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Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has been playing a pioneering role in executing social and philanthropic programs since its inception to redress the sufferings of the common man and helping the disadvantaged people of the country. In order to implement programs related to social cause with more dedication, Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) was established in 2001. A number of sectors are on the focus list of the bank. Education, resource health care, human development. conservation of nature, creation of social awareness, rehabilitation of destitute people and such other programs are some of the important areas where the Bank is carrying out its social and philanthropic activities.



Education Sector

Education is a pre-requisite for the overall development of the country. Keeping this view in mind, Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has been giving priority to the education sector. Awarding



Scholarship and Fellowship to meritorious but needy students, helping development of infrastructural facilities, providing essential educational equipment etc. are some of the aspects included in the program.

1. Scholarship Program

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) has been awarding the largest number of scholarships in Bangladesh for the meritorious and needy students every year since 2001. This scholarship is available for different levels of education such as:

i). HSC level

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited awards new scholarships every year for the meritorious and needy students of this level along with the continuation of existing awardees. The students, who have been studying at H.S.C. level after passing S.S.C. examination in the current year, are eligible to apply for scholarship of this level. The scholarships are renewable for the entire academic period of H.S.C. level. Already 853 scholarships have been awarded in this level of which 108 new scholarships were awarded in the year 2010.



ii). Graduation level

Every year DBBL awards new scholarships for the meritorious and needy students of this level along with the continuation of existing awardees. The students, who have been studying at graduation level after passing H.S.C. examination in the current year, are eligible to apply for scholarship of this level. The scholarships are renewable for the

which 114 new scholarships were awarded in the year 2010.

Under this program a scholarship awardee is provided with the following benefits

SL #	Level of Study	Duration of scholarship	Amount of scholarship per month (Taka)	One time grant annually for purchasing books / reading materials (Taka)	Total grant per year for each awardee (Taka)
1	H.S.C. level	2 years	1,000.00	2,500.00	14,500.00
2	Graduation level	2-5 years	2,000.00	5,000.00	29,000.00

2. Fellowship Program

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has been awarding fellowship for pursuing M.Phil, Doctoral & Post Doctoral degree since 2006. This fellowship is awarded to those researchers engaged in research in various fields like Social, Biological, Medical, Agricultural and Natural Sciences and also Engineering at different public universities of Bangladesh in M.Phil., Ph.D. & Post Doctoral Levels. Every year fellowships are awarded to the researchers for the entire period of research works, as required by the university curriculum. Already 159 fellowships have been awarded. Under this program a fellowship awardee is provided with the following benefits:

3. Educational Infrastructural development

3.1. Donation for establishing an academy for disadvantaged children

DBBL donated Taka 24,700,000 to EKMATTRA society for establishing a fully residential academy at Haluaghat under Mymensingh district for the disadvantaged children. In this academy the disadvantaged children will get shelter, food, clothes, basic education, practical training and all other necessary things required to prepare them as resources instead of burden for the nation.

3.2. Donation for repair and renovation of the auditorium of BSMMU

The auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) is out of use due to wear and tear and has decayed through age. At present the university needs to hire auditorium to hold its seminar, administrative meeting, medical training and other national programs. With a view to reducing this hassle and run the educational & training program of the university smoothly DBBL donated Taka 19,889,933 (Taka nineteen million eight hundred eighty nine thousand nine hundred thirty three) only to BSMMU for complete repair and renovation of the auditorium.

3.3. Donation for reconstruction of school building

3.3.1. DBBL donated Taka 200,000 (Taka two hundred thousand) only to Najirpur Pragati Maddayamik Biddalaya for reconstruction of the school building which was affected seriously by destructive tornado SIDR. Mentionable that Najirpur Pragati Maddayamik Biddalaya was established in 1970 at Muladi a remote and underdeveloped area of Barisal district. It provides basic education to the boys and girls of the village with satisfactory result. At present three hundred students are receiving education in this school.

3.3.2. DBBL donated Taka 200,000 (Taka two hundred thousand) only to Rangpur Medical College Public School, Rangpur for construction of the school building which provides basic education to underprivileged students.

3.4. Donation for procuring essential educational equipment

3.4.1. DBBL donated Taka 100,000 (Taka one hundred thousand) only to Sena Shohayak School, Bogra to purchase necessary equipment for smoothly running the activities of the school. The school is providing special education and training program for disabled children to rehabilitate them in the society.

3.4.2. DBBL donated Taka 100,000 (Taka one hundred thousand) only to Daranipara High School, Tangail to purchase necessary equipment for the vocational trade courses for underprivileged students. Besides providing basic education, the school also provides vocational trade courses for the

underprivileged students who are unable to continue higher education.

3.4.3. DBBL donated Taka 200,000 (Taka two hundred thousand) only to R.C.C.I. Public School & College, Rangpur for purchasing furniture and fixture for the newly extended classrooms of the school. The school provides basic education to the SSC and HSC level students with special attention given to underprivileged students.

3.4.4. Taka 50,000 (Taka fifty thousand) only was donated to Begum Shahida Molla Brahmongaon Meftahul Jannath Shishu Sadan (Girls), Gazipur for continuing education and training facilities of female orphan girls. The mentioned institution is a female orphanage providing education, training and nutritional support to orphan girls.

3.5. Donation of computers to different educational institutions

Now a days, daily life is becoming computer dependent. Most of the works of office and home are done with the help of computer. The school students should learn computer education which is essential for them to cope with the advanced society. Dutch-Bangla Bank provided 10 computers at a cost of Taka 362,200 (Taka three hundred sixty two thousand two hundred) only to Dhaka Cantt. Girls' School and College and 3 computers at a cost of Taka 79,050 (Taka seventy nine thousand and fifty) only to Kabi Nazrul High School, Manikganj to support the students for acquiring computer literacy.

4. Other activities for facilitating education

4.1. Donation of Taka 200,000 (Taka two hundred thousand) only was made to Mohammad Abdul Kauyyum, National Franchise / Country Director, UCMAS Bangladesh Inc., to meet the partial cost of air ticket for the selected students of UCMAS to participate in the international competition on Abacus & Mental Arithmetic program at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

4.2. Donation of Taka 490,000 (Taka four hundred ninety thousand) only was made to Dr. Ayesha Begum, Professor, Dept. of Islamic History & Culture, University of Dhaka for publishing 500 copies of book named 'Dhaka Bishawbidalaya: Smrity Nidorshon' which will contain the glorious history, various historical buildings and sites of Dhaka University.

4.3. Donation of Taka 300,000 (Taka three hundred thousand) only was made to Sherin Jahan Memorial

Girls High School, Itkhola, Bajitpur, Madaripur to meet salary and allowances of one academic year of its teachers.

5. Dutch-Bangla Bank - Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab

DBBL has been sponsoring the Dutch-Bangla Bank-Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab which is now a prestigious program for the school and college going students of the country. This program is jointly organized by Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee, Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited and Daily Prothom Alo at regional, divisional and national level so as to bring out the potentiality lying within the future nation builders of the country. A team consisting of 6/8 members is selected for participating in the Asian Mathematical Olympiad, International Mathematical Olympiad and so on in different countries in each year.

DBBL has been sponsoring this prestigious Ganit Utsab for the last six years. From 2004 to 2009 Taka 20,573,000 (Taka twenty million five hunderd seventy three thousand) only was provided to organize the event. In 2010 Taka 4,700,000 (Taka four million seven hundred thousand) only was given. Two Bangladeshi participants earned Bronze medal in the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) held in Germany in 2009. Besides, the Bangladeshi participants earned admirable recognitions in the IMO in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Health Sector

Health is one of the prime parameters to achieve Millennium Development Goal (MDG). Health needs are increasing day by day due to rapid growth of population. Dutch-Bangla Bank has identified health care as a priority sector and helped create better health care facilities at a cheaper cost for the disadvantaged population. In this connection



1. Smile Brighter program for cleft-lip patients

Cleft-lip is far more a social set back than a health problem. Boys and girls cursed with cleft-lips face numerous problems in everyday life such as disruption of formal education, hassle in attending social ceremonies and restraint while 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 at free of cost since 2003. Besides, special camps were arranged under this 'Smile Brighter' program in Dhaka, Savar, Tangail, Mymensingh, Kishoregonj, Sirajgonj, Pabna, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Bogra, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Sylhet, Comilla, Noakhali, Feni, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Madaripur, Barisal, Bhola, Faridpur, Khulna, Jessore, Kustia, Shatkhira etc. More than 4,710 poor cleft-lipped boys & girls have so far been successfully operated upon across the country under the "Smile Brighter" banner. Among which 95 operations were done in the year 2010. As a continuous process, the cleft-lipped boys & girls are being treated across the country for restoration of hope and dignity in their lives.



A girl with cleft-lip before and after operation

2. Cataract operation for underprivileged blind people

Visual impairment is an immense social problem in our country. Cataract is the major cause of blindness and 80% of them can resume vision through cataract operation. A large number of rural poor people are deprived of the opportunity to do away with the problem. Keeping their sufferings in mind, Dutch-Bangla Bank started the program of operating 12,000 underprivileged blind people by providing sophisticated cataract surgery (Intra Ocular Lens) throughout the country in phases since 2008.

About 1850 cataract operations have so far

been completed successfully in different regions of the country among which 200 operations were done in 2010.

3.Medi-Care Services for the rural people

DBBL has established Rural Medi-Care Service Center at its rural branches of Shimrail, Dania, Savar Bazar, Baburhat, Patherhat, Hathazary Branch to render free medical services to the rural and destitute people of the adjoining areas especially for the women and children.

4.V.V.F. & prolapsed uterus operation of the financially handicapped women

Dutch-Bangla Bank has been providing financial support to poor and helpless women suffering from Vasico Vaginal Fistula (V.V.F.) & prolapsed uterus to meet entire cost of repair to bring them back to normal & reproductive life. In this year 29 v.v.f. operations were done successfully under this program.

5. Health infrastructure development

5.1. Donation of ambulance to Mosabbir Cancer Care Centre

Dutch-Bangla Bank has donated an ambulance at a cost of Taka 1,760,000 (Taka one million seven hundred sixty thousand) only to Mosabbir Cancer Care Centre for it's Palliative Cancer Care unit. The center is working with the goal to relieve sufferings and to improve quality of life for people facing serious and complex life limiting illness due to cancer at any stage of their disease.

5.2. Donation of ambulance to BAU medical center

Dutch-Bangla Bank has donated an ambulance at a cost of Taka 1,576,000 (Taka one million five hundred seventy six thousand) only to the medical center of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) with a view to providing better health care facilities to the students, teachers and staff of the university.

5.3. Donation for constructing a diagnostic

laboratory

DBBL has donated Taka 500,000 (Taka five hundred thousand) only to Liver Foundation of Bangladesh for constructing a laboratory.

5.4. Donation of X-Ray machine to Gaibandha Diabetic Society

DBBL has donated an X-Ray machine to Gaibandha Diabetic Society which would be helpful to provide treatment to the poor diabetic patients of the district.

5.5. Donation for constructing Operation Theater

DBBL has donated Taka 337,500 (Taka three hundred thirty seven thousand five hundred) only to Salam Welfare Trust for construction of an operation theater room of it's community hospital at Sondaha, Santhia, Pabna to provide basic medical services and to hold periodical specialist camps.

6. Donation for medical treatment of individual patient

- **6.1.** Donation of Taka 640,000 (Taka six hundred forty thousand) only was made to Dr. Md. Munsur Rahman, Professor, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET, Dhaka for treatment of breast cancer of his wife.
- **6.2.** Donation of Taka 200,000 (Taka two hundred thousand) only was made to Didarul Alam for advanced medical treatment of his daughter named Afra Anjoum who was suffering from cancer (Wilms Tumour) at left kidney for last two years.
- **6.3.** Donation of Taka 282,000 (Taka two hundred eighty two thousand) only was made to 8 (eight) persons to meet the cost of treatment of burn injury, wound received from the attack by miscreants and help the family of victim killed by terrorists.

Contribution to Disaster Management

Support program to the victims of Natural Calamities

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) stands by the distressed people at the time when natural calamities like cyclone, flood, tornado, land slide, river erosion, devastating fire etc. occur. DBBL provides support to the affected people in cash and kind for their rehabilitation. The donation in kind includes food, medicine, water purifying tablets, blankets, GCI sheets etc. Contribution of DBBL in this sector in 2010 given below:

DBBL stands by the victims of Nimtoli Fire & Begunbari building collapse

DBBL donated Taka 2,500,000 (Taka two million five hundred thousand) only favouring 'Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund' as financial assistance to the bereaved family members of the victims of the devastating blaze at Nimtali and building collapse at Begunbari in Dhaka.

Donation for betterment of destitute segment

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited donated different organizations which are working for the development of the deserving segments of population living with constraints. Some major donation recipient organizations are as follows:

Name of	Amount	Purpose	
organization	(Taka)		
Bangladesh	300,000	To complete the works of	
Society For		some books in Braille for	
Disabled		the blind.	
Center for Disables	100,000	For providing education	
Concern (CDC)		and medicare services to	
-		the physically disabled	
		children.	
Smiling Sun	190,000	For creating awareness and	
Health Services	, r	screening of 1500 women	
		for breast and cervical cancer.	
Caslatu faatha	100.000		
Society for the	100,000	For training and education	
Welfare of Autistic		of the autistic children.	
Children (SWAC)			

Donation on different issues

1. Donation to Bangabandhu Memorial Trust Fund

Jatir Janok Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust was created in 1994 by the surviving heirs of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman & Begum Fazilatunnessa Mujib. The Memorial Trust needs sufficient fund to set up, maintain and run a Memorial Museum on the life and activities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to initiate and continue other philanthropic activities. Dutch-Bangla Bank has donated Taka 20,000,000 (Taka twenty million) only to Bangabandhu Memorial Trust to fulfil its objectives.

2. Donation to Liberation War museum

Liberation war museum (Muktijuddha an archive of our glorious Jadughar) is liberation war. The museum authority has taken a project to rebuild and modernize it with all latest technological facilities for collecting, preserving and displaying the historic documents. Dutch-Bangla Bank appreciates this noble initiative and provided financial assistance of Taka 5,000,000 (Taka five million) only to 'Muktijuddha Jadughar Nirman' project.

3. Donation to the family of a person killed by Afgan terrorists

Donation of Taka 500,000 (Taka five hundred thousand) only was made to the widow of Kazi Altaf Hossain, a Bangladeshi engineer who went to Afganistan for earning his livelihood. He was abducted and gunned down by Afgan terrorists in December 2010.

4. Donation to a family of a victim killed for resisting eve teasing

DBBL donated Taka 1,000,000 (Taka one million) only to the widow of Mizanur Rashid, a college teacher who was killed by stalkers f or trying to resist eve teasing at Lokmanpur, Natore.

5. Donating pick up van for Police

DBBL has donated a double cabin pick up van at a cost of Taka 2,000,000 (Taka two million) only to Dhaka Metropolitan Police for improving its transport facilities in performing duties efficiently and serve the people.

Contribution in Sports sector

Sponsoring 11th South Asian Games

DBBL sponsored the prestigious '11th South Asian Games Dhaka 2010' which was held in Dhaka during January 29, 2010 to February 09, 2010. It was the largest sporting event in South Asia where 8 nations of South Asia participated. The games were viewed by more than a billion people worldwide.



Mr. Mohammed Sahabuddin Ahmed, Founder Chairman of DBBL and Chairman of Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) handed over a payment order of Taka 50 lac to the Honourable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina at PM's office as a contribution for construction of Muktijuddha Jadughar. Honourable Finance Minister Mr. Abul Mal Abdul Muhit and Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank were also present.



Mr. Mohammed Sahabuddin Ahmed, Founder Chairman of DBBL and Chairman of Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) is seen handing over a payment order of Taka 25 lac to the Honourable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina as a contribution to the affected people of Nimtoli victims, who lost their dear ones at the tragic fire incident in June 05, 2010.







Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has donated an amount of Taka 2.47 crore to EKMATTRA for establishing EKMATTRA-Dutch-Bangla Bank Academy to provide education as well as other facilities for underprivileged children of the country. A foundation stone lying ceremony was held at the proposed academy premises at Gobrakura, Haluaghat, Mymensingh. Advocate Promod Mankin, MP, the Honorable State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of DBBL was present as Special Guest on the occasion and handed over the cheque of donation to Mr. Shuvashis Roy, Executive Director of EKMATTRA Society. Mr. Takanori Uyehara, Honorable Minister, Japan embassy in Bangladesh was also present on the occasion.





Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor, Bangladesh Bank is seen handing over Scholarship Awarding Letters to a visual impaired and a special needs children who alongwith other poor and meritorious students passed SSC Examination in 2009 and studying at HSC level in different colleges in the country and got scholarship for their full academic period. Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board and Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, MD of the Bank were present at the function.



Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank is seen handing over the key of a double cabin pick-up donated by DBBL to Mr. A. K. M Shahidul Hogue, Commissioner, DMP to help quick mobility in performing their duties. Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board and Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of the Bank were also present at the ceremony held at the premises of Bangladesh Bank.

DBBL awarded scholarships to 109 meritorious but poor students including physically disabled who passed HSC Examination in 2009 and studying at graduation level under different disciplines including commerce, business, medical, engineering, agriculture, etc. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank was present as the Chief Guest and gave away the Scholarship Awarding Letters to the recipients. Mr. Savem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board and Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, MD of the Bank were also present at the function.



Dutch-Bangla Bank donated 1.98 Taka crore to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) to bear the cost of repairing and renovation works of the existing auditorium at A-block of BSMMU campus named as 'Bangabandhu Dutch-Bangla Bank Auditorium'. Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board handed over a Payment Order to Prof. Pran Gopal Datta, the Vice Chancellor of the University at a ceremony held at Milton Hall of the University. Prof. Dr. Ruhul Amin Miah, Pro-



Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Admin), Prof. Dr. Moazzem Hossain, Treasurer of BSMMU were present at the function.



Dutch-Bangla Bank has been providing financial support to Bangladesh Ganit Olympiad for running national lever programme jointly with Daily Prothom Alo since 2004 under the title 'Dutch-Bangla Bank+ Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab'. 5 (five) participants whd participated in the 51st International Mathematical Olympiad held in Kazakhstan in 2010 are seen at a function organized to celebrate their success. Prof. Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, President of Math Olympiad Committee is seen speaking on the occasion. Prof.

Dr. Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Prof. Dr. Munibur Rahman Chowdhury both Vice-President, Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank along with other members of the Committee are also seen in the picture.



DBBL donated 10 units of computer to Dhaka Cantonment Girls' School and College as a generous support to the students for achieving the quality education. Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board is seen handing over the computers to the Principal of the institution Lt. Col. Md. Zayedul Islam.

Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board is shaking hand with Dr. M. A. Sattar Mandal, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University after handing over an ambulance aimed at providing better health care facilities to the students, teachers and staff of the University and for the emergency transportation of the critical patients to nearby hospital.







On the occasion of 14th anniversary of the Bank Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Board handed over payment orders/ commitment letters to the representatives of 13 organizations engaged in rehabilitation, education and health care of the under privileged and disabled poor people of the society. Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of the bank was also present.



Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, MD of DBBL is seen handing over crest to the captain of the winner team of Asian Games Qualifying Hockey Tournament held at Dhaka. DBBL sponsored many events in sports and culture in the past.

Dutch-Bangla Bank came forward as a co-sponsor of the prestigious 11th Asian Games Dhaka 2010 by providing financial support of Taka 50 lac to Bangladesh Olympic Association. Mr. K. S. Tabrez, Deputy Managing Director is seen alongwith officials of swimming competition in honouring the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position holders held at Mirpur Indoor Swimming Complex.



DBBL donated Taka 5 lac to the widow of Kazi Altaf Hossain, a Bangladeshi engineer of village Khanpura, Bera upazila under Pabna district, who went to Afganistan for livelihood 6 years ago and gunned down on December 17, 2010 by Afgan miscreants. The donation will help late Altaf's widow Beauty Khatun and her newborn baby to meet future educational needs.





DBBL donated Taka 10 lac to the widow of Mr. Mizanur Rashid, a college teacher who was killed by stalkers for trying to resist eve teasing at Lokmanpur, Natore.