Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programs

Since inception, as a responsible corporate body, Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has been playing a pioneering role in implementing various social and philanthropic programs to help disadvantaged people of the country. Education, healthcare, human resources development, conservation of nature, creation of social awareness, rehabilitation of distressed people and such other programs to redress human sufferings are some of the important areas where the Bank carries out its social and philanthropic activities.

1. Scholarships

Education is a pre-requisite for the overall development of the country. Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) has been awarding the largest number of scholarships in Bangladesh for the meritorious and needy students every year since 2003. This scholarship is available for different levels of education such as:

**HSC and Graduation Level:** DBBL awards about 300 new scholarships every year to needy and meritorious students along with the continuing awardees studying at HSC and Graduation Level. The Scholarships are available for the entire academic period and the Bank spends about Taka 4.00 crore every year for awarding these scholarships. Under this program a scholarship awardee is provided with the following benefits:

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<th>SL No</th>
<th>Level of Study</th>
<th>Amount of scholarship per month (Tk.)</th>
<th>One time grant annually for purchasing books/reading materials (Tk.)</th>
<th>Total grant per year for each awardee (Tk.)</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>H. S. C. level</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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<td>2,000.00</td>
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**M. Phil / Ph.D/ Post Doctoral Level:** Fellowship is awarded to those researchers having Masters Degree and studying at different public universities in M. Phil / Ph.D/ Post Doctoral Level. Every year 50 fellowships are given in this level to the researchers for their full research period (as required by the university curriculum) at the rate of Taka 5,000.00 per month.

2. Assistance to Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital

An amount of Taka 93,600,000.00 was donated to Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital for setting up a Cath Lab, two Operation Theatres with facilities for Liver & Kidney Transplantation and Heart Surgery.

3. Smile Brighter

Cleft-lip is far more a social set back than a health problem. Boys and girls cursed with cleft-lips face a lot of problems in everyday life ranging from disruption of formal education, attending social ceremonies and impediment at the time of getting married. Considering the gravity of the situation DBBL has taken the initiative to bring back smile on the face of the boys and girls with cleft-lip through plastic surgery since 2003. More than 3000 number of poor cleft-lipped boys & girls have so far been successfully operated across the country. Besides special camps were arranged under this ‘Smile Brighter’ program in Dhaka, Chittagong, Cox’s Bazar, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal, Bogra, Comilla, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Lalmohirhat, Faridpur, Jessore, Mymensingh, Sirajgonj, Kushtia, Shatkhira, Feni, Savar, Bholu etc. As a continuous process, the cleft-lipped boys & girls are being operated across the country for restoration of hope and dignity in their lives.
4. Assistance to Acid Victims

Since 2000, DBBL launched massive campaign against social menaces like acid violence through print & electronic media. Subsequently, DBBL has taken a financial support program to rehabilitate the helpless acid victim women of the country by maintaining small scale agro-based rural enterprises like poultry, vegetable farming, goat farming, fish farming etc. Under this program, 351 acid victims already received financial support at the rate of Taka 10,000.00 (Taka ten thousand) each to become self-reliant.

5. Caring patients living with AIDS/HIV Positives

In the year 2000, DBBL first initiated a campaign on AIDS prevention through print and electronic media. Subsequently, DBBL has taken a financial assistance program for supporting HIV positive patients since 2004 titled- "Caring Patients Living with AIDS." Under this program, 50 HIV/AIDS patients (HIV/AIDS affected women and children) are being provided with ARV medicines, clinical supports, food supplement and others.

6. Prevention of drug abuse

An amount of Taka 1,00,00,000.00 (Taka one crore) was donated to APON to establish the first comprehensive drug rehabilitation centre in Bangladesh named "APONGAON" at Singair, Manikganj.

7. Rural Medi-Care Service Center

DBBL has established 10 Rural Medi-Care Service Centers at its rural branches to render free medical services to the rural and destitute people of the adjoining areas specially for the women and children.

8. Assistance to Impact Foundation Bangladesh

Taka 21,00,000.00 (Taka twenty one lac) was donated to Impact Foundation Bangladesh to procure equipment and medical instrument for Operation Theater of a newly build hospital named "Jibon Mela" at Meherpur district.

9. Assistance to Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha

Taka 10,00,000.00 (Taka ten lac) was donated to Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha for modernizing the Operation Theater of Rafatullah Community Hospital, Bogra.

10. V.V.F. & prolaps uterus operating facilities for the financially handicapped women

DBBL has been providing financial support to poor and helpless women suffering from V.V.F. & prolaps uterus to meet entire cost of repair to bring them back to normal & reproductive life.

11. Saving the Nation from the curse of Dowry

Since 2000, DBBL initiated massive campaign against dowry culture through print & electronic media to restore hope & dignity in lives of dowry victims. DBBL has been extending financial assistance to the helpless dowry victim women by setting up agro-based rural enterprises like poultry, vegetable farming, goat farming, fish farming etc. Under this program, 800 dowry victims already received financial support at the rate of Tk. 10,000.00 (taka ten thousand) each to become self-reliant.
12. Financial assistance to meet natural disaster

The Bank's foundation undertakes a number of programs arising out of the natural calamities and health hazards which are emergent in nature and can not be addressed by the poor people. In 2007, a total amount of Taka 4,21,25,000.00 in cash and kind was donated for rehabilitation of people seriously affected by cyclone, flood and land slide. The donations in kind included food, medicine, water purifying tablets and blankets.

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<th>Particulars of donations for people affected by natural disaster</th>
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<td>Rehabilitation of land slide victims of Chittagong</td>
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<td>Donation to Chief Advisor's Relief Fund for rehabilitation of flood victims</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation of flood victims of Brahmanbaria District</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donation to Chief Advisor's Relief Fund for rehabilitation of ‘Sidr’-hit people</td>
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<td>Donation to Bangladesh Army Relief Fund for rehabilitation of ‘Sidr’-hit people</td>
<td>50,00,000</td>
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<td>25,000 pieces of blanket to Bangladesh Army relief fund for the ‘Sidr’-hit people</td>
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<td>Blanket for cold-hit people of northern part of the country</td>
<td>50,25,000</td>
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<td>OR saline &amp; Cholera saline for the flood victims</td>
<td>31,00,000</td>
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13. National Steering Committee on Voter List and National ID Card Project

DBBL donated Tk. 87,00,000.00 (eighty seven lac) to National Steering Committee on Voter List and National ID Card Project to procure laptop computers and accessories for the implementation of Pilot Project for Voter Registration and National ID Card.

14. Pediatrics Department of Sir Salimullah Medical College & Mitford Hospital

DBBL has donated a Multimedia Projector to Pediatrics Department of Sir Salimullah Medical College & Mitford Hospital for facilitating modern medical education.

15. Pediatrics Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital

DBBL has donated a Multimedia Projector to Pediatrics Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for facilitating modern medical education.

16. Donation to Nurture

Taka 5,00,000.00 (Taka five lac) was donated to Nurture for setting up a physiotherapy unit in their new six storied building.

17. Assistance to 14 selected organizations

Financial support was given to 14 selected organizations working with disabled children for ensuring education, training and rehabilitation.
18. Mass campaign for prevention of road traffic accident

Taka 2,00,000.00 was given to Nirapad Sarak Chai to organize the program named National Road Safety Day-2007. Mentionable that Taka 5,80,000.00 was given earlier to Nirapad Sarak Chai for helping he families victimized by road accident.

DBBL for Environment

Environmental degradation and depletion of natural resources are matters of great concern in Bangladesh like anywhere in the world. Environmental degradation is taking place due to poverty, over population and lack of awareness about the environment. It is manifested by deforestation, destruction of wetlands, depletion of soil nutrients etc. Natural calamities like floods, cyclones and tidal bores also result in severe socio-economic and environmental damage. DBBL has been continuously creating social awareness to protect the environment that is essential for present and future generations. With that end in view, DBBL is regularly advertising in print and electronic media to develop an eco-friendly society for sustainable and healthy human life.

DBBL complies with environmental standard while financing industrial projects. Projects with likely adverse impact on environment are strongly discouraged by DBBL. We are trying to incorporate sound environmental management process in business operations of projects financed by us that can ensure healthy and sustainable lives for our future generations. DBBL introduced a guideline demanding assessment of environmental and social impacts of the projects to ensure that operations of the projects would be eco-friendly.
A few of the corporate social activities undertaken by DBBL during 2007

Mr. Abul Hasnat Md. Rashidul Islam, Chairman of the Board of Directors of DBBL handed over a Payment Order for Taka 10.00 million to Dr. Fakruddin Ahmed, Hon'ble Chief Adviser, Care-taker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for 'SIDR' affected people. Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of the Bank was also present on the occasion.

DBBL has been extending medical facilities and other supports to 50 HIV positive patients since 2004. Major General (Rtd.) Dr. ASM Matiur Rahman, Honorable Advisor, Ministry of Health & Social Welfare is seen distributing the "Treatment Card" among the HIV positive patients.
Mr. Abul Hasnat Md. Rashidul Islam, Chairman of the Board of Directors of DBBL handed over a sample of blanket (total twenty five thousand blankets worth Taka 5.50 million) and a Payment Order for Taka 5.00 million for 'SIDR' affected people to General Moeen U Ahmed, the Chief of Army Staff. Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of the Bank was also present on the occasion.

Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of DBBL inaugurated the Cath Lab at BIRDEM Hospital. Prof. A. K. Azad Khan, President of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh was present on the occasion. Mentionable that DBBL donated Taka 93.60 million to Diabetic Association of Bangladesh to modernize and equip the Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute, BIRDEM by setting-up a Cath Lab, two Operation Theatres and increasing total bed numbers from 80 to 150.

Mr. AHM Nazmul Quadir, Additional Managing Director of DBBL handed over a Payment Order of Taka 1.00 million for setting up a modern OT facility for the rural people to Prof. Hosney Ara, the Executive Director of Thengamara Mohila Sabuz Sangha (TMSS). Among others, Dr. Mozammel Hossain Khan, Medical Consultant of the Bank was also present on the occasion.
DBBL donated 100 Laptop Computers with scanners to the National Steering Committee on Voter List & National ID Card Project at a total cost of Taka 8.70 million. Mr. Abul Hasnat Md. Rashidul Islam, Chairman of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited handed over the Laptop Computers to General Moeen U Ahmed, the Chief of Army Staff.

DBBL extended financial assistance to the tune of Taka 10,000.00 each to 151 acid victims in 2007. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Governor, Bangladesh Bank graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed the cheques to the beneficiaries.
Under the DBBL-Scholarship Program, Dutch-Bangla Bank awarded scholarship to 150 meritorious and needy students including 10 physically challenged students who passed HSC Examination in 2006 and studying at graduate level in different universities/colleges of the country. Dr. A. B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honorable Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest and gave away the Scholarship Awarding Letters to the recipients.

DBBL awarded Fellowships to 50 scholars for conducting researches in different fields to pursue M. Phil, Doctoral and Post Doctoral degree. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Governor, Bangladesh Bank is seen distributing Fellowship Letters among the scholars.

DBBL’s one of the CSR events is ‘Smile-Brighter’ program. So far more than 3000 cleft-lipped boys and girls of poor parents have been operated under this program at Bank's own cost. Mr. A.HM Nazmul Quadir, Additional Managing Director and Dr. Mozammel Hossain Khan, Medical Consultant of the Bank are visiting the operation camp at a clinic in Dinajpur.
Dutch-Bangla Bank-Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab-2007 was jointly organized by Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited and the Daily Prothom Alo. The winners from the 14 regions of the country participated in National program held in February 2007 at Azimpur Girls’ Scholl & College, Dhaka. DBBL has been financing the event for the last four consecutive years.

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited extended its financial assistance to the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh to beautify the ‘Nimtoli Chattar’ in front of the premises of Asiatic Society at Nimtoli, Dhaka.