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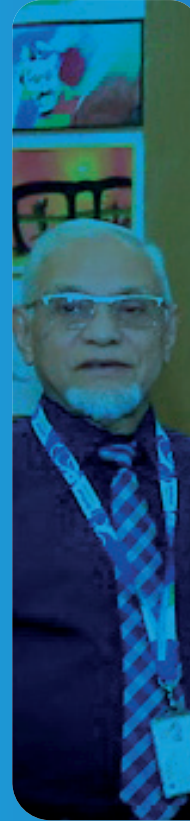
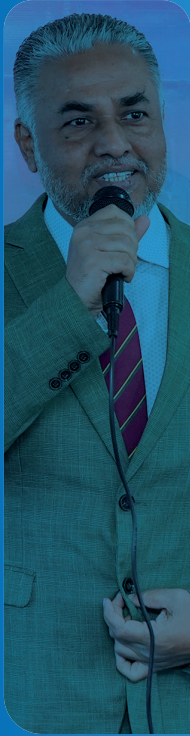


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Message *from* Chairman



Dr. Md. Sabur Khan
Chairman
Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS)



As Chairman of the Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS), I am immensely proud to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team for their unwavering commitment and hard work in compiling this Annual Report. Your diligent efforts have vividly illustrated the progress of our mission and fostered a transparent environment that aligns closely with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At DISS, our fundamental objective is in perfect harmony with the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals. We are driven by the mission to instill hope and empower the most vulnerable segments of our society, particularly children. Recognizing the boundless potential of these young individuals, we are dedicated to cultivating a more empathetic and understanding world. This report not only reflects on our journey but also underscores the critical importance of our mission and our responsibility in equipping these young minds with the necessary skills, knowledge, and moral character to lead meaningful lives.

Looking ahead, we remain resolute in our commitment to realizing our vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." It is our solemn vow that DISS will continue to be a beacon of transformation, positively influencing lives and contributing to a more inclusive and brighter future. Our resolve is to steadfastly uphold the values that define us and, through our collective efforts, to effect enduring change for the betterment of all. Let us together embrace our mission to create a world where inclusivity and opportunity are not just ideals but realities for everyone.

A white, handwritten signature of Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, written in a cursive style.

Message *from* VC



Professor Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman
Vice Chancellor
Daffodil International University



Many children find themselves sleeping on the streets, at bus terminals, and in railway stations, without access to bare necessities like education, healthcare, and shelter. Sadly, most of them are lured into wrong and harmful activities by the veiled criminal groups of the society, leading them to ultimately becoming a burden of our community.

DISS, a distinctive initiative under the Daffodil Foundation, was established with the primary goal of rehabilitating the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, providing them with an empowering environment to unlock their potential. DISS offers appropriate residential accommodations to all the children in DISS care, who would otherwise be left homeless and without any care. DISS not only provides them with quality education, nutritious meals, vocational training, and life skills but also counsels and guides them to get into vocations for an independent and meaningful life. DISS owes a debt of gratitude to the Daffodil International University board of trustees for their unwavering support and contributions to this challenging project.

Daffodil Foundation envisions a society where no child has to endure a life on the streets, and all forms of discrimination against children in distressing conditions.

I am delighted to report a successful first phase for DISS, marked by outstanding performance. While we celebrate our achievements and progress, we remain acutely aware of the challenges that confront our endeavors, and we are determined to transform them into opportunities. With several new initiatives in progress, I firmly believe in our firm commitment to quality service to the socio-economically disadvantaged children with holistic personal development.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of the dedicated employees of DISS and stakeholders for their tireless efforts throughout 2022-23, for their invaluable support. I eagerly anticipate an even more successful year ahead.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "M. Lutfar Rahman".

A Testament *from* Project Director



Md. Jahangir Hossain
Project Director
Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences - DISS



It is with pleasure and gratitude that we present the DISS Annual Report 2022-2023. As Project Director of DISS, I'm thrilled to share our impactful journey with the IDVDC project. Despite challenges, guided by Dr. Md. Sabur Khan and the DIU trustee board, we overcame hurdles in project design, administration, and resource management, focusing on our mission to protect vulnerable children's rights.

Dealing with children from various regions with rebellious behavior was a challenge. Yet, through dedicated staff efforts, we witnessed transformative changes, earning recognition from society, development organizations, and policymakers.

This report reflects our commitment to transparency, showcasing DISS's success globally. Gratitude to DIU Management, national/international organizations, the Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka and Social Services Department for vital support.

Thanks to all DISS project staff, DIU officials, consultants, and stakeholders for their unwavering support, crucial to this report's publication.

We believe this report will inspire organizations dedicated to child rights. Our deepest thanks to all who make DISS a beacon of hope for vulnerable children, driving our commitment to a brighter future.

Jahangir Hossain

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS)

is an institution established under the auspices of Daffodil Foundation, dedicated to providing vital support to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children of the country through the 'Integrated Development for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Children (IDVDC)' program. Supporting children has been a paramount focus of the social development initiatives undertaken by the board of trustees of Daffodil International University. Since its inception in 2018, DIU has strived to extend financial support to this noble cause.

The core objective of DISS is to offer a comprehensive package of services to children, prioritizing their rights and protection. The intervention programs incorporate various essential aspects, including basic education, residential support, provision of food and clothing, access to medical care, psychological counseling, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and the development of vocational and soft skills and human values. The ultimate aim is to empower these vulnerable children, reintegrate them into society, and equip them to become valuable human resources for the country.

As of June 2023, DISS has enrolled a total of 58 children at its location in Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The children who arrive at DISS often hail from vulnerable backgrounds, having been dropped out of regular schools due to poverty, family crises, or other forms of social repression. DISS places significant emphasis on the education of these children, enrolling them in nearby community schools initially, with plans to establish a school dedicated for them after two years.

Healthcare forms a crucial aspect of services provided by DISS, with provisions for day-to-day health care and hygiene support, regular health checkups, medical assistance for common and contagious diseases, and arranging nutritious food. During the reporting period,



several children experienced various illnesses and health complications, leading to a total of health sessions being conducted with the presence of caregivers. The volunteer doctors and DIU medical center regular health checkups for all the children are carried out effectively. For complex treatments, children are referred to different government hospitals in Dhaka.

DISS believes in the power of care and counseling as an effective means to manage aggressive behavior and instill adherence to residential rules among the children. To ensure proper counseling, DISS has appointed a part-time experienced staff member dedicated to addressing the diverse physical and emotional needs of the children coming from various vulnerable social groups, with differing socio-cultural backgrounds. The counselor plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between the staff and children through counseling sessions, in-house training, and meetings.

In pursuit of raising awareness about their rights, DISS forms a student council each year through an election process. This student council enables the children to actively participate in decision-making, which empowers them with a sense of responsibility and ownership.

In conclusion, DISS continues to make significant efforts in providing a safe haven and holistic support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children. With its firm commitment to education, healthcare, counseling to empower these young minds, DISS envisions creating a brighter future for the children and, ultimately, for the nation as they grow into capable and responsible citizens.



OVERVIEW of the DISS



Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS)

a program under the umbrella of Daffodil Foundation (DF), focused on the transformational journey of Integrated Development for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Children (IDVDC). In line with our vision, DISS tirelessly pursues its mission to uplift and empower the most vulnerable and marginalized children of our nation.

Since its inception in February 2022, DISS has been ardently dedicated to addressing the critical issues for the holistic development of the underprivileged children. Our commitment is deeply ingrained in our conviction that by equipping these children with education, skills, and life competencies, we are not only shaping their individual futures but also contributing to a more inclusive and prosperous society.

DISS stands as a testament to Daffodil Foundation's long-standing commitment to child welfare. Over the years, our organization has undertaken multiple projects aimed at enhancing the developmental prospects of disadvantaged children, with initiatives spanning from enhancing opportunities for deprived communities in Chandpur to our current flagship project, IDVDC.

Central to our objectives is the establishment of an independent children's shelter home at Daffodil Smart City in Ashulia, near Dhaka. This forward-thinking approach is a result of meticulous strategic planning, wherein we blend essential education and livelihood training with high-standard residential facilities. Through the initial purchase of land and construction of a nine-storied building, we have already taken measures towards accommodating 600 children in the pilot phase.

Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the founder of Kalinga Institute of Information Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in India, officially inaugurated the Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) on November 14, 2022.

Our concerted efforts have not only demonstrated the value of an all-inclusive approach to child development but have also sought to address the issues of social stigmatization faced by street and underprivileged children. By fostering interactions between the children under our care and neighboring communities, DISS has effectively challenged misconceptions and promoted reintegration into mainstream society.

The objectives of DISS resonate with the very essence of our work – to rehabilitate and empower the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Through a comprehensive package of services including education, vocational training, medical support, and psychological counseling, we are nurturing these children towards achieving the best of their potential and securing them dignified livelihoods.

The construction of a second building, to accommodate an additional 1000 children, exemplifies our dedication to intensifying our impact and creating a brighter future for more vulnerable young lives. As we move forward, we envision DISS as a beacon of hope, to ensure the rights and opportunities of the otherwise deprived children, ultimately integrating them back into the society.

DISS is not merely an institution; it's a transformative force, actively crafting a compassionate, just, and empowered future for our nation's most precious resource – its children. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who have supported us on this journey, and we look ahead with renewed vigor to foster lasting and positive change in the lives of the marginal children.

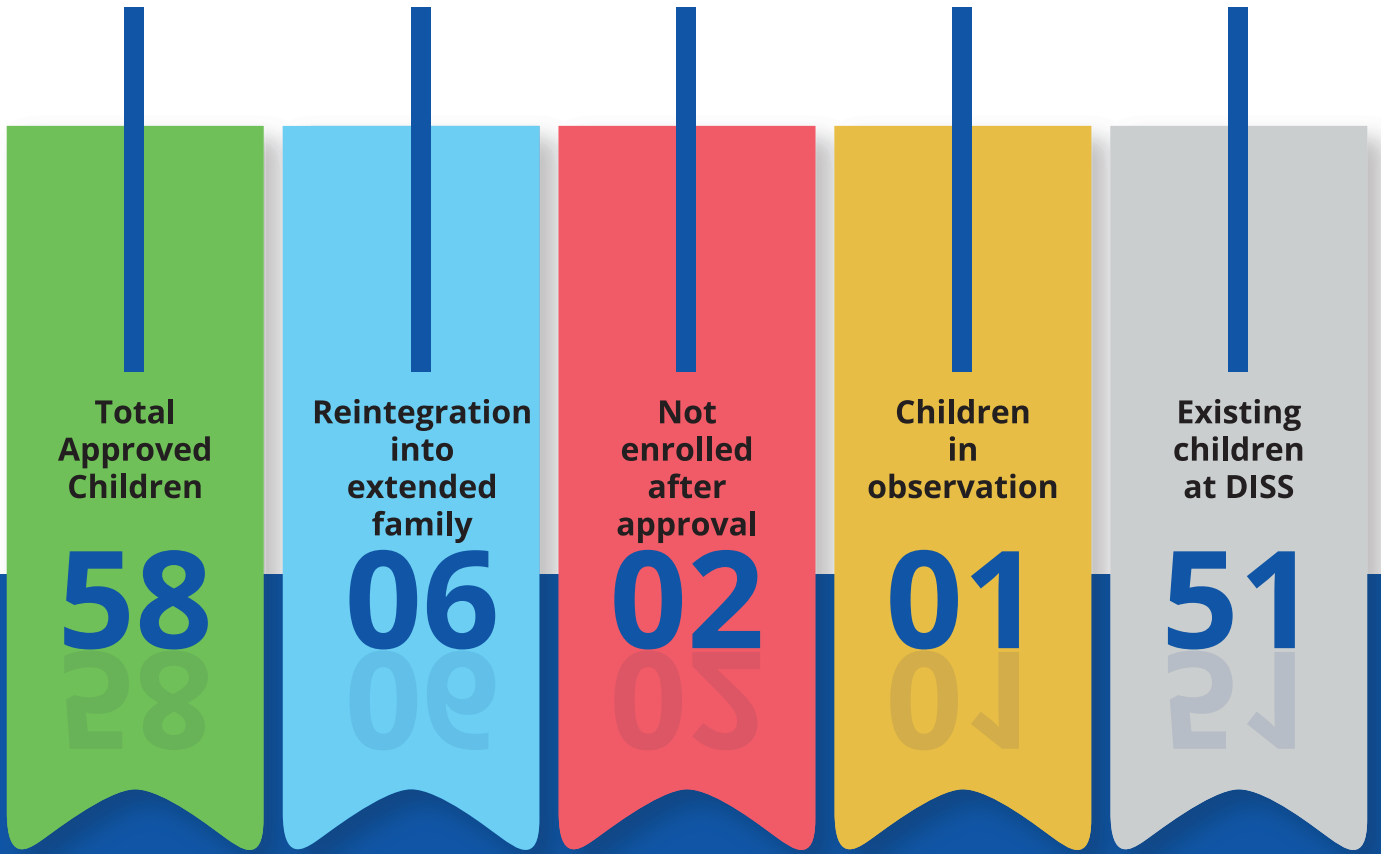


Key ACHIEVEMENTS

of DISS

- ✓ 58 Boys receiving the DISS service.
- ✓ Successful completion of the DISS implementation, on time and within budget.
- ✓ Seamless integration of DISS with existing systems, improving data flow and accessibility.
- ✓ Establishment of Student Management System (SMS) for tracking each student.
- ✓ 5 Collaborations and partnerships with key stakeholders.
- ✓ Ensuring co-curricular activities with life skill-based education system.
- ✓ Implementation of effective strategies to address project challenges.
- ✓ Enhanced children's development through educational and skill-building initiatives.
- ✓ Strong leadership development opportunities for staff and children &
- ✓ Improved living conditions, health and safety measures for children.





STUDENT PORTFOLIO





PROGRAMS

of DISS

Education

The children brought to DISS child home are all orphans most of whom have never been to school or dropped out from the regular schools due to extreme poverty, separation from their families or for other different forms of social repression, many of them having no parents. So, DISS concentrates on the education of the children who come to the DISS home for rehabilitation. Children of DISS go to the local govt. primary school. The school is situated in the nearby area of DISS so that children can comfortably attend their school. But, Insha'Allah, we are building our own specialized school within the DISS wider plan.



DISS provides basic literacy and numeracy to the children and then transfers them to mainstream schools for further education or skill-building. They can be a part of mainstream society after completing their education and skill based training. Keeping this in mind, the school provides education from pre-school to class ten. Newly admitted children's status of education is measured through a test and based on their result they are placed into suitable classes.



After basic education, for livelihood, DISS has a plan in place to provide vocational training to the children over 14 years through BSDI (Bangladesh Skill Development Institute) for the children's skills development in market driven trades.



A group of experienced and highly committed teachers are working relentlessly to teach the children to achieve good results. There are 4 paid volunteer teachers, one house tutor, who are working under close supervision and directives of the Coordinator and the Director. Besides taking regular classes, volunteer teachers from Daffodil International

University students help the DISS children in their evening studies. Children are also supported by the three residential caregivers at DISS. At present 42 children are going to primary school and 9 are going to High school.

PRESENT STATUS of children at DISS, going to school

SL.	Class	Number of total students
01	Pre-school	09
02	Class- I	08
03	Class-II	10
04	Class- III	05
06	Class- IV	06
07	Class- V	04
08	Class - VI	05
09	Class - VII	03
10	Class-VIII	01
Total		51



Health support for children is the second necessary service DISS has incorporated in its programs. The support includes day-to-day health care and hygiene, periodic health check-up, medical support for contagious and common diseases, admission in hospitals in case of complicated health situations and arrangement of nutritious foods. A paramedic works round the clock to develop awareness on health and hygiene issues in the DISS child home. Moreover, children are regularly advised on health issues by staff and teachers during assembly, evening sessions and in various meetings.

During the reporting period, 45 children suffered from different illnesses and health complications. Total 30 health sessions are conducted for the children with the presence of the house brother. These health checkups are done by the paramedic with a group of children who are trained in basic health care services. For better treatment five children were referred to different government and non-government hospitals at different times.



Types of health supports provided by DISS are mentioned below:

Name of disease/ Illness Types	Number of affected child's	Support provided by DISS
Fever, cough, cold	36	Children were taken to Daffodil Medical Center, R routine checkup done by the volunteer doctor couple and cases of severity of disease besides Daffodil Medical Center, we also referred them to the Enam Medical College and Hospital for better treatment.
Minor injury and pains	20	Treated in the DIU Medical Center with support from paramedics.
Allergy and asthma	18	Children were treated by Sadar hospital doctors.
Skin disease	17	Children were treated by Consultant in the special hospital at Dhaka.
Surgical treatment	03	
ENT problem	03	An ENT specialist was consulted for treatment.
Eyesight problem with other minor health issues	10	Children with eyesight problems were taken to Shishu Hospital.



In addition to the above, DISS provided its staff and caretakers basic education on health counseling and primary treatment with the help of the DIU paramedic so that they can also support the children.



Psycho-social Counseling :

“Childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day.” The quote echoes the familiar belief we have that childhood shapes a person’s later life. So, it’s very crucial to have a sound childhood for a person to become a human being with a healthy mind and body. However, there are lots of children growing up in this world without having basic child rights. Similarly, children brought under the DISS programs are somehow affected by adverse conditions of life, such as, extreme poverty, hazards of street life, scarcity of food, clothes, education and health care support from their early life. In a word, these children do not get the minimum basic needs of life and most of them have to face physical and verbal abuse, humiliation, ill-treatment and other sorts of harassment affecting their normal mental growth and physical well-being.

DISS believes that counseling is an effective method of managing aggressive behavior of children and making them abide by the rules of the DISS home. The person responsible for rebuilding the psychological state of these children has a background with relevant experience and has been dealing with a challenging task as the children are from different vulnerable social stratum bearing cultural, emotional, and habitual diversity. The counselor is also bridging the gaps between the staff and the children through holding counseling sessions, in-house training and discussions with children. To make children aware about their rights, each year a student council is formed through an election process.

This council enables the children to take part in the decision-making process at DISS. The Project Coordinator is ensuring child rights issues. During the reporting period, 56 children were given counseling support individually. Besides, one peer educators’ meeting and one student council meeting were held. Also, one meeting with guardians was held in 2023.

To know about the children under the care of the institute, DISS collects relevant data and information about their background and keeps records for all the admitted children. A process of opening a ‘child profile’ including information of the child’s family history, health, education etc. is followed by the DISS authority. All profiles are also tracked under the smart DISS on DISS Smart Edu System. In this process, 58 new child profiles and case studies have been created during the reporting period and the child enrollment has been approved by the DISS management.

Counseling also helps children to rejoin with families and DISS has fascinated rejoining 2 children with their families. Besides, as a part of the development of children’s emotional well-being, 3 group tours for children were organized and all children participated in that day-out event. It has been observed that with counseling and other psychological support, 100% of the children are showing expected positive behavior now compared to the earlier state when they came to the home, DISS.



Social works :

Social work of DISS comprises activities like organizing international **“Art of Giving Day”** every year for the last five years. On this day we distribute food, and gifts for the vulnerable people of our community. We also distribute food products to all of our support staff on different national days at different branches of DIU. Moreover, we distribute **‘A bag of Happiness’** on the occasion of two holy Eid days.

Moreover, collecting vulnerable children, keeping record of them through preparing individual profiles, reporting to local administrative and regulatory offices regarding admitted or reintegrated children, finding foster homes and their original families, General Diary Entry (GDE) and birth registration from Union Parishad for all children.

As a part of social works, DISS has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with many organizations working in the areas of child protection and child-rights to collect children and get other support. For the reporting period, DISS collected children from LEEDO, Shishu Polli Plus, Aparajeyo Bangladesh, Apon Foundation and government safe homes. As DISS basically works with orphans who have no parents/guardians and shelter. DISS workers communicate and work from the ground and root level to collect these children and the team DISS also collects destitute children directly from different areas of Bangladesh.



DISS is working hard to ensure the residential facilities for the right target groups of children, providing them with care and education to make them confident to reunite with families or finding a foster home for them. We have to prepare regular reports and also keep communication with upazila police stations and Upazila social welfare office. For their effort and with support from government and other regulatory offices, 3 children have been reunited with families during the reporting period.





— Agriculture : —

As an integrated program, DISS includes agricultural activities to generate income to support the management cost. Presently, DISS has 01 acres of agricultural land under cultivation and farming as a part of a husbandry plan in future. Moreover, 100 saplings of different species of fruits (guava, emblic myrobalan, lemon, pear, hog-plum, carambola, mango, litchi, jackfruit etc.) have been planted and hopefully, of the plants will be fruit-bearing trees by next year. Besides crops and fruit cultivation, DISS has a plan to establish a commercial livestock farm with five cows for fattening and milking by 2024 as an income generating initiative.

The recommendation of the Honorable Chairman Daffodil Family and Founder, DISS, also encouraged the DISS staff and students to concentrate more on harvesting or crop production as an action-oriented education.



Children Activities

Inauguration Ceremony:

Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the founder of Kalinga Institute of Information Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in India, officially inaugurated the Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) on November 14, 2022. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Daffodil International University and Daffodil family presided over the program. The function was also attended by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. SM Mahabub-ul Haque Majumdar, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Mominul Haque Mazumder, Treasurer, Dr. Nadir Bin Ali, Registrar of Daffodil International University, Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, Chief Executive Officer of Daffodil Family and Mr. Jahangir Hossain, Project Director, Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences.

"Continuation of beauty is more important than creation of beauty. When two good people come together and are in love, there is a great outcome. Founder of Daffodil Family Dr. Md. Sabur Khan and me are like brothers, and our affection has led to the initiation of Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) today, also inspired by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KISS University in Odisha, the only fully free fully residential tribal University," noted Dr Achyut Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS Universities, while inaugurating Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) in Ashulia, Dhaka.

DISS has started its journey as a completely non-profit organization providing services to the most vulnerable underprivileged children of the society. Daffodil International University and Daffodil Foundation have developed this institution as a part of Academic social responsibility to develop children as efficient manpower and citizens keeping in mind the theme of 'Grow up with values and respect'.

Participate in Assembly:

As a part of discipline, all DISS children take part in an assembly held for twenty minutes before class starts at school. There are 6 types of physical training (PT) developed following government schools are practiced in school. Children take part in the national anthem and show respect to the national flag. Children also take oath to be committed to the nation and pray together from the religious books.





Study in Library :

DISS has an internal book corner with around 200 books which is a resourceful place for the children to enrich their knowledge. A student counselor for education is responsible for distributing the library books to the children under supervision of a teacher. There are many story books in Bangla and English, magazines for children, autobiographies of famous people, comics, and Islamic books. This corner is open for all children in the afternoon.

Computer Skill Development :

Considering the continuous advancement of technology in the world, DISS has provided the opportunity of learning basic computer skills for children admitted in DISS. Regular computer classes are held under the supervision of an ICT teacher. Children of class three, four, five, six, seven, and eight have access to the computer lab with five computers.





Sports and Cultural Activities :

As a part of cultural activities music classes are conducted and fifty students have attended music class and Art class for the reporting period. Classes are segmented in sections as per the learning levels of the students. DISS children also took part in art, music, cricket, football, drama competitions organized by Daffodil cultural club and won prizes.

A cultural team has been formed with fifteen children with performance, presentation and leadership skills.



Student Council Election :

DISS has a student council which is formed through election by the students. The student council is formed with a purpose to develop leadership, democratic practice, participation and decision-making capacity and sense of responsibility. Like previous years, this year's student council election was held on the 1st of March 2023 in a befitting manner with huge enthusiasm and excitement.

Scout :

DISS children have a scout group consisting of 28 children. They are able to display acrobats to an audience. During the reporting period, the scout team was responsible for maintaining discipline of DISS. They also displayed a guard of honor to the distinguished visitors, and government officials.





Weekly Cultural Activity :

DISS organizes weekly cultural programs for children where they perform song, dance, recitation of poem, drama, storytelling, quiz, etc. The DISS team, volunteers and residential house tutors help children conduct these programs successfully.



Art Competitions :

Drawing class is a regular activity at DISS and during the reporting period, fifty one children have learnt how to draw in small groups. DISS feels proud that talented children participate in several art competitions, national day observation and obtain prestigious prizes. Basically, volunteer art teachers have guided children to perform better day by day.



Observance of 'Child Rights Week' & 'Children Day' :

DISS observed the 'National Child Rights Week' and 'Children's Day 2022' through participating in different competitions. DISS children have received a total of seven prizes obtaining the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions from the art competition organized by Daffodil International University.

DISS drawing expresses its gratitude to the university for providing the best support to hold the events. In the afternoon, DISS as part of the day children took part in an activity drawing their dreams.

Participation in Different Sports Event :

DISS children have a 'football team' and a 'cricket team' comprising 26 children in each team. Six football and three cricket matches have been held with external teams from Paragram Govt. Primary School.

For their performance, DISS plans to send this team to the district and national level age-group tournament. Due to the hard work of the game trainer, DISS children are playing well and are becoming a challenge for any team at Ashulia, Dhaka.



New book distribution programme :

To inspire the children, DISS distributed new books published by the government to the students on 1st January 2023. These new textbooks were received from the primary and secondary schools.



International Mother Language Day :

International Mother Language Day is observed on 21 February 2023 by DISS children and staff organizing rallies and paying floral homage to the DIU Shahid Minar, participating in art competitions at Daffodil International University.

DISS and DIU jointly celebrated the day at the Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia. The day was ended by a discussion session about the importance of the day was held in presence and with participation by Professor Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, Daffodil International university.



Independence Day :

DISS children and staff observed Bangladesh Independence Day on 26 March 2023 by attending Internal programs organized by the DISS.



Birthday of Bangabandhu & National Children's Day :

On 17 March 2023, DISS observed the 100th anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day. On this very prestigious and joyful day, children of DISS gathered at the DISS premise, hoisted the national flag, sang the national anthem, and participated in many competitions like art and sports. Special food was also arranged for the children of DISS on those special days.



National Mourning Day Observation :

National Mourning Day is observed in Bangladesh on August, the 15th, every year to commemorate the assassination of the country's founding father, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and most of his family members in 1975. In 2022, the children of DISS observed National Mourning Day with deep respect and solemnity.

On this day, the children came together to remember the immense sacrifices made by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family for the independence of Bangladesh. They participated in various activities to honor his memory, including discussions about his life and contributions, as well as the history of the Bangladesh Liberation War. Many students paid their respects by visiting the National Martyrs' Memorial and the museum dedicated to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.





International Art of Giving Day Celebration :

Every year on May, the 17th, DISS celebrates International Art of Giving Day. This heartwarming occasion is a testament to the spirit of generosity instilled in the children. The main objective of the Art of Giving Day is to promote and celebrate acts of kindness, generosity, and selflessness.

It encourages individuals and communities to engage in various forms of giving, whether through acts of charity, volunteering or simply spreading love and positivity among the DISS children. This day serves as a reminder of the importance of helping others and making the world a better place through small or large acts of kindness.

It seeks to inspire a culture of giving and empathy, fostering a sense of interconnectedness and social responsibility among people. On this special day, DISS distributes special food, gifts and a 'Bag of Happiness.' It's a heartwarming celebration of kindness and selflessness, reinforcing the values of empathy and giving in the young hearts at DISS Children's Home.



Victory Day celebration :

On 16 December 2022, victory day was observed with paying homage to the martyrs of the liberation war. DISS children participated in the DIU programs. Finally, DISS children received prizes from the chief guest for their outstanding performance in the celebrations.



Exposure visit and Day outing :

DISS organizes recreational visits to interesting places for the children every year. It's called 'day-out' for children. This year, twice 'day-out' were organized on 10 February and 26 June 2023 at the Nation Monument of Bangladesh and National Zoo at Mirpur, Dhaka and Safari Park at Gazipur.

They were accompanied by DISS staff, teachers and volunteers. Children had lots of fun rides and had an improved diet on the occasion.



Training, Workshop Event & Meetings :

Case Management Training :

A-3-day long training on 'Case Management' was held from 22 to 24 September 2021 at Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka to enhance the capacity of participants in understanding and explaining case management, child rights and child protection, child law 2013, and how to fill up case management forms 1-5 and SWOT analysis. The training was attended by 10 participants including staff and children from DISS, Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia.



Disaster preparedness training :

A disaster preparedness training session was recently conducted at DISS Children’s Home, aimed at equipping the children with essential skills and knowledge to respond effectively in emergency situations. During the training, the children learned about various types of disasters, including natural disasters like earthquakes and floods, and how to stay safe during such calamities.

The training covered important topics, such as, creating an emergency kit, making an evacuation plan, and basic first-aid techniques. Practical demonstrations and interactive activities were used to engage the children and ensure they understood the key concepts. Additionally, they were taught the importance of staying calm and helping one another during stressful situations. This initiative not only empowers the children with life-saving skills but also instills a sense of resilience and preparedness. It ensures that they are better equipped to protect themselves and their peers in case of unexpected disasters, promoting their safety and well-being.



Life Skills Training :

A life skills training program organized at DISS Children’s Home, focusing on empowering the children with essential life skills to navigate the challenges of adulthood successfully. Through interactive workshops and practical sessions, the children learned valuable skills, such as, communication, problem-solving, decision-making, financial literacy,

and time management. This initiative not only equips them with the tools they need for independent living but also nurtures their self-confidence and resilience, ensuring they are well-prepared for a safe and better future.



Public Relation (PR) Event :

A meeting engaging various stakeholders was organized as a PR event to brief about the inauguration ceremony of DISS at Daffodil Smart City, Ashulia. on November, the 14th , 2022. In this inaugural ceremony, Achyuta Samanta; Member of Lok Sabha and the founder of Kalaing Institute of Industrial Technology-KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences-KISS; Bhubaneswar, India was present as chief guest. The function was also attended by Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Nadir Bin Ali, Registrar of Daffodil International University, Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman, Chief Executive Officer of Daffodil Family and Mr. Jahangir Hossain, Project Director, Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences.

Dr. Samanta delivered his speech before the program. He also expressed his willingness to support for the betterment of the DISS programs in future.

Annual Legal Guardians Meeting :

The annual parents (legal guardian as they are orphan and disadvantaged) meeting held at DISS Residential Children’s Home on February 27 2023 at DISS Conference room serves as a crucial platform for parents, guardians, and caregivers to come together and discuss the well-being, development, and progress of the children under their care. During this meeting, attendees review the children’s educational achievements, health status, and emotional growth, exchanging valuable insights and concerns. It also offers an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the children and their families, fostering a supportive environment that is essential for their overall growth and happiness. The event reaffirms the commitment of all involved in providing a nurturing and safe environment for the children’s holistic development.



Significant Visits :

Achyuta Samanta Member of Lok Sabha & Founder of KIIT & KISS

Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the founder of Kalinga Institute of Information Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) in India, officially visited and inaugurated on November, the 14th, 2022. He appreciated the beauty of DISS and the efforts so far made in establishing this great institution.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman of Daffodil International University and the Founder of DISS presided over the program. Actually, when two good people come together and are in love, there is a great outcome. "Founder of Daffodil Family Dr. Md. Sabur Khan and I are like brothers" said Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta and their affection has led to the initiation of Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS). Dr. Khan responded that he was inspired by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, KISS University in Odisha, the only fully free fully residential tribal University,



Acetous Smiles Group :

Some representatives from Acteus Smiles have visited to take part in Bangladesh Independence Day celebrations along with the children and team of Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences - DISS at Ashulia, Savar Dhaka. In this event, the Proctorial Team of Daffodil International University, volunteers from Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences, Team DISS and Daffodil Prothom Alo Bondhushava jointly made the event successful. Acteus Smiles respected CEO Mr. Yann Bary and his team were present and we are really happy and thankful that they spent a very quality and cordial time with the children and also made the day more special for the children. There were also various gift items for our children from the guests of honor. We hope a cordial relationship will always be maintained between the two organizations.



Team from UNICEF Department of Social Services, Civil Society :

A team from UNICEF, Department of Social Services, Civil Society, visited DISS. Honorable Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. S. M. Mahbub Ul Haque Majumder was present along with Ms. Nazgul Choloponbaeva, Child protection Officer, UNICEF, Asif Munir, Civil Society, Morshed Bilal Khan and Amran Khan, Project Director, DISS. Team DISS has participated in a successful discussion regarding child protection policy, ground work, social reintegration and child selection procedure of DISS with the visitors. DISS always gives priority to share any opinion, observation and suggestion from all aspects like govt, non govt. and national and international organizations.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Welfare, Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru :

Mr. Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru, the Honorable State Minister of Social Welfare in Bangladesh has paid a visit to DISS On December, the 7th, 2022. He made a speech emphasizing the government's commitment to the well-being of vulnerable populations. During the visit, discussions were held on collaborative initiatives and policy advancements aimed at enhancing social welfare and support systems for those in need, underlining a shared dedication to improving the lives of marginalized communities.

DISS is built on the belief of changing the lives of 4000 underprivileged children. The honorable State Minister had discussion with children regarding their future plans,

their favorite hobbies and many other issues related to their dreams in life. He asked the children regarding what they wanted to be in their future life. He also wanted to know about their likes and dislikes. Despite his busy schedule, he patiently spent some quality time with the children, which is undoubtedly a great achievement for DISS.



Ahsan Khan Chowdhury

Chairman & CEO
PRAN RFL Group

The Chairman of Pran RFL Group visited DISS on June, the 2nd, 2023, leaving a permanent mark of his presence. His visit was a heartwarming occasion, filled with inspiration and encouragement for the children and staff alike. During his time at DISS, he engaged with the children, shared invaluable insights, and expressed his commitment to supporting the organization's mission. His visit served as a source of motivation, which reaffirmed the importance of community engagement and philanthropy in creating a brighter future for young lives.

DISS Provision for Support to the Community

Full Free s Scholarship & Admission Support to the Girls of Action Aid on DIU

DISS and The Student Affairs of Daffodil International University-DIU organized a Psychographic Profile Making and mind mapping session for the girls of Happy home, Action Aid. After completing the mind mapping session DISS and DIU management made the decision to give a chance to two girls from Happy Home to take admission with full free studentship at DIU.

According to this commitment, two girls named Shamima Akter and Ratna Akter have been nominated to take admission into the LLB program at Daffodil International University as CSR activities. It is good news that they now are working as student associates after completing their LLB Program.

'Service Day' for the Disadvantaged Street Children at DISS

"DISS Service Day-2017" was organized in the main campus at Dhanmondi where underprivileged children were served by the students of Daffodil International School (DIS) and Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS). In this event special food and gifts have been distributed among the disadvantaged children of our society. DISS were more than happy to greet and meet them. In this program, disadvantaged children received food, gifts and educational stationery.



Distributed Food Bag on "International Art of Giving Day -2018"

Daffodil Institute of Social Science (DISS) observed 'International Day of Art of Giving-2018' on May, the 17th, 2018 at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University in the capital based on the theme "Feed with Love". To mark the day, DISS distributed food packets among more than one thousand underprivileged destitute children and their families at 3 (three) separate spots of Daffodil Dhanmondi, Ashulia and Chandpur campuses. Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences-DISS distributed food packets among the underprivileged children and their families at this event



Donated 60K Taka to organize the event "Spreading Eid Happiness"

Aiming to spread Eid happiness among underprivileged children, a program titled 'Spreading Eid Happiness-2019' organized by Daffodil Institute of Social Science (DISS) was held on 23 May 2019 at 71 Milonayoton of Daffodil International University.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University and DISS team distributed Eid dress, Mehendi, Eid foods among more than 300 under privileged children on the occasion of the Holy Eid-Ul-Fitr, 2019. "There is nothing more important than a smiling face in the world." The Daffodil family donated this amount on behalf of DISS as their Corporate Social Responsibilities and community contribution.



Distributed Winter Clothes on 2018, 2019 & 2020 Winter

DISS, demonstrating their commitment to social welfare, embarked on a heartening initiative during the winters of 2018, 2019, and 2020. They distributed warm winter clothes among 5000 disadvantaged individuals across four districts. These compassionate efforts not only provided much-needed relief from the cold but also exemplified their dedication to uplifting vulnerable communities, spreading warmth, and making a positive impact on the lives of those in need during the harsh winter months.



DISS Team Members

DISS has a group of highly committed and dedicated staff working together in achieving the goal of the project. Currently, the total number of staff is eight. A team of experienced teaching volunteers of 5 for general education and one art teacher and two MBBS doctors providing voluntary health support. Two house caregivers are responsible to take care of the children. One support staff and two cooks and four security guards are ensuring round the clock service to maintain security of DISS premises, arrangement of nutritious foods and ensure hygiene for the children. There is a Deputy Director, a Coordinator, an Ethics Education Teacher, and one psychosocial counselor providing service and working hard in their respective areas to bring a real change in the lives of DISS children. Out of total 20 staff and volunteers, 9 are female and 11 are male.



Services by DISS for Children

Food and Nutrition

To ensure proper nutrition of the children, one of the prime focuses of DISS is its food menu. A food committee of 5 members of staff, children and a nutrition specialist is responsible for ensuring nutritious food. While preparing the menu, fresh vegetables and fish are procured from the local market on a daily basis. The head cook is assisted by assistant cooks for preparation of foods for children and they work from early morning till 7 o'clock in the evening. Breakfast includes rice, vegetables, khichuri, handmade bread and potato fry. For lunch and dinner, rice, curry of fish or chicken, lentil soup are served hot. Children have their meals sitting together in the basement dining hall. Younger children are served by the older children by turns under supervision of assigned staff. At tiffin and afternoon snacks time, biscuits, fruits, puffed rice and sola are given to children. Each month a total of 4 days children are served an improved diet and special food. As children representatives are in the food committee, they can share children's choices about food items and preferences. Dining chair and table are provided in the dining hall, so that children can comfortably sit and have their meal with manners.



Accommodations :

The existing building of DISS has all basic accommodation and utility services with a healthy environment for the children to live. There are 5 dormitory rooms, most of those were classrooms at first, then turned into dormitories to manage the accommodation. The rooms are located on the same floors. Caregivers of DISS are responsible to maintain the accommodation facilities available with help of relevant staff. Children less than 11 are under caregivers while 12 and above are self-managed.

At present there are double-decker cots accommodating 58 children of DISS to adjust with the existing space.



Clothes :

During the reporting period, 150 blankets, 70 sweaters, 150 pcs of bed sheets and 350 pieces of half and full sleeve T-shirts, 100 pcs of full pants, 60 pcs of school dress and 60 pcs of DISS uniform are provided to the children. Warm clothes helped children to fight the cold wave, especially, at this site of Ashulia with a huge open area, and lake being 5 kilometers long around the campus. During winter, temperature goes below 5 to 6 degree celsius almost paralyzing normal life in the area.



Quality Education :

At DISS, we wholeheartedly believe in the transformative power of education. We are proud to offer free educational services to the children under our care, ensuring that each child has the opportunity to unlock their full potential. Through this commitment, we aim to break the cycle of disadvantage to empower our young learners with knowledge and skills, and pave the way for a brighter future where education is a key to success and a source of hope for every child under our care.



Medical Facilities

We take pride in our commitment to the well-being of the children at DISS. As a part of our mission, we ensure free treatment services to the children under our care. Whether it's healthcare, dental care, or any other medical support, our dedicated team ensures that every child receives the best possible care without any financial burden.



Case Story : 01

Abdul Ahad: From an Orphan & Homeless Child to an Aspiring Islamic Scholar

Abdul Ahad is the first child enrolled in the DISS. He has one brother and two sisters. His home district is Habiganj, Sylhet. Now he is 13 years old. Ahad is an orphan. Though he has a brother and two sisters, Ahad doesn't know where they are surviving now.

Basically we first came to know about Ahad from a local shopkeeper, Salim Bhai, near DISS. Ahad was thrown out of the house by his brother. He spent about two days and two nights in front of a shop on the street. He didn't get any food except water at that time. If his parents were alive, he might not have seen this day. Seeing his condition in the house where his brother was staying in a rented room, the owner of that house called him and gave him two meals a day. In exchange, he had to teach Arabic to the house owner's little child. Ahad can recite Arabic very well. His dream is to become an Islamic scholar when he grows up. But will the lack of shelter allow him to fulfill that dream? Ahad doesn't know

In the beginning, a little good food was served to him but later it is seen that stale rotten food is the fate of Ahad in that house. Hungry Ahad then occasionally comes to DISS, talks to us and leaves again. He has no other way to leave that house because he doesn't want to lose his only shelter. DISS also could not assure him any words of hope because DISS had not yet started the pilot phase of its formal journey. About 7 months passed like this. We keep our regular communication with Ahad. Whenever Ahad got a bit of time between his work, he came to DISS and we arranged food for him with our own money. Our first objective was to provide a safe haven for this child and also ensure a healthy, family environment and secured life for him. Finally, DISS rescued Ahad to ensure that talented Ahad can grow up to be an Islamic scholar as he dreamed.

After coming to DISS, Ahad's life began to change. Ahad has been provided with a permanent residence, I mean safe home. Which he didn't have before. DISS ensures a family atmosphere with loving family care. Where he gets to enjoy eating with everyone, learning, participating in sports and life skills-based activities. The quality of his life changed rapidly. Ahad started to lead a decent life at DISS.

At the same time, Ahad dreams of becoming an Islamic scholar. DISS is determined to make that dream come true. DISS wants Ahad to grow up to be a good human being. DISS is working hard only for the bright future of the homeless, orphaned and neglected street children like him in the society, just like this significant change comes in Ahad's life.

Now he doesn't have to starve like before. Now he doesn't feel like crying for shelter under the night sky over his head. His intellectual power is not wasted by idle work. DISS is the only dream maker of his life.

The harsh reality and the struggle for survival which was constantly tormented Ahad, he is now ready to fight against these and sustain himself strongly. Ahad who never felt the joy of holy Eid in his life, now that Ahad wears new clothes on every Eid day and is roaming out as a guest at the residence of our Honorable Chairman Sir and also, he feels honored to be treated warmly.

Apart from the dream that had lived on earth for so long, DISS changed him radically. DISS Children's Home has taken the responsibility to make his life completely safe and dream come true.



Case Story : 02

Abdullah's Remarkable Transformation: From Vulnerable Orphan to a Thriving Boy in DISS's Caring Family Environment

Child Abdullah (pseudonym) of Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences - DISS. He is nine years old. We rescued him from The Center for Training and Rehabilitation over one year ago. His condition was very vulnerable during the rescue period. His clothes were torn, his whole body was bruised, his teeth were dirty. In a word he was the most vulnerable orphan. There was no living space for him to survive

When he was brought into the DISS Children's Home after completing all the legal formalities including his family history, Abdullah was surprised to see the rest of the children at DISS home. Here everyone eats, sleeps, studies and plays sports very well in an organized way. Although he is a little soft-spoken at first, he gradually starts socializing with everyone and everyone becomes his friend. As per the policy and rules of DISS Children's Home, he is kept under observation and separate monitoring for a fixed period

He was taken to Daffodil International University doctor's chamber for his treatment of skin rashes and sores on his face, just after the next day of his coming to DISS and after all the tests, he was given medicine for allergies and other skin diseases. As per the doctor's prescription, he was given a medicated bath for one day in three weeks, and his entire bed and clothes were washed in hot water for his quick recovery. Alhamdulillah, he recovered very quickly. Basically, he never got this type of motherly care in his life. After changing three shelter homes, finally he has enrolled into DISS and he is getting such a caring and loving family environment at DISS.

At the beginning, Abdullah asked to buy food from others. He wanted to take whatever he saw from others. He was using bad language. Because he did not know that it was not a good practice to ask for anything from a stranger. Because he never got that environment to learn these good manners. So, the sense of self-respect has not developed in Abdullah's life.

After coming to DISS, he got a very nice family environment. Here we have a mother caregiver and house brothers to look after him. Regularly they take classes on moral and ethics education.

He has been given positive counseling so that he never feels left out or alone. He is now regularly involved in various sports including drawing practice to develop a creative mindset inside him.

As a result, everyone noticed a radical change in Abdullah nowadays. He doesn't abuse anyone anymore. He does not ask for food from anyone anymore. Rather, he wants to share his food with other children. His transformation is truly remarkable and delightful for us.

In this way, Abdullah's life changed when he came to DISS Children's Home, he was freed from tortuous homelessness to a safe haven. Becoming a good person by being educated in an ideal education setting.

The goal of DISS is to work for the welfare of the country by being the best in all aspects for all the children like Abdullah at DISS. Apart from all these benefits, moral education and family care are helping him to become an ideal and responsible human being. In this regard, a healthy family environment is very important which is fully ensured by DISS for him.



Financial statement

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences

Receipt & Payment Accounts

For the Period of 01 July, 2022 to 30 June, 2023

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Taka</i>	<i>Taka</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Taka</i>	<i>Taka</i>
Opening Balance :			Assets		64,517,024
Cash at Bank : (Collection-A/C)	396,598	396,598	Software Purchases	250,000	
			Network Systems & Setup	49,349	
Collection :		72,584,858	Interior Decoration	293,000	
Donation from DIU for Expenses	22,000,000		Office Equipment	931,660	
Donation from DIU for Development	50,000,000		Construction of Building (Work in Process)	61,903,705	
Others Income:			Air Conditioner	460,290	
Bank Interest	9,750		Furniture & Fixture	629,020	
Development adjustment (Returned)	92,108		Administrative Expenses		2,097,030
Individual Contribution by Donar	483,000		Salary & Allowance	2,045,980	
			Festival Allowance	51,050	
			Operational Expenses		4,091,404
			Children's Daily Food & Toiletries Expense	2,615,673	
			Communication Expenses	9,600	
			Software Service Expenses	60,000	
			Promotional Expenses	40,000	
			Conveyance Expenses	99,392	
			Repair & Maintenance	225,500	
			Office Maintenance Expenses	123,990	
			Children Medical & Treatment Exp.	124,445	
			Children Cloth & Liveries Expenses	792,804	
			Utility Bill Expenses		1,848,486
			Electric Bill Exp.	1,848,486	
			Financial Expenses:		12,253
			Bank Charge	12,253	
			Closing Balance :		
			Cash at Bank Balance	415,260	415,260
Total	72,981,456	72,981,456		72,981,456	72,981,456

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences

Statement of Income & Expenditure
For the Ended 30th June of the Fiscal Year -2022-2023

Particular	Amount
<u>Incomes:</u>	
Donation from DIU for Expenses	22,000,000
Others Income:	
Bank Interest	9,750
Individual Contribution	483,000
Total Incomes	22,492,750
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>	
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
Salary & Allowance	2,045,980
Festival Bonus	51,050
<u>Operational Expenses</u>	
Children's Daily Food & Toiletries Expense	2,615,673
Communication Expenses	9,600
Software Expenses	60,000
Promotional Expenses	40,000
Convenience Expenses	99,392
Repair & Maintenance	225,500
Office Maintenance Expenses	123,990
Children Cloth & Liveries Expenses	792,804
Children Medical & Treatment Exp.	124,445
<u>Utility Bill Expenses</u>	
Electric Bill Exp.	1,848,486
<u>Financial Expenses:</u>	
Bank Charge	12,253
Total Expense	8,049,173
Excess Income over Expenditure	14,443,578

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

As At 30th June, 2023

Particulars	Amount in Taka	Amount in Taka
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Non-Current Assets:</u>		
Software Purchases	250,000	
Network Systems & Setup	49,349	
Interior Decoration	293,000	
Office Equipment	931,660	
Construction of Building (Work in Process)	61,811,597	
Air Conditioner	460,290	
Furniture & Fixture	629,020	
Total Non Current Assets / Fixed Assets		64,424,916
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Closing Balance at Bank	415,260	
Total Current Asset		415,260
Total Assets		64,840,176
<u>Capital Fund & Liabilities</u>		
<u>Capital Fund</u>		
	396,598	
Donation from DIU for Development	50,000,000	
Excess Income Over Expenditure	14,443,578	
Total Current Liabilities		64,840,176
Total Capital and Liabilities		64,840,176

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