

### 101st Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu passionately celebrated

Along with the the nation, RRF celebrated the 101st birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Children's Day-2021 on Wednesday 17 March, 2021 with the due respect and homage. On this day in 1920, Bangabandhu, the undisputed leader of the Bangali nation, the architect of independent Bangladesh, and the greatest Bangali of all times, was born at Tungipara village of the then Gopalganj subdivision, now district. The staff of the organization in all field level offices of 23 districts including the head office of the organization celebrated the day in a joyous atmosphere by holding discussion meetings and cutting cakes. A mural of Bangabandhu is made and displayed at the head office of the organization which will be displayed till the Mujib-year celebration period.



### RRF DED honored on the International Women's Day 2021

According to UN Women, the theme for International Women's Day 2021 is, "Women in Leadership; Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world". This day has been observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere across the globe celebrating women's achievement, raising awareness against bias and taking action for equality. Jointly Jashore District Administration and Department of Women's Affairs, this year, special honors were given to those special women who have made significant contribution through various activities in tackling the ongoing Corona Crisis. A total of 10 illuminated women development workers, including Mrs. Pinku Rita Biswas, Founder and Deputy Executive Director of RRF, were awarded on Women's Day this year. The award was presented by Mr. Hossain Sawkat, Deputy Director, Local Government Administration on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner.

### 51<sup>st</sup> Independence Day Celebrated



Country People has celebrated the 51st Independence Day on 26 March 2021 with a call for building "Sonar Bangla" as envisioned by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. RRF celebrated this day in a limited extent due to government restrictions for Corona crisis. The day is celebrated with due dignity through various events among the students of Barnamala Bidyapith school run by RRF.

### Celebration of International Mother Language Day 2021

International Mother Language Day 2021 was celebrated on 21st February 2021 with due dignity by paying homage to the language martyrs. On behalf of RRF, the officers and employees of the organization laid wreaths at the central Shaheed Minar in Jashore through an early morning procession. Due to the ongoing Corona Crisis, this year's Language Day was observed to a limited extent in compliance with the health regulations under the direction of the administration



## MRA Executive Vice Chairman's first foot print at RRF's TARC



On March 20-21, 2021, senior officials including Mr. Md. Fashiullah, Executive Vice Chairman, Micro Credit Regulatory Authority (MRA) participated with the chief executives of NGOs including RRF, Jashore, Chuadanga, Magura and Jhenaidah districts. The events are exchange of views, regional training and MFCIB training. These activities were held at RRF's Training and Resource Center at Ramnagar in Jashore district. Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of RRF conducted the overall event himself.

## PKSF Officials visited RRF Microfinance Program



Mr. Dilip Kumar Chakravorty, Deputy General Manager and Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin, Manager, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) visited various branch offices of Rajshahi Zone of RRF-run Microfinance Program on 9 March 2021. At the end of the visit, they rewarded the credit officers of Naogaon region who have performed satisfactorily. Also present on the occasion were Mr. Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director of RRF, Myanila Biswas, Director, Admin and HR, and Mr. Salim Reza, Director, Microfinance Program.

## PKSF Official was fascinated to visit ENRICH Project



Mr. Dilip Kumar Chakravorty, Deputy General Manager Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) visited ENRICH project in Andulbaria union of Chuadanga district on 10 March 2021. In his visit, few beneficiaries' home and activities have been overseen along with the Director, Microfinance Program Mr. Salim Reza, and the Deputy Director of Program Mr. Shamim Uddin Khan.

## Keens to celebrate Women's Day

According to United Nations Women, the theme for International Women's Day 2021 is, 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 world'. International Women's Day is observed every year on March 8 to celebrate the women's movement and struggle for equality. A discussion meeting and various merit-based competitions were organized at the RRF-run Barnamla Bidyapith School to mark this year's Women's Day here in Jashore. Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of RRF, attended in this event, which was organized for school girls and adolescents, and he discussed the keynote and distributed prizes.



## RRF has undertaken to care the Elderly people

RRF is implementing Senior Citizen Welfare Program with own fund to promote different services among around 300 elderly people in Jhikorgacha and Ulashi Upazilla of Jashore district. There are two elderly clubs where free medicine based on MBBS doctor's prescription has been distributed to the all elderly member of this program in weekly basis. Alongside many more services are being provided in regular basis.





## RRF welcomed Season of King Spring

One of the features of RRF is to uphold the culture and heritage of the country and to reflect it through various activities. As a part of this, on 14th February 2021, the vibrant season of Bengalis welcomed mind-blowing spring with passion and warmth of mind. Mr. Philip Biswas and Mr. Pinku Rita Biswas, the founders of the RRF, greeted the officials of the organization with flowers to memorialize the arrival of Fagun, and created an aesthetic atmosphere by exchanging mutual warmth in a colorful atmosphere.

## School Feeding at Students' home



Due to the Corona crisis, all educational institutions have been closed since March 2020 and it is not possible to distribute high energy biscuits in schools. According to the decision of the Directorate of Primary Education, these fortified biscuits are being distributed to the students from door to door in the last few months. RRF, in partnership with the Directorate of Primary Education of the government, distributed 61 metric tons of biscuits to 202597 students of 1304 government primary schools in Jashore, Khulna, Narail and Bagerhat districts during the last January-March 2021 period.

## Technical training is underway under the ASHSHASH project

In partnering with Winrock International RRF is implementing ASHSHASH project in Jashore district which is funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). This Technical & Vocational training project provides Sewing Machine Operator, Tailoring & Dress Making, Mobile Phone Technician, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical House Wiring Technician, Motor Cycle Mechanic, Consumer Electronics Technician and Driving trade. In recent time Mrs Dipta Rakshit ,Team Leader, Ashshash Project , Winrock International and Md. Omar Faruk, Training and Employment Manager, ASHSHASH, Winrock International visited RRF training activities here in Jashore.



## RRF participated in the Development fair

On the occasion of the transition from a underdeveloped country to a developing country, a development fair was organized at the government level on 26-27 March 2021. RRF participated in this fair held at Jessore Town Hall Field and showcased various activities of the organization for socio-economic development. The district administration highly commended the RRF for its effective participation in the fair. The fair is organized as an inspirational event for the public by organizing stalls for the purpose of showing the overall development documentaries of the country with the participation of various government departments and organizations at district and upazila level.

## SEIP Technical Trainings Resume

After the closure of all technical training courses under the Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) project from March 2020 due to the Corona pandemic, the trainings have resumed from January 2021. The courses started during January-March are IT Freelancing, Food and Beverage, Housekeeping, Mobile Phone Servicing, Auto Mechanics, Welding and Electrical Illustration and Maintenance courses. A total of 175 participants, 25 in each trade, are taking part in the course. RRF has been implementing this program since 2015 with the support of PKSF.



## Free cataract surgery under the ENRICH project



RRF has arranged free cataract surgery for 46 elderly men and women of Gadaipur Union, Paikgachha Upazila of Khulna District on January 26, 2021 through an eye camp. This medical service was provided with the help of Khulna BNSB Eye Hospital under the ENRICH project. In addition, 315 locals received free eye care services at this eye camp.

## FtF Horticulture Activity



RRF Implement End Market Assessments for FtF Horticulture Activity in partnering with Chemonics International in different districts Jashore, Kushtia, Jhenidha, Khulna, Sathkhira, Bagerhat and Faridpur. Mainly, various workshops held with 280 number of different stakeholders related to mango, vegetable and banana cultivation. The main objective of this program is to find out the challenges of the concerned sub-sector and how to overcome these challenges.

## Distribution of Sanitary Napkins among Adolescent girls

RRF distributed sanitary napkins to 290 adolescent girls in Jashore, Bagerhat, Narail and Meherpur districts under the ongoing adolescent program with the support of Palli Karma-Shayak Foundation (PKSF) during the January-March 2021 period. In terms of developing intellectual thinking of adolescents and young people, this program creates health and nutrition awareness through adolescent health components and try to make sure the implementation various activities in practice. In addition, there are various interventions for the development of ethics and values, cultural and sports, and life skills.



**Head Office:** RRF Bhaban, C&B Road, Karbala, Jashore-7400, Bangladesh

Tel: 880 421 66906, 65663, 61679 Fax: 880 421 68246, Email: [admin@rrf-bd.org](mailto:admin@rrf-bd.org), [info@rrf-bd.org](mailto:info@rrf-bd.org), Web: [www.rrf-bd.org](http://www.rrf-bd.org)

**Dhaka Office:** Rupayan Shopping Square, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No-C-2, Block-G, Bashundhara, Dhaka

Email: [admin@rrf-bd.org](mailto:admin@rrf-bd.org), [info@rrf-bd.org](mailto:info@rrf-bd.org), Web: [www.rrf-bd.org](http://www.rrf-bd.org)