



1. **Project Name** : **Girls Hostel and Tailoring Training at Khagrachari Project.**
2. **Project Duration** : **January-2021 to December-2024.**
3. **Implementing Area** : **The project area covered the locations are Khagrachari , CHT, Bangladesh.**
4. **Donor Name** : **Licht Brücke, Germany.**
5. **Total Budget** : **BDT: 96,61,600/- [Euro: 102,786.00, USD: 117,825.00]**
6. **Project Summary** :

It is our great pleasure to achieve the 5th year of 1st phase of (March-2015 to December-2020) of the project name **“Vocational Training Centre for the Poor Community at Hilly Khagrachari, Additional Girls Hostel”**. The project/trainings were started from January-2016. The Chittagong hill tracts (CHT), the eastern part of Bangladesh is known the domain of 11 minority ethnic groups. The way of life and culture of these ethnic groups are completely different from the rest of the country. Khagrachari district of **Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)** is hilly, terrain and forest dominated area. It has about 62% households in the region irrespective of ethnicities are living below absolute poverty line, while 36% are hardcore poor. Among the hilly people especially in Khagrachari, also the literacy rate is very poor, there is no any scope for the skill development of drop out adolescents and youths and they become a burden for their poor parents.

Anando has been operating a **Vocational Training Centre (VTC)** since 2008 under Anando Khagrachari region, for the skill development of drop out adolescents and youths and they become involve in income generating activities and have better life. Every year 30 girls received training on Tailoring/Dress Making From the beginning of VTC 20 boys have been enjoying hostel facilities though there nothing such created for the girls, who deserved foremost. Since 2015.

Girls are receiving only for tailoring training and boys are receiving training in others trades. They have a hostel facilities and it has established in 2008 only for 20 boys with fooding, lodging, playing and recreation facilities. For this reason boys are coming so far and receiving training with very successfully. But no any girl’s hostel facilities for those girls are coming from remote and isolated place for receiving tailoring training. They are facilities less from hostel. However, that time Anando felt that we need to a girls hostel for disadvantage poor girls. If we could have established a girls’ hostel so that 20 girls will get chance to receive training with fooding, lodging facilities and they will be employed or self-employed after completion their training. According to considerations Anando has established a girl’s hostel during 2015 and from then 20 girls receiving tailoring training with fooding, lodging and other extra curricular facilities.

7. **Goal of the Project :**

To involve 30 hilly poor adolescent girls in income generating activities and also to help them become self-dependent through technical skill development training

8. **Major Objectives/Outputs :**

- To accommodate hostel facilities for 20 poor adolescent girls.
- To organize cultural activities for girls hostel.
- To provide technical skill training for 30 girls through tailoring training.
- To provide them technical books support.
- To provide food facilities for the trainees.
- To conduct weekly, quarterly, monthly, mid-term and yearly exam.
- To arrange 2 month workshop attachment training in local market.
- Certificate award and prize given among the successful trainees in every year.
- To arrange job opportunities of passed out trainees and help them become self-dependent.

9. **Major Activities :**

ANANDO has designed a course curriculum for each trade which in the other technical institutions is as follows. The course is divided in several numbers of projects and class. All the course projects and class has been conducted 03 months in the class room. In another room, they conducted theoretical, practical and group works. A total of 30 projects (ladies & gents items) with the 10 months course was planned to be completed by learning and doing one by one project. The major activities is showing below :

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The major activities is performed in regular training period	
01	Admission procedure for new batch students in every year.
02	Class test, weekly, monthly test and 1 st and 2 nd semester exam is conducted in several times.
03	Human Potential Development Training for additional Girls
04	Workshop attachment training is conducted in every batch every year.
05	Opening ceremony program in once time.
06	Certificate awarding ceremony in once time.
07	Students Parents Gathering
08	Sharing session with the chamber of commerce & industries, workshop owners etc.
Additional activities is included with regular training activities	
01	Kitchen Gardening practitioner
02	Stop early marriage and legal law
03	Gender discrimination advocacy
04	Family peace advocacy
05	English language (introducing yourself)
06	Responsibility to parents
07	Traditional culture (Dance) practice.

10. **Impact of the Project :**

The girls (students) who have passed out successfully from Vocational Training (VTC) are now continue their jobs and self-employment very confidently form the beginning in the local tailoring workshop, garments and own business. The job status of the employment of passed out graduates is as given below.

Jan. 2016-Dec. 2019								
Name of Trade	Admission Target	Total Passed Out	Employment Category			Total Employed	Un Employed	Employment Rate
			Job	Self Service/Business	Others			
Tailoring	420	388	069	242	017	328	060	84.53%
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Cover Story

Success Story of Mrs. Meril Tripura

Her name is **Mrs. Merrill Tripura**. Her home is in Thakurchhara village of Khagrachhari Sadar upazila. Merrill's home is about 13 kilometers from Anando office. She has trained from Anando Vocational Training Center and staying at Girls Hostel.

Merrill Tripura is the 4th among their four (05) brothers and sisters. Her father is a poor farmer. He supported his family by working in agriculture. Her father's monthly income is a maximum of Taka 9,000. With this meager income, it was not possible for Merrill to cover the cost of education in Tripura after all the expenses of the family, so Merrill started helping her parents in agriculture after passing the secondary examination.



While working in Thum (traditional) farming, Merrill heard that Mike was being promoted and was being admitted to various technical training courses at Anando Vocational Training Center. To find out more about this, she goes to the campaign and collects a leaflet. With the leaflet she shows it to her dad and to find out about it and then they come to Anando Vocational Training Center the next day and decided that she will be admitted to Tailoring Dress Making Course at Anando VTC.

She was enrolled in a one-year training course from January to December 2019 and started regular classes, and in addition to the tailoring dress making course, she has learnt the responsibilities and duties of a parent, gender, child marriage, kitchen gardening, dance-song and English speaking in Anando VTC as a part of the training at the Vocational Training Center.

She has successfully completed one year of training and received a certificate through the program. Merrill Tripura's mother is a member of the microfinance association of Anando. Her mother borrowed loan Taka 20,000.00 from the association and bought a butter fly sewing machine and some clothes. Merrill Tripura earns in her living by working at home and ordering clothes for her family and neighbors. Merrill's monthly income is now 2600-3500 Taka per month. Merrill bought some ducks and chickens with this income.



The sale of duck and chicken eggs and the sale of chickens also continued to generate income. Merrill decided to go to college now. In addition to college studies, she has also started sewing at home. Merrill has also paid off her mother's debt.

Merrill has been able to send her younger brother to school with her income. Merrill is now self-employed. Her dream is that she will teach in this profession in the future. Merrill Tripura's parents and everyone else are very happy. Merrill is grateful to everyone at Tripura and Anando Vocational Training Center and sincerely thanks to VTC for giving her the opportunity to receive Tailoring and Dress Making training.

Success Story of Mrs. Rabeya Begum

Mrs. Rabeya Begum, Her home is in Uttar Ganjapara village of Khagrachhari Sadar upazila. Rabeya Begum's house is about 6 km from Anando office.

Rabeya's father is a day laborer. Very hard kind of day of their family goes through with the income earned from day labor. Rabeya is the 3rd among their five (05) sons and daughters. After running the family expenses, it was not possible for her father to pay for Rabeya's education. So after passing the ninth grade, Rabeya's studies stopped.

Unemployed, Rabeya only helped her mother with the housework. Disoriented Rabeya gets the news of admission to Anando Vocational Training Center through her neighbor. Rabeya's father heard the making of the Anando Admission Campaign on October 2018. Rabeya's father collect a leaflet from the campaign stating that admission to various technical training courses at the Anando Vocational Training Center was underway.



Admission to the training course is underway. Since the training center is next to their house, they come to Anando Vocational Training Center the next day to know the details and after visiting the training center, they decided to take admission in sewing training course. Admitted in January-December, 2019 and started regular classes and also started getting monthly scholarship.

Alongside of sewing training as extracurricular activities she has learnt the thematic training such as; child marriage, gender inequality, responsibilities and duties towards parents, kitchen gardening, training to speak in English.

She got trained to speak the English language. Thus, successfully completed a full sewing training and received a certificate through the ceremony. Rabeya got married before the end of the training. A few days after the wedding, her husband bought a new butterfly sewing machine for her. At present the order work of Rabeya from neighbors, she earns an average of Taka 3500-4500 per month.



Rabeya supports her husband with her income. Rabeya has a child. Rabeya's sister-in-law is very happy. Rabeya wants to be a skilled cutting master and establish a Tailoring shop in the future. Rabeya is sincerely grateful to all those who have contributed to the training course. She thanked to Anando and to the Teachers of the organization and expressed her gratitude for being by the side of helpless girls like her.