

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Children's Hope

Providing opportunities

Breaking down barriers

Enabling successes

Forward

A message from Children's Hope Chair

This has been another significant and exciting year for Children's Hope.

Our comprehensive education support and integrated approach to developmental programs for slum children, has yielded impressive outcomes. The children's excellent academic achievements are a reflection of this. We are tackling key causes of student drop out from school and early marriage

of teenage girls. There is also continued improvement in our innovative approach to maternal care and prevention of malnutrition related illnesses. Our family support projects have become invaluable to many beneficiaries and in some cases have proved to be lifesaving interventions. We are also giving hope to disabled children, living in slums, who have nowhere to turn to.

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▣ *Syed Abdul Mannan*





Our Mission

“We believe children living in slums have the right to basic education, healthcare and the opportunity for post education employment.”

Our Achievements

EDUCATION

Children' Hope has helped 57 students living in slums to complete their degree. If it had not been for our supporters sponsoring these children, they would have been dropped from school.

HEALTH

Over 20,000 patients living in Dhaka slums had direct and free access to comprehensive health care provided by our doctors.

FAMILY SUPPORT

160 + families living in crises in slum areas received financial support either as grants or loans.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

Our respite Care service provides support for parents and carers of disabled children in the slums of Dhaka and is the only one in Bangladesh. This service allows parents and carers to go out to work whilst their children are looked after and cared for by our staff.

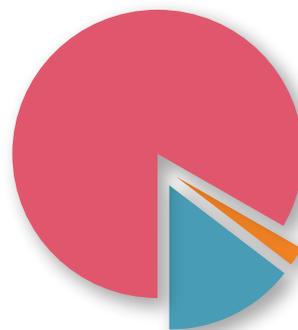


Our main source of income is through child sponsorship. The income received allows Children's Hope to support underprivileged children and their families living in Dhaka slums.



HOW EACH TAKA OF YOUR DONATION IS SPENT

(1 GBP = 105 Taka)



90% goes directly to Charitable Activities

09% is spent in Administration

01% is spent on Governance

Because of your sponsorship, Mahmudur Rahman was successful in going to a medical college.

When Mahmud was 12 years old, studying in class six, his education prospects were bleak. His father, working as an ordinary govt. employee with a meagre income, was unable to fund the education expenses for his two children. Mahmud wanted to become a doctor and always had faith that these barriers would be overcome. His belief became a reality when a Children's Hope supporter sponsored him. Sponsorship meant that Mahmud was able to complete his education, from his early school age until now, where he is in his final year as a medical student in a prestigious medical college.

HOW YOUR SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN SLUMS



In Education



In Healthcare



In Family



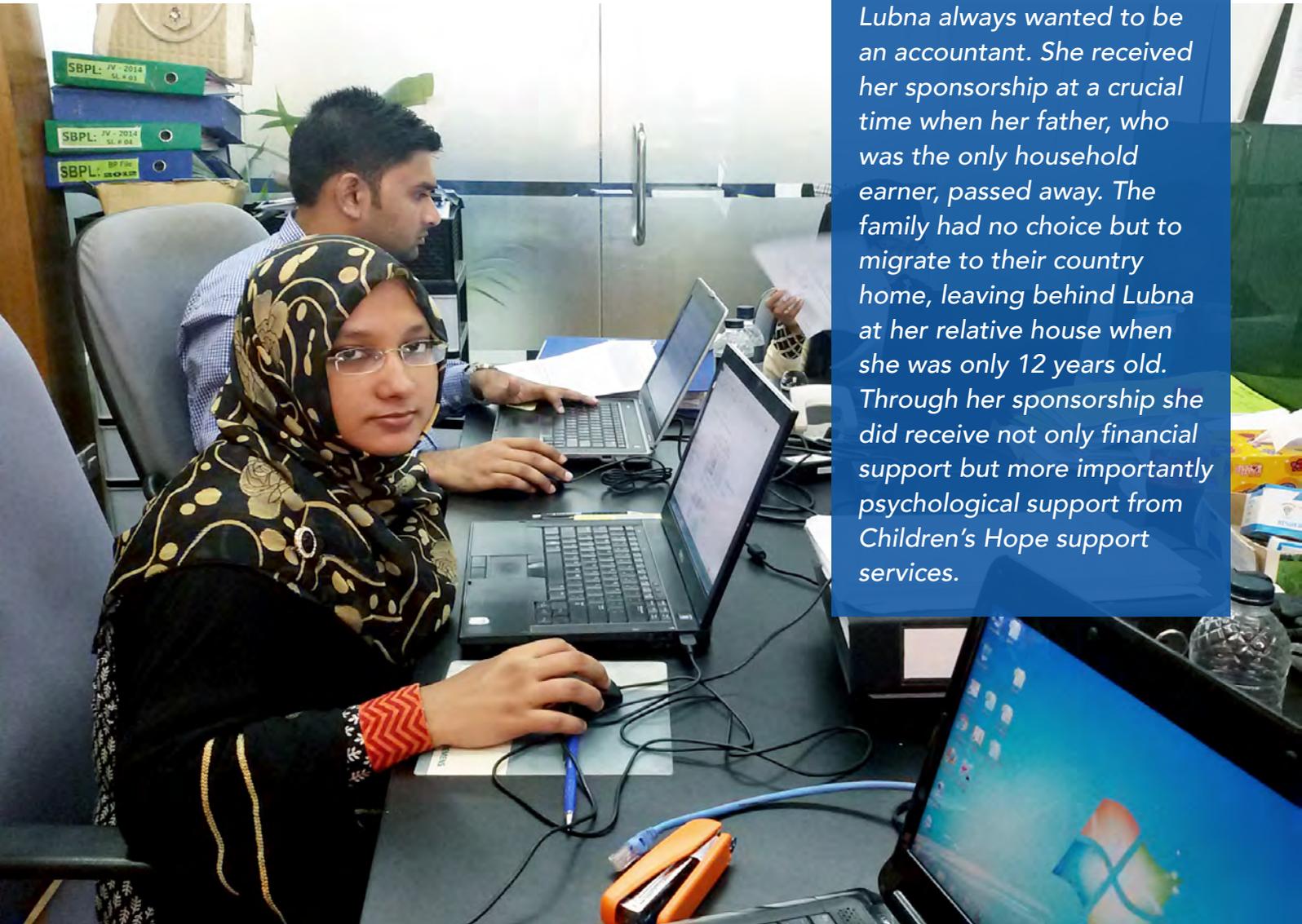
In Disability



Education

The right to basic education for all children has been the fundamental belief on which children's hope was formed. Our child sponsorship program has education as its core service and all other charity activities are merged to support the children's education program; collectively named as Child Focused Integrated Developmental Program.

How did your sponsorship help to fulfil Lubna's dream?



Lubna always wanted to be an accountant. She received her sponsorship at a crucial time when her father, who was the only household earner, passed away. The family had no choice but to migrate to their country home, leaving behind Lubna at her relative house when she was only 12 years old. Through her sponsorship she did receive not only financial support but more importantly psychological support from Children's Hope support services.

With the help of the sponsorship program, Lubna successfully finished school and college, gaining a first class graduation in Business studies. Children's Hope sponsorship program also enabled her to secure a placement in a chartered accountancy firm KPMG. Completing all their in-house courses successfully means that within a year she is expected to be a fully qualified chartered accountant, her ultimate goal.

Education

Your donations enabled us to set up IT-labs in all our field office.

In slum areas there are no IT lab facilities that Children have access to. This creates a barrier to gaining basic knowledge on information technology. New Look Retailers Ltd UK responded positively to our bid to set up IT-labs.



In collaboration with an IT institute known as People N Tech, Children's Hope set up an IT course designed for our sponsored students. The course has basic and intermediate levels enabling students to study at their existing IT knowledge. All students receive a certificate on completion of the course.





Healthcare

Children’s Hope provides free healthcare to all our sponsored students and their families living in Dhaka slums. Patients now have access to a doctor before their illness starts to deteriorate, avoiding more serious and costly treatments.

Our rapid action and life threatening programmes have been saving the lives of many vulnerable children and elderly people. In addition to this, the introduction of the Nutrition Project under the auspices of healthcare has significantly reduced malnutrition related illnesses and has significantly improved the health of younger people.



Illness profile 2015

Over a thousand patients visited to healthcare session in 2015 of which two thirds were female, most were treated with regular medications (prescriptions) as shown in figure 1.

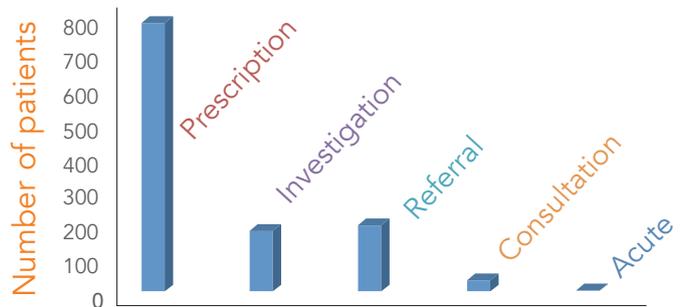


Figure 1

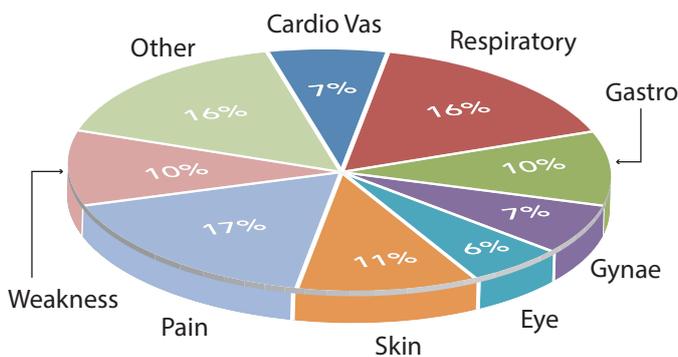


Figure 2

Health complaints associated with respiratory conditions and skeletal-muscle aches have been more prevalent. Complaints relating to general fatigue / weakness are more common within female patients. Compared to the previous year there was a sharp reduction in patients with gastro-intestinal problems.

Because of your support, many mothers like Shirin are able to give birth safely in a local clinic



Pregnancy scheme

In slum areas home birth is often associated with higher child mortality and morbidity rates. Shirin is too aware of the risk involved in home birth and sought support from Children's Hope Pregnancy scheme. The Charity not only provided her with antenatal and post-natal care, but also ensured that Shirin had access to her preferred clinic, the Merry Stopes, where she had a safe delivery of her baby boy.

Your donations have allowed disabled children like Moyna to breath without a struggle

Nebuliser session

Moyna is 6 years old and has global developmental delay as well as epilepsy associated with Cytomegalo virus infection. She has severe breathing difficulties and receives routine nebuliser service from our specialist nurse at the Disability Support Centre.



Disability Support Centre

How your donations are helping the Disability Support Centre

Children's Hope believes disability is a developmental issue that is best addressed through inclusion of people with disability in all developmental activities. With that aim in mind and with your generous support, Children's Hope launched the Disability Support Centre to implement Community Based Rehabilitation to enhance the lives of disabled people and to help them become as independent as possible.

Fatema can go to work stressfree because of the Respite Care Service

Fatema has a severe disabled child and after her husband's death she had no choice but to find a job to support her family. As a result, her disabled child had to be left unsupervised at home whilst she went to work. Her concentration at work suffered due to worrying about her child who had to be left behind on her own. However, because of the launching of Respite Care Service Fatema can now leave her child in the care of specialised nurses at the centre who look after the disabled children until their mothers return from work.



Sokina volunteers her time at the Centre

Sokina's disabled child Shohan receives multiple benefits from the Centre. She is very grateful for the service and to give something back she comes to the centre to do some cleaning work. In that way she also feels as part of the service provided by the Centre.

Disability Support

Yeasmin has special needs. Because of your support her monthly essential medicines have continued.



Yeasmin contracted cytomegalovirus at the age of eight years and became disabled. At the same time she was diagnosed with Wilson's Disease which is a genetic condition in which copper is not excreted properly from the body. Yeasmin at the moment receives two separate care packages both of which are provided for by Children's Hope. Because of your support she is on life-long expensive medicine and also receives financial support for her copper restricted diet.

Because you care, disabled Children now have access to fun days out

Most disabled children living in Dhaka slums have no access to life outside the home. Due to your financial support, Children's Hope have been able to organise several social outings for children restricted and confined to staying home, giving them an opportunity to enjoy and explore life outside of their homes.



Family Support

Children's Hope believes that a stable family provides a child with an uninterrupted education, necessary for their career development. Family support is an integral part of success when educating a child. With this believe, the charity puts a high priority to secure funding for setting up effective Family Support Programmes as outlined below. Many thanks to our donors to make this possible.

Sustainable Livelihood Development Project

-a grant scheme for families who cannot pay back their debt



Farook was involved in selling vegetable for many years but since he did not own his own shop, it was hard for him to make a profit. As a result of Farook not being able to pay the expenses, his daughter was unable to attend school. Farook applied for a sustainable grant and on receiving this he was able to set up his vegetable business in a shop. From his new business he was able to generate enough profit to send his daughter to school.

Micro credit

-a loan scheme for families who are able to repay

Sufia had to work hard from home to boost the family income because her husband's monthly earnings were inadequate. The sewing machine she had been using needed upgrading; with the help of micro credit scheme she took a loan of 40,000 taka (£350) to buy an embroidery machine. Since then she has managed to produce quality products and her monthly income has doubled. She has successfully returned the loan she borrowed.



Our support services are integral part of our success

Students who are behind in their internal exam results are encouraged to attend special coaching sessions in order to catch up on their weaker subjects. This is an additional education support facility offered only to vulnerable students.



We Respond to vulnerable student's needs- **Extra Tuition**



We provide home support- **Home Visits**

Children's hope's staff make regular home-visits to the homes of all our sponsored students, providing a closer & supportive relationship between family members and charity staff, it also promotes transparency. Home visits also ensure students are staying at home to do their home-work.

We believe listening is a powerful tool and is good counselling practice. We have Referred Persons (RP) who work as mentors to discuss freely and openly with students who may have concern over issues ranging from stress, difficulties at home and issues related to exams.



We listen - **RP session**

Events in 2015

Human Rights Training



A 3-day training program on Human Rights & Social Justice with emphasis on Gender Relation Analysis was organised for our students as part of their extracurricular event. A training consultant from a human right organization known as Ayn O' Shalishi Kendra (ASK) covered various topics using participatory training methods. All attendees were awarded with a certificate.

Mackays Stores Limited UK is one of our biggest donors. Representatives from Mackays visited one of the schools to meet their sponsored students.

One of Mackays sponsored students Masuma Akhter Lubna gave a short speech addressing Ms. Julia Redman (Head of Buying) and Ms. Jo Car (Senior Menswear Buyer) for the generous support provided by Mackays for their education.

Visits from our supporter – Mackays Stores Ltd. UK



WHO'S WHO OF CHILDREN'S HOPE

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