## **1. Basic education**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

**― Nelson Mandela**

(South African revolutionary civil rights leader, Anti-apartheid activist)

Education, the fundamental human right, is critical to the development of individual humans crowning in the overall development of civilization. Hashimukh Somaj Kallyan Songstha understands the deeply-rooted impact of education on any child. Thus, it has dedicated itself to ensure the quality of education every underprivileged child deserves.

Hashimukh School conducts in:

**Operating days**: Weekly six days from Saturday to Thursday

**Time**: 4pm to 7pm

**Classes**: Nursery to twelfth

It is truly challenging for children coming from the underprivileged section of the society to enjoy a safe and friendly environment after-school and cover the formal syllabus followed in the classroom. Moreover, parents of these children do not consider formal education important and would rather engage them in earning activities to support the household. Hashimukh volunteers communicate with these parents to make them understand how important role education can play to ensure their future security and also the consequent impact on the other members of the family. Hashimukh School pays the admission cost for each student and provides the school supplies needed for students, such as; stationaries, uniform, shoes, etc. to continue their formal schooling without any pressure on the parents. It starts after the formal school schedule completion so that every student can come and learn their routine lessons within the Hashimukh School hours. Dedicated teachers are assigned to each subject. Teachers make sure that every child completes their homework assigned to the formal school and is well-prepared for the next day’s lessons. The executive committee of Hasimukh Somaj Kallyan Songstha emphasizes the institutional certification as in the perspective of Bangladesh, any formal education can accelerate the career of young members to a great extent. Thus, Hashimukh School is focused on removing the barriers to formal education for the deprived kids of the society while giving them a comfortable learning experience to ensure consistent performance in formal schools.

Students’ school syllabus is always updated by the teachers so that the formal school syllabus requirements are fulfilled in the Hashimukh School. There are regular interactions between senior students (students continuing from sixth grade) and junior students (students under sixth grade) to bridge the motivation of learning and supporting each other’s efforts. Evening snacks and purified drinking water are provided during the school period to keep them motivated and stress-free. Hashimukh volunteers preserve the weekly performance reports to improve the performance of teachers, students, and themselves through discussions, sharing opinions and ideas. Students in need are provided with scholarships after SSC based on their academic results.

As UNICEF says, ‘**Quality learning requires a safe, friendly environment, qualified and motivated teachers, and instruction in languages students can understand. It also requires that learning outcomes be monitored and feedback into instruction**’. HSKS has established this statement as its objective while building Hashimukh School for the impoverished section of the society.