

*Annual Report*  
*Financial Year-2018*



**UTTHAN**

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### 12 Years Over in Empowering Rural & Urban Poor People

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Implementation of a broad range of programmes in organization building, education and training leading to income and employment generation, health education, health infrastructure building, as well as environmental protection, Climate Change and regeneration has made the above achievements possible. The programmes are supported by policy advocacy and research activities linking the poorest of the poor.

I like to take the opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Development Partners, Government officials, Patrons, well-wishers and highly appreciate their extended support assistance and I hope and expect from all concerned a ceaseless, spontaneous, greater co-operation & assistance in the days to come. Lets join together to empower women for better Bangladesh. With thanks and best wishes to all.

Md.Sakib Ahmed Basher  
President-UTTHAN

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### Introduction :

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### Mission of UTTHAN :

Strengthening the distressed poor people with the tools needed to deal with their social development, Educational, Environmental, Agricultural and health predicaments for ensuring social justice.

### Vission of UTTHAN :

To nourish potential human resources in a demographic and educated society within a stable ecosystem based on economic equipoise, caste equity, gender balance secure educational facilities, social justice and health consciousness situation focusing on women and child care.

### Goal of UTTHAN :

**UTTHAN** will dedicate its resource for the empowerment & emancipation of the disadvantaged women and men by raising their critical consciousness, releasing their creative potentials and building peoples organization to improve their socio-economic status enabling establishment of genuine democracy and good governance.

### Non-Profit and Non-Political Charecterice :

**UTTHAN** is a Non-profitable and Non-political Organization dedicated to the well beings of the women and children of the project location. It has been working as Non-political NGO in Bangladesh. We have the approved constitution of the Organization which tells about the Non-political and Non-profitable characters of the NGO.

### Legal Status:

Department of Registration	No of Registration	Date of Registration
Department of Social Welfare Barishal.	Bari-1292/07	July, 08,2007

### About the Approved Constitutions:

**UTTHAN** has been guiding by its written and approved constitution, which has been approved by the general body of the organization. This has again endorsed by the Social welfare ministry. The governance policy of the organization has been running as per the policy and procedures described in the constitutions.

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### Management Council:

An executive committee consisting of Seven members according to its constitution regulates UTTHAN. The Executive Council formulates the organizational and financial rules of the Organization and the Chief-Executive, on behalf of the executive committee conducts the proper management of the organization. The organization has guided by its two level governing structures. The supreme authority is the general council. The members of the general council are from difference professions. The executive council is elected biannually for executing its program and policy making. The EC members are from the development professions and who worked about the development policies and programs. The Chief-Executive looks after the proper management of the organization. The general Council held their meeting once a year and the Executive Council sit meeting on the bimonthly basis. The meeting minutes prepared and shared with all the participants regularly.

### Development Strategy:

The development strategy of the **UTTHAN** is district to serve the following purpose :

- 1) Potential Human Resource Development.
- 2) Empowerment of underprivileged resource poor communities focusing on destitute women.
- 3) Health, Sanitation and Service delivery.
- 4) HIV/AIDS & Drug abuse.
- 5) Relief & Rehabilitation.
- 6) Climate Change & Environment Issues.
- 7) Conservation of human rights.
- 8) Improvise good governance methodology.
- 9) Agriculture.
- 10) Social Forestry.
- 11) Business Plantation.
- 12) Baseline Survey.

**UTTHAN** gives priority to Poor people's participation in all development process and makes the people self-reliant as to enable them to transform their lives and community through individual and collective endeavor. Health consciousness and eco-sensitive community deepening their understanding of the immediate environment resources through eco-specific land use pattern discouraging ecologically in consistent habitation and engineering project, Sustainable resource utilization and strengthening indigenous knowledge based technology.

**UTTHAN** is and will act in catalytic agent in process transformation for empowerment health education, Environmental preservation, poverty alleviation, Rehabilitation of the destitute, synchronizing education and above all potential resource development through making the target participants aware of their problems. Providing them organizational tools forging unity. Increasing capability to secure health facilities, Legal aid, civil rights, HIV/AIDS, Drug abuse and rehabilitation through lobbying advocacy networking and movement for establishing social justice. The mention the above mentioned strategies, Srabon will set up a resource and build-up network at local, region, national and international level.

### Working Activities, Donor & Beneficieries :

Si No	Name of the Project	Duration	Donor	Beneficiaries	Remark
01	PARTICIPATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION-PCERP.	2011-2015	TF	27000	Ongoing
05	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROJECT-HRDTP.	2012-2016	HRRS	360	Ongoing
07	Capacity Development of HIV/AIDS Prevention.	2008-2021	SELF	1200	Ongoing

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### **Good governance :**

Any activities, especially for development activities all concern parties must know about its planning, implementation and financial situation, which can be ensured through good governance. Bangladesh is one of these poor countries in this world and major portion people are illiterate. Most of people of this country are not aware of good governance system and people participation is not significant. Democracy is running here as an infant. But, without establishing good governance development cannot be accelerated towards desired goal. on the basis of the mentioned situation

**UTTHAN** has been trying to improve good governance system in Bangladesh. In some cases, with the help of some democracy strengthening development partners assistance **UTTHAN** conducted workshop, seminar, debating event, training, democracy fair and different level of election observation with success. The effort and report of **UTTHAN** are highly appreciated by the concern authority. **UTTHAN** as a member of Human Rights Organization, collects different messages, news from the remotest rural areas on democracy & human rights issues.

### **PARTICIPATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION & REHABILITATION PROJECT-PCERP**

**Goal of PCERP:** To improve quality of Continuing education for Communities poor family development through creating friendly income generating activities beneficiaries' participation of the communities.

**Objectives are :** Aware all family members income generating and development his/her family opportunity of early stimulation and holistic development for poor families strengthening capacity of Community Based Organization, increase peoples' participation at all beneficiaries the community level, ensure Modern training capacity, continuous supervision, established resource poll/centre at word level,

**Prime activities are :** Livestock, Nursery, Plantation, Vegetable crops, Rickshaw, Van, Tailoring, Fisheries, Poultry, Handicrafts, Beauty par lower, Candle making and all IGA Program. Srabon is implementing this project within 02 Districts remotest zone southern part of Bangladesh.

### **UTTAHN-HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER.**

**Goal :** Contribute to human resources development through facilitating training with residential and academic facilities.

#### **Objectives :**

- ❖ Conduct human resources development training with residential and academic facilities.
- ❖ Provide physical facilities for conducting human resources development training.
- ❖ Rendering skill and practical knowledge on diversified socio economic and holistic development for unlocking potentials towards contribution to individual and national development
- ❖ Renting human resources development training venue with residential and academic atmosphere.

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### UTTHAN-HRDRC facilities :

UTTHAN have own spacious training center, guest room and dormitory for conducting training courses, meeting, seminar and workshop conveniently situated at the carpeting road adjacent to a calm and quiet Barisal branching from the right turn of Barisal. UTTHAN training complex is brick built corrugated iron sheeted, well ventilated and well furnished campus encompass with protection wall bears the love of the open natural beauty of arrays floriculture and fresh weather of firmament.

**Venue and Accommodations :** UTTHAN have 02 training hall rooms of having respectively 60 seat capacity, color television, Over Head Projector, Multimedia and small lounge area with satellite television and digital telephone, computer and reading materials. UTTHAN have well-furnished and spacious 01 dining hall with lovely views, single and double bed room for the single or double occupancy that's well furnished with Air Conditioned and non-AC room. All rooms are test fully decorated. UTTHAN is implementing it by own initiatives.

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON CONTINUING EDUCATION PROJECT.

**Goal :** Creation of self-employment and earning scope for poor vulnerable village dwellers especially women and School & College Levels Students through vocational training on Computer, Tailoring, Beauty per lower and different Handicrafts.

**Objectives :** Poverty eradication through employment creation for family income earnings and improving quality of life and livelihoods.

### UTTHAN-EDUCATION PROGRAMME-UEP

**Goal :** Provide financial support to continue higher education for the poor meritorious students.

### Objectives :

- ❖ Make opportunity for completion of higher education by the poor meritorious students
- ❖ Provide encouragement and assistance for open options of job opportunity or gathering competencies as fellowship to work in the development area with UTTHAN before having desired job.
- ❖ Building congenial society through stressing cooperation and assistance for the helpless meritorious students so that they can also reach to their desired goal and also contribute to similar.
- ❖ Stopping drops out of higher education especially for the meritorious student.

**Funding supported :** Support from UTTHAN self fund, Local community, Individual donation from friends, patrons, well wishers and colleagues are the source of fund.

The UEP has the following five components:

- ✚ Adult literacy for non-literate group members;
- ✚ Post-literacy centers for the neo-literates to reinforce, regenerate, and sustain their literacy and numeracy skills;
- ✚ Non-formal Primary Education(NFPE) for the dropped-out and un-enrolled children of the 8-14 age group;
- ✚ Enrolment of children of the poor households in formal schools to enhance further growth of literacy; and
- ✚ Primary education for the non-poor.

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To provide quality education at a minimum cost to the non-poor section of people, the UEP started primary education activities in its working areas. The programme also helps in the enrolment of children of poor households in formal schools to enhance literacy.

### **PARTNERSHIP PLANTATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE & POVERTY ALLEVIATION-PPCCPA**

**Goal :** Make a partnership plantation for improving quality of climate Change of our Climate zone in the Country poor vulnerable through exchanging skill, knowledge, and information and good practices from our community.

#### **Objectives :**

- ❖ Gaining good learning from Bangladeshi community for Community Climate Change, socio economic development, socio cultural and presenting quality of life especially for the poor community.
- ❖ Sharing skill, information and knowledge for development, improvisation and innovation towards eradicating extreme Climate Change, Environmental health and poverty reduction.

The Programme is a systematic intervention to enhance the afforestation in the country and prove that the poor are the best managers/protectors of forests if they are granted usufruct rights on these resource.

Through the PPCCPAP activities, **UTTHAN** has been working to ensure the access of the poor to forest resources through a participatory approach. This programme has enabled many poor people to achieve usufruct rights to the public as well as private land through lease agreements with different land-owning agencies and individuals. **UTTHAN** also provides the group members, who participate in this programme, with necessary motivation, credit and technical supports.

The Programme is operated through the following components :

- ✚ Nursery development
- ✚ Homestead plantation
- ✚ Strip and block plantation
- ✚ Mother tree gardens and nurseries
- ✚ Natural (*Palm Oil & Ajowa Khejur*) forest protection
- ✚ Institutional plantation

Under this programme, a total of 06 million seedlings have been produced and planted so far.

### **HIV/AIDS/STD-PREVENTION PROJECT**

**UTTHAN** has taken up decision to aware about danger and health hazard of HIV/AIDS among its group members and community people to prevent the transmission of the deadly disease. **UTTHAN** developed and distributed 3 types of Brochures, Leaflet and Poster among the community people & women members and arranged many local level awareness raising discussion meetings and seminars. Apart from these, **UTTHAN** field staff regularly disseminates HIV/AIDS & STD related messages to the group members in the weekly meetings as a preventive measure. **UTTHAN** gives priority & importance to increase the level of HIV/AIDS related preventive activities in the future.

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