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FROM THE Executor's Director's Desk

With another passing year, Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) impacted the lives of thousands of people through interventions with a comprehensive approach towards sustainable development. As we took steps towards realizing our vision of a society where people have access to equal opportunities, our efforts aligned with the specific needs of the communities and contributed to the larger, coordinated efforts of civil society organizations towards social development in the country. In particular, our initiatives continued to address several intersecting thematic issues enabling the access of communities to healthcare facilities in the remotest terrains, combating malnutrition among women and children, enhancing livelihood opportunities for communities, enhancing educational opportunities for children, youth from marginalized communities and raising awareness in communities on environmental sustainability and many more.

We are deeply thankful to the different international and national foundation, and individuals who came forward and contributed immensely to support our initiatives. While look forward to another fruitful year, we reflect on our strategies and accomplishments of the past year through this annual report.

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WHO WE ARE

The Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) is a women-led organization based in Meherpur District, Bangladesh, dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of women, children, and youth. Our mission is to empower marginalized communities by fostering gender equality, social justice, and sustainable development. CDP works at the grassroots level to address the unique challenges faced by women and youth, particularly in rural areas where access to resources, education, and opportunities is limited.

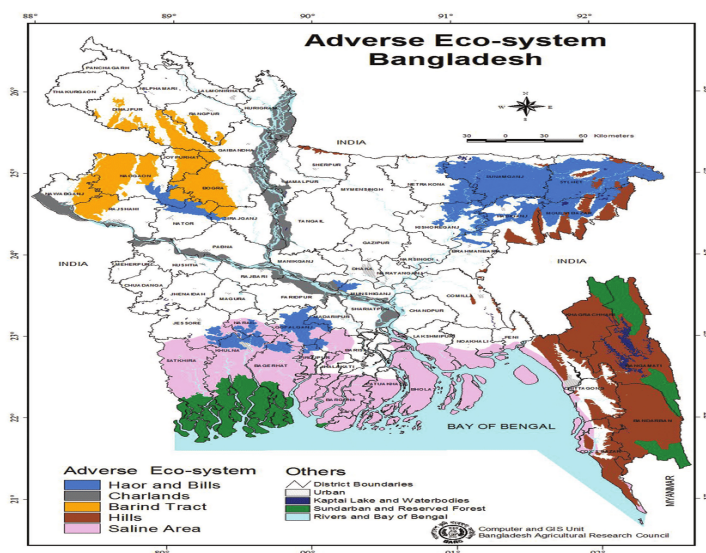
We focus on advocacy, capacity-building, and awareness-raising initiatives that aim to eliminate violence against women and children, improve access to education, and promote economic empowerment. By engaging local communities, we provide women with leadership opportunities and support youth in becoming active participants in society's development. CDP also works to strengthen the rights of children, ensuring their protection, education, and overall well-being.

As a woman-led organization, CDP is committed to ensuring that the voices of women and youth are central to decision-making processes. We believe that sustainable peace and development can only be achieved when women and children are given the tools, opportunities, and support to lead and thrive. Through our collective efforts, we strive to create a just, peaceful, and equitable society for all.

Centre for Development & Peace (CDP), based in Meherpur, Bangladesh, is a registered non-governmental organization established in 2001. It operates under various legal frameworks and regulatory bodies, ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with national and international standards. CDP is officially registered under the **Societies Registration Act** by the Social Welfare Department of Meherpur District. The organization holds the following registrations:

- NGO-AB Reg. No. 2519/2009 & renewal up to 2029
- DSS Reg. No. 59/2001, with the District Social Welfare Department of Meherpur, Bangladesh
- Department of Women Affairs, Registration No. 36
- Department of Youth Development, Registration No. 80
- Micro Credit Regulatory Authority (MRA), Registration No. 1695(12)
- PADOR Registration No. BD-2016-AYD-2610078360 with the European Commission
- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration No. SVV80 with the U.S. State Department
- Tax Identification Number (TIN) Number 121923889489
- VAT Registration Certificate

CDP's diverse range of registrations reflects its commitment to sustainable development, empowerment, and collaboration with national and international partners. The organization is dedicated to promoting the rights of women, children, and youth in the Meherpur region, working on initiatives related to social justice, gender equality, and community empowerment.



GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

- Meherpur district
- Chuadanga district
- Kushtia District
- Dhaka district

OUR VISION:

The vision of the Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) envisions a fair and caring society where everyone lives peacefully, upholds human dignity, and fosters harmonious relationships with all.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) is grounded in multi-faith values, aiming to build a just and inclusive society. CDP is committed to empowering the poor, marginalized, vulnerable, and minority communities to claim their rights, access justice, and secure sustainable livelihoods. By promoting equality, social harmony, and development, CDP works to ensure that all individuals regardless of background can live with dignity and opportunity. Through advocacy, capacity building, and community-based programs, the organization seeks lasting change that uplifts the most disadvantaged, fostering a society rooted in justice, compassion, and mutual respect.”

CORE VALUES

EQUALITY: We believe all people should be treated equally and without discrimination against them on grounds of religion, caste, gender and social background.

RESPECT: We always respect our staff, programmes participants, community people and stakeholder.

SERVICE BEYOND SELF: We work for the well-being of others and will endeavor in our efforts to serve communities as best we can.

TRANSPARENCY: We are committed to operating transparently and honestly.

ACCOUNTABILITY: We take full responsibility and accountability for our actions.

PARTICIPATION: We believe in a participatory approach from planning to implementation.

OUR APPROACH

An Integrated Approach towards Sustainable Development of Rural Communities:

An integrated approach to sustainable development involves considering economic, social and environmental factors holistically to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This approach recognizes the interconnectedness of various aspects of development and aims to create a balance that ensures long-term well-being for both people and the planet. CDP’s Integrated Village Development Programme is a unique effort aimed at enabling local communities to make significant improvements in their lives. Building on our institutional experience, it addresses multiple issues and needs across the thematic areas of health and nutrition; water, hygiene and sanitation; education, livelihoods, women’s empowerment and environmental risk reduction.



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1. Implemented Programs:

1.1 Vulnerable Women Benefit

The Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) successfully implemented the *Vulnerable Women Benefit Program* from January to December 2025 under the Ministry of Child and Women Affairs in Meherpur district. The program aimed to uplift and empower vulnerable women through targeted interventions across two major areas: Life Skills Development and Income Generation.

Under Life Skills Development, various initiatives focused on raising awareness and building capacity among women. The *Gender Equality & Women Empowerment* segment reached 2,530 participants, promoting equal rights and leadership skills. Programs on *Safe Water*



Conducted training on benefits and entitlements for vulnerable women.

(2,430 participants), *Personal Hygiene* (2,350), *Health* (2,350), and *Family Planning* (2,030) enhanced knowledge of basic health and hygiene. Additionally, *HIV/AIDS Awareness* activities reached 2,230 women, helping reduce stigma and improve prevention practices. The *Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction* component also engaged 2,530 participants, equipping them with skills to cope with environmental challenges. Lastly, the *Livelihoods* program benefited 2,450 women, guiding them toward sustainable income sources.

Under the Income Generation Program, the focus shifted to hands-on, skill-based training. *Entrepreneurship Development* reached 2,550 participants, empowering women with business skills. Training in *Poultry & Duck Rearing* (2,550), *Cow & Goat Rearing* (2,560), and *Kitchen Gardening* (2,570) provided practical knowledge and tools for household-based income activities.

Overall, the program effectively reached thousands of women, significantly contributing to their socio-economic development and resilience.

1.2 Livelihood & Women Empowerment

The Livelihood and Women Empowerment component of the Vulnerable Women Benefit Program has significantly enhanced socio-economic resilience among marginalized women. By providing skills training, and access to income-generating activities, the program has improved household incomes and reduced dependency. Empowered with decision-making capabilities and increased confidence, women are now more active in community development and family welfare. The initiative promotes gender equity, economic inclusion, and sustainable development, enabling women to break the cycle of poverty. Overall, it fosters dignity, independence, and long-term stability for vulnerable women and their families.



Livelihood Training for VWB beneficiaries

1.3 Joyful Learning School for Underprivileged Children & Youth

The *Joyful Learning School for Underprivileged Children & Youth*, implemented by the Centre for Development and Peace (CDP), promoted inclusive, play-based education for marginalized groups such as Dalit, Horizon, and Bede communities from January to December. The initiative began with a Project Inception Meeting, engaging stakeholders and showcasing children's talents through performances.



Children Annual Art competition

CDP operates three community-based pre-schools serving 64 children with daily 2.5-hour sessions focused on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD). Activities like storytelling, art, music, drama, and physical play supported cognitive, emotional, and motor development.



"Jozsi from PUM Netherlands inspired CDP's children to dream big for the future."



Interactive life skills sessions reached 240 youth and adolescents across 80 sessions, addressing critical issues such as child marriage, gender discrimination, health, hygiene, sexual health and reproductive rights. Youth also engaged in community service—cleaning roads, conducting dengue awareness, and advocating against harmful practices. To strengthen community engagement and reduce school dropout, CDP held parent-teacher meetings, while recreational events like football,

[CDP's Pre-School children are playing](#)

fashion shows, and picnics fostered well-being and social bonding.

A two-day training on child protection and rights was held for forum members. The program culminated in an art and dance competition themed “Live Green Save Life,” alongside celebrations of national and global observances to promote civic awareness and environmental responsibility.

1.5 Collaboration Program with Atoot-Nepal and Sabuj Sangha-India

The collaborative project between Atoot (Nepal), Sabuj Sangha (India), and the Centre for Development and Peace (CDP–Bangladesh) aimed to foster mutual learning, strengthen community engagement, and build sustainable development practices. The collaboration successfully met its objectives, promoting cross-learning and innovation among the partners.



[Policy-making workshop on Social Action for Girls](#)

[\(jointly organized by CDP, Sabuj Sangha-India, and Atoot-Nepal\). Collaboration meeting with India & Nepal](#)

A key achievement was the exposure visit, which allowed each organization to explore and understand best practices in community empowerment, local ownership, and youth leadership. CDP shared its strategies in community mobilization, while learning from Atoot’s *Sports for Development (S4D)* approach and Sabuj Sangha’s participatory methodologies.

The Most Significant Change (MSC) technique was introduced and adopted as a powerful monitoring and evaluation tool, enabling all three organizations to capture impactful stories and outcomes. Staff from each organization received facilitation training, enhancing their ability to engage communities and document transformational stories. Quarterly MSC collection was initiated to ensure ongoing program evaluation.

This collaboration also focused on developing the facilitation capacity of field workers and strengthening skills in donor relations and project documentation. Overall, the project created a replicable model of community-driven change, showcasing how shared learning and joint efforts can drive sustainable social development across borders.

1.6 Adolescents and Young Generation Program

The Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) implements the Adolescents and Young Generation Program to create holistic development opportunities for marginalised adolescents and young girls in Meherpur, Bangladesh. The programme



[Young girls Empowerment & Fashion show competition](#)

engages participants through adolescent clubs, providing training on essential life skills and critical awareness



[Sewing & Embroidery /income Gen Training](#)

topics to equip them for healthier, more empowered lives. Training sessions focus on life skills development, enabling adolescents and young girls to build confidence, self-esteem, leadership, communication, and decision-making abilities. They learn to manage stress, resolve conflicts peacefully, and build positive relationships with peers and families, skills vital for personal growth and navigating community challenges.

The programme raises awareness on HIV & AIDS, child marriage, domestic violence, and gender-based discrimination.

Girls learn about prevention, rights, personal hygiene, and menstrual health, empowering them to make informed choices and stand against abuse. Parents are sensitized to the harms of child marriage, reducing its risks among club members.

Sports for empowerment is integrated to enhance physical health, reduce stress, and build resilience. Organized sports provide safe spaces for girls to challenge harmful gender norms, fostering gender equality and confidence to resist injustices. Sports teach discipline, teamwork, leadership, and communication, keeping children engaged in education and deterring child labour or exploitation. Competitions open pathways to scholarships and future careers, supporting economic empowerment.

The programme promotes social inclusion and peacebuilding, uniting Muslim and Hindu minority adolescents to foster mutual respect and understanding. Boys learn to respect girls' rights and become allies for gender justice.

Overall, this transformative programme empowers adolescents and young girls to realize their potential, break cycles of poverty and exclusion, and become confident, active citizens contributing positively to society, aligning with the SDGs on health, education, gender equality, reduced inequalities, and peace.

1.7 Sexual Reproductive & health Rights

During the reporting period, the Centre for Development and Peace (CDP) implemented a comprehensive set of activities under the mother and Child Health (MCH) Care Project and Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights Program in Meherpur district, focusing on maternal and child health, nutrition, hygiene, and awareness-building.

Mom's Club Sessions for Pregnant Mothers

A total of 60 Mom's Club sessions empowered pregnant mothers with knowledge on SRHR, ANC, PNC, hygiene, nutrition, and gender equality. Interactive learning was reinforced through the distribution of 30 *Babu Barta* books to pregnant women, caregivers, and stakeholders, promoting safe pregnancies and continued maternal education.

Mother and Child Health Care Activities

The MCH Care component offered primary health services, counseling, and nutrition education, promoting exclusive breastfeeding, ANC/PNC check-ups, and child immunization. It also raised awareness on birth and death registration, enhancing health planning in collaboration with local hospitals and clinics.



[Vital discussion on Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights, MCH, ANC & PNC hygiene, nutrition, gender equality.](#)

Caregivers' Meetings

A caregiver session with 30 participants, including family and community members, emphasized nutrition, regular checkups, and support for pregnant women. Community Mobilizers actively shared information on reproductive health and caregiving, fostering a supportive environment for maternal and child well-being.

School Child Nutrition Project

The School Nutrition Program improved children's health by promoting healthy diets, kitchen gardens, and poultry rearing. These activities enhanced nutrition awareness and access, leading to a gradual decline in communicable diseases and general illness among school children.

Growth Monitoring of Under-5 Children

CDP conducted growth monitoring for under-five children to track development, identify malnutrition early, and provide necessary interventions.

[Observed Motherhood Day, discussing safe motherhood and pregnancy care.](#)



This ensured the physical well-being of young children and helped prevent stunting and undernutrition.

ANC, PNC & Referrals:

A total of 22 pregnant mothers received ANC and PNC services, referred by Community Mobilizers to local community clinics and government hospitals. Follow-up confirmed that all mothers and their babies were healthy and progressing well.

HIV/AIDS and STD Prevention

CDP carried out a range of awareness-raising activities on HIV/AIDS and STDs through workshops, courtyard meetings, drama performances, cultural events, video shows, rallies, and campaigns. These activities created awareness and reduced stigma around reproductive health issues.

1.8 Health & Family Planning Program

CDP conducted comprehensive training sessions focusing on primary health care, personal hygiene, nutrition, antenatal and postnatal care (ANC/PNC), and exclusive breastfeeding. Special emphasis was placed on anticipatory community feeding, supplementary feeding for severely malnourished children, and the prevention of communicable diseases. To enhance household nutrition and self-sufficiency, families were encouraged to establish kitchen gardens and raise poultry or ducks, ensuring access to fresh, nutritious food. These practical, community-based interventions equipped caregivers with essential knowledge and skills to support maternal and child health effectively.

The integrated approach adopted by CDP during this reporting period not only contributed to improved health outcomes for mothers and children but also enhanced community awareness and active participation in promoting hygiene, nutrition, and preventive health practices. Through collaborative efforts with local health facilities and community stakeholders, CDP successfully strengthened grassroots capacity to address health and nutrition challenges in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

1.9 Safe Water, Health, Environmental Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

In CDP's working areas, limited health education has left rural communities vulnerable to water contamination, poor sanitation, and hygiene-related illnesses, especially affecting mothers and children. To address this, CDP's Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) Program launched advocacy initiatives focusing on



primary health care, safe water, sanitation, nutrition, and birth registration

Three workshops on Safe



Water, Village Sanitation, and Hygiene engaged

[Mobile Medical Camp of CDP](#)

[Community Green Pit-Latine, Sanitation & Hygiene](#)

community groups, local leaders, pregnant mothers, and government officials, fostering local ownership of WASH rights. Key activities included volunteer orientation, Mom's Club formation, person-to-person counseling, distribution of *Babu Barta* books, health camps, and public awareness campaigns.

CDP's Field Facilitators provided ongoing maternal and child healthcare, emphasizing exclusive breastfeeding, hygiene, and safe sanitation. Services like ANC/PNC check-ups, immunization, and nutritional counseling were delivered, alongside arsenic mitigation and HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns. This integrated, community-led approach enhanced health awareness, reduced disease risks, and empowered women and families to adopt healthier practices in underserved rural areas.

AWARENESS & KNOWLEDGE SHARING ON PERSONAL HYGIENE:

To sustain any water & sanitation initiative, it is important to generate awareness in the community & sensitize them about hygiene practices. To promote education on health & personal & menstrual hygiene. CDP organized various awareness campaign aimed at behavioural change in the community.

1.10 SPORTS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS AND CHILDREN:

The “Sports for Empowerment of Young Girls and Children” initiative in Meherpur, Bangladesh creates holistic development opportunities for marginalised girls and children. Organized sports make them physically active, mentally strong, ethically



Practicing Sports for Girls’ Empowerment: Highlighting the strengths of football in promoting mental freshness, energy, and gender equality. The session was facilitated by Mr. Anuman Das, Secretary of Sabuj Sangha, India. aware, and socially empowered. Participation enhances health, reduces stress, builds confidence, and teaches discipline, teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. The project promotes gender



equality by enabling girls to play sports traditionally dominated by boys, challenging harmful norms and empowering them against child marriage, harassment, and discrimination. Life skills sessions teach rights, hygiene, menstrual health, and gender equality. Boys learn to respect girls’ rights. Sports keep children engaged, preventing

Empowering girls against child marriage and discrimination through life skills and rights advocacy sessions.

child labour and early marriage, while inspiring education and aspirations. It builds confidence and leadership to resist exploitation and modern slavery.

The project fosters inclusion and peace by uniting Muslim, Christian, ethnic and Hindu minority children. Local and national competitions create pathways to careers and scholarships. Sports empower girls and children to realize their potential, break cycles of poverty and exclusion, and become active, confident citizens.

1.11 Environment, Climate Change & Disaster Management

Climate change and environmental degradation pose critical threats to livelihoods, biodiversity, and community resilience.



In response, an integrated approach involving Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and Advocacy has been undertaken to build a sustainable and climate-resilient society. Below is a detailed explanation of project activities with a focus on Climate Change Mitigation.

“Peter Mushgrave from the United Reformed Church, UK, visited the CDP office to observe its climate action work. Bishop Sourab Folia, John Provanjan, and representatives from the Roman Catholic Church, Bangladesh, were also present.”



1. Climate Change Mitigation Project Activities

These activities aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhance carbon sinks to slow the pace of global warming. The following initiatives have been implemented:

“Tree plantation session and distribution of saplings to children by CDP.”

1.1 Tree Plantation of Native Tree Species

- Promotes carbon sequestration through afforestation and reforestation.
- Focus on indigenous and drought-resistant species to ensure ecological balance and sustainability.

- Tree planting is done in community areas, schools, roadside belts, and degraded lands.
- Enhances biodiversity and provides long-term environmental [Tree plantation event highlighting environmental protection, climate change, and “Live Green, Save Green,” with a massive gathering organized by CDP.](#)
- benefits including air purification and temperature regulation.

1.2 Seeds and Tree Seedling Production and Distribution

- Establishes community-based nurseries to produce high-quality seeds and seedlings.
- Supports large-scale plantation drives by ensuring an adequate and consistent supply of native species.
- Empowers local communities by involving them in nursery operations, offering livelihood opportunities.

1.3 Establishment of Village-Level Tree Nurseries

- Facilitates local production of tree saplings, reducing dependency on external sources.
- Encourages ownership and participation in climate mitigation efforts at the grassroots level.
- Trains villagers in nursery management, soil treatment, and plant care techniques.

1.4 Promotion of Agroforestry Techniques

- Integrates trees with agricultural crops and/or livestock on the same land.
- Enhances farm productivity and provides multiple outputs like fruits, fuelwood, fodder, and timber.
- Increases soil fertility, reduces erosion, and creates a microclimate favorable for crops.
- Acts as a long-term carbon sink while improving farmers’ incomes.

1.5 Compost and Mulching for Soil Moisture Retention

- Encourages the use of organic waste for composting to reduce methane emissions from landfills.
- Promotes mulching techniques to preserve soil moisture, regulate soil temperature, and suppress weeds.
- Contributes to improved soil structure and fertility, enhancing carbon retention in soil.

1.6 Vermi Compost Training for Staff and Volunteers

- Capacity-building initiative to educate stakeholders on organic waste management.
- Vermicomposting uses earthworms to convert biodegradable waste into high-quality compost.
- Reduces reliance on chemical fertilizers, thereby lowering nitrous oxide emissions—a potent GHG.
- Encourages adoption of sustainable agricultural practices among rural communities.

2. Adaptation Project Activities

- Promotes strategies to adjust agricultural and community systems to withstand the impacts of climate change.
- Includes the development of drought-resistant crops, rainwater harvesting, and early warning systems.
- Encourages diversified farming systems and climate-resilient livelihoods.

3. Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Project Activities

- Builds community capacity to reduce vulnerabilities to natural hazards like floods, cyclones, and droughts.
- Involves hazard mapping, construction of disaster-resilient infrastructure, and community-based disaster preparedness training.
- Aims to minimize loss of life and property through effective risk management.

4. Advocacy and Network Project Activities

4.1 Annual Art Competition on Environment Protection

- Engages youth and students in climate advocacy through creative expression.
- Raises awareness about environmental issues and instills eco-friendly values in the younger generation.

4.2 District Eco-Friendly Handicraft Fair / Exhibition

- Showcases sustainable, locally made products that promote circular economy practices.
- Encourages the use of recycled, biodegradable, and non-toxic materials in artisan crafts.
- Supports green livelihoods and eco-conscious consumer behavior.
- **Impact of Climate Change Mitigation Activities**
- **Carbon Sequestration:** Large-scale plantations and agroforestry help capture CO₂, mitigating the greenhouse effect.
- **Soil Health Improvement:** Organic farming practices improve soil carbon content and reduce the use of synthetic inputs.
- **Community Empowerment:** Engagement in nurseries and composting activities enhances local income and climate awareness.
- **Sustainable Livelihoods:** Agroforestry and green entrepreneurship reduce climate-related economic vulnerability.
- **Behavioral Change:** Training, fairs, and art events promote long-term environmentally responsible behavior.

1.12 Livelihood Training for Dalit, Horizon, Halder and Hijra Community

The Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) is committed to empowering marginalized communities, including Dalits, Horizon, Halder, and Hijra groups. Since 2017, CDP has actively supported Dalit artisans by providing training in handicrafts, bag making, computer skills for youth, and bamboo craft, alongside

[Training on Embroidery, Tailoring, Block Batik, and Nokshi Blanket Production for Dalit, Horizon, Halder, and Hijra](#)



[communities to promote sustainable green livelihoods and income-generating activities \(IGAs\). Training on Embroidery,](#)



[Tailoring, Block Batik, and Nokshi Blanket Production for Hijra \(transgender\) communities to promote sustainable green livelihoods and income-generating activities \(IGAs\).](#)

facilitating market linkages to promote sustainable livelihoods in partnership with the Ministry of Child & Women Affairs, Dhaka. CDP also collaborates closely with Horizon and Hijra communities, advocating for their rights, inclusion, and dignity through targeted awareness campaigns and capacity-building programs aimed at reducing social stigma and fostering greater social acceptance and participation. Additionally, CDP facilitates vulnerable groups' access to government social safety net services. These include food security programs and skill development training such as beautification, first food preparation, computer literacy, and embroidery provided by the Department of Women Affairs Office, Meherpur. CDP further supports these communities by offering healthcare and financial assistance.

By bridging gaps between marginalized populations and public services, CDP promotes equality, economic resilience, and social justice. Through these comprehensive efforts, CDP continues to strengthen inclusive communities, enabling marginalized groups to access sustainable development and empowerment opportunities.

1.13 Eco-Friendly Handicraft Empowerment Program for Vulnerable Women and Girls.



The Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) successfully organized a 10-day *Eco-Friendly & Empowerment Handmade Handicraft Program* under Tripty Boutique House to support 200 poor and vulnerable women and young girls through sustainable livelihood opportunities. As part of this initiative, Mr. Jozsi Toth from PUM, The Netherlands—CDP's long-time partner—conducted specialized training on e-marketing, global branding, and market access for eco-friendly handicrafts. His sessions focused on capacity building, product development, and international sales strategies, significantly



[Wins Feminist Green Action Award](#)

["Youth and women artisans are making various eco-friendly crafts, including beautifully designed blankets."](#)

enhancing participants' skills and knowledge. The interactive and practical approach helped improve product quality and innovation while expanding market potential. This initiative strengthened CDP's mission of creating sustainable, women-led, eco-friendly enterprises in underserved communities. Notably, CDP-Tripty Boutique was recently honored with the *Feminist Green Action Award* by ActionAid Bangladesh—recognition of its impactful work in promoting eco-friendly crafts and empowering marginalized women. The project plays a vital role in the economic stability of the participants and their families.

2. Finance & Audit:

CDP maintains a strong financial department staffed with professionals who ensure all financial transactions comply with global and donor standards. Both financial and program activity reports are regularly reviewed and monitored by the internal audit team. Annually, CDP's finances, program activities, and management undergo a thorough external audit conducted by a bureau accredited by the NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka. The audited reports are submitted to donors and the NGO-AB office, ensuring full transparency, accountability, and adherence to regulatory requirements. This robust system supports CDP's commitment to effective and responsible resource management.

3. The Road Ahead

The Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) has crafted a comprehensive five-year Strategic Plan for 2026–2030, outlining a clear roadmap to empower marginalized communities across Bangladesh. This plan ensures CDP stays responsive and relevant to emerging challenges while aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It establishes organizational priorities and enhances program coherence, providing strategic guidance to staff and stakeholders for effective, community-driven interventions.

4. Key Strategic Priorities:

1. CDP focuses on strengthening climate resilience in coastal, riverside, and drought-prone communities through sustainable adaptation practices. This includes climate-smart agriculture, disaster preparedness, rainwater harvesting, and community awareness initiatives. These efforts aim to reduce vulnerability, enhance livelihoods, and empower communities to respond effectively to the impacts of climate change.
2. CDP promotes digital literacy by expanding access to technology and digital education for rural and underserved populations. Through targeted training, awareness programs, and community-based digital hubs, CDP empowers youth and women with essential digital skills, helping bridge the digital divide and enhancing opportunities for education, employment, and social inclusion.
3. CDP promotes women-led green entrepreneurship through eco-friendly activities like organic farming and handicrafts, offering training and market access to ensure sustainable livelihoods, economic independence, and environmental resilience in marginalized communities.
4. CDP empowers youth through leadership training, civic education, and community initiatives, enabling them to actively participate in local development, decision-making, and social transformation.
5. CDP enhances mobile health services, education, child protection, and social safety nets in urban slums and remote areas, ensuring vulnerable populations receive essential healthcare and support.
6. CDP plans to replicate its Model Village/Holistic Development Approach across operational districts, scaling integrated, community-led initiatives that promote sustainable development, social inclusion, and improved livelihoods for marginalized populations.
7. CDP aims to scale up the Nayantara Girls' Empowerment Program in Meherpur, Chuadanga, Kushtia, and Dhaka slums, enhancing girls' access to quality education, leadership development, life skills training, and opportunities for personal and social empowerment.
8. CDP will establish an Eco-Friendly Livelihood Centre cum School in Govipur and Garabaria villages, combining quality education with sustainable livelihood training to empower local communities and promote environmental stewardship.
9. CDP will expand mental health and psychosocial support services, offering counseling and emotional care to adolescents and youth, strengthening their well-being and resilience. This strategy advances inclusive, empowered communities across Bangladesh.



5. Donors & Partners Visit

Throughout the year, the Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) welcomed visits from international donors, development partners, stakeholders, and representatives from local and national government bodies. Officials from national NGOs, Union Council Chairmen, Ward Commissioners, and local journalists visited CDP's head office and field areas, creating valuable opportunities for engagement, observation, and constructive dialogue with community members, staff, and beneficiaries. Visitors observed CDP's grassroots programmes on education, women's empowerment, youth leadership, Sports for Empowerment of young girls, child protection, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience. They provided encouraging feedback, acknowledging



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"Jozi, a Global Market expert from PUM Netherlands, provided digital marketing training to the CDP-Tripty Boutique staff."

CDP's impactful, community-based approaches, inclusive practices, and strong commitment to sustainable development. Many appreciated CDP's efforts to empower marginalised women and young girls through skill development, entrepreneurship initiatives, and sports for empowerment. Visitors also praised CDP's effective mobilization of local resources and networks to address issues such as child marriage, domestic violence, and gender-based discrimination. Their recognition has strengthened CDP's credibility at local, national, and international levels, inspiring continued grassroots-led action and partnerships.

Notably, CDP-Tripty Boutique received the First Feminist Green Action Award from ActionAid Bangladesh for its eco-friendly initiatives in producing recycled and natural fibre products that create dignified livelihoods for rural women artisans. Additionally, CDP was honored with a district-level award for outstanding performance in anti-drug activities, recognizing its effective community awareness campaigns, youth engagement programmes, and coordination with law enforcement to reduce drug abuse in Meherpur district.



These achievements and acknowledgements motivate

"Joke, Executive Director of the Gender & Water Alliance in the Netherlands, visited CDP's women and young girls' empowerment and rights-based programmes and held a meeting with them."

CDP to continue its mission of building a just, inclusive, and sustainable society by empowering the most vulnerable communities and amplifying their voices for lasting change



"Peter Mushgrave from the United Reformed Church, UK, along with the Meherpur District NGO Steering Committee, visited the CDP office to observe its activities and expressed their appreciation."



"The Oxfam Dhaka team visited our office to observe our work and expressed their appreciation."



A Canadian citizen of Indian origin visited our children's school, observed their play-based learning session, and appreciated the children for confidently pursuing their vision."



"An American buyer visited our CDP Craft Centre."



A buyer from France visited our CDP Craft Centre."



Collaboration partners from Sabuj Sangha, India, and Atoot, Nepal, visited CDP's programmes. They attended the marmalade workshop and visited the field to observe children and youth social action activities, including a drama on stopping child marriage. They highly appreciated our performance.

6. Appeal To Donors

Join us today and support the sustainable development of marginalized rural across our operational areas. With the funding received from our donors we can tackle poverty head on and provide communities with the tools necessary to create new livelihood opportunities for themselves.

Help us to continue to deliver this assistance and change the reality of life in these communities where:

- Almost one in every two people live below poverty line
- Over half of all households do not have access to clean drinking water
- Only half of all births are attended by a qualified healthcare professional, and Access to quality basic education and adequate physical infrastructure remains out of the reach of the majority.

Donate today and help us secure positive change through this provision of healthcare, education, child protection services, water and sanitation facilities, livelihood opportunities and disaster response initiative.

**Let's build a better tomorrow
Together, anything is possible!**

Donation

I would like to donate

BDT.500	BDT.1000	BDT.5000	BDT.10000	BDT.20000	BDT.25000	BDT.30000	Others BDT---
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Payment details

Cheque made payable to Centre for development & Peace (CDP)

Address: CDP, Bamonpar, Mujibnagor Road, Meherpur, Bangladesh

Donor Details

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Postal Code: _____ District _____ Country _____
 Phone: _____ Email _____ PAN _____
 Date: _____ Signature _____

All donations are exempt under Income Tax & VAT

What your donation can do:

	BDT	\$	€	£
Educate a Girls Child-Educate a Nation for a year	20000	150	145	125
Support a mother for her Healthy child	5000	40	35	30
Sponsor on Child for Higher Education per annum	50000	420	370	315
Provide Livelihood Support on family	25000	210	185	156
Support one Health Camp for unreached areas	15000	125	110	92
Support one month running cost for one Coaching for student				

7. Member's Success Stories:

FACE UP TO SUCCESS

“Women became self-Reliant through Eco Friendly handicrafts in Sohogolpur Village “

Tripty Kona Biswas, Executive Director of CDP started Eco Friendly handicrafts programme in Sohogolpur Village at Meherpur district. This has been going on now for many years, since Tripty started visited the poor women in the villages around Meherpur town to find alternative sources of income for their families. Over many years visiting poor women in their families, she discovered that mostly their husbands had not got solid jobs themselves and were often out of work and landless and not able to support their families properly.



As she got to know women better, she realized if she could find a way of them earning an income, this would not only improve the whole family situation but also give the women themselves more income and more equality within the family.

She has developed a field of work called Eco Friendly handicrafts. She has found a few women to train up in the skills of sewing and sewing machine work. Two of these women are Mala Khatun and Shefalie Khatun, who both come from Sohogolpur Village, about an hour away from Meherpur Town on an electric auto bike. Mala and Shefalie now teach other women skills in handicrafts and women are working together in groups to produce beautiful cotton products.

Tripty arranges for the collection of old unwanted cotton garments like saris and longhis and these are redesigned to make Nakshi kathas. Several saris' items suitably selected are sown together to make a beautiful bed sheet

Tripty also works very hard to find markets for these garments which she sells as a marketing manager wherever she finds people interested and willing to buy. This includes people in Dhaka, especially expatriates. She also tries to find overseas markets

An additional programme CDP were able to introduce with the assistance of the German Embassy in Dhaka, has been the gift of sewing machines to select poor women in village areas. The selected family has also been agreed by other women in the village. After getting training from eg. Shefalie she is able to earn local income taking orders and selling garments to her neighbors

Back at the village level, what is going on is a programme that is about income generation, but also about gender equality and women's rights. In the programmes CDP is carrying out, often in conjunction with the government, they raise awareness around a range of social issues, including climate change adaptation, women's right. They have also been able to introduce savings groups and these lead to loans being given so that village people are able for instance to buy chickens, a goat, or even a cow which they fatten up and then are able to sell on to the market for a profit and then start again in a similar. CDP have also been able to provide tree seedlings to grow in most families' small homesteads which can provide fruit as they grow bigger over the years.



CDP finds it increasingly difficult to raise funds as an NGO for their development work, but through the eco friendly handicrafts they have found a way of funding their own work and also benefitting local women and their families. CDPs handicrafts are bringing cash into the local economy strengthening women's purchasing power. When we talked to husbands and wives together, we found both husband and wife were happy with the new developments and the husbands were happy to share decision making with their wives.

Priti Das: Youth Club is my key of Education

Priti Das is a member of Rajnigandha youth club at Bamonpara village of Meherpur district, Bangladesh. Her family is very poor and vulnerable. She has four sisters. Her father is an Auto driver and mother is a housewife. She is 16 years old and she goes to school regularly. Her parents could not afford her educational materials. She is saying that she loves to come to the youth club because through the club she is learning many things like health change during growing stage, use of sanitary napkins, bad effects of child marriage, importance of education, STD & STI, HIV and AIDS prevention, home sanitation, safe health and personal hygiene etc. She shares that they come to the youth club every day after school with her other friend. They do dance role play & dramas, singing, drawing pictures and art painting. They had a picnic together through the youth club. She said that she learnt many things and enjoyed a lot at the club. She encourages others to join the youth club. Every month they all do



a health check up by Telehealth doctors of Spreeha Bangladesh Foundation. She is saying they all are happy and glad to Global Fund for Children, USA for their valuable e support for them.

Youth Club is key in my life:

My name is Mitu. I am a member of Nayantara Youth Club, Bamonpara, Meherpur, Bangladesh. I passed SSC and will take admission at Meherpur Women's college. Youth club guided me and helped me a lot to pass my SSC. I am very much happy to come to our club after school in the afternoon. We all Nayantara club members come together in the afternoon at our youth club. We spent two hours in a youth club session. We discuss many things together and everybody shares their good things and bad things. Child marriage and trafficking is our big challenge to overcome it but through the club we are fighting against child marriage, sexual harassment, domestic violence, trafficking. When we become 12-14 years old that time our parents and village leaders say that I am now an adult and must be married. Neighbors push our parents and say that there is no need to spend money for a girl's education. My parents share with me, and we strongly protest these through our youth clubs, and our facilitator Shilla is taking strong initiative against child marriage. I did not know about sexual diseases, reproductive health, bad effect of child marriage, and health change during growing stage, use of sanitary napkins & so on. But through the Club not only these but also, we all club friends we know about how to stop child marriage, how to stop dowry to remove family burden, how to stop domestic violence, knowing about health change during growing stage, sexual diseases etc. We are all friends going to school every day and after school we come to our Kishori club and tell each other things such as games, dance, drama & role play, drawing art and pictures. We enjoy the club a lot in club. We are all very grateful to Global Fund for Children, USA & CDP by their continuous support due to safe from the tension of child marriage, trafficking, eve teasing, and sexual harassment etc. Our all dream we will continue study and become an educated person and earn money doing good jobs



7. Networks and Collaboration:

In 2024-25, the Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) significantly strengthened its networks and collaborations at local, national, and regional levels to advance its mission of empowering women, children, youth, and marginalised communities.

CDP built strong platforms to share its programmes and learning with regional partners such as Atoot-Nepal, Sabuj Sangha-India, and Bangladesh PEAK partners, fostering cross-border solidarity and knowledge exchange. With the support of the Global Fund for Children (GFC), CDP established a Child & Youth Forum to amplify the voices of children and young people, enabling them to showcase their talents, advocate for their rights, and engage meaningfully in development processes.

At the national level, CDP expanded its collaboration with multiple government ministries and agencies to strengthen programme implementation and policy advocacy. These include partnerships with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare (including district and Upazila offices), Ministry of Youth Development, Upazila and District Cooperative Societies in Meherpur, and the Ministry of Climate Change and Disaster Management. These collaborations facilitated access to government services, enhanced community outreach, and promoted effective coordination for sustainable development.

CDP also strengthened its regional and national networks by collaborating with CANSA (Climate Action Network South Asia), Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED) Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), WBB Trust, ActionAid Bangladesh, E-Shebee, Prokrittee & SOURCE, and Basha Enterprise. These partnerships enabled joint initiatives on climate action, women's economic empowerment, land rights, health, and inclusive development.



Furthermore, CDP continues to maintain a strong partnership network with Spreeha Bangladesh Foundation, enhancing its integrated community development programmes. CDP actively participates in the District and Upazila NGOs Coordination Committees under the Government of Bangladesh and maintains effective networks with the District NGO Samity, ensuring strategic collaboration, alignment with government priorities, and maximized collective impact.

Overall, these networks and collaborations have strengthened CDP's organizational capacity, increased its outreach and credibility, and created greater opportunities to advocate for and realize the rights of marginalised communities across Bangladesh and the South Asia region.

9. National and International Days Observation-2024

CDP actively participated in the celebration and observance of various national and international days in partnership with government agencies at Upazila and district levels. These events included International Women's Day, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment; International Environment Day, raising awareness on environmental protection; and International Literacy Day, highlighting the importance of education for all.

Additionally, CDP marked International Human Rights Day to advocate for fundamental rights and freedoms, and World AIDS Day to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. Observances of Education Day and Children's Day emphasized the right to education and child welfare.

CDP also commemorated International Mother Language Day, celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity; Victory Day and Independence Day, honoring national heritage and freedom; and Land Rights Day, focusing on equitable land access and rights for marginalized communities.

Through these observances, CDP reinforced its commitment to raising awareness, advocating for rights, and mobilizing communities on critical social, cultural, and developmental issues.



10. Monthly Staff & Executive Committee and Annual Board and Review Meeting

Throughout the reporting year, the Centre for Development & Peace (CDP) conducted regular Monthly Staff and Executive Committee meetings as well as the Annual Board and Review Meeting. All field and office staff actively participated in these meetings, presenting their written progress reports and sharing case studies highlighting their achievements, challenges, and learnings from programme implementation.

These meetings provided a structured platform for reviewing progress, ensuring accountability, and fostering team learning and coordination. The Executive Committee and Board reviewed programme performance, operational updates, and strategic directions to strengthen organizational effectiveness and ensure that CDP's interventions remain responsive to the needs of the communities it serves.

11. Major Achievements 2024

1. Awards & Recognition:

- Received the First Feminist Green Action Award from ActionAid Bangladesh for eco-friendly recycled and natural fibre products creating dignified livelihoods for rural women artisans.
- Honored with a district-level award for outstanding anti-drug activities through effective community awareness, youth engagement, and coordination with law enforcement in Meherpur district.
- "CDP received a donation from the Ministry of Youth Development through the Meherpur District Administration in recognition of its outstanding performance. The donation was handed over by the Deputy Commissioner in the presence of the Additional District Magistrate, Deputy Director of Youth Development, and other high officials from government and non-government organisations."
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2. Organizational Commitment:

- These achievements motivate CDP to continue building a just, inclusive, and sustainable society by empowering the most vulnerable communities.

3. Door-to-Door Reproductive Health Counselling:

- Conducted counselling for 10,200 households covering SRHR, personal hygiene, menstrual health, gender equality, democracy, peace, and sustainable development.

4. Fertile Couples Counselling:

- Provided counselling to 950 couples on family planning, safer sex education, STI/HIV prevention, and SRHR.

5. Life Skills & Hygiene Advocacy Workshops:

- Arranged workshops with 2,540 vulnerable women, adolescents, youth clubs, union council members, teachers, and youth forum representatives on life skills, safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.

6. Community Advocacy Meetings:

- Organized 10 advocacy meetings under CAMP on reproductive and health rights, safe water, sanitation, hygiene, and equitable WASH access under the VWB program.

7. Gender Equality & Women Empowerment Workshops:

- Conducted workshops with 2,140 participants, including vulnerable women, Union Parishad leaders, government officers, and CDP staff on gender equality and women's empowerment.

8. Maternal, Adolescent, Youth & Child Health Support:

- Reached 3,600 mothers, 220 adolescents, 220 youths, and 120 children with health support, treatment, counselling, nutrition, family planning, EPI, and SRHR services.
- 9. Mobile Clinics & Medical Camps:**
 - Provided primary treatment, medicines, and counselling to pregnant and lactating mothers focusing on breastfeeding, hygiene, sanitation, disease prevention, and childcare.
- 10. Tree Saplings & Vegetable Seeds Distribution:**
 - Distributed 4,130 tree saplings and vegetable seeds/seedlings to poor and marginalized communities.
- 11. Sanitation Facilities Distribution:**
 - Distributed 20 sets of slab toilets through Union Parishads and village sanitation centres to targeted families.
- 12. Health Training Initiatives:**
 - Organized training on reproductive, maternal, child, and primary health care, family planning, ANC, and PNC with government hospital support.
- 13. Maternal Health Education:**
 - Provided health education to 1,550 pregnant and lactating mothers on clean water, gender equality, ANC & PNC, reproductive health, and mother and child health.
- 14. Child Marriage & Human Rights Advocacy:**
 - Conducted 3 advocacy workshops on stopping child marriage, child rights, women's rights, human rights, and social safety nets with government, civil society, youth, and media leaders.
- 15. Gender & Social Justice Training:**
 - Trained 2,240 VWB beneficiaries on gender equality, gender justice, social justice, and human dignity.
- 16. Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) Package Support:**
 - Provided 2,240 poor women with monthly 30 kg rice and life skill and entrepreneurship development training.
- 17. Advocacy IEC Material Distribution:**
 - Distributed 1,000 posters and leaflets on climate change, human rights, SRHR, anti-trafficking, HIV/AIDS prevention, and combating domestic violence.
- 18. Social Safety Net Services Facilitation:**
 - Facilitated access for 2,350 beneficiaries to services like sanitary toilets, VGD, VGF, old age, widow, and disability allowances, livestock and fisheries support, festival allowances, school feeding, and tube wells from LGIs.
- 19. Sustainable Income Generation Training & Support:**
 - Trained and supported 2,650 families in poultry and duck rearing, compost making, clothing business, vegetable gardening, mini garments, small trade, fish selling, food processing, preservation, and market linkages, benefiting group members and persons with disabilities.
- 20. Partnerships & Networking:**
 - Strengthened partnerships with NGOs, INGOs, LGIs, and communities to enhance programme effectiveness, outreach, and sustainability.

12. Target Beneficiaries

“CDP’s programmes follow a rights-based approach, enabling marginalised groups to claim their rights and live with dignity. Beneficiaries include poor children and women, Dalit, Horizon, tribal communities, pregnant mothers, malnourished infants, climate-affected people, school dropouts, persons with disabilities, sex and domestic workers, Hijra communities, trafficked women, and at-risk youth, supporting their rights to protection, education, health, and participation.”

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