

Yearly Report - 2007



Aloshikha Rajihar Social Development Center
Rajihar, Agailjhara, Barisal, Bangladesh.



Annual report - 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Aloshikha was founded in 1978 as a national Voluntary Social Welfare Organization goes back 30 years and over the years it has established a reputation as an organization that is committed to addressing the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the community by focusing on their social and economic development. The organizations working area is centered on the district of Barisal in the southern part of Bangladesh.

When Aloshikha started working with the poor, we concentrated on education because we felt that it was one of the most important issues to be addressed in the development of our country and we still believe that people will never reach their full potential without a basic education since that time government and NGOs have worked hard to give even the poorest families access to primary education. Although we have implemented many pro-poor programs over the years we have often failed to reach the hardcore poor people of our country. The main concern for this section of the poor is their day-to-day survival, and education, community based health & sanitation and micro credit for self-sufficiency have never been a priority. It should have been our responsibility to find out the reasons for their lack of involvement in our development programs. But we never completely understood how they suffered and these have been our shortcomings. Now we are starting to make contact with them through a new community based development program for hardcore poor women. Understanding their problems and working with them to find solutions is challenging. But we are progressing and slowly building their strengths and self-confidence. Knowing that our work will only be finished when there are positive changes in their lives.

The strategies plan we have made for the next five years has helped us recognize the new interventions we must consider in the fight against poverty and discrimination and we are grateful for the constructive and positive support of all our development partners.

Executive Director

*James Mridul Halder
Executive director.*

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Introduction:

For 22 years now, Aloshikha has continued to serve and work towards the improvement of the well being of the common people. It has thus been able to serve the rural people with its multi-faceted programs, which have enabled the organization to grow, but the latter has also influenced the former and as such facilitated Aloshikha to grow while serving.

This report is a testimony to the fact that with a synergetic approach towards development with support from the donor community and the local people a lot can be done to improve livelihoods.

Aloshikha Mission statement:

Aloshikha is a Bangladeshi non-profitable humanitarian non-government organization supporting the holistic development of poor and landless people in the rural marshlands between Gopalganj, Madaripur and Barisal.

Aloshikha will support the development in the following way:

- ❖ To create awareness on the importance of child and blow education among local people.
- ❖ To create awareness on health, sanitation, women development issues and community problems among local people and to encourage them to change the present situation.
- ❖ To organize targeted poor people in small groups and make them skilled through education programs, training's workshops and meetings.
- ❖ To encourage and motivate poor people to take steps to reduce their problems, improve their health conditions and their income.
- ❖ To encourage and support people to start their own activities in order to create their own income, so that they will become self-supporting.

Special events for 2007 are as follow:



Chairman of Aloshikha foundation donated a laptop to the Executive Director

- Mr. Har Beurskens Chairman of Aloshikha Foundation the Netherlands was visited Aloshikha RSD Center, Bangladesh since September 2007 and also visited different project activities in the target area and its successful implementation is very nicely he said. He assured us to continue support for long run of Aloshikha.



Opened Kindergarten school Library

- Mrs. Annette visited many parts of the Aloshikha activities areas and she impressed to see the on going interventions and prospective.



Mrs. Mrs. Iris Hartevelt Senior Project Officer of SIMAVI from Netherlands playing violin during Cultural program of Aloshikha head office.



Mrs. Mrs. Iris Hartevelt Senior Project Officer of SIMAVI from Netherlands visited Kindergarten school of Aloshikha



Mr. Ben visited a damaged PRIMA building of Aloshikha on 15th November 07 after devastating Sidr



A group of specialists are seen from Netherlands and they organized a seven-day medical services surrounding people of Aloshikha



Diathermia Machine for the hospital

In accordance with Max Foundation & Alosikha Foundation donated a Diathermia Machine to the Alosikha hospital that creating opportunity towards the patients during operation period for blood coagulating



Bangladesh Japan embassy staffs are seen and they were visited to Alosikha in December 2006.

A. Community based health & sanitation program

Soft ware program/sanitation rally:



Culture show (pop song)



Sanitation rally



Sanitation rally

Aloshikha organized a number of rally and seminar during the reporting period to observe various special days. Poster, festoon, banner, cartoon etc. containing important messages were printed and displayed in the working areas to draw attention of the community people on the central theme of the special day.

To mention in specific, Aloshikha organized a colorful rally at Agailjhara Upazila complex to observe the sanitation month in October 2007. The rally moved around the Upazila in different roads and markets along with five thousands people including male and female. Aloshikha staff, volunteers, culture team members, govt. officials, civil society people also took part in the rally holding banners, festoons, head caps, etc. The Deputy Director of NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh Government was the chief guest in this rally, where Mr. Har Beursknes, the Chairman of Aloshikha Foundation in Netherlands, was the special guest. This rally made a wave in the locality.



Civil society training

5 Workshops were organized with civil society members during the reporting period. Branch offices organized these workshops. A total of 250 civil society representatives attended these workshops. Issues like 100% sanitation coverage in the target area, hygiene practices, arsenic, HIV AIDS, etc. were discussed in these workshops. Field Coordinators facilitated the workshops



VHC training

According to project's provision, at total of 20 batches of VHC leaders' training have been organized during the reporting period. A total of 500 VHC leaders were trained on their role and responsibilities in promoting safe water use, sanitation and hygiene behaviors among the community people. This was a two-day long training most of which were held at the head office based training center of Alosikhha



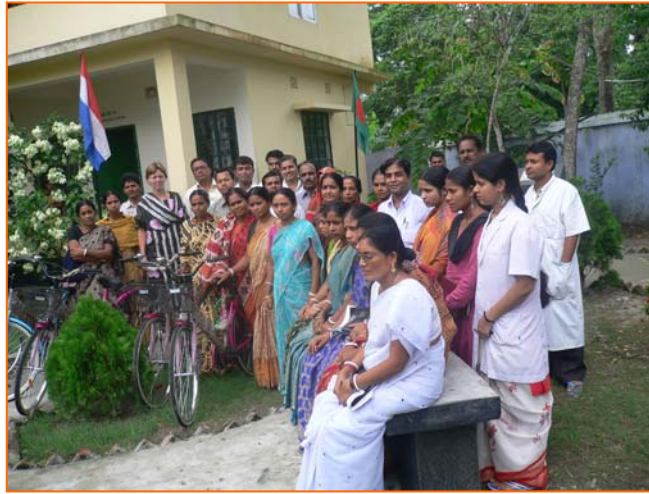
HIV/AIDS training

As per annual plan, Aloshikha organized 48 batches of HIV AIDS training whereby a total of 1680 community leaders, school teachers, religious leaders, social walkers, cultural workers and other people were informed about the risks and threats of HIV AIDS and their role in awareness building of common people about HIV AIDS. It was a daylong orientation training facilitated by Field Coordinators at branch level. Please see



TMC training

Over the reporting period, a total of 8 batches of Tube-Well Maintenance Committee (TMC) training have been organized whereby a total of 200 TMC members got orientation about the importance and process deep tube-well maintenance. It was a one-day long training facilitated by experienced tube-well mechanics and the Field Coordinator



Staff Development training

During this reporting period, Aloshikha organized various training courses for its staff members as well as participated in outside training as part of staff development process under the organization development initiatives of which following were worth to mention:

Health Counseling and Hygiene Promotion Techniques: This was a 5-day long training course organized for the project staff. All the project staff took part in this training. The training was held in Aloshikha training center. Training Coordinator of the project facilitated the training

Soft ware program: Advocacy workshop with LGLS training



Advocacy workshop with LGLS training

Over the reporting period, Aloshikha organized a total of 11 batches of advocacy workshop organized with LGLs. The workshops were organized by the branch offices facilitated by Field Coordinators and Training Coordination with support from ED and Project Coordinator. The main focus of these workshops was the evolving role of LGLs in achieving Community Lead Total Sanitation by 2010. A total of 275 UP chairmen and members and other local elites from the project working area were attended these workshops



Satellite clinic

Aloshikha started the satellite clinic in 10 PRIMA building, once a week in a PRIMA building. Over the reporting period, a total of 120-satellite clinic sessions were held in these 10 centers. However, annual target for satellite clinic session was 240. As the process of organizing satellite clinic took time at the beginning, it was not possible to organize the targeted number of satellite sessions. However, Aloshikha will cover the gap during rest of the project period.

Hardware programs:



Community latrine distribution

Aloshikha is distributing the community-based latrines among the selected stakeholders like Growth center, Bazers, hats, Temples, community place, Mosques etc.



Billboard of the roadside

With a view to raise mass awareness and promote hygiene behaviors among the community people of all age, sex and professions such as men, women, school students, etc. Aloshikha, according to 1st year target, displayed 30 billboards in different places like road side, market and growth center within the project area. It cost Tk. 4,000 to prepare and post a billboard.

All the billboards contained visual along with key message or a slogan on pertinent health, hygiene or sanitation issues like danger of arsenic and importance of using safe water, importance of using sanitary latrine, how to maintain hygiene practices, use of sustainable technologies for environmental sanitation (excreta disposal, solid and liquid waste management), alarming about HIV/AIDS, etc.



Installation period

Aloshikha has installed the deep tube-wells in the selected places where at least 200 families able to access Arsenic free water for whole of the domestic use



After the compilation

A Case Study

I am Susama Bala. My husband name is Nakul Bala, Village: Rajihar, Agailjhara, Barisal. I am a housewife and a teacher of non-government primary school with two sons and one daughter. My husband is day labor works in agriculture.

One day Mrs. Irin Dina Biswas, a Health Facilitator of Aloshikha came to visit my house. She motivated me to setup a hygiene latrine by explaining all the importance of hygiene and sanitation. Accordingly I received rings and slab from Aloshikha and constructed a hygienic latrine at my house compound.

The thing surprised me was that Mrs. Irin also provided me a report card and she used to come to visit our latrine and discuss with us once a month regarding how we are using the latrine. She notes all the findings on the report card and advices us for cleanliness and proper maintenance of the latrine.

At present we installed a new deep tube well donated from the Aloshikha R.S.D Center and now we are using clean & safe water all domestic works as well as drinking purpose. Before the installation of deep tube well we used pond or lake water. But now we are free from the water born diseases. About 200 people's and neighbors are accessing safe water from this deep tube well.

I must acknowledge that the report card makes me and our family members more responsive to keep the latrine clean and follow the proper hygiene practices while using the latrine. Without this report card we might be less concerned about cleanliness and proper maintenance of latrine. It seems to me a new approach which I never saw from any organization. We appreciate Aloshikha for such close monitoring of latrine use and hygiene behaviors of the beneficiaries.



A signs of gender balance because husband & wife are seen for equal participation

B. Computer Training Program

Computer Training:

- *Mr. Har Beurskens Chairman of Aloshikha Foundation the Netherlands was denoted 13 reconditioned computers to the Aloshikha RSD center Bangladesh with a view to skill training in computer for unemployed youth (both the girls and boys) in target area and for job creation. In the light of the Aloshikha has been provided skill training in computer course on two Computer Operator Mr. Idrish khan and next Ms. Shikha Sarker from Techno Touch System Ltd. Dhaka. Presently the Aloshikha has been completed 4 batches including 74 participants with skill in computer training.*



Computer training

C. Integrated Rural Health Support Programme

Health Motivators

We have continued to receive support from SAKO Foundation that has seen the strengthening of the capacity of our Health Motivators in their outreach work. Mr. Sjef Verwilghen & Mrs Sjef verwilghen from The Netherlands visited Alosikha in February 2007. In the light of their visits to take the feedback of the community based health activities through field visits with health motivators and seen them at a nutrition camp in the village. Last years Alosikha was organized 12 nutrition camps at different villages among malnourished babies where 370 malnourished babies mothers were presence during nutrition camps. We motivated of the mothers about malnourished cause and consequences.



Eight health motivators are seen



Nutrition camp

Poor patients support program:



Picture in left side of donor of the R/F

Aloshikha has received a resistance fund from the SAKO Foundation (The Netherlands) for the poor patients whose are not able to bear the treatment costs

Integrated Rural support program:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Monthly activities Monthly group-meetings discussion issues on hygiene, HIV, Antenatal care, growth monitoring and malnourished babies survey etc	1394	1193	2549	2740	2720	2830
Nutrition-camps for malnourished babies (annually)	12	12	12	12	12	12

D. Education program:

1. Maria Child Care Biddanikaton (Rajihar)

In 2007 Maria child Care Biddanikaton had an opportunity to receive 120 numbers of students and trying to provide them as quality education and included creativity activities on regular basis. A parents meeting was held on school premises yearly 3 times with a view to quality education. In Bangladesh all the Kindergarten schools are mainly academic oriented and we put little emphasis on extra curricular activities towards the students.



Maria Child Care Biddanikaton (Rajihar) SAKO board member, The Netherlands



Visit to SAKO board member, Satla Nayakandi kindergarten school

E. Pre-school program.

In the 40 pre-schools, 1200 students fulfilled their final examination in December 07. Through the satisfactory result of this examination 98% of the parents knew that education is essential part of life. In our 40 pre-schools about 1200 students are getting quality by our competent teachers as well as free medical check-up, quality sanitation and hygiene facilities and nutritious feeding facilities. Our pre-school program is being continued supported by SK Foundation (the Netherlands). Aloshikha also offers a feeding programme for children where they are feeding milk and eggs four times in a week, where Aloshikha can be ensured a good child growth and nutrition deficiency. This avails a chance to children who come from poor families that cannot afford these basic foods to have an opportunity of eating nutrition foods.



A teacher pity for pre-school children



Children for nutrition Feeding program



Children check up program for pre-school

Aloshikha at a glance of pre-schools information 2002-2003-2004-2005-2006-2007:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Pre-schools	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pre-school students	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Kindergarden (School)	-	1	1	1	1	2
Kindergarten students	-	57	77	107	115	270
Kindergarten teachers				7	7	13
Pre-school teachers				40	40	40

F. Micro-credit program

The Micro-credit program is growing annually. Aloshikhas working area are the remote villages in Agailjhara, Wazirpur, Kalkini, Kotalipara, Rajoyer and sadar Gopalganj. In this low land area Aloshikha is reaching the poor communities and families. However Aloshikha could not fulfill all the demands of the beneficiaries.

The training program for beneficiaries and supervising, office staff and management will be continued in 2007.

The integrated approach of Aloshikha makes it possible to give a broad support to micro-credit beneficiaries. Not only practical training on small business activities, technical training and support are given by Aloshikha, but also preventive, primary and curative healthcare are offered by Aloshikha. Many children of micro-credit group members are attending Aloshikha pre-schools.

In 2007 Mr. Wilfred Klaassan as representative from Rabobank Foundation was visited to Aloshikha activities and he was pleased to see the activities of Aloshikha and Rabobank Foundation is a big donor on micro finance of Aloshikha. Since two years to be continued the assistance from Rabobank Foundation on micro credit program of Aloshikha.



Receiving cash a group member



Fish drying an income generating project

Micro-credit program:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Groups	273	305	342	395	341	332
Group-members	4,734	5,185	5,814	5,925	3,347	3,500
Loan amount	24,15,500	45,00,000	77,55,000	72,92,000	50,51,980	67,00,000
Saving amount	10,45,787	15,43,001	22,11,882	23,30,741	27,74,137	27,00,000

G. PRIMA program.

A large numbers of people were presence during opening hour of PRIMA, where people were very much eager and welcomed to Aloshikha for their positive rolls. These PRIMA buildings will be used for multipurpose works after hand over to the community people and before Aloshikha will execute school cum satellite clinical program. 2007 total 27 PRIMA established centers.



H. Agriculture:

Since 14 years ago Aloshikha was demonstrated to the community people for poultry farm business and it was very neglected business to the community people at that time with manifold problems such as bad smile from poultry faces, soft meat and only water inside an egg. So, Aloshikha has been achieved stupendous success through motivation and represented to the community people as model that it is a one kind of profitable business. Today there are many small poultry farms are being established surroundings areas behold with attention as model of Aloshikha poultry farm. It is really indeed, that community people have recognized as a pioneer of Aloshikha on poultry business.

In 2007 the profits of the poultry farm were increasing, although the marketing situation for broiler were very difficult, because of low meat-prices.

The dairy farm is a long-term investment and will be profitable from 2007. The number of cattle increased, several calves were born in 2007. This Aloshikha dairy farms also a model for the communities people because we are always with the community people for any kinds of facilities to establish small diary farms. Though it is a long-term investment but it is an old tradition for cow rearing among the community people.

Poultry:



Egg layer



Chicken



Dairy farm

**Poultry
Agriculture:**

Poultry increasing rate:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total eggs	157,000	127,750	2,52,000	2,72,000	1,97,317	2,00,000
Total broiler	4080	1800	2100	2400	1200	2000
Total Layer	3700	2850	2100	2000	1050	1800

Dairy and milk production:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Milk kg.	7470	8030	10,220	10,950	4,272	4,170
Cows	29	35	31	37	28	18
Artificial insemination center	-	-	180	350	773	800

I. Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic program of Aleshikha



Being prepared for caesarian



Pathological activities



Medicine for the outdoor indoor
and patients



X-ray



Patient care

This hospital grant was obtained from the Government of Japan in 1997 for building and purchase and no administrative costs were included in this grant. Still we are working our activities since 10 years and all medical accessories using properly. We are proud and thanked to them for this grant

We are proud and thanked to the Chairman (Mr. Har Beurskens) of Aloshikha Foundation in the Netherlands who has accomplished and disposed innumerable activities for the hospital of Aloshikha since long and still his vigilant eye for whole activities of Aloshikha with soft hearted.

A semmi-pucca hospital named “ Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic was constructed near the Aloshikha head office at Rajihar Union in 1997. In this hospital some advanced medical equipment was installed to serve the people in the working areas of Aloshikha. This working areas is situated in a low lying and ill-communicated areas where nearest health facilities as named government Thana Health Complex (THC) with limited medical services. Areas people are mostly depend on quack doctors, who are not as well trained as registered doctors and sever scarcity of the registered doctors.

The above circumstances were the main reasons for Aloshikha to start a small hospital with advanced medical equipments and especial attention is given to the health condition of women and children.

This hospital started its services in January 1997 and although it is expected that eventually the hospital will be self-sustaining in the long run but it is impossible to be self-sustaining right from the start. Aloshikha hopes to reach this start of self-sustainability in shortest possible times.

Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic services though the trained health providers are as follows:

- a) In door/Out door 24 hours along emergency management
- b) Major/minor operation facilities
- c) Ante-natal, neo-natal and post-natal along incubation facilities
- d) Diagnostics facilities such as Ultrasound, Diathermia, incubator, ECG, X-ray, Blood, urine, stool, sputum etc.
- e) Resistance fund facility for the poor
- f) Patients referral (Ambulance) and out call facilities
- g) Family planning, safe motherhood, breastfeeding, HIV and hygiene counseling
- h) Audio/ Video health conciseness program for out/in door patients
- i) Especial session on collaboration with the Bangladesh government such as EPT, NID, sterilization etc.

Health:

Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic patients statistic:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total patients	4247	7094	7212	7779	7702	7058
Female	1577	2971	3033	3024	3100	3231
Male	992	1717	2031	1807	2100	2066
Child	1788	1507	1783	1795	907	1383
Deliveries	51	138	159	174	193	188
In-door patients	80	228	207	243	303	378
Ante-natal Patients	-	-	-	1751	913	631

Financial report:**Financial Report 2007**
(No program activities)

	Subject	Income	Subject	Expenditure
1	Micro-credit Service charge	13,17,000/-	Staff Salaries	27,00,500/-
2	Agriculture		Electricity Bill	1,44,000/-
	(a) Poultry	90,900/-		
	(b) Fishery	70,000/-		
	(c) Dairy	-		
3	Donation	15,70,000/-	Diesel Bills	92,400/-
4	Patients	1,83,000/-	Telephone	1,20,000/-
5	Students	37,000/-	Maintenance & logistic	1,90,000/-
	Total	32,47,900/-	Total	32,47,900/-

ALOSHIKHA R.S.D.C BOARD AND STAFF.

<u>Aloshikha Board</u>
➤ General board, 17 members
➤ Executive board, 7 members
➤ James Mukul Halder (Chairman)
➤ Mr. James Mridul Halder (Secretary)
<u>Advisory Board</u>
❖ 3 members:
❖ Mr. Ben Ernst
❖ Annett's Pelgrim
❖ Mr. Joost Verwilghen
<u>Donor body</u>
❑ Har Beursknes, Aloshikha Foundation, The Netherlands
❑ SIMAVI, The Netherlands
❑ SK Foundation, The Netherlands
❑ SAKO Foundation, The Netherlands
❑ MAX Foundation, The Netherlands
❑ Porticus, The Netherlands

Staff:

General:	
Executive Director	1
Director clinic	1
Chief Accountant/Micro credit coordinator	1
Assistant accountant	3
Computer Operator	2
Office assistant	3
Night guard	4
Total =	15

Micro-credit program:	
Micro credit director	1
Area Manager	4
Field Manager	14
Total =	19

Education program:	
Education coordinator	1
Pre-school teacher	40
Pre-school Supervisor	4
Kindergarten Headmaster	2
Kindergarten teacher	13
Total=	60

Agriculture:	
Asst. Account	1
Poultry-staff	3
Dairy staff	2
Total=	6

Clinic program:	
Doctor	2
Nurse	4
Medicine salesman	1
Pharmacist	1
X-ray Technician	1
Pathology Technician	1
Sweeper	3
Total=	13

Integrated rural health support program	
Health supervisor	1
Health Motivator	8
Total =	9

Community Based Health & Sanitation program	
Program coordinator	1
Monitoring officer	1
Project officer	1
Training coordinator	1
Health facilitator	8
Paramedics	10
Total =	22

Credit Union program	
Credit Supervisor	1
Credit Manager (Volunteer)	7
Total =	8
(Permanent Staff)	Total = 152

*(as at December 31, 2007.)***Colophon***This annual report is a summary of the activities of Aloshikha R.S.D Center in the year 2007**Annual Report- 2007 25*

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Government Registration

- Aloshikha RSD Center is registered with
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- Republic of Bangladesh

Social Welfare

- Registration Number 427/1985

Foreign Donation

- Registration number DDS/FDO/R-324



Yearly staffs conference for 2007