

Current Services Rendered by Aloghar:

- h Library Service on every working day
- h Newspapers daily, weekly, monthly and magazine collections
- h Books lending services free of cost
- h Scholarship support for group members, children and poor students
- h Internet and E-mail services for information collection
- h Employment guiding Books for BCS, Teachers, Defense services and General jobs.
- h Academic and admission Guide Books for Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary, University, Medical and Engineering students
- h Psychosocial Services to the children and adult.

Services rendered by Aloghar during July 2012 – June 2013:

	Total	Male		Female	
		Adult	Children	Adult	Children
Readers	13286	6784	6296	66	140
Internet Users	9915	9717		198	

Category of Service Receivers: Primary school students, High School Students, Slum Children, Street Children, College/University students, Medical students, BCS students, retired persons, Business persons, Teachers, Housewives, unemployed persons and various professionals from local community and outside.

Chief Executive Md. Shahid Ullah Receiving Prof. Dr. Muhammed Zafar Iqbal at the Aloghar during his visit and inauguration of the "Humayun Ahmed Corner". Standing Beside him are Aloghar Advisor Salima Naznin Bithi and Sr. Manager of DISA Golam Sarwar.

Details on Aloghar Services

4.2.1 Scholarship

DISA has been providing scholarship to the students of schools at the urban area in Pallabi, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216 from 2011. The students studying at class eight and class ten levels who hail from ultra-poor households in the area and also members of Aloghar are eligible for applying for scholarship. DISA makes assessment of the applications and those satisfying the selection criteria are provided with annual scholarship in an amount of Tk.300 per student per month. The scholarship is given from the DISA's Security and Welfare Fund and the contribution of the employees, EC members, Supporter Group Members and DISA's staff. DISA provided such scholarships to 100 students during 20012-13 and it has finalized a list of 200 applicants for the next year.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of DISA Md. Abdul Quddus distributing Scholarship to the Students

4.2.2 Lending Books Service

There are nearly 7,000 books available at the Aloghar. Aloghar charges no fee or service charge to become a member and borrowing books or journals from the library. For becoming a member, one has to fill-up a form and attach one passport size and one stamp size photograph. After becoming a member, one can borrow one book for a week. The member is responsible to return the book in due time. At present 1153 members are enrolled as Aloghar Members.

4.2.3 Internet Service

There are four Computers with internet services at the Aloghar. The Members of Aloghar who have got the ID Card of Aloghar is eligible for using internet. Use of Internet Service does not require any free or service charge. Usually users use browsing for knowledge enhancing, GO,NGO, INGO and UN employments searchers, college and university admission seekers and their friends and relatives maintain relationship with the centre. One user can use internet service 30 minute two times in a day subjected to availability of space for using for the second time.

Internet Service Receivers at the Aloghar Cyber Centre

4.2.4 Newspaper and Media Service

For reading newspapers and having access to electronic media, Aloghar subscribes about 20 newspapers, both Bangla and English, as well as other weekly, monthly and quarterly papers. One TV set with DVD including learning oriented CD and DVD cassettes, films and other materials are available at the Aloghar for use free of cost. One computer set with internet connection is installed at the Newspaper reading room to make space for e-news paper reading for the readers.

Children from the Community at the Aloghar

Community people Reading at Aloghar

4.2.5 Visitors at the Aloghar and Its Use as Information Centre

Interested visitors visit the centre to know about its day-to-day functioning and also for making inter action with its users. During the year, visitors from Japan, USA, Save the Children, various Universities and other organizations visited the Aloghar and recorded their appreciation and advices.

All published copies of five widely circulated newspapers have been preserved by the centre for use as reference for information for the researchers, media people and other interested ones, who are in need of past information.

DC Rajshahi (Right) Md. Mezbah Uddin Chowdhury is Visiting Aloghar and sharing with Sr. Management Staff for further development of Aloghar

4.2.6 Sources of funding for Aloghar

- a. **Aloghar Supporter Group:** Aloghar has a Support Group, in which anybody can be a member and can donate minimum Tk 365 in a year (Tk.1 per day) and Tk.300 per month for sponsoring scholarship program. At present 35 members are regularly contributing their donations for Aloghar as Supporter Group Members.

- b. **DISA's Staff Contribution:** All the staff of DISA divided into three levels as per their remuneration levels, donate @Tk.30, Tk 50 & Tk.100 respectively every month for Aloghar. Other financial supports come from micro finance program of DISA to run Aloghar smoothly.

4.2.7 DISA's Future Plan on ALOGHAR

- u Networking and linkage with like-minded organizations and institutions
- u Extension of library services
- u Skill development training for women and children
- u Job placement service
- u Extensive child right advocacy
- u Expansion of Scholarship program
- u Establish Syber Center
- u More digitalization of Aloghar Services

Chief Executive of DISA Md. Shahid Ullah delivering his speech at the Discussion meeting to develop Aloghar: Sitting beside him are (i) RNG Kabir Chowdhury, Senior Executive, BRAC (ii) Mr. Sayed Mammun Kader, MD, Southtech Ltd. (iii) Md. Abdul Quddus, Chairman DISA (iv) Mr. Mahfuzul Haque, Joint Secretary (v) Mr. M.M. Rahmat Ullah, E.C Member, DISA (vi) Mominul Hasan Babu, SPO, BDBL.

4.3 DISA Technical Training Institute- DTTI Barkoit, Chandina, Comilla

DISA initiated a GoB approved Technical Training Institute in December 2012. with a view to empowering with technical skill especially Garments Training to the adolescents Boys & Girls and young adults (youths) of DISA's program participants and other community members in DISA's working areas. It is also open for anybody from all over the country who are interested in skill building on technical skills. Courses are offered by DISA Technical Training Centre (DTTI). So far, all trainees who completed the DTTI courses have been employed by various relevant agencies. The institute is well equipped with brand new Garments Machineries including plain machine, Computer Machine, Button stitch, Button Hole, Flat Lock, Two needle, Over lock etc. Well experienced trainers and management set up is there for running the centre smoothly. Capacity of the Training venue is 30 at a time and residential arrangement is available for all participants.

Objectives of the Training Course

- To make the unemployed and adolescents boys and girls skilled manpower and encourage them to be self driven professional workers with confidence.
- To help them in job placement as skill employees in the Garments sector.

UNO of Chandina Upazila Md. Zakir Hossain addressing in the Inauguration Ceremony of DTTI and the First Training Course on Industrial Sewing Machine Operations and Maintenance. DISA Chairman Md. Abdul Quddus, Chief Executive Md. Shahid Ullah and Other Distinguished Guests were present in the occasion.

Training Courses Offered by the DTTI:

No	Course Name	Duration	Academic qualifications	Age Years	Training Fee	
					Non-Resd.	Residential
1	Industrial Sewing Machine Operations & Maintenance	2 Months	Minimum Class-V	15 – 30	Tk.3,000/-	Tk.7,000/-
2	Quality Control	2 Months	H.Sc.	15 - 30	Tk.3,000/-	Tk.7,000/-
3	Supervisor	2 Months	S.S.C.	15 – 30	Tk.3,000/-	Tk.7,000/-
4	Pattern Make	3 months	S.S.C	15 - 35	Tk.4,000/-	Tk.10,000/-
5	Sewing & Cutting and Embroidery	2 Months	Class-V	15 – 35	Tk.3,000/-	Tk.7,000/-

Nature and Place of Training

The DTTI training courses are fully residential. The participants are placed in two months in the midst of furnished and well equipped machineries and other necessary training facilities. Training venue is in Barkoit, Chandina, Comilla and organized by the management of DISA Academy under the supervision of DISA's Training and Communication Department.

There are theoretical and practical sessions at the training to learn, among others, possible risks, safety issues and the environment in operating machines. Trainees have to learn to become a skilled operator for a Garments Industry.

Some Progress of the DTTI:

The initial activities of the DTTI commenced in 2012 with 35 trainees from different places of the country in two batches. After completion of the training, almost all of them have been employed by different Garments Industries including EPZ in Comilla and Narayanganj.

The trainer at the Session

A group of trainees at the DTTI

4.4 Community Based Dairy and Livestock Development Project (DLDP)

4.4.1 Justification of the Project

The agriculture sector has been a subject of considerable interest and significance since time immemorial as it provides the essential link between farm producers and the consumers of food. Within the sector, presently, a tremendous scope of value addition exists through increasing production of milk at community level, marketing it for public consumption and over time processing the dairy products with the infrastructure for collection of milk from remote rural areas by way of integrated cattle development activities through strengthening backward linkage. Such a process is expected to contribute to the economic development but also will provide direct and indirect employment for a huge number of people including significant number of women.

The performance of this sector has an overwhelming impact on major macroeconomic objectives like employment generation, poverty alleviation, human resources development and food security.

Domestic production of milk in Bangladesh has increased at a relatively steady rate in the years following independence, but not fast enough to close the gap created by the continued rapid growth in population. Milk being the one of the most important ingredients of the human diet especially for the infants and children, every nation has the aim to attain self sufficiency in the milk production avenue. In fact, the nation strives for providing nutrition to the upcoming generation to create the meritorious leader of the country in future days.

Furthermore, it contributes very effectively in saving the hard earned foreign currency required to import for supplementing local demand of products. Development of milk sector simultaneously complements meat sector with aiding national income through hide and skin export. Simultaneously the waste outlay of cattle can be used for biogas in home-level use as well as natural manure for agricultural production fields.

All these contributions are meaningful justification of the Community Based Dairy and Livestock Development Project for greater national interest.

4.4.2. On-going Livestock Development Initiative of DISA

The Agriculture Sector Microcredit (ASM) component currently supports purchase and rearing of the local and hybrid varieties of cows and bulls by the borrowers in two different ways for two different purposes respectively. The first way is to rear the cows for milking, and selling the bulk of the milk, keeping a small part of it for household consumption, for early paying the credit with interest and becoming the full owner of the cow and the calf as assets for the household. The second way is to purchase and rear the young bulls, fatten them quickly with appropriate fattening food and care, so that the fattened bulls may be sold at a much higher price, particularly prior to the Eid-ul-Azha to use them by the buyers as a sacrificial animals. Bull rearing in this way