of the community members while 4,333 students from 42 schools were received training on the food, nutrition and hygiene.

### Story of a successful farmer

Kanai Mahaldar (33), father - Nirapod Mahaldar, is a shrimp farmer in Ghonamadardanga village of Khulna. He used to farm in the conventional method but failed to achieve his desired production goals due to the shrimps dying of different illnesses. In 2014, he became part of the SAFAL project and with it's help, he farmed good quality fingerlings. He also inspected his farm by the help of field organizers and lead farmers and took their suggestions. At the end of the season, he got 325 kgs of Shrimps and 130 kgs of fish from 5,4450 sq. feet of land and an investment of 1,67,150 taka which had a market price of 2,80,765 taka resulting in a 68% profit. This was like a dream to him and sold off his shrimps through the project collection centre which

provided him with fair prices. For his achievements, he was awarded as the best farmer in Khulna.

### FOOD BANK

During the crisis and lean season, Uttaran provides food at a lower cost compared to the market. Each member can take a loan up to 130 kgs of rice and has to give back an extra of 5% as interest to tackle the problems of warehousing which include the loss of weight of rice due to warehousing, transport or rodents.

In the 2015-16 fiscal year, 15 Food Banks have been established and provided 3,676 families with 514.68 tons of rice, a total 140 kg each of the household. A total 3,676 families got a total of 514.68 tons of rice was given through 15 food banks. Due to this aid, the families did not have to starve and could get enough nutrition. Moreover, children could carry out their education and families did not need any loans neither did they need to buy food at high prices. It is notable, the food bank has given a total 2146.35 tons of food to 15,331 families since inception.

### Bangladesh Dairy Enhancement Project (BDEP)

Uttaran, with the support from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Land and Lakes International Development, Minnesota, facilitated the Bangladesh Dairy Enhancement Project (BDEP) in 15 upazilas. During the reporting period, a total 22 mini agri-business entrepreneurs were selected who are responsible in providing advanced granulated foods, grass, inputs and suggestions to 2,640 farmers of 22 villages. These entrepreneurs





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were provided with supplies worth tk 2 lacs as aid including 1000 kgs of advanced granulated foods, financial support for lease of grass production land, good quality seeds, organic fertilizers, power trawlers for cultivation, fodder chopping machine, PH meters for checking land fertility, weight machines, vans, irrigation pumps for grasslands.

With the establishment of 30 Village Milk Chilling/Collection Centre by BRAC and Monowara Dairy Foundation, beneficiaries are easily sell their milk at a fixed rate.

### **Advancing Sustainable Indigenous Agriculture across Southwest Bangladesh (ASIA) Project**

With the financial support of MISEREOR, Germany, the ASIA project in Satkhird's Tala Sadar Union and Tetuliya Union where 2,000 marginal farmers formed in groups in 11 villages.

During 2015-16 year, 2 seed fairs were held on District and upazila level where 227 kinds of seeds were exhibited. On the other hand, 2 local food festival and during harvest time, 2 field days were celebrated. A total 15 farmers have been awarded for cultivating local breeds of paddy and 150 were given financial support for cultivation of their lands. Now, the farmers under the project are producing good quality vegetable and rice seeds and distributing it for free among themselves. The farmers are using organic pest control methods now and therefore have helped in sustaining the environment.

### **Story of Khodeja**

Khodeja Begum, wife of Wasim Sheikh of Joala, Tala, Satkhira, is one of the group leader of primary organisation. With a family of seven members including three school going children and old mother-in-law, both husband and wife worked as day labourers but were unable to make ends meet. Now, her husband is ill and as the bread earner of the whole family, she cannot make ends meet through day labour.



Uttaran provides training on indigenous seed based agriculture and shares experiences as part of the weekly team meeting. Using these experiences and gathered knowledge under the program, she has started cultivation on her 14375 sq. feet of land and on her back yards of different species of plants and based on the season, she gets Zucchini, Beans, pumpkins, gourds, potatoes, Alocasia indica, red spinach, Green leaf, turmeric, green pumpkins, Boutuin Spinach, Gadoka Spinach, Basella, Cowpea, tomato, green chili, eggplant, cauliflower, balsam pear as well as 22 different species of vegetables. Therefore, she does not need buy vegetables from the market and the vegetables she produced can fulfill the needs of her family. She can sell the surpluses off to finance her children's education and her family needs.





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## EDUCATION

### **Sishutirtha Primary School**

To provide modern and good quality education to the children, Uttaran has established an exceptional educational institute called, "Sishutirtha". School dropout rate is zero, 20-25% of the children are able to compete and awarded for Government scholarships.

At present, 284 students are studying from Playgroup to grade 5 with 8 classrooms, office and 8 experienced teachers. For safe transportation of the students, the school has provided with 1 minibus and 2 engine vans. According to the survey from the school, 68% of the students of this school are from ultra poor families out of which 20% is from the Dalit caste.

Till now, 98% of the students were able to pass the Primary School Certificate- PSC exam from the school which was high compared to other schools in the area and 78 students have awarded for scholarships in five years (2010-2015).

### **SAMOKAL**

During the beginning of the 80's, Mr. Shahidul Islam, director of Uttaran, had took initiative to establish the SAMOKAL higher secondary school to provide education to disadvantaged society of Tala upazila.

At present the school has 529 students (i.e. 334 male and 145 female), including 423 students in

secondary and 106 are in primary section. In 2015, 486 students took part in the yearly exam while 461 passed successfully. From 1988 to 2016, a total of 908 students passed the SSC examination from this school and have gone onto study further while others are employed in government and non-government offices.

A total 67 took part in the SSC examination in 2016 with a pass rate of 100% including 5 students got A+, 24 students got A.

### **Shaheed Muktijoddha Mohabiddaloy**

Uttaran's director established Shaheed Muktijoddha Mohabiddaloy (higher secondary college) in Tala Upazila of Satkhira district. Currently 430 students are studying in HSC level and 204 students are studying in BA, BSS and BBA level and 239 students are in honors level.

The college has a forum which is known as Peace Forum and through this they get a platform for actively taking part in different social activities. This forum was formed and still supported by Dr. Nabukastu Ishikawa, a Japanese doctor. Another Japanese retired businessman Y. Takeshima provides scholarship for 33 poor and meritorious students.





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## Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP)

Uttaran has established 2 Technical Education Centre i.e. Parulia and Chuknagar in 1989-90. In these centre, trade courses on Automobiles, Welding, Tailoring, Electrical, Agricultural Farming and Carpentry, and ICT (Introducing Computer Training) are deliver. At the end of the training students get employed themselves while Uttaran also helps in providing them with jobs in different organizations. At present, Uttaran has started the Skills for Employment Investment Program with the help of PKSF. A total 350 students will be trained on these 5 trades. The figures of this project in June 2016 are the following:

Sl.	Training Centre	Automobile		Welding and Fabrication		Fashion Garments		IT Support	
		Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved
1.	Uttaran - Shimato Technical Training Centre	25	25	0	0	50	50	0	0
2.	Uttaran - Tala Technical Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
3.	Uttaran - Chuknagar Technical Training Centre	0	0	25	25	25	25	0	0

## School Feeding Programme

Directorate of Primary Education of Bangladesh has started the School Feeding Program in the poverty affected areas where Uttaran is supporting in 131 schools in 12 Unions including Jhikargacha upazila along with Women Job Creation Centre. A total 35,372 students including 17,519 girls and 17,853 boys from 131 primary schools in the Jhikargacha upazila were provided with a total of 268.6280 metric ton of biscuits till the June of 2016. The attendance of students during this time was 91.5%. Moreover 56 schools created vegetable gardens, 80% schools held mother assemblies while these schools also hold discussions on child marriage, dowry and natural disasters under the Essential Learning Package.

## Muktijoddha Abdus Salam Gono Granthagar

Muktijoddha Abdus Salam Gono Granthagar is one of a library in Tala since 2001 facilitated by Uttaran. With the support of the library, a reader's forum is formed, members are observed international and national days. On their own initiation, Blood Donor club, Child Marriage Prevention Committee and Agricultural club which are proven their need in different crises. For example, the blood donor club has saved 125 serious patients by providing them with the necessary blood. Youths are demonstrated mock trials; performed natural disaster related street theatres and Gambhira to create awareness.





**Uttaran also helps in providing them with jobs in different organizations.**

The public library conducted "Alokito Manush Chai" (Want Enlightened Mass), a book reading program held with the collaboration of the Biswa Shahitto Kendro.

### **Active Citizen Youth Leadership Training**

Uttaran with the financial support of the British Council started the Active Citizen Youth Leadership Training program. During the reporting period, 155 student volunteers from Jessore's Monirampur Women's Degree College, Shahid Moshir Rahman Degree College, Jhikargacha, Satkhira District's Kolaroya Sheikh Amanullah Degree College, Khulna's Dumuria Chuknagar College and Tala Shahid Muktijoddha College took part in the 4 day Active Citizen Youth Leadership training program. For more detail, please visit: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/active-citizens>.

### **Promoting Democratic Inclusion and Governance through Youth (PRODIGY)**

With the support of the US State Department and British Council, Uttaran implemented the Project to increase the competence of the youth in order to increase the people participation of local government. Through this project, a total of 108 participants, being 18-30 years old, were received training to increase competence, out of which 30% were chosen from marginal families and females.

A total 108 Youths were divided into 15 groups to handle 15 social actions projects and youth worked with community clinics, school management committee, bazer committee in

order to improve the quality and increase people's participation. They have also encouraged female students from secondary schools to create a women's cricket team.

Furthermore, 3 youths have worked as intern in 3 Unions for three months. Due to the execution of the project, a model already been created on a youth friendly Union parishad.

### **Institute for Development Research and Training (IDRT)**

Uttaran established the Development Research and Training (IDRT) which had all the necessary resources for good quality training services. Here, the centre has a resource centre or library which has all the required books and important updated information. The training centre grew up in a pleasant environment and has all the necessary resources required to conduct proper training sessions. At present, it has 2 air conditioned training rooms, 1 conference room, 1 library, 2 dining rooms with a capacity of 170 people, and 24 residential rooms out of which 18 are air conditioned and can hold up to 72 visitors.

A total 94 meetings were conducted in the Institute for Development Research and Training where a total of 3,359 people were present. During this period, a total of 161 batches of trainings took place where 10493 peoples are participated.

▶ A total 108 youths were divided into 15 groups to handle 15 social actions projects.



# ▶ INTEGRATED RURAL EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MICROFINANCE

## Uttaran-Microfinance Program

Position	Description	Achievement till 30th June 2016	Comments
1	District	4	
2	Upazila	17	
3	Union	117	
4	Village	681	
5	Branches	27	
6	Staffs (Male: 111, Female 54)	165	
7	Organizations (Male: 75, Female: 1579)	1,654	
8	Members (male : 1,449, female : 22,421)	23,870	
9	Number of Debtor (male: 660, female:	16,408) 17,068	
10	Net savings deposited till now (status)	74,513,867	
11	Credit distributed till now	1,537,409,219	
12	Credit collected till now	1,370,609,805	
13	All types of credit status (actual)	166,799,414	
14	Net credit figure	16,627	
15	Rate collection this year	99.22%	
16	Credit distribution service charge rate	12.50%	
17	Rate of interest on savings	6%	

### Micro Entrepreneurship Development Project

To solve these problems including unemployment and lack of investments, Uttaran decided to provide financial and technical support to this micro entrepreneur particularly women at a very small scale. Uttaran, through self-funding and with the support of the banks, started 2 small projects named "Female Entrepreneurs" and "Entrepreneurship Development".

Through this programme, 76 women and 240 men received loan amount of tk. 48,584,170 in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Uttaran is working to provide support to entrepreneurs in making them developed and self-sufficient while has provided services and help regularly through several multipurpose programs.



► Total 23,870 members received BDT 1,537,409,219 as micro finance loan.



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## Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2016

Amount in Taka

Particulars	Notes	2015-2016 Total	2014-2015 Total
<b>Property &amp; Assets</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	15	155,594,311	132,688,500
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>155,594,311</b>	<b>132,688,500</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)	16	166,795,214	160,610,865
Loan and Advance	17	16,245,236	-
Security Deposit		350,000	350,000
Bank Guarantee -UNDP		-	1,627,901
FDR	18	13,030,642	17,141,093
Cash & Cash Equivalents	19	83,158,220	106,798,550
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>279,579,312</b>	<b>286,528,409</b>
<b>Total Property &amp; Assets</b>		<b>435,173,622</b>	<b>419,216,909</b>
<b>Fund and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Fund Account	20	126,295,854	187,550,398
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>126,295,854</b>	<b>187,550,398</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	21	212,484,447	120,881,676
Group Member Savings	22	74,513,867	65,978,455
Unallocated fund	23	3,602,445	29,828,923
Security Money		1,208,900	576,700
Member Loan Insurance	0	2,795,690	601,610
Loan Loss Provision	24	14,272,420	13,799,147
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>308,877,768</b>	<b>231,666,511</b>
<b>Total Fund and Liabilities</b>		<b>435,173,622</b>	<b>419,216,909</b>

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## Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure

As at 30 June 2016

Amount in Taka

Particulars	Notes	2015-2016 Total	2014-2015 Total
<b>Income</b>			
Grant Received	25	337,466,872	390,750,785
Overhead cost Received	26	7,979,427	9,986,427
Micro Credit Program Income	28	38,264,738	28,580,320
Bank Interest	29	1,693,645	3,215,943
Interest on FDR		712,549	-
Other income	30	95,230	589,122
Uttaran Contribution	-	338,000	-
Share staff Salary Received	-	6,842,729	5,680,177
Fund Received from Centre:	34	800,000	1,691,520
<b>Total</b>		<b>394,193,190</b>	<b>440,494,294</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Personnel Cost	35	138,056,468	128,443,455
Program Expenses / Operating Cost	34	182,546,500	230,796,627
Administrative Expenses	35	47,302,714	43,062,314
Bank Charge	36	363,759	582,787
Overhead / Management Cost:	-	9,488,656	10,995,722
Loan Loss Provision	-	473,273	6,447,750
Depreciation	-	13,499,917	14,038,092
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	-	<b>391,731,288</b>	<b>434,366,747</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	2,461,902	6,127,546
<b>Total</b>		<b>394,193,190</b>	<b>440,494,294</b>

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## Statement of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

As at 30 June 2016

Amount in Taka

Particulars	Notes	2015-2016 Total	2014-2015 Total
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
Cash in Hand		1,438,257	1,111,259
Cash at Bank		95,519,475	131,601,352
Advance		9,840,818	13,447,495
		<b>106,798,550</b>	<b>146,160,106</b>
Grant Received	25	261,527,213	301,308,632
Overhead Cost Received	26	7,979,427	9,986,427
Micro Credit Program Income	27	38,264,738	28,580,320
Bank Interest	28	1,693,645	3,215,943
Other income	29	95,230	589,122
Micro Credit Program Loan	30	295,026,076	324,306,878
Accrual for bills payables		4,404,221	-
Realization from Suspension A/c		2,950	-
Share staff Salary Received		6,842,729	5,680,177
Uttaran Contribution		338,000	-
Loan Received	31	42,698,587	40,172,508
Loan Received From Bank		100,000,000	-
Advance Received / Fund Transferred		294,459	55,303,078
Inter Project Loan		112,859	239,300
Fund account		-	601,610
FDR		9,323,000	588,700
Bank Guarantee -UNDP in cash		1,627,901	-
Interest on FDR		712,549	-
Member Insurance Fund		2,303,865	1,838,466
Staff Security Fund	32	769,000	1,691,520
Gratuity Received		1,967,409	-
Fund Received from Centre:		800,000	-
		<b>883,582,407</b>	<b>920,262,787</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Personnel Cost	33	141,509,332	128,443,455
Program Expenses / Operating Cost	34	183,634,278	230,796,627
Administrative Expenses	35	47,302,714	43,062,314



Bank Charge	36	363,759	582,787
Overhead / Management Cost:		9,488,656	10,995,722
Capital Cost	37	36,405,729	15,683,018
Loan Paid / Loan Refund	38	72,407,365	88,702,020
Advance paid		822,594	581,390
Inter Project Loan		80,000	247,591
Micro Credit Program	39	302,218,254	280,864,564
Bank Guarantee -UNDP			1,627,901
Member loan insurance		109,785	-
Security Money Refund		35,083	-
FDR		5,212,549	11,091,622
Gratuity Fund paid		697,289	773,226
Security Money Refund		136,800	12,000
		<b>800,424,188</b>	<b>813,464,237</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			
Cash in Hand		804,285	1,438,257
Cash at Bank		74,225,950	95,519,475
Advance		8,127,984	9,840,818
		<b>83,158,220</b>	<b>106,798,550</b>
		<b>883,582,407</b>	<b>920,262,787</b>

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