## **1. Basic education (Right to Education Project)**

**“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 civilization, social justice, and most importantly, human development. Hashimukh Somaj Kallyan Songstha understands the deeply-rooted impact of education in any child and has devoted itself for ensuring the quality education that most underprivileged child might not have. 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 feed back into instruction**’. Hashimukh Somaj Kallyan Songstha has established this statement as their objective while building the Hashimukh School for the impoverished section of the society.

The Hashimukh School conducts in:

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

**Time**: 4pm to 7pm

**Classes**: Nursery to twelfth

Every student of Hashimukh School goes to formal institutions (government institutions preferred) for their schooling. But it is truly challenging for the students coming from 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 a role education can play to ensure their future security and also the sequential impact on the other members of the family.

Hashimukh School ensures the school supplies needed for the 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. Teachers of the school make sure that every child completes their homework assigned on the formal school and is well-prepared for the next day’s lessons. The advisory board of Hasimukh Somak Kallyan Songstha emphasizes on 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 comfortable learning experience to ensure consistent performance in formal schools.

The students of the school has the freedom to talk with their teachers for any problem they face in their way of learning. Their school syllabus is always up-to-date 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 keep their weekly activities on check to improve the performance of teachers, students and themselves through discussions, sharing opinions and ideas. Hashimukh School is also determined to provide guidance to the students who have already passed higher secondary and aim to continue higher studies or career choice.