



2025 Annual Benefit Dinner

October 18, 2025

Samhati: An Overview

- ◆ **Founded in 1984: 40+ 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**
- ◆ **Samhati is a non-political organization and our projects are continuing despite political instability in Bangladesh**



Our Regional Programs Continue to Thrive

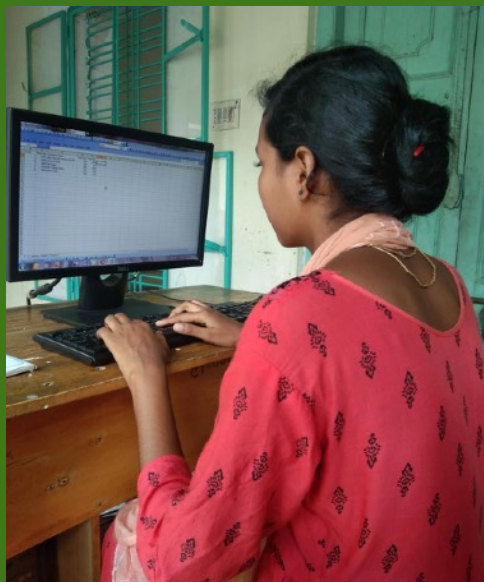
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LAKSMICHAP



- ◆ Multi-faceted program started in 2011 in Laksmichap Union, a diverse community in Rangpur (Northern Bangladesh)
- ◆ The project is run by local leaderships and a dedicated retired volunteer coordinator
- ◆ Continue to expand the program including a new soccer/football club for girls

LAKSMICHAP

We expanded our scholarships to 170 high school students in 4 schools.





LAKSMICHAP

We are providing internet in 3 high schools and have also supported a debate competition among high schools this year which was very popular

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সহযোগিতায়: সংহতি

We provided sewing classes and machines to 11 young women, who have started tailoring businesses.

We continue to provide health and hygiene sessions for adolescent girls.

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We gave 15 bicycles to girls who travel long distances to school to encourage attendance



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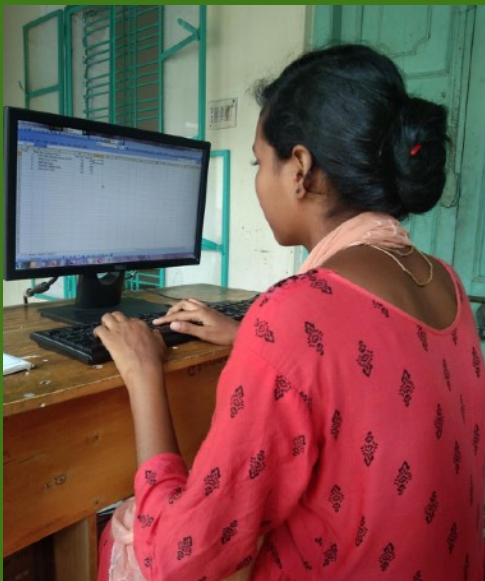
We funded new football/soccer club for girls in 4 high schools including uniforms and equipment. Despite some pushback, the girls completed their soccer tournament in May 2025





Given the popularity, the schools have decided to continue girls' football not just as a tournament but as a regular activity.

NATORE



- ♦ Strong program making positive change to these communities in Northern Bangladesh, in its 18th 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

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In 2025, we gave out 33 scholarships to high school students (10 boys, 23 girls)

NATORE



And gave bicycles and helmets to 20 girls, who are happily riding bikes to school!

NATORE



The computer training classes are very popular, with 46 young people graduating from the program this past year. Currently, we have 18 girls and 4 boys enrolled.

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Three adult literacy classes are being held in three villages in Hatiandah Union.



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A photograph showing a group of women and girls in a sewing workshop. In the foreground, a woman wearing a black hijab is seated at a sewing machine, focused on her work. Behind her, another woman in a pink hijab is also at a sewing machine. Further back, several other women are visible, some standing and some seated, all engaged in sewing. A woman in a red sari is standing on the left side of the frame, possibly supervising or assisting. The workshop is located under a corrugated metal roof with concrete pillars. The background shows lush green trees and a bright outdoor environment.

We have 50 students taking sewing classes in two separate shifts. The students are making garments and selling them for a profit.

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



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

A woman in a pink sari and matching headscarf is holding a large, light-colored fish. She is standing in a dirt path in a village. In the background, there are several children, a man in a yellow shirt, and a blue building. The scene is outdoors with trees and a clear sky.

KATAKHALI

We provide skills training to the women in both Katakhalī & Modhukhalī villages for things like fish cultivation and poultry raising.

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We also focus on skills related to their vulnerability to climate change. For example, plantings that will help limit erosion, etc.

KATAKHALI

Scholarships were given to 60 students in Katakhal High School



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This year we gave bicycles and helmets to 29 girls. The bikes for girls program is an incredible success, increasing mobility and safety for the girls.

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A group of approximately 20-25 primary school children are gathered outdoors in a rural setting. Most of the children are wearing blue short-sleeved shirts and skirts or shorts, which are their school uniforms. They are standing in a loose group, looking towards the camera or slightly to the side. In the foreground on the left, a large portion of a woman wearing a green sari is visible, partially obscuring the view. The background shows some greenery and trees, suggesting a village or schoolyard environment.

We hired local women to make uniforms for all the primary school children.

KATAKHALI



Our preschools in both Katakhalī & Modhukhalī are thriving with 43 younger children enrolled

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Our Computer Center is a resource for both students and adults. We also started a Youth Center in 2023, providing a library, computer access and an opportunity for making art. We now have a music instructor as well!

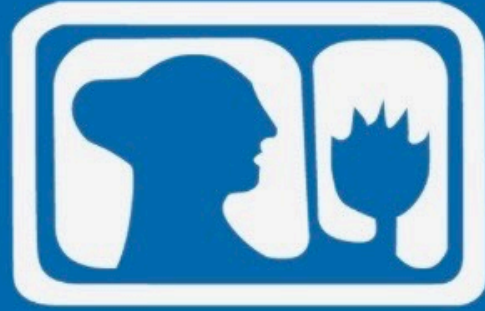


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Samhati's Health Center has continued to provide medical services to the island's 27,000 residents.

Continued Support of Mahila Parishad



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

Provided \$10,000 to support legal aid for survivors of gender-based violence, in 10 districts throughout Bangladesh

The Jahanara Ali Memorial College Scholarship

YEAR 8

15 recipients!

**Beauty Aktar
(Laksmichamp)**

Enrolled at Rajshahi
University

**Asha Moni
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali Mahila
College
Economics, BA
Honors, Final Year

**Mahmouda
Khatun
(Natore)**

Udayan Nursing
College, Rajshahi,
Graduates Nov 2025

**Shoronika
(Katakhali)**

Intermediate, 2nd
Year; at Rangabali
College

**Mithila
(Katakhali)**

Graduated from
Rangabali College;
Applying to BA
programs

**Purnima Roy
(Laksmichamp)**

Chittagong University;
2nd Year

**Tamanna
(Katakhali)**

Patuakhali
Government College
Science, BA Honors,
3rd Year

**Sharmin
Akhter
(Natore)**

Enrolled at Udayan
Nursing College,
Rajshahi, First Year

**Keya Rani
(Natore)**

Enrolled at Udayan
Nursing College,
Rajshahi, Final Year

**Arjina
(Natore)**

Enrolled at Udayan
Nursing College,
Rajshahi, First Year

*Five Students: Dalima Rani Roy, Shikha Rani Roy, Ayesha Siddika,
Juthi Akter and Joty Roy - all enrolled at Nilphamari Government College*

Our Goal: \$100,000

\$75 = *one-year scholarship to keep a middle/ high school child in school*

\$100 = *adult literacy or vocational classes*

\$125 = *Bicycle and helmet*

\$250 = *3 months of college costs for a low income young woman*

\$500 = *our health clinic in Katakhalī village for one month,
providing care for the entire island*

\$1,000 = *a female nursing or college student for a whole year*

Special Thank You!

Dance Performance by Shristee Nrittayangon

Choreographer / Director: Rosemary Mitu Rebeiro; Dancers: Megha Purification, Angelina Corraya, Druhi Pereira Reedha Zaman, Shukonna Pereira

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