

## APON Foundation



Alor Pothe  
Nobojatray  
(APON)  
Foundation  
(literally  
translated as 'In  
the journey  
towards  
enlightenment')  
is a non-profit,  
government-



approved, charitable organization dedicated to enlightening and improving the lives of the economically and socially deprived members of the community. At APON (literally translated as 'warm and friendly'), we aim to provide basic education to child laborers and to create employment opportunities among the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of the society. In particular, APON seeks to establish a society that guarantees basic education, improved health and hygiene to underprivileged children, and financial independence and empowerment to their families.

### 1. Food distribution among the disabled community in Jhilpar, Dhaka.

APON has been working at the community level to create awareness about the deadly coronavirus. As part of our relief programs, we have distributed food packages among some disabled people and their family members, most of who are slum dwellers. APON Foundation has accomplished the following programs:

#### a) Distribution of food packages among 15 disabled in Dhaka

In June 2020, APON Foundation distributed food packages and dry food among 15 disabled persons who are living in Jhilpar slums located in Gulshan Dhaka. The recipients of the food packages were the most vulnerable and their only profession was Begging.



A disabled-girl is very happy after receiving food package.

Many disabled people are living around us and they are the most vulnerable community in our society.



A poor slum dweller woman with food package.



Food packages distributed by APON Foundation

## 2. Distributed food packages among 1000 poor families who are severely victims of COVID-19 pandemic.



During Covid-19 lockdown for four months, APON Foundation distributed food packages more than 1000 destitute families in Kurigram, Satkhira and Dhaka (Rayerbazar, Uttara, and Gulshan Jhilpar slums). The recipients of the food packages were day laborers who are struggling to make ends meet because of movement of restrictions.



The packages distributed included rice (5 Kg), oil (1 liter), lentils (1 kg), potatoes (2 kg), Salt



(1kg), Onion (1kg), soap bars, and masks and are expected to provide for a 4-5 member family for at least a week. Through the distribution program



APON managed to reach out to approximately 5000 members of the country's most vulnerable communities.

### 3. Education program for underprivileged children.

Due to a countrywide lockdown, all our schools are close but we have connected with our all students and guardians. We have made them aware of the pandemic and teach them how to survive during a pandemic. Our teams always used to inform about their health and financial circumstances and provide them food, face mask, and hygiene kits.

### 4. Food distribution among the mobile and homeless people in Dhaka.

During the World Wide Covid-19 pandemic, all the Street Connected people especially children were very much vulnerable. They have very few options to keep them clean. They have no hygiene equipment and the most pathetic information is, due to lockdown, restaurants and



street food shops are not open. It was the main source of food for all the street-connected



people.  
APON

Foundation arranged Mask and weekly cooked food for this vulnerable community in Airport Railway Station.





## 5. Qurbani Meat distribution among 200 poor families in Dhaka slums.



APON Foundation has distributed Qurbani Meats among 200 very poor families in different slums in Uttara, Dhaka. Some of our donors send one part of their Qurbani or a full Cow from their



Qurbani for proper distribution towards extremely poor people.

## 6. Transitional Shelter for Street Children Project (TSSC)

At present, about 1 million of the country's children are street children. These children live in deplorable conditions in squalid slums and/or makeshift shelters, and are prone to be abused and exploited. Since January 2017, APON Foundation has been operating a transitional shelter for street children with the help of a UK- based charity organization in Dhaka city. The goal of the project is to rescue destitute street children from their existing precarious environment and reintegrate them into a safe and secure environment towards achieving the collective goal of "Street Children

Free Bangladesh". The main activities of the project are: rescuing children from the streets and bus/train stations of Dhaka, re-integrating them with families, referral to a permanent home for long-term services, etc. The shelter is funded by Muslim Charity UK.

TSSC is an address to address less children in Dhaka who works for rehab the street children and lost children from Dhaka Street. From January 2017 to August, we have rescued 838 children from Dhaka Street. During this Quarter (May-August 2020) we have rescued 13 street children among them 2 are girls. Among them, we have reunited with Family 8 Children including two

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girls. Three of the rescued children referred to different permanent shelter home for making their better future.

Our outreach workers also meet with different Police stations for informing about our activities formally.

## **7. MoU signed between APON & Children Heaven**

Two renounce Non-Government Organization, APON Foundation and Children Heaven has signed an MoU for work together in some issues especially for the vulnerable widowed women and the Victim of Cyclone AMPHAN in Satkhira.



**MoU between APON Foundation and Children's Heaven**



## 8. Family Support Program by TSSC project

One of the major activities of our TSSC project is to reintegrated rescued children to their respective families. From our working experiences, we found some families who are really indeed and not able to send their kids to school. Keeping these views in mind we are starting family support program in 2018. Now we are providing BDT 2500 as monthly financial support among 15 families to continue their child's education properly.



A beneficiary with his teacher

## 9. The Executives Magistrates of Dhaka District has visited APON Foundation's Office

In August 2020, Mahnaz Hossain Fariba and Mr. K M Ishmam, Assistant Commissioner



and Executive Magistrate respectively of Dhaka DC office has been visited APON Pathshala of Gulshan and APON Foundation's Office. They were pleased to know all over activities of APON and appreciated our activities.

**Vision**

Establishing a society where children are secured, healthy, and educated.

**Mission**

Our mission is to protect, preserve, and uphold the basic rights of the underprivileged and socially backward sections of the population with a view to alleviating poverty and eliminating all forms of discrimination from society.

**Our Programs**

APON administers several programs, with the intent of helping the poor and needy community of the country. The joint effort of numerous individuals and corporate groups allows APON to implement its programs effectively. At present APON operates the following programs:

1. Basic Education for Underprivileged Children.
2. COVID-19 Emergency Response.
3. Shelter for the street children.
4. Nutrition Support Program.
5. Health & Hygiene Program.
6. Youth & Women Development Program.
7. Preventing Violent Extremism ( PVE) project.
8. Climate Adaptation and Disaster Support Program.

**Get Involved**

APON seeks your co-operation and contribution in sustaining and expanding its activities. While APON has already started making a difference to the lives of hundreds of children, we are conscious of the fact that this is only the beginning of a long journey. A long and arduous journey can be fruitful, rewarding, and enjoyable with your participation and assistance.

You can contribute by donating, or even by volunteering to work on the numerous ongoing projects of APON Foundation. By donating an amount that you spend on your lunch every day, you can make a child smile the entire month. Let us not forget that the child on the street has the same claim on us as do our children. If we abandon them, wherever they may be. The time to act is now. Delayed action on our part is the denial of their rights.

A small contribution from you could go a long way towards our goal of lighting up lives.  
Please take a little step with us for a big change.

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