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# **Rural Reconstruction Foundation**



#### October-December, 2020



# DC Jashore attended in RRF Automobile Workshop

#### Promoting Automobile Skill

On 16 November 2020, a value chain development workshop titled "Development of Small Automobile Industry in Jashore" was held at the conference room of Jashore Deputy Commissioner with the participation of local administration and entrepreneurs on the initiative of RRF. The development of Small Automobile in Jashore project is being implemented since 2016 under the PACE project with the support of Palli Karma-Shayak Foundation (PKSF). Mr. Md. Tamizul Islam Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Jashore was present as the Chief Guest and Mr. Rafiqul Hasan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (general), Jashore was the Special Guest. Mr. Philip Biswas, Executive Director of the organization presided over the ceremony. A total 35 Participants (Journalist, Automobile Association member, Jshore Municipality representative) took part in this workshop.

# PKSF Officials Visited RRF Field Activities

**PACE Project** 



Mr. Rafiqul Islam Akand, Senior General Manager (Programs) of PKSF visited various activities of RRF during the period 11-13 October 2020. During the visit, he visited PKSF-assisted Green Biotech Tissue Culture Lab on 13 October 2020 in RRF TARC, Ramnagar ,Jashore. He expressed satisfaction over the variety of gerbera seedlings produced in the lab and exchanged views on various activities of the lab. On the same day, he took part in a couryard meeting with the members of Carp Galda Mixed Culture Project in Pazia area of Keshabpur, Jashore and inaugurated the program of providing aerators machine to 4 fish farmers. Earlier, he exchanged views with flower growers at Gadkhali in Jhikgachha upazila of Jessore on October 11, 2020.

### Victory Day 2020 Celebration Day Observation



The RRF driven Barnamala Bidyapith School, Adolescent Program, Community Healthcare Program and Senior Citizen Welfare Program celebrated our pride, Great Victory Day on 16th December 2020 with due dignity. On the occasion of Victory Day, drawing competition, story writing, essay writing competition are organized. In addition, health camps for the elderly people have been organized under the Senior Citizen Welfare Program and 400 members have been provided free medicine. Under the Community Healthcare Program, free medical services provided to poor villagers through satellite camps by MBBS Doctor.

## It was 42nd AGM of RRF

Governance compliance



On December 20, 2020, the 42nd Annual General Meeting of RRF was held at the head office of the organization. Considering the corona situation, the program has been held to a limited extent in compliance with the hygiene rules. Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of the organization conducted the meeting under the chairmanship of Mir Raushan Ali Monar, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the organization. A total of 21 members of the executive board and general board participated in the meeting. Various important decisions including 2019-20 annual report, human resource policy, financial report, appointment of auditor have been discussed.

## MF-CIB Workshop with MRA

#### Preliminary Domain and Data Structure

A day-long workshop on "Understanding of MF-CIB with Preliminary Domain and Data Structure" was held on 19 December 2020 at the RRF Training & Resource Center in Jashore district with the chief executives of 30 NGOs registered with the Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA) in Khulna Division. The workshop was jointly organized by MRA and RRF where Mr. Laxman Chandra Debnath Executive Vice Chairman of MRA chaired the workshop, where Mr. Nure Alom Mahadi, Director of MRA, Mr. Azadul Kabir Arzoo (Executive Director of JCF), Mr. Philip Biswas (Executive Director of RRF), Dr. Sheikh Mohiuddin (Executive Director of Ad-din welfare), Nasima Begum (Executive Director of Sisu Niloy foundation) and Mr. Shamsul Alam (Executive Director of ARS Bangladesh) have taken part as Special Guest. The workshop was organized with the support of UKaid and Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh

# RRF Campaign for "No Mask; No Service"

#### **Combating Corona Pandemic**



A demonstration program was held at all the branch offices of the organization including its own head office in Jashore district under the leadership of Mr. Philip Biswas, Executive Director of the organization to practice individually and to increase public awareness about the "No Mask No Service" announced by the government to deal with the second wave of Corona Pandemic. All the officers and employees including Mr. Anthony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director of the organization participated in this program.

### Christmas Gift Distribution

#### **Sponsorship Program**



For sharing the joy & love during Christmas season each & every sponsored family received BDT-702/= as Christmas gift through their DFF bank account from their beloved sponsors in this year. They have purchased dress, food,blanket, cake, chair, bed sheet & etc. with this money. 764 children's family has got this package indirectly 3820 people has got this benefit through the project. Alongside, during October to December, 2020 we have provided food package for them as there is no work for the people, there is no income, The package is containing Rice 20 KG, Dal 2 kg, oil 3 liter, salt 1 kg, flour 5 kg, potato 8 kg, Detergent power 2 kg, Beauty soap 3 pcs, tooth paste 1 pcs, tooth brush 1 pcs, coconut oil 250 ml, mosquito coal 4 pack and mosquito net 1 pcs for all as hygiene package.

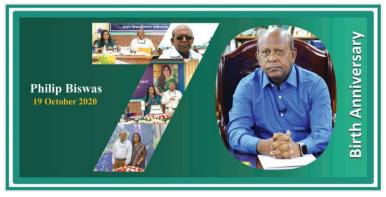


### Logistics Distribution to Microfinance Staff Program Enhancement

Bags, umbrellas and raincoats were distributed at the RRF head office on October 6, 2020 to facilitate the work of staff at all levels of the microfinance program. Mr. Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director of the organization distributed these materials through the senior officers of microfinance program, Mrs. Myanil Biswas, Director of the Admin and HR Department of the organization and Mr. Salim Reza, Director of the Microfinance Program were present in this distribution ceremony.



70<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of RRF Founder



Homage to the Founder & Executive Director of RRF Mr. Philip Biswas on his 70 Birth Anniversary. Many Happy returns of this day.

# Biscuit Distribution going on

School Feeding Program



Although the school has been closed since March 2020 due to the Corona epidemic, the distribution of biscuits among the students under school feeding is still going on. As per the government guidelines, the staff of RRF' School Feeding Program went door to door and distributed biscuits to the students as per the health guidelines. During the October-December 2020 period, 751 metric tons of biscuits were distributed among 1,89,013 students in 8 upazilas of Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat and Narail districts. Each student received 55 packets of biscuits. The school feeding program is being implemented jointly with the government's Directorate of Primary Education.

# Keeps continuing Elderly Allowance

#### Elderly Project

To improve the living standard of elderly people especially who are poor, helpless, almost physically unfit and financially insufficient, RRF with technical and financial assistance of PKSF, distribution of Elderly Vhata on monthly basis 500 taka to four hundred (400) eligible elderly people of Andulbaria, Hashadah, Raypur and Godaipur Union under Chuadanga and Khulna District. RRF began to implement "Uplifting the Quality of the Lives of the Elderly People Program" from July 2017. In the period of October-December 2020, in times of Corona crisis, 386 people have been given elderly allowance of BDT 500 per month.



## Health Kit Distributed to Project Staff Pathway to Prosperity Project

Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) has been implementing the project titled "Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People" January 2020 as the Partner Organization of Pally Karma-Sahayak Foundation. This project is funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and the European Union (EU). In order to provide nutrition and health services, the kit box, bags and all primary level health service equipments instructed by PKSF was handed over on 23 December, 2020 at RRF head office to all CNHP and ATO Nutrition of the Prosperity project by the Executive Director of RRF Mr. Philip Biswas, and the Deputy Executive Director Pinku Rita Biswas,.



# Light Engineering Skill Training Creating Skill Workforce

On December 17, 2020, RRF and CIMMYT Bangladesh started a 36-day skills training workshop on "Technical Skill Training for Light Engineering Workforce in Jashore". The training program is being conducted at RRF's Technical Training Center in the heart of Jessore city with the participation of owners and employees of Jessore Light Engineering Sector. At the end of the training, the main objective of the training is to provide training to the participants in their respective sectors. This project gives special emphasis to the development of machine manufacturing skills of men and youth and the development of agricultural service provision business managed by men and youth.

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