



2022 Annual Benefit Dinner – Welcome Back!

October 9, 2022

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# Samhati: An Overview

- ◆ 38 years in operation, longest running organization of Bangladeshi women in the US
- ◆ All-volunteer organization with 95% of your contributions going directly to needy families
- ◆ Thousands of women, children and families have benefited from our programs focused on education, health and environment



# Update on Key Initiatives

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## LAKSMICHAP



- ◆ Multi-faceted program in Laksmichap Union, a diverse community
- ◆ Literacy classes, scholarships, school supplies
- ◆ Computer training and small business training



LAKSMICHAP

Our computer training classes - which we started to facilitate online learning during the pandemic - are extremely popular!





LAKSMICHAP

কমিউনিটি প্রশিক্ষণের আয়োজন-২০২২  
সহযোগিতায় : সহকর্মী  
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We inaugurated 5 women's literacy centers in February 2021 and these are now fully running and very popular.



LAKSMICHAP



We provide a range of small business training,  
including sewing



LAKSMICHAP



And poultry rearing...



LAKSMICHAP



We also provide  
nutritional training



LAKSMICHAP

Samhati is providing 80 high school scholarships.





LAKSMICHAP

And provided bikes to girls to make it more convenient to get to school





## NATORE



- ♦ Strong program making positive change to these communities in Northern Bangladesh, in its 15<sup>th</sup> year!
- ♦ Hatiandah is a union of 8 villages, and our work has brought considerable positive change
- ♦ Focus on education, literacy, scholarships, and small business training



## NATORE



**We provided small business loans to 15 women to help them buy goats, ducks and chickens**



## NATORE

A photograph showing three women sitting at wooden desks in a computer center. They are all wearing face masks and headscarves. The woman on the left is wearing a pink patterned top and a blue face mask. The woman in the middle is wearing a yellow headscarf and a blue face mask. The woman on the right is wearing an orange headscarf and a red face mask. They are all focused on their work, with their hands on the keyboards. The desks are simple wooden structures, and each has a computer monitor and keyboard. The background consists of a light-colored wall with three large, arched doorways, each with a green wooden shutter. The floor is a light-colored, possibly concrete or tiled surface. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image, containing the text: "Trained 20 people in the Computer Center. Graduates have set up small shops providing word processing and online services to villagers."

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NATORE

We recently gave out scholarships for  
25 high school children





**NATORE**

**And gave 20 children bicycles and helmets!**





NATORE



Some of the young women in our program celebrated International Women's Day this year



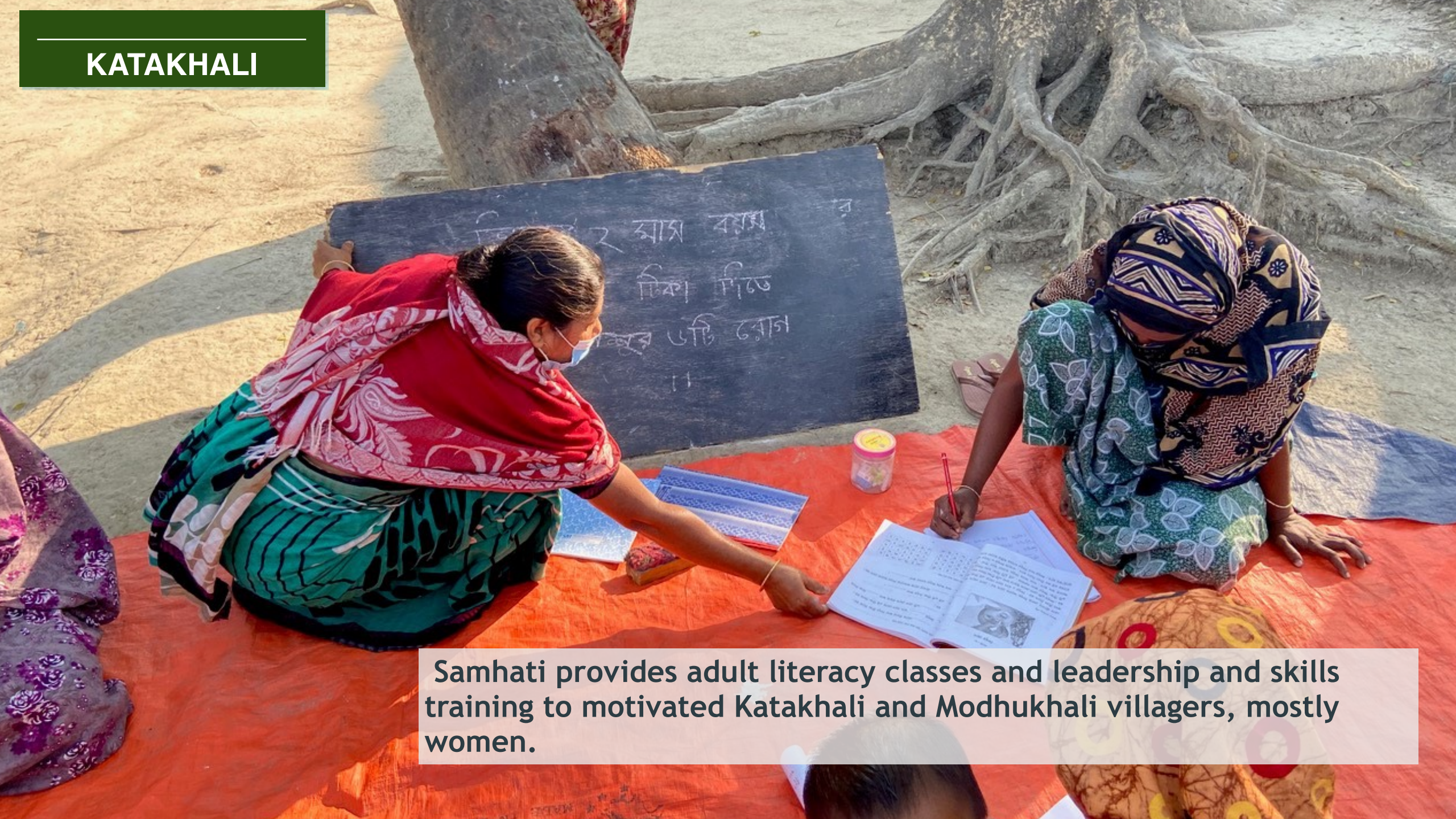
## KATAKHALI



- ◆ Holistic eco-empowerment project since 2000 in this remote coastal area
- ◆ Focus on adult literacy, leadership building, health and family planning
- ◆ Tremendous positive impact within this community



## KATAKHALI



Samhati provides adult literacy classes and leadership and skills training to motivated Katakhal and Modhukhal villagers, mostly women.



# KATAKHALI



In 2022, we gave scholarships to 30 students in Katakhal High School and 20 students in neighboring Ganga Char



## KATAKHALI



In 2022, we doubled the number of bicycles and helmets (20), including girls from neighboring Ganga Char



## KATAKHALI

Our preschool in Katakhalī is thriving. We started a preschool in Modhukhalī in 2022.





# KATAKHALI

Both preschools provide nutritious snacks to the children every day





## KATAKHALI

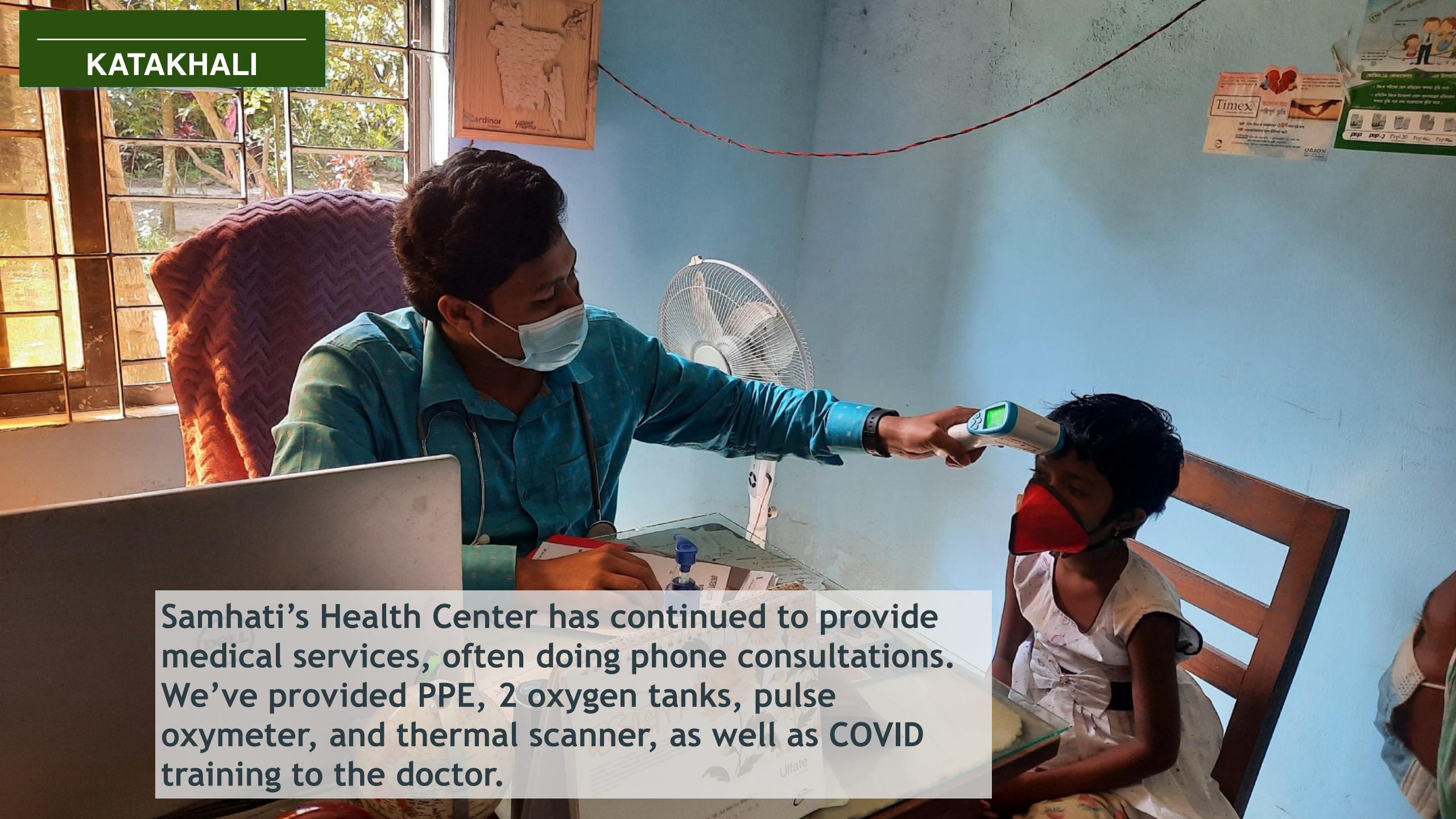
Our new Computer Training Program helped our students continue to learn online during the long period when schools were closed. Currently, one woman who was trained from our program last year is teaching the current batch of computer students. This is Tamanna receiving her computer.





## KATAKHALI

Samhati's Health Center has continued to provide medical services, often doing phone consultations. We've provided PPE, 2 oxygen tanks, pulse oxymeter, and thermal scanner, as well as COVID training to the doctor.





# The Jahanara Ali Memorial College Scholarship

Have doubled the program to 6 recipients; each provided a laptop

YEAR 5

**Beauty Aktar  
(Laksmichamp)**

Graduated Nilphamari Government  
College; Admitted to Rajshahi University

**Asha Moni  
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali Mahila College  
Economics, BA Honors, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Mahmouda Khatun  
(Natore)**

Admitted to Udayan Nursing  
College, Rajshahi

**Purnima Roy  
(Laksmichamp)**

Admitted to Nilphamari Government  
College

**Tamanna  
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali Mahila College  
Science, Intermediate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Sharmin Akhter  
(Natore)**

Admitted to Shingra College



# Our Goal: \$90,000

- \$75 = *one-year scholarship to keep a middle/ high school child in school*
- \$100 = *adult literacy or vocational classes*
- \$400 = *3 months of college costs for a low income young woman*
- \$500 = *our health clinic in Katakali village for one month, providing care for the entire island*
- \$1,000 = *cash grants for 80 families to meet basic needs*



# Special Thank You!

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