



2023 Annual Benefit Dinner

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Samhati: An Overview

- ◆ 39 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

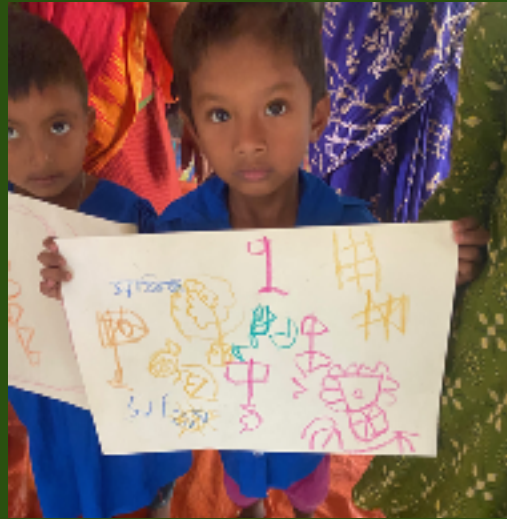
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NATORE

- ◆ Strong program making positive change to these communities in Northern Bangladesh, in its 16th year!
- ◆ Hatiandah is a union of 8 villages in Northern Bangladesh, and our work continues to bring considerable positive change
- ◆ Focus on education, literacy, scholarships, and small business training

NATORE

A group of women are working in a tailoring class. They are seated at long wooden tables, each with a sewing machine. The women are wearing various head coverings and colorful clothing. One woman in the center is standing and looking towards the camera. The room has a corrugated metal roof and white pillars. The background shows an outdoor area with trees and a building.

Our tailoring classes are booming and approximately 70 women from five villages are coming to learn how to make a variety of women's clothing including undergarments.

NATORE

A photograph showing three women sitting at wooden desks in a room with light-colored walls and blue shutters. They are all wearing face masks and are focused on their work. The woman on the left is wearing a pink patterned top and a blue mask. The woman in the middle is wearing a yellow headscarf and a blue mask. The woman on the right is wearing a red headscarf and a maroon top. Each desk has a computer monitor and keyboard. The room appears to be a computer lab or a small office.

Our computer graduates are easily able to find employment, either in the government or private organizations. Some have set up small shops providing word processing and online services

A group of women are seated together, wearing vibrant, patterned saris and headscarves. The women are looking towards the camera, some smiling. The setting appears to be an indoor space, possibly a classroom or a community center. The women are dressed in traditional Indian attire, with various colors and patterns visible on their clothing. The overall atmosphere is one of a community gathering or a group of people participating in a program.

NATORE

Approximately 100 women are enrolled in literacy classes and are being incentivized with fruit plants. To date, 1,600 women have participated in the program.

NATORE

স্বাস্থ্য নারী উন্নয়ন কেন্দ্র

হাতিয়ান্দহ, সিংড়া, নাটোর

আলিমিয়া হোসেন সার্বা হাসান

We recently gave out scholarships for 30 high school children



NATORE

And gave 20 girls bicycles and helmets!



KATAKHALI



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

KATAKHALI

A close-up photograph of a woman with grey hair, wearing a purple and black patterned sari, sitting on a yellow mat and writing on a blue-lined notebook. She is looking down at her work with a focused expression. To her right, another person's hand is visible, also writing on a notebook. The background shows other people in colorful saris, suggesting a group activity or class. The overall scene is brightly lit, likely outdoors or in a well-lit room.

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

KATAKHALI



In 2023, we gave bicycles and helmets to 20 girls

KATAKHALI



We gave scholarships to 60 students in Katakhal High School covering students in many villages

KATAKHALI



We provided health and hygiene information to high school students and period products for girls

KATAKHALI

A group of primary school children, mostly boys, are standing outdoors in a line. Many of them are wearing blue short-sleeved shirts and skirts or shorts, which are their school uniforms. Some children are wearing other clothing, such as a floral patterned shirt or a denim shirt. The children are looking in various directions, some towards the camera and others away. The background shows a natural setting with trees and foliage. In the foreground, a large green fabric, possibly a tarp or a piece of clothing, is partially visible on the left side.

We provided uniforms to primary school students,
tailored by local women.

KATAKHALI

Our preschools in both Katakhal and Modhukhal are thriving. The children were given art supplies recently.

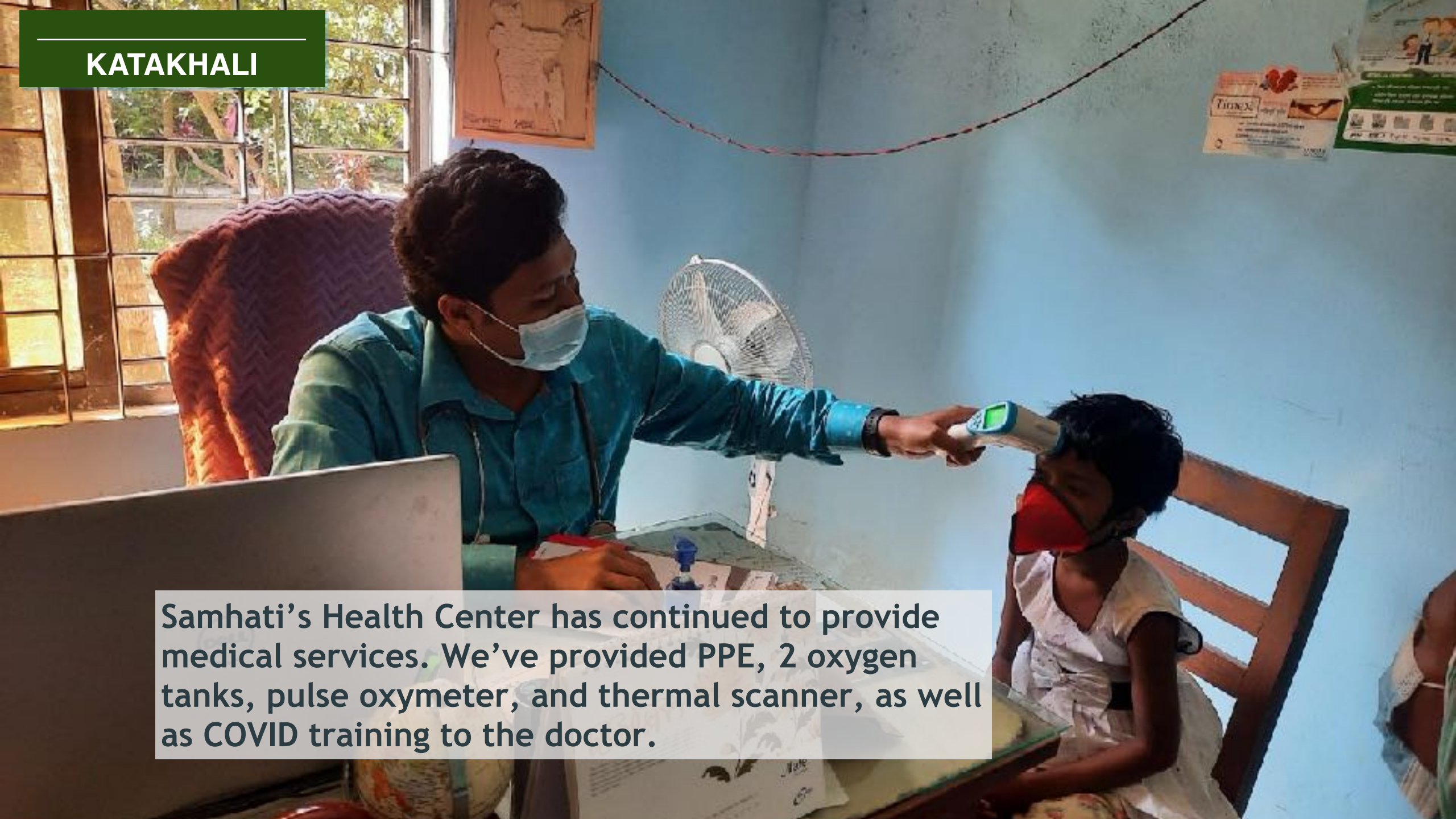


KATAKHALI

Our Computer Training helped students continue to learn online during the long period when schools were closed. Currently, one woman who was trained from a previous year is teaching the current batch of computer students.



KATAKHALI



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

LAKSMICHAP



- ◆ Multi-faceted program started in 2011 in Laksmichap Union, a diverse community
- ◆ Literacy classes, scholarships, school supplies
- ◆ Computer training and many forms of small business training

LAKSMICHAP

Women's literacy programs are very popular.



LAKSMICHAP

বালিকা কমিউনিটি ধান ব্যাংক
পলাশবাড়ী ইউনিয়ন, নীলফামারী
সহযোগিতায় : সাহেবি ও ইউএসএস, নীলফামারী

কমিউনিটি শিখন কেন্দ্র
সহযোগিতায় : সাহেবি
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We provide training for women in sewing, organic vegetable cultivation, poultry rearing, and other small businesses. The project is run by local leadership and is still thriving.



LAKSMICHAP



নারীদের দেশী মুরগী পালন বিষয়ক
প্রশিক্ষণ-২০২৩

Project Name: Eco-Enpowerment Project for Women and Girls (EPPWG)



LAKSMICHAP

Samhati is providing 80 high school scholarships.

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দুবাছুরী বালিকা উচ্চ বিদ্যালয়
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নিয়োগে শিক্ষা প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর।



LAKSMICHAP

We're providing health and hygiene information and supplies to adolescent girls



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Government Project for Women and Girls (GEPWG)
স্বাস্থ্য ও শান্তি
স্বাস্থ্য সেবা সত্ত্বা (ইউসিএস)

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



The Jahanara Ali Memorial College Scholarship

YEAR 6

Expanded the program to 9 recipients; each provided a laptop or smart phone

**Beauty Aktar
(Laksmichamp)**

Enrolled at Rajshahi
University

**Asha Moni
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali Mahila
College
Economics, BA
Honors, 3rd Year

**Mahmouda
Khatun
(Natore)**

Enrolled at Udayan
Nursing College,
Rajshahi

**Shoronika
(Katakhali)**

Intermediate, 1st
Year; at Rangabali
College

**Mithila
(Katakhali)**

Intermediate, 1st
Year; at Rangabali
College

**Purnima Roy
(Laksmichamp)**

Enrolled at Nilphamari
Government College

**Tamanna
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali Mahila
College
Science, Intermediate,
3rd Year

**Sharmin Akhter
(Natore)**

Enrolled at Shingra
College; Science
Intermediate Final Year

**Shuborna Yasmin
(Natore)**

Rani Bhabani
Government College
(Commerce, 2nd year).

Help Us Expand Even More!



Shika Rani Roy
Admitted to Nilphimari
College but cannot attend
because her father has
cancer and can't work



Jyoti Roy
Admitted to Nilphimari
College; wants to be a doctor;
but her parents are day laborers
and can't afford college

Our Goal: \$90,000

- \$75 = *one-year scholarship to keep a middle/ high school child in school*
- \$100 = *bicycle and helmet for one village girl so she can get to school*
- \$200 = *adult literacy classes plus zero-interest loan or grant to help start a business*
- \$400 = *three months of college costs for a low income young woman*
- \$500 = *fund our health clinic in Katakhalı village for one month, providing care for the entire island of 27,000 people*
- \$1,000 = *cash grants for 80 families to meet basic needs*

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