



IMPACT JIBON TARI FLOATING HOSPITAL



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## INTRODUCTION

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB), a non-governmental organization started its journey in 1993 with inspiration and support from the Late Sir John Wilson, CBE, DCL, the architect of the Global IMPACT Movement against avoidable disabilities. IFB is registered as a local Charitable Trust and is also a member of the International Federation of IMPACT Organizations (IFIO) which brought several Asian, African, and European countries under a common umbrella to uphold the interest of persons with disabilities in alleviating their sufferings by medical and surgical interventions. IFB is governed by a 7-member Board of Trustees. The Foundation's programs are implemented and managed on a day-to-day basis by a team of 225 staff and many volunteers, headed by the Chief Executive Officer.

This year, IFB marks 30 years of being actively engaged in the prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities in rural Bangladesh. This is directly linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, approximately 15% of the total population has a disability of one kind or another in Bangladesh. Disability on this scale represents not only a major health problem but also a prime cause of poverty and underdevelopment. The vision of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh is a society, free from disability and poverty where people can fully realize their human potential. IFB

has concentrated its efforts in the southwest region and riverine rural areas of the country.

The riverine populations are served by a 3-deck boat hospital named IMPACT '*Jibon Tari*' Floating Hospital. Different other projects are implemented in Chuadanga and Meherpur by the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, IMPACT Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre (IMCHC), IMPACT '*Jibon Mela*' Health Center and Sir Jon Wilson Assistive Device Centre. IFB established IMPACT Nursing Institute, offering a 3-year Diploma degree in Nursing and Midwifery for girls from poor socio-economic backgrounds in 2014. Through the hospitals and health centers, IFB offers a wide range of healthcare, educational, and training services aimed at the prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities. These services include but are not limited to primary health care through out-patients clinics and satellite clinics, surgery (cataract, clubfoot, ENT, cleft lip/palate) for the cure of disability, supply of assistive devices to restore mobility, immunization for women and children, awareness raising on health, nutrition, and sanitation, antenatal and postnatal check-up, training for Traditional Birth Attendants(TBA), training on early detection of disability for the school teachers, home gardens development at household level for nutrition supplementation and income generation, safe drinking water and arsenic mitigation programs and training sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM).

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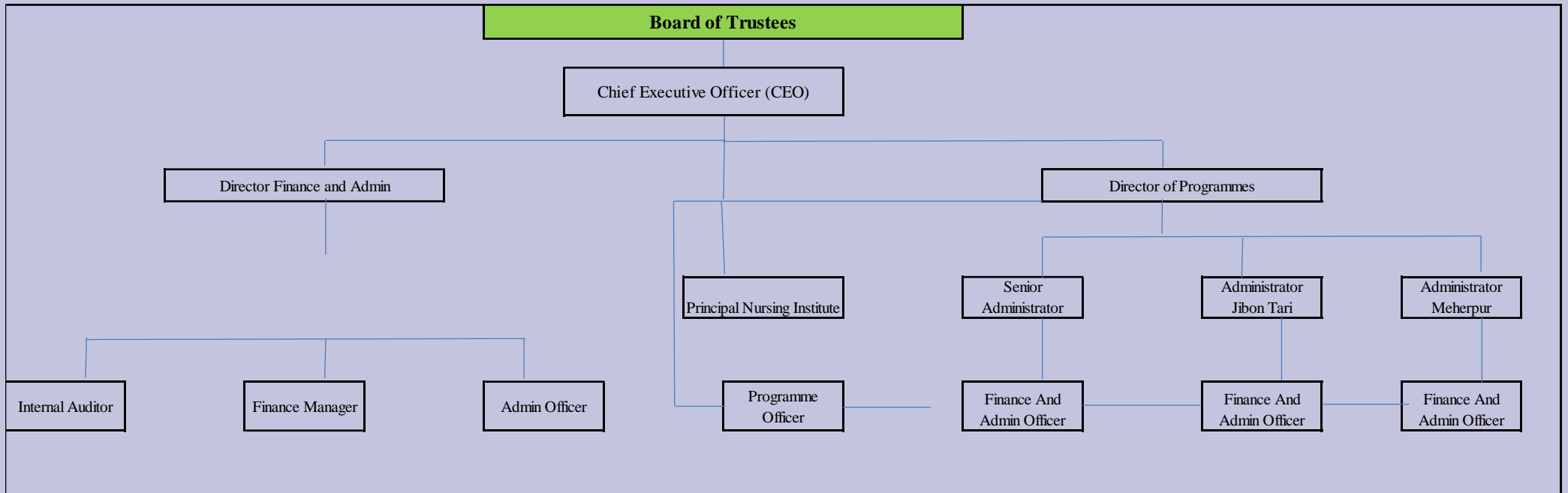
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## IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh



## PROJECTS OF IMPACT FOUNDATION BANGLADESH

### IMPACT '*JIBON TARI*' FLOATING HOSPITAL - Since April 1999

The first ever floating hospital in Bangladesh, Impact '*Jibon Tari*' has been providing specialized healthcare services for the underprivileged, less fortunate riverine population. Launched on 10 April, 1999, '*Jibon Tari*' focuses on providing medical and surgical treatment



on board for the prevention and cure of disabilities among the people living in the remote areas by the river sides. '*Jibon Tari*' is currently docked at Nesarabad Upazila of Pirojpur district, and has been

addressing the healthcare needs of the people residing at this place since 27th August 2023.

### IMPACT Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, new premises of Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre, Chuadanga - Since April, 2002

IFB's Chuadanga programme has been addressing the healthcare needs of the people living in Chuadanga and also adjacent districts since 1995. The healthcare needs of the local people led to the establishment of Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre (IMCHC) in 2002. Over the years, IFB has developed a low-cost healthcare service delivery model for underprivileged people, especially women and children who are mostly affected by poverty.

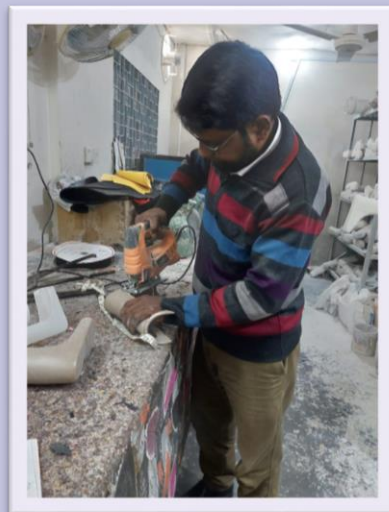
Due to the increasing demand for hospital services, IMCHC expanded its services and built a new 100-bed hospital- the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre. The hospital is equipped with modern equipment and trained manpower and is committed to continuing to provide quality healthcare services for its beneficiaries.



## Sir John Wilson Assistive Device and Physiotherapy Centre, Chuadanga - Since April 2004



The assistive device center in Chuadanga provides specialized services to patients with physical disability and chronic pain. The centre comprises two units - 1) a workshop that manufactures assistive devices and



2) a physiotherapy unit. The physiotherapy unit has qualified physiotherapists to provide treatment to male and female patients, including children.

This specialized unit has gained popularity among the people in Chuadanga and also the neighboring districts. The old hospital building of IMCHC is now fully dedicated to the SJWADC. A large number of people are receiving physiotherapy and assistive device services through this centre.

## IMPACT 'Jibon Mela' Health Centre, Meherpur- Since October 2007

The Chuadanga programme was replicated in Meherpur for health promotion and prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities among the people living in the Meherpur district in October 2004.

Later, IFB expanded the services and established a full-fledged and well-equipped 20-bed IMPACT '*Jibon Mela*' Health Centre on 24 October 2007.

The fully functional, well-equipped hospital concentrates on hospital and community-based healthcare and capacity-building interventions for different stakeholders in the community.



## IMPACT Nursing Institute, Meherpur- Since March 2014



Students during their laboratory class

IMPACT Nursing Institute was established in March 2014 to create an opportunity for rural girls to obtain a 3-year Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery. IMPACT Nursing Institute is now authorized to enroll 50 female students every year for a 3-year diploma course. The Nursing Institute is accredited by The Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC) and follows the national curriculum approved by the BNMC and World Health Organization (WHO).

The Impact Nursing Institute has been receiving support from The Royal College of Nursing, UK.

Until now, seven batches of students have completed their Diploma in nursing education from INI. Among them, 24 students are working as Government Senior Staff Nurses and IFB has employed 7 (Impact Meherpur-4, Impact Chuadanga-1, Jibon Tori-3) nurses at its hospitals.



Ongoing monitoring of the 'Jibon Mela' Nursing Academic Building construction



Outer view of the under construction 'Jibon Mela' Nursing Academic Building

Following the requirement of BNMC, IFB has dedicated its land adjacent to the 'Jibon Mela' Health Centre for construction of a new 6-storied academic building. IMPACT Foundation UK has supported the construction of the first two floors of the Jibon Mela Nursing Academic

Building (JMNAB). The remaining four floors of the building will be completed with the kind support of Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust (LHFCT), Hong Kong.

## IMPACT 'Jibon Jatra' Medical Van since February 2016



IFB launched a mobile hospital in 2016 on an air-conditioned van to provide healthcare services to the rural people living in the remote areas of Chuadanga, Meherpur, and other surrounding districts. The mobile hospital is equipped with eye, gynae, and orthopedic units. A medical team of doctors and nurses travel to distant locations to organize health camps for patient screening and treatment. The eye unit includes an auto-refractometer, vision chart, trial lens set, torch, etc. The gynae unit

offers ante-natal and post-natal care and the orthopedic unit includes a portable physiotherapy machine.

## Leprosy Project

In collaboration with The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMI, B), Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) has been implementing a project titled 'Activating and Engaging Government and People in Partnership (AEP)' in Chuadanga district since July 2019. IFB identifies the suspected patients and arranges their diagnosis, and treatment, free of cost at the Government health facilities following proper patient registration procedures per Government guidelines. IFB is in constant interaction with the relevant government health department to reinforce their engagement in the treatment of leprosy patients. IFB also engages other local NGOs for mass awareness of leprosy. Till now IFB has identified



Celebrating World Leprosy Day 2023



112 leprosy patients and all of them are now registered with the Government hospital and getting free treatment.

## PROSHANTI Project



Foreign faculties from Australia with local Trainees

Hospitals and 17 private clinics with trained Gynecologists, who received hands-on training from a team of overseas Gynaecologists from Australia on a new operative technique 'sacrospinous fixation'.



Hands-on Training

IFB's '*Proshanti*' project has been supporting poor female patients with uterine Prolapse since January 2017 in partnership with DAK Foundation/ PFE Australia. As part of this project, IFB has established 21 specialized facilities in 18 districts of Bangladesh at 4 Government Medical College

## BACHAO Project

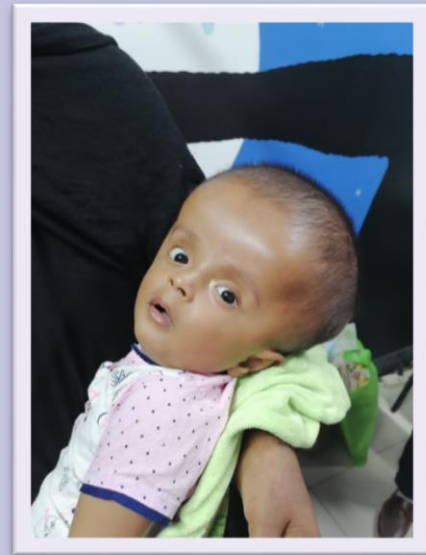
Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization (BACHAO) has been supporting a project titled Prevention of Avoidable Blindness and Hearing Impairment through Surgical Intervention through IMPACT Jibon Tari Floating Hospital since 2016. The objective of the project is to create access to surgical services for restoring eyesight and hearing for the underserved poor among the riverside population, who have no other option to avail of such services. During the reporting period, a total of 97 surgeries have been performed by the surgeons under this project.

## Hydrocephalus

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh in collaboration with a local Neurosurgeon, implemented a project for under-privileged children suffering from hydrocephalus, an abnormal enlargement of the brain cavities (ventricles) caused by the build-up of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

The project aims to reduce the sufferings of affected children that can be present at birth or triggered by tumors, infections, bleeding in the brain, or aging and can only be treated by surgery.

Such a treatment facility is rare to find outside of Dhaka city. Evidence shows children with this deadly condition are mainly from remote areas and among poverty-stricken families. If left untreated, it can result in brain damage leading to severe physical disability or death.



With support from the UK IMPACT Foundation, IFB operates 25-30 children with hydrocephalus each year to improve their quality of life. IFB has treated a total of 211 children with hydrocephalus to date.

## School SIDKO and Hygiene Program

IFB has been implementing a school-based project for adolescent girls in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts named “Providing Access to safe water, sanitation, and menstrual hygiene education for Girls”.



Under this project, IFB installs a safe drinking water system (SIDKO Plant) for arsenic-free drinking water, renovates the existing toilets with proper facilities, and trains female adolescent students on menstrual health and hygienic practices. In the existing social context, girls find it challenging to participate in regular social activities or attend school because of the negative cultural attitudes and perceptions present in the community.

IFB supports breaking the stigma surrounding a girl's menstruation under this project. Besides conducting special sessions on reproductive and menstrual health for adolescent female students, IFB also installed a proper pad disposal facility at the school washrooms for the girls. The girls are given menstrual kits containing two packets of sanitary pads, a hand soap bar, a water bottle, and a pocket booklet on menstrual hygiene under this project.

### Mothers' Club

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh has been disseminating knowledge and building awareness among the female members of the rural communities at IFB's project sites since its inception. The courtyard sessions are conducted by IFB's Field Organizers every month where they discuss different topics including food and nutrition, environment, home gardening, communicable diseases, primary health care, diseases related to nutrition deficiency, and how all of these have a relationship to disability. Mothers' clubs work as "resource centers" for poor rural women.



Each Mothers' Club consists of 20-25 women who live in the community. The main objective of the meetings is to uplift the self-esteem and confidence of the poor rural women of Chuadanga and Meherpur districts by enhancing their knowledge and capacity so that they contribute to building healthy families.

### Home Garden



To combat the nutritional deficiency of the poor, IFB provides technical assistance and trains the Mothers' Club members for the establishment of gardens at their home-yard. IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh has established 46,245 home gardens in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts. IFB's Field Organizers support the mothers with seed distribution and fencing of the gardens. The rural, poor families grow seasonal vegetables at their homestead and are fulfilling their micro-nutrient needs. The mothers have reported

having at least three vegetables all through the year.

Home Gardening decreases the rate of malnutrition among children. IFB maintains integrated community participation in all interventions. Nutrition training and cooking demonstrations arranged by IFB help promote a balanced diet.

IFB promotes the five-bed homestead garden model in the communities, where the owners consume vegetables every day and also sell some vegetables that generate some income for the rural women.

## Capacity Building Training

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh organizes capacity-building training for community leaders, TBAs, NGO/health worker training, Primary School Teachers, and rural medical practitioners. The main objective of the training is to empower the health actors working in the community for early detection and arrange treatment of avoidable disabilities.

These actors meet regularly with the rural people, provide them with information, and help them receive the required services for their benefit from IFB's hospitals.



# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2023

**97,174**  
Patients  
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Celpt Lip  
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**4,271**  
Cataract  
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General  
Sugeries

**1,837**  
Uterine  
Proplase  
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**6,582**  
Mothers &  
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**12,129**  
Physiot  
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Services

**623**  
TBA  
Trained

**201**  
Health  
Woorkers  
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**4,351**  
Students  
eye sight  
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**306**  
Community  
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**800**  
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**6,763**  
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## The Mothers' Club members regularly attend the courtyard meetings



Old Tetulia Majhpara is one of the newly formed Mothers' Clubs (MC) in the 4 Upazilas of Chuadanga district. The MC was formed in April 2023. Before this, there was no such women's group in this community.

Rokeya, the president of this MC ensures the presence of each member at the meetings, which are held every month in their courtyard.

When asked about the benefits of the new MC in her community, Rokeya said, "This is new here. We, women, usually pass the time cooking and doing household chores during the day time. It is

good that we attend the meetings and participate in many important discussions. For instance, last month, there was a discussion about nutrition and its importance during pregnancy. We did not know about the importance of a balanced diet."

She continued, "We have formed 6 home gardens in our community with the help of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh's Field Organizer, Bulbuli. She has trained us on preparing the land, making fences, beds, etc. The male members of the family appreciate such interventions for growing vegetables. We also share our knowledge with our neighbors who are not members of our MC, as this knowledge is essential for our day-to-day life."

Rokeya thanked IFB on behalf of all the mothers for such an initiative.

*"I cannot express how grateful I am to IFB and its staff. My husband appreciates it when I share what was discussed at the meetings. We did not know these before. We are learning new things every month that we can discuss with our relatives, neighbours, and even our family members. I thank IFB for such an initiative."*

## Sharmin helps pregnant mothers in her community

Sharmin Akter, aged 37 years, has been serving as a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) in her village in Damurhuda Upazila of Chuadanga district for the past two years. She is a mother of two children, a son and a daughter. Her Husband, Md. Lal Miah earns a living for the family by doing agricultural work.

She shared her experiences saying, “In my community, there are a lot of women who are not aware of the complications that could arise during pregnancy. They do not know the importance of nutritious food, the number of meals, and the significance of adequate rest during the pregnancy period.”

While describing what motivated Sharmin to work as a TBA, she said, “There was one pregnant woman in my community with twin babies. She had her delivery at home, done by a relative.

During her delivery, one of the babies died and the other survived. The story does not end here. After a few hours, the health condition of the mother started to deteriorate. She was rushed to a nearby hospital immediately. The doctor had an operation, and removed remains of the dead baby from inside the womb of the mother.”

Sharmin continued, “This event made me realize the need of a skilled woman like Trained Birth Attendant (TBA) in the community. I talked to IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB)’s Field Organizer about my interest. They informed me about the TBA training.”

Sharmin expressed her gratitude to IFB for this opportunity which she mentioned as noble. “I am thankful that IFB has made my dream come true. I am able to help a lot of pregnant women in my community.”



*“I came to learn a lot of things from IFB’s TBA training, which I practice in the community. I talk to pregnant women when I visit them. I also talk to the male members of the family about the importance of additional meals, proper rest and care of pregnant women during this period. I referred three complicated pregnant women to hospital last year, and delivered five babies.”*

## Bacchu, a happy eye patient



Sixty-year-old Bacchu Miah lives with his wife in Lohalia village under Babuganj upazila of Barisal district. Having a son, Bacchu describes himself as misfortunate, whose sons live separately and do not contribute to the family expenses.

Bacchu earns a living by working as a day laborer. For the last 5 years, he has been suffering from diabetes, which has synergistically contributed to the deterioration

of Bacchus' vision and caused him difficulties in his everyday work.

Bacchu struggled to manage his everyday expenses. After sharing his problem with the Chairman of Babuganj Upazila, he suggested Bacchu visit the 'Jibon Tari' floating hospital that was providing healthcare services for the marginalized people in the district. Without further delay, Bacchu went to the floating hospital. After visiting the hospital, Bacchu's eyes were examined. The on-duty doctor informed me that Bacchu had a cataract in his right eye, and needed immediate surgery.

Bacchu gladly agreed to have cataract surgery in his right eye. He was given a date for the operation. Accordingly, Bacchu had his eye operated on at "Jibon Tari".

During follow-up, Bacchu expressed, "I cannot express how fortunate I feel to see things. I can now concentrate on my work fully. At least, I do not have to worry about managing my everyday meals and medicine expenses."

*"I am grateful to Impact 'Jibon Tari' Floating hospital for my cataract surgery that helped me restore my everyday activities to normal. I thank all the staff of this hospital from the bottom of my heart."*



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# IMPACT FOUNDATION BANGLADESH -IFB

## STATEMENT OF FUND IN-FLOW AND OUT-FLOW FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

FUND IN-FLOW	2023 In Taka
UK Impact Foundation	99,167,809
The Kadoorie Charitable Foundation, Hong Kong	5,443,059
Partners For Equity Limited, Australia	47,448,448
DAK Foundation Australia	
The Smile Train, USA	7,300,080
A Leg To Stand On, USA	2,015,000
Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization (BACHAO), USA	1,468,000
The Leprosy Mission International -Bangladesh	994,035
Social Services & Management Trust (SSMT	4,200,000
Mst. Rezia Khatun	180,000
Mr. Mohammad Bin Quasem	1,200,000
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Crescent Paper Mills Ltd.	300,000
Continental Insurance Company Ltd	111,003
C&A Sourcing International	279,450
Mr. Kaiser Tamiz Amin	1,417,144
Mr. Shamsul Haque	100,000
Mrs. Farida Amin Khan	500,000
Cost Recovery from Activities	57,990,424
<b>TOTAL INFLOW</b>	<b>230,264,452</b>
<b>FUND OUTFLOW</b>	
Prevention of Avoidable Blindness and Hearing Impairment Through Surgical Intervention Through Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital	1,468,000
Cleft Lip Surgery at JT and IMCHC	2,271,080
Extended Proshanti Project	46,641,499
IMPACT Nursing Institute-INI	8,598,385
Improve maternal and child health in Mujibnagar upazila of Meherpur district in Bangladesh	5,823,846
Strengthening & Expansion of IFB's Interventions for Prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities in rural Bangladesh	15,768,175
Prevention & Cure of Avoidable Disabilities in Rural Bangladesh	45,909,666
A comprehensive program for prevention and cure of disability through Jibon Mela Health Centre, Meherpur	25,049,325
Capital Expenditures	54,500,000
Program Support Unit	24,167,702
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<b>230,197,678</b>
RESERVE/DEFICIT	66,774

## This year at a glance

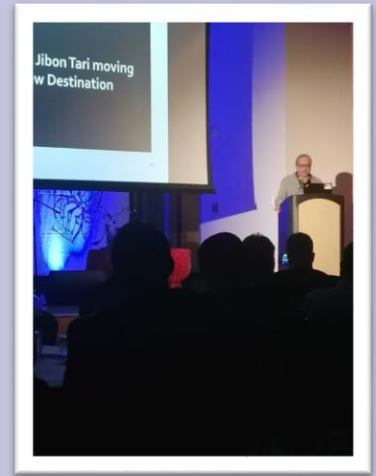
### Photo Gallery



Dr. Rezaul Haque, Founder Trustee of IFB visited IMPACT Foundation UK in April



Mr. Christopher Lavendar and Mr. Rene Hodel during their visit in early 2023



Dr. Hasib Mahmud, CEO, IFB at the Annual Benefit Event of BACHAO in September 2023



Ernie, Veronica James and Becky from UK during their visit to IFB's Field Programmes



Dr. Cecilia Anim, Past President of RCN Foundation attends Graduation ceremony of 7<sup>th</sup> Batch of Impact Nursing students

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