Presentation on

“Rights Based Intervention for Street and Working Children Under Education Sector”

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34 Lakh street children exist in different cities of the country while the report from Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) projects the number of street children are 1.5 million in 2015 and it will reach to 1.56 million in 2024.

According to the report published by ILO & UNICEF in 2007, the number of domestic workers in the country stands at 2 million out of which 4,20,000 are children.

3.45 million working children in the country between age 5-17 years of which 1.28 million are hazardous child labours. (*National Child labour survey, BBS, 2013)*

According to data collected from national and regional newspaper, some 217 domestic child workers became victims of some form of abuse at their workplaces in the last four years.

Of them, 48 were murdered, 53 died under mysterious circumstances or committed suicide, 33 were raped, and 83 were physically abused.
Street dwellers in the city are extremely vulnerable in terms of their health needs, hygiene and utilization of healthcare services and this marginalized group is neglected.

There is a risk that young children who inhale glue may also be more likely to use other drugs, and that this early introduction to drugs lead to injecting drug habits, associated with increased risk for transmission of HIV, Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted diseases.

It is found that most of the street dwellers have been suffering from diseases of respiratory and digestive system, weakness, severe pain and scabies.

A study found that most of the street children living in Dhaka city used to pass their leisure time only through gossiping and for many of them it was the only way to have recreation.

Physical and sexual abuse by adults of the immediate community even Harassment by law enforcing agencies.
Changing Story of a Street Children (Champa)
Strategic Objectives in alignment with SDGS

To meet the sustainable Development Goal of 4, 8, 10 and 16, specifically the Goal and target, 8.7 that refers to the elimination of all forms of child labour by 2025.

Objectives:

- Working and Street children will be protected from indignity sexual and physical abuse
- Children withdrawn from hazardous job
- Children will be imparted basic education, life skill and vocational skill training
- A child safety zone will be established in targeted families and community
- Communication and coordination will extended among service providing organizations
- Community capacity about child protection and safety will be enhanced
- Capacity of the organizations working for under privileged children will be enhanced
- New laws and policies, and amendments to existing laws & policies reflecting the views of street & working children
Coverage and Implementation Strategy

Working Area: Mohammadpur, Jatrabari, Mirpur, Kamlapur, Mohakhali and Karwan Bazar

- 2 Centres
- Children: 3600
- Age Group: 8-18 Years
- HR: 26
- Current Projects: 02

Implementation Strategy:
- Community Outreach Activities
- Centre Based Activity
- Linkage/Advocacy/Networking

Donors:
- [Read Foundation]
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- [Dhaka Ahsania Mission UK]
- [Consortium for Street Children]
### Institutional Coverage

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<tr>
<th><strong>Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC)</strong></th>
<th><strong>KNH- Ahsania Center for Abandoned Children &amp; Destitute Women (KACACDW)</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Beneficiary:</strong> Street and most vulnerable children (MVC) of the disadvantaged families</td>
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<td><strong>Components:</strong> Socio Economic Security, Rehabilitation, Food, Shelter, Clothing, Healthcare, Education up to Secondary School Certificate (SSC) level, life skills and livelihood skills training</td>
<td><strong>Components:</strong> Abandoned Children and Destitute Women (To provide safe accommodation, foods, clothes, education, trainings, job placement)</td>
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<td><strong>Age Group:</strong> Up to 18 Years</td>
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Major Activities

Education

Food
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Health

Counseling
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Recreation

Training
Major Activities

Job Placement

Advocacy & Linkage
Visitors

Honorable President of DAM visits the Centre based activities

Honorable Executive Director of DAM along with Founder Chairman of DAM UK visits the Centre based activities
Visitors

Mr. David Sternberg, the Chair of DAM UK, and Mr. Matthew Lake, Country Representative has come to Bangladesh on 28 September 2019 and visits the Centre based activities.
Major Outcomes

- Street and working children and young people have moved into training and non-hazardous livelihoods.
- Street and working children and young people have safe and secure living environments, and are healthier.
- Street and working children and young people and duty bearers (including parents/guardians, employers and civic society) have increased awareness of children and young people’s rights and children and young people participate in decision-making processes and have influence over decisions affecting their lives.
- Established linkage with different service providers.
Good Practice

- Personal Profile & Development Plan
- Community Mobilization
- Vocational Training & Job Placement
- Mainstreaming, Linkage & Networking
Challenges

- Mobilizing Resources
- Awareness Building
- Night-Time Space
- Job placement
- Children Drop-out
Future Plan

Towards SDGs & DAM
Strategic Plan

Community Engagement
Night Shelter
Advocacy Program

Towards SDGs & DAM Strategic Plan
THANK YOU...😊