



OPCA Profile

Local Initiative for Poverty Alleviation

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HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT:

The acronym OPCA stands for ‘Organization for the Poor Community Advancement’. OPCA is a local voluntary, non-profitable, non-political and development organization in Bangladesh. It is located in naturally most resourceful and beautiful place, Mirsarai Upazila under Chittagong district. Sometimes unexpected natural disaster such as cyclone, heavy rainfall, tidal surge and flash flood interrupts normal civic life damaging houses, crops and livestock’s of the lower income people and compel them to lead a miserable life.

Considering the predicament of the people caused by cyclone and devastating tidal surge of 1991, Mr. Alamgir, a native of Mirsarai Upazila was shocked and thought seriously how to help the ill-fated poor people and mitigate their sufferings. He convened a meeting, inviting the energetic youths of the locality and expressed his willingness to form a local organization to redress the miseries of these poor. He also opined that it is the prime responsibility of the young generation to serve the humanity. Then a group of young, active and enthusiastic youth came forward and joined hands with Mr. Alamgir and formed an organization. The self-less dedication, efforts and indomitable courage is the outcome of present OPCA and thus OPCA came into being on November 14, 1992.

OPCA’s Philosophy:

OPCA believes that people are the strength and resource of a country. They are the makers of their own fortune. OPCA also believes that through education, training, organizing and capacity building of these people could play a vital role in building up a nation. Indeed, it is very difficult to streamline the neglected and treated as burden populace into development stream, nevertheless, our efforts and endeavor will not come to an end. OPCA aspires that if we could support them, evoke their intrinsic qualities, help in building up their capacity, finding out the avenues and tapping the resources; they would undoubtedly be turned into asset rather than liability and change their destiny.

Legal Affiliation:

OPCA, as an organization has affiliation and collaboration with a number of organizations and got registration with the following departments and institutions.

Sl. #	Registration Authority	Registration Number	Date of Registration
01.	Directorate of Social Welfare	1846	July 27, 1994
02.	Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA)	01620-02596-00314	July 29, 2008
03.	NGO Affairs Bureau	FDR-1850	June 30, 2003
04.	Directorate of Youth & Development	78	January 18, 1997

Staff and other Information:

Total Staff	Total District	Total Upazila	Total beneficiaries
151	7	54	25783

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Vision:

OPCA envision poverty free Bangladesh where people live with dignity and enjoy their rights.

Mission:

Capacity strengthening of the ethnic minority, Rohingya Community, People with disability, Urban Poor, Coastal people and Tea Garden laborers for improve livelihoods and raise voices for their entitlement. To implement need based, result oriented and rights based development programs.

Core Values:

Stewardship

We are responsible for the organization’s physical and behavioral environment.

Accountability

We are accountable to our community, development partners and to each other.

Innovation

We are innovative in creating a better future.

Integrity

We are fair, ethical, transparent and professional.

Aims and Objectives of the Organization:

1. To establish rights of marginalized and disadvantaged people especially the Children, Rohingya Community, Peoples with disability, Adibashi (Tribal), Adolescent Girls and Women for reducing all sorts discrimination in society.
2. To improve livelihood of the Poor and Hard-Core Poor people including Adibashi (Tribal Community) through income generating activities (IGA) and skills development training.
3. To ensure people’s participation for their own development, promote community- led process for their sustainable development through resource mobilization, linking with service providers including the government agencies.
4. To facilitate and transfer appropriate technical know-how for sustainable community development.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Innovative programming
2. Strengthening funding base
3. Organizational excellence.
4. Promote visibility of the organization
5. Community participation in program planning and implementation.

For whom OPCA works:

OPCA works for the people irrespective of Caste, Creed, Sect and Gender. But the main focus of OPCA is to improve status of the neglected community especially Adibashi (Tribal), Fishermen, People with Disabilities, Beggars, Tea Garden laborers, Transport and Garment workers, Rohingya Community etc.

Management of OPCA:

OPCA has a General Body (GB) consisting of 30 members which is the supreme authority of the organization. In addition, there is an Executive Body (EB) of 7 members and they all are elected by the members of the General Body and this body is responsible for execution of all programs, transparency and accountability. All programs of the organization are implemented by a group of dedicated, skilled and experienced staff steered by the Executive Director. The Executive Body is accountable to the Governing Body for failure of any program or any unwanted happening occurred during implementation the program.

Major Focus:

Micro-Finance and Micro-Enterprise, Gender Equality and Equity Wash, Livelihood, Climate Change and Disaster response, Health and Nutrition, Education, Rights and good Governance, Agriculture and Marketing, Disability.

Target Group:

Adibashi (ethnic minority), Fishermen, Rohingya Community People, People with Disabled and Children, Coastal community, Marginal Farmers, Women, Children and Adolescents, Beggars, Tea garden labors, Transport and Garment Workers.

Geographical Coverage:

OPCA is working in Chittagong region i.e. Chittagong, Cox’s Bazaar, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Chandpur, Brahmanbari district and CHT.

Working Strategy.

OPCA fosters non-directive and non-obligatory, but bottom-up and participatory development working strategy for ensuring people’s active and spontaneous participation for their own development. Thus OPCA adopts target group development approach in implementing its program for sustainable development. With the end in view, OPCA firstly organizes the beneficiaries into homogenous group through awareness raising activities and secondly, it facilitates them for initiating economic activity to generate income and reduce poverty through their active involvement and participation.

OPCA’s Current Programs/Donors/Partners:

Current Programs	Major Activity	Donor/partner	Working Area
Micro Finance Program (MFP)	Handicrafts, Cow Rearing, Cow Fattening, Poultry and Duck rearing, Sewing and Embroidery, Rickshaw Van, Pottery, Agriculture, Micro Enterprise, Black Smithy and Dairy.	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Anukul Foundation-MDF, Mutual Trust Bank,	Chattogram & Khagrachai Distict
GBV Project for Myanmar Refugee Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General sexual and reproductive health services are provided through decentralized health centers • Construction of MHM Spaces • MHM space Construction • Provision of GBV prevention actions, identification, support and referral of GBV survivors is improved through health centers and women and girls' safe spaces (WGSS) • Awareness raising IEC, bill/sign board & BCC materials • Awareness campaign (16 days Observe, IWD, Begum Rokeya Debos , Day Observance etc.) 	CARE Bangladesh/ Germany Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<p>Jalia Palong Union, Camp 16, Camp-12</p> <p>Upazila Ukhia, Cox’s Bazar</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meeting with Community outreach group (per space) • WGSS Construction • WGSS activities (PSS, Awareness session , recreational activities) • Skill building (Tailoring / sewing training) • Awareness raising sessions (Court Yard) 2 session per week per space • Engaging men and boys in accountable practice (EMAP) Session with men and boys - 2 sessions per week per space • Sensitization meeting with Imam & Majhi (monthly per space) • GBV case management and dignity kits • Safety Audit and implementation of safety audit findings 		
Sanjog (Linkage between demand and services for Rohingya peoples with disabilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide disability orientation training to the staff • Disability identification tools translation • Provide rehabilitation therapy service during 40 health camps to the Rohingya people with disabilities as per needs along with the children and persons with disability • Establish referral linkages with appropriate health service providers for need-based support to Rohingya people with disabilities • Surgical interventions (cataract) for the Rohingya persons with disabilities: • Provide assistive devices for the children with physical disabilities • Organized training with Rohingya Majhees (community leader) on disability and its management 	<p>Disabled Rehabilitation & Research Association (DRRA)</p> <p>Funded By: DAHW based in Germany.</p>	Camp-19 Upazila Ukhia, Cox's Bazar
South Asia Wash Result Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Meeting/Workshop • Arrange WATSAN fair • Strengthening the WATSAN Committee and School Management Committee (SMC) • Strengthening little doctors • Soap Distribution • Hand Washing Practice • Rules of Toilet Use • Formation of School Health Club/School Brigade • Refreshers of the students of Health Club/student Brigade • Cultural Activity, Film Show and Documentary • Networking with School Management Committee and others • Awareness on Gender Sensitivity 	Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP), Bangladesh/UKAID	6 Districts i.e Chottagram, Cox's Bazaar, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Chandpur, Brahmanbari district
ENRICH (Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of the Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Clinic • Satellite Clinic • Medical Camp (Eye, Medicine and Dental) • Education • Credit Support • Sanitation • Cultural program • Special Savings • ENRICH home developed • ENRICH Center Establishment • Vermi compost plant • Day Observation • Formation Union / word forum • Beggar Rehabilitation. 	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF),	Karerhat Union, Mirshai Upazila, Chittagong
Primary Healthcare Project (PHCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antenatal care, Delivery care and Postnatal care. • Neonatal and Child Health care. • Health counseling and motivational support to the beneficiaries and their family members. • Supply of common medicines • Health Camp • Family planning and Health counseling on pre and post-delivery for the expectant mothers. 	Anukul Foundation-MDF	Mayani Union, Mirshai Upazila, Chittagong

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular household visit by Paramedics and TBA and provide counseling. 		
Save Urban Children from Hazardous Job and Assistance for Linking with Academy (SU-CHALA Education Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with School Management Committee (SMC) Organize Annual Cultural and sports. Pre- primary and primary education 	Anukul Foundation-MDF	Ramghar Tea Garden,
Promoting Agricultural and commercialization for Entrepreneurship (PACE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black paper demonstration Vermi Compost demonstration Ginger and turmeric demonstration Marketing Linkage and processing Field Days Technology transfer 	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF),	
PEER (Preparedness for Effective Emergency Response) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monitoring of the situation and inform the donor accordingly. • Risk and Resource Mapping. Emergency response • Staff deployment Preparation of emergency contingency plan . 	Concern Worldwide.	Chottagram, Cox's Bazaar,
Promote Rights Inclusion of the Disabled people for the Empowerment (PRIDE) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Community based therapy Establish referral linkage for children with disabilities. Meeting with SMC & PTA, UDMC, and Union Parishad and Upazila education dept. Training of School teachers on inclusive education Provide need based educational materials Day observation including We Ring the Bell 	Disabled Rehabilitation & Research Association (DRRA)/ Liliane Fonds.	Ramu Upazilla , Technaf and UKhia Upazilla, Cox's Bazar,
Cultural and sports program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate on Essay, Poem, Song Innovation Fair Tree plantation Hygiene Promotion National and International Day observation Playing on Badminton, football, table tennis, swimming, Hand ball Etc. 	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF),	
Uplifting the quality of the lives of the elderly people program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established Social centre of elderly people Special savings and pension Special lone facilities and training Health facilities and physiotherapy for elderly people Reputation for elderly people and best child. 	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF),	
Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction, WASH and Gender Based Violence Protection for Rohingya & Host Community of Cox's Bazar 'District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Upazilla Administration Place Selection & Deed with target land owner Latrine established Bathing Cubicles established Tube well established Finally Hand over to Community 	BRAC International	UKhia Upazilla, Cox's Bazar
Ujjiban Social & Behavior change communication (SBCC)Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass awareness about maternal, new natal, adolescent , nutrition and family planning Radio program Social Media activities Advocacy, coordination, collaboration with govt. stakeholders. 	Save The Children /USAID	Chottagram, Cox's Bazar, Feni.
Home stated Grading (Rohingya Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration Seed and tree distribution Vermi compost Technology Transfer 	OPCA Own fund and CSR	Ramu Upazilla , Technaf and UKhia Upazilla, Cox's Bazar
Hygiene Promotion Project (Rohingya Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing Practice Device distribution Volunteer Training Video Demonstration Dissemination 5 times hand washing strategies Safe water collection, caring and keeping method 	OPCA Own fund and CSR	Ramu Upazilla , Technaf and UKhia Upazilla, Cox's Bazar

Skill Development Program for Social Cohesion fund for Cox's Bazar District (PRISE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Orientation for Learners • Technical Training for the dropout children • MCP selection & Training • Learner Selection • Peer Leader Selection & Training 	Brac International	Cox's Bazar Sadar & Ramu Upazila
Out of School Children Education Program sub-component 2.5, PEDP4 project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Mapping • Data Collection • Data Validation • Education Materials Support • Orientation Meeting in each Upazila • Orientation Meeting in Each Union • Teacher Orientation & Training • Dropout student selection • Center establish for dropout children • Develop Dropout children 	BNFE & Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)	Patiya Upazila under Chittagong District
Mirsarai Autism Center	<p>Children with autism will be considered as an asset to the nation by engaging in mainstream Service Through training.</p> <p>Autism enhances children's physical and intellectual development and ability to work through the Necessary health care and training.</p> <p>Children in need of the world will be able to enhance their human qualities by engaging in Mainstream education.</p> <p>It will be possible to determine the exact quality of life of children with special needs through skilled Specialists.</p> <p>Public opinion will be created about the rights of autism children with special needs both publicly And privately.</p>	Bangladeshi & Foreign Donor	Currently in Chittagong District,
Vocational School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize children falling in poor families. • 2. Capitalize technical knowledge, produces commensurate products, market it. • 3. Provide skilled manpower to public and private sector organizations and create employment opportunities abroad. • 4. Creating self-employment through technical education will solve child labor. • 5. Provide access to all living people and their life-building and employment through stakeholders, service providers and stockholders. • 6. Providing free education to the poor but meritorious students. 	CSR, Local & Foreign Donor	Chittagong, Cox's Bazar District

Past Donors/Partners of OPCA (1992-2017):

CARE-Bangladesh, CIDA (Now Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development), DANIDA-RFLDC, Winrock International (USAID/USDA/KATALYST), UCEP-Bangladesh, Grameen Trust/Grameen Bank, Village Education Resource Center (VERC), NGO Forum for Public Health.

<p>Networking Membership:</p> <p>CDF Credit and Development Forum FNB Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh BASF Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum CAHD Community Approach Handicapped in Development ADAB Association for Development Agencies in Bangladesh NFOWD National Forum of Organization working with Disabled CAMPE Campaign For Popular Education CCNF Cox'sbazar CSO NGO Forum FIN-B Financial Inclusion Network Bangladesh. NGO platform Cox'sbazar</p>	<p>Founder of OPCA:</p> <p>Name : Md. Alamgir Date of Birth : 02/02/1971 Education Qualification : MSS (Political Science) Father's Name : Late Shofi ullah Miah Mother's Name : Mrs Jorina Begum Wife : Nusrat Jahan Koli Daughter : Israt Jahan Akila Son : Md. Ahnaf Abrar Abir Village : Hazisarai Post : Jorargonj Thana : Jorargonj Upazilla : Mirsarai Dist : Chattagram</p>
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