Early Learners
More than 22,378 children are now prepared for school after participating in our early childhood programs.

In 2016, you helped us give children the best chance for a brighter future:

Healthy Girls and Boys
In 97% of schools, kids have access to clean, working sanitation facilities, including handwashing stations.

Healthy Moms and Babies
In 2016, we reached 371 pregnant women and new moms and 2,186 children under age 5.

Empowered Teens
We trained 140 secondary school teachers to provide health education lessons.

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Sponsorship programs began in:
1972

Where we work:
Meherpur
Dhaka North

Total children and adults directly reached in 2016:
210,346

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Healthy Moms and Babies
• After our successful pilot in 2015, we scaled up our Healthy Moms and Babies program in the Rayer Bazaar slum in Dhaka. With your support, we’re giving moms and babies in need the best chance to survive and thrive.
  • During home visits, community organizers counseled 308 pregnant women and 499 mothers of newborns and children under age 5. More than one-third (38%) of the pregnant women who received counseling delivered at health facilities, helping to ensure they received the care they needed during and after delivery.
  • Sponsors like you made it possible for 1,069 children under age 5 to receive monthly micronutrient supplements to improve their growth and development, and 39 severely malnourished children received care at health facilities.

Healthy Girls and Boys
• Thanks to sponsor support, 129,825 children in rural Meherpur benefitted from school health services in 2016. This included annual deworming and vision screening, as well as first-aid.
  • Together, we partnered with local public health authorities to ensure that drinking water in 100% of schools in Meherpur is free of arsenic and safe to drink.
  • In Rayer Bazaar and North Dhaka, we gave 2,082 children and adults access to health and nutrition services and dewormed 1,757 children aged 5-12. Your support also helped us initiate waste management services and organize health education sessions for 220 children and parents on the topics of safe drinking water, sanitary latrine use, handwashing with soap and nutrition.

Early Learners
• Thanks to sponsor support, the percentage of children entering first grade with early childhood learning experience climbed from 24% in 2009 to 78% in 2016.
  • Because of your help, 12,991 mothers of children under age 3, including 3,534 pregnant women, learned about the importance of early stimulation for babies. 127 moms or caregivers attended regular monthly sessions focusing on early childhood development.

Successful Students
• Hand-in-hand with sponsors like you, we made amazing strides in 2016 for girls and boys in rural areas. More than 80% of children were able to read at grade level compared to 52% of students in 2015.
  • With your support, we organized a book collection drive, collecting 1,400 books and distributing them across 5 resource centers.
  • Together, we went high-tech in Bangladesh by bringing new classroom technologies into sponsorship schools. We developed interactive digital content for English classes in primary schools that supports the national curriculum. So far, almost 2 million students have tried them out!

Empowered Teens
• We reached more than 69,000 teens and adults in Meherpur in 2016 — that’s 10% more than in 2015. Your sponsorship also helped us build critical support from adult family and community members on teen sexual and reproductive health issues.
  • In 2016, 90% of young adults in Meherpur were satisfied with the care they received from health providers we trained compared to 84% in 2015. This means they’re more likely to return for necessary health services in the future.

Want to hear more about the amazing work you and our community of sponsors accomplished all over the world in 2016? Visit our website at:

SavetheChildren.org/Sponsor-Report

Thank You!