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Letter from

Chief Executive Officer



Our work in Bangladesh reflects Educo's commitment to defending children's rights in complex contexts. For Educo's team and our local partners, this means operating in an increasingly demanding environment. Needs remain enormous, while available resources are becoming increasingly limited. In a context marked by uncertainty, safe and protective learning spaces are more necessary than ever.

We are a national and international reference in the fight against child labour, a reality that affects millions of children in Bangladesh. We work with communities, schools, authorities, and local and national organisations to prevent child labour, promote protective environments, and ensure that children can stay in school and build a future with more opportunities.

We have projects in cities and densely populated urban environments, where many children grow up in extremely vulnerable conditions. Cities offer opportunities, but they also conceal serious risks: child labour, child marriage, exploitation, school dropout, or exposure to multiple forms of violence. In these contexts, Educo's accumulated expertise in child protection and child labour prevention is essential.

Added to these structural challenges is an increasingly decisive factor: climate change. Bangladesh is one of the countries most vulnerable to its impacts in the world. Floods, cyclones, and rising sea levels directly affect millions of people and threaten families' livelihoods. When a family loses its home or income, children are often the most affected: school dropout rates, child labour, and insecurity increase.

That is why at Educo we work to ensure that the response to these challenges always puts children at the centre. We are committed to sustainable solutions that strengthen the resilience of communities, reinforce education systems, and guarantee that the rights of children are protected even in the most difficult contexts.

One of the most visible examples is our presence in Cox's Bazar, home to one of the largest refugee settlements in the world.

There, we work alongside Rohingya and host communities to ensure that children and adolescents have access to education, protection, and safe spaces where they can learn, play, and regain some of their lost normality.

In recent years, however, the situation in Cox's Bazar has become even more difficult. The reduction in international humanitarian funding has had a direct impact on the ability of organisations to respond to the needs of the Rohingya population. Essential programmes have been reduced or suspended, and many families now live with less support than they had

just a few years ago. This withdrawal of funds has increased pressure on basic services and on the organisations that remain on the ground.



Pilar Orenes
Chief Executive Officer

Our work would not be possible without the commitment of our teams, local partners, communities, donors, and allies. It is time to bring together all our efforts to guarantee children's basic rights. Together, we demonstrate every day that investing in children not only transforms individual lives, but can also change communities and mindsets.



Message from

Country Director

In 2025, despite global and national challenges such as economic uncertainty, climate impacts, and social inequalities, Educo Bangladesh remained committed to protecting children's rights and promoting their well-being. Together with partners and communities, our teams worked to create safe and supportive opportunities for children, adolescents, and youth to live with dignity, hope, and confidence in their future.

During the year, Educo Bangladesh reached 258,289 children, adolescents, youth, and community members through integrated programmes focused on education, child protection, youth empowerment, climate resilience, and humanitarian response across 271 communities. Our approach continued to emphasise that sustainable change begins within communities, with children and young people actively shaping their own futures.

Education remained a key priority of our work. Through support to 352 schools, including 174 early childhood development (ECD) centres, we strengthened safe, inclusive, and quality learning environments. Children benefited from early childhood education, remedial learning, and improved school facilities, ensuring access to meaningful and sustainable quality education. Our holistic ECD model also gained national recognition at the National ECD conference 2025, contributing to dialogue on strengthening early learning systems.

Child protection continued to be central to our work. Community-based child protection committees, adolescent and youth clubs, and local networks played vital roles in preventing child marriage, addressing gender-based violence, and promoting safer communities.

Increased awareness among parents and children, alongside stronger community engagement and reporting mechanisms, contributed to positive behavioural change.

We also prioritised empowering adolescents and youth as agents of social change. Through 353 clubs with 25,361 members, sports for development initiatives, and skills training programmes, young people enhanced their leadership, confidence, and participation in community initiatives. Many youths accessed vocational training and employment opportunities, opening pathways toward economic independence.

Educo's commitment to eliminating child labour remained strong. We supported 1,400 children engaged in hazardous work through education, awareness, and vocational training, with over 60% fully withdrawn and others at reduced risk. Notably, 70% of children completing primary education transitioned to formal schools. At the national level, Educo

continued its advocacy through the Child Labour Elimination Platform (CLEP) in collaboration with government stakeholders.

Educo also promoted climate resilience through youth-led initiatives and community practices, reaching over 35,000 people. Additionally, 500 families adopted improved

waste management practices, while eco-friendly stoves and climate-smart farming strengthened household resilience.

In 2025, Educo Bangladesh strengthened its capacity by building knowledge in impact investment, which we believe offers sustainable pathways to advance the rights and well-being of children, youth, and communities beyond traditional funding models.

In Cox's Bazar, one of the world's most prolonged humanitarian crises, our response supported 60,800 Rohingya refugees and host

community members through education, protection, youth empowerment initiatives, and psychosocial services, ensuring access to safe and supportive environments despite limited resources. At the same time, Educo amplified refugee voices at the UN, highlighting the challenges faced by over one million refugees in Bangladesh.

**This Annual Report
reflects the
dedication and
collaboration of our
colleagues,
partners, donors,
and communities.
Thank you for
continuing this
journey with us for
children's rights
and a better future.**



Abdul Hamid
Country Director

A World We Hope For





Our Mission

We work with children and their environment to promote just and equitable societies that guarantee their rights and well-being.



Our Vision

A world where all girls and boys have access to educational environments and fully enjoy their rights and a dignified life.



Our Principles

Participation
Non-discrimination
Transparency
Dynamism



Our Values

Social Commitment
Equity
Respect



About **Educo** **Bangladesh**

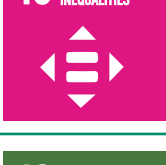
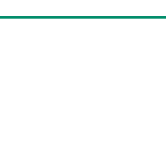
Educo is a global development and humanitarian NGO based in Barcelona, Spain, with over 30 years of experience working in 18 countries. During this time, we have made significant strides in our mission to promote just and equitable societies that guarantee children's rights and well-being. We envision a world where all girls and boys have access to quality educational environments, fully enjoy their rights, and lead dignified lives. We are a member of the ChildFund Alliance, one of the largest global networks of child-focused development organisations working to create opportunities for children, youth, their families, and communities

Since 1999, we have been implementing a wide range of development and humanitarian programmes in Bangladesh, focusing on education, protection, empowerment, climate resilience, elimination of child labour, humanitarian response and community

development. Our work began in marginalised urban and rural areas and has since expanded across thematic and geographic areas. We currently work in 11 districts in partnership with 17 organisations. We remain committed to promoting child rights, education, and protection while fostering community engagement to support children's well-being.

Our mission is to empower children, adolescents, and youth to drive social change by equipping them with the tools and skills to participate in society and make informed decisions. Together with our partners, we apply market-driven, gender-responsive, and community-based approaches to support sustainable livelihoods. Educo is committed to challenging harmful social norms that perpetuate gender inequality and violence, working across sectors to promote safe, inclusive, and equitable societies.

Contribution to the SDGs

SDG Area	Contribution to Key Line of Actions	Budgetary Allocations
	• Universal access & completion • ECCE and Pre-Primary Education • Equitable TVET opportunities • Enhance learning outcomes • Enhance learning environment • Promote equity & inclusion	€1,043,681 (37%)
	• End discrimination • Stop violence • Equal participation • Economic empowerment • Education & health • Legal protection • End harmful practices • Partnerships & civil society engagement	€261,389 (9%)
	• Safe water • Sanitation & hygiene • Water quality • Efficient use • Ecosystem protection • Governance	€23,361 (1%)
	• Create decent jobs for all • Improve labour rights and work conditions • Foster youth employment and skills development • Promote sustainable and green economic practices • Promote entrepreneurship and innovation • Ensure inclusive growth	€630,252 (22%)
	• Reduce income inequality • Promote social inclusion of marginalised groups • Ensure equal opportunities in employment • Raise awareness and build social cohesion	€378,217 (13%)
	• Climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries • Disaster risk reduction & community resilience • Protect ecosystems and biodiversity • Capacity building and education	€356,897 (13%)
	• Reduce violence and enhance safety • Promote inclusive and participatory governance	€123,799 (4%)

At a Glance 2025

Participants

TOTAL REACH



School	352
Community	271
Total Direct	258,289
Adult	116,535
Children	109,123
Adolescent & Youth	32,631
Total Indirect	612,612

EDUCATION



Total	97,375
Adult	49,403
Children	32,335
Adolescent & Youth	15,637

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM RISK AND HARM



Total	51,797
Adult	26,418
Children	14,988
Adolescent & Youth	10,391

ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOUR



Total	3,853
Adult	2,663
Children	900
Adolescent & Youth	290

ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Total	40,343
Adult	18,900
Children	68
Adolescent & Youth	21,375

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



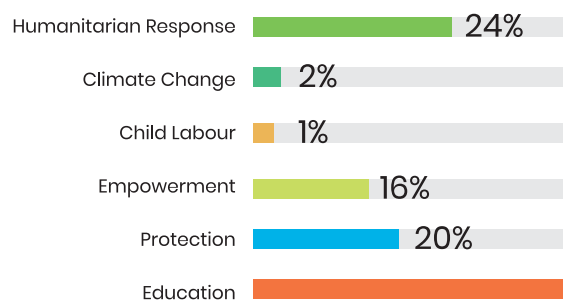
Total	4,121
Adult	1,447
Children	1,140
Adolescent & Youth	1,534

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR ROHINGYA COMMUNITY

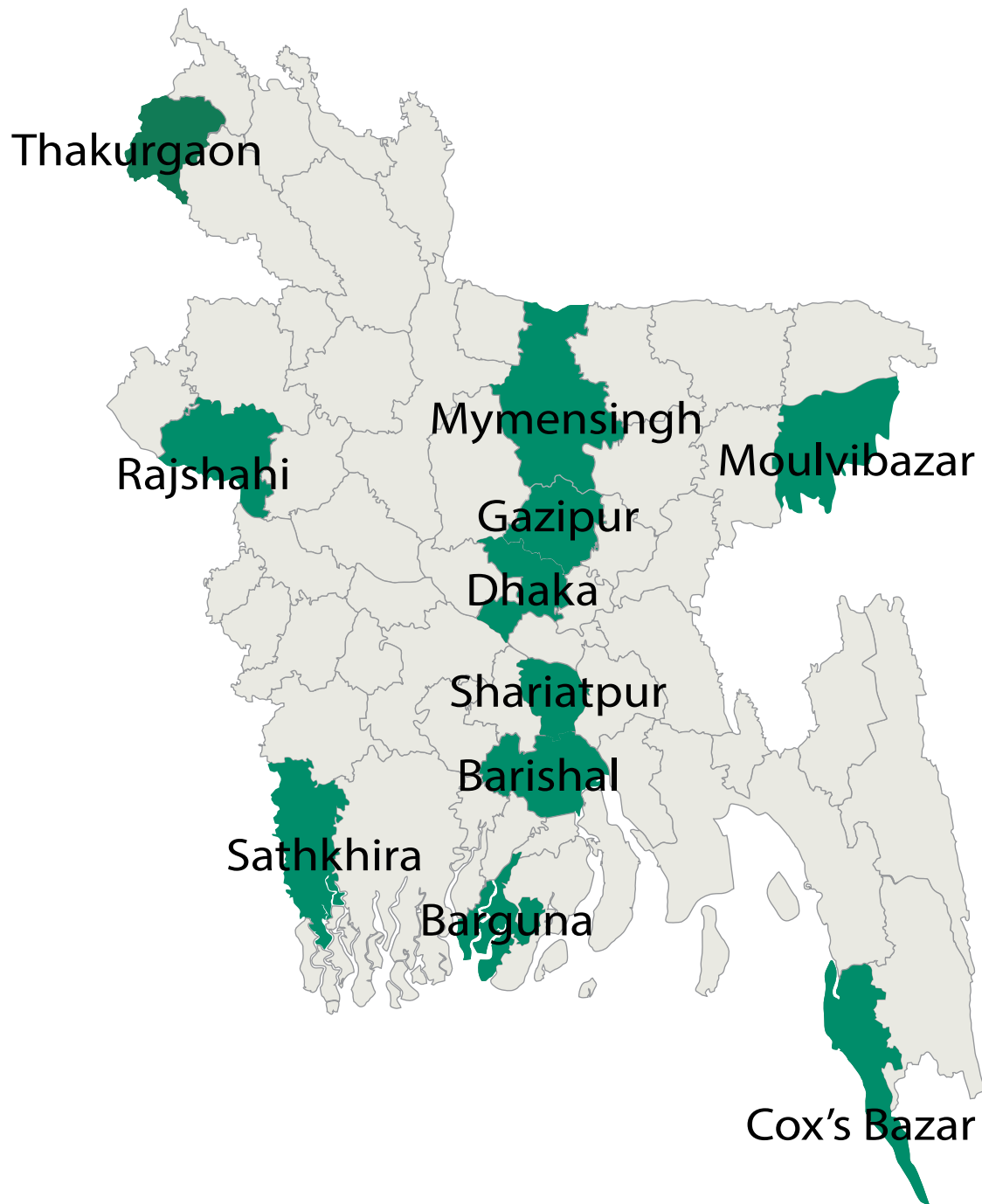


Total	60,800
Adult	17,704
Children	13,458
Adolescent & Youth	29,638

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS (%): 2025



Across Bangladesh 2025



Our Programmes

Quality Education

Educo Bangladesh works to strengthen primary education, early childhood development, and day-care support, ensuring the holistic development and well-being of children. The organisation supports government and community schools to improve learning outcomes through child-friendly teaching methods, improved school environments, and active participation of children and parents. In Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Educo facilitates pre-primary learning opportunities that help young children develop the cognitive, social, and emotional skills needed for school readiness, while currently supporting 112 government primary schools, 163 early learning centres, and 23 day-care facilities for

children from the most vulnerable communities in Bangladesh. Educo also promotes community awareness on early stimulation, nutrition, and child protection during children's formative years, and through strong partnerships with schools, communities, and local authorities, works to create safe and inclusive learning environments for all children. In addition, Educo advocates for quality day-care services, particularly for children of working parents, ensuring proper care, protection, and early learning opportunities, ultimately contributing to improved educational participation, child development, and overall well-being in the communities where it operates.

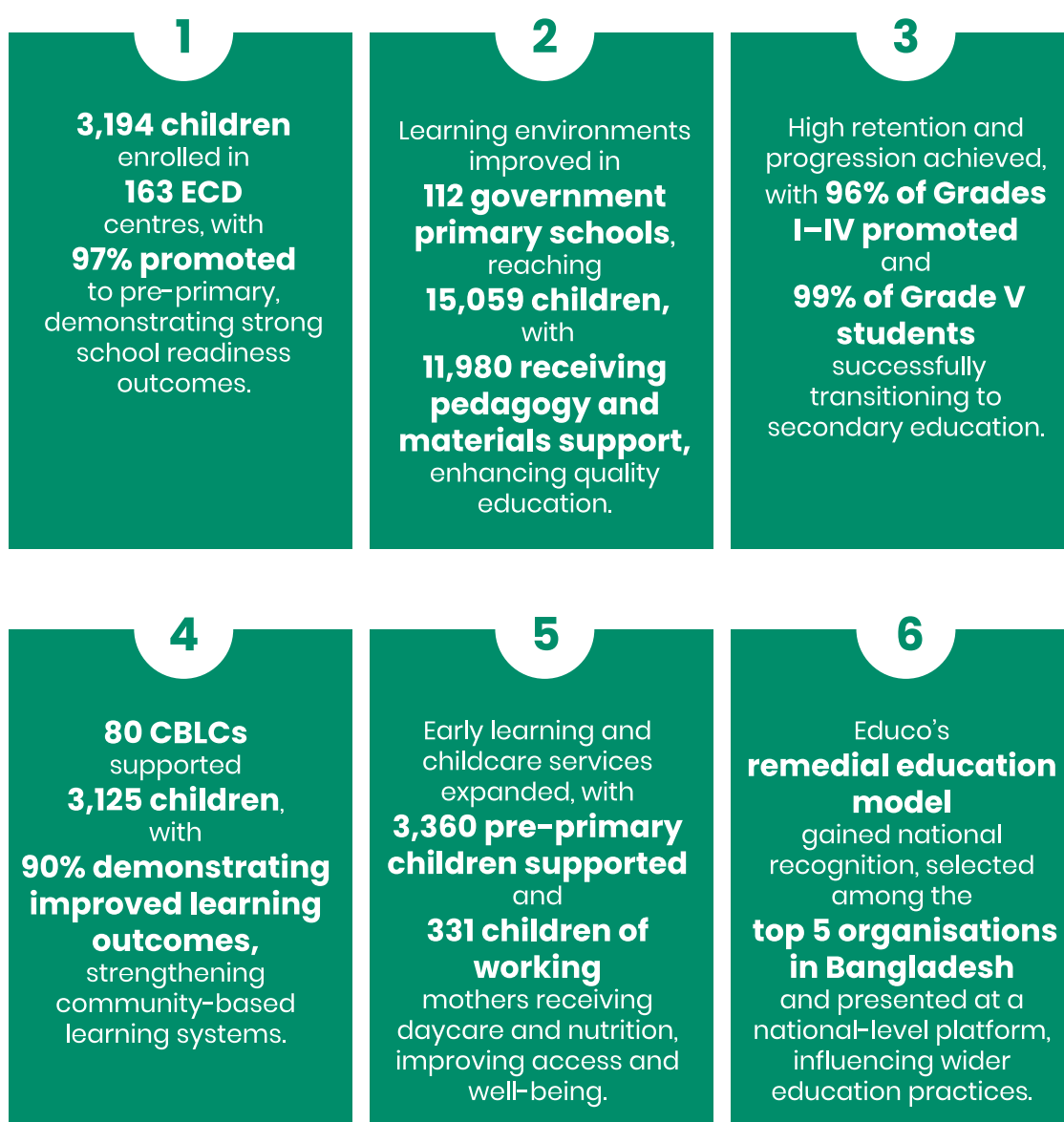


Educo Bangladesh's Child Day-Care model is gaining attention, featured in a World Bank-supported study that highlights the urgent need for demand-driven, sustainable childcare solutions in Bangladesh.

Key Interventions

- > Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and day-care services
- > Quality education in Govt Primary school
- > Remedial education, library programme to the children of the school
- > Improve the school environment for joyful learning
- > Awareness building among the parents and community
- > Capacity development to strengthening the school management
- > Advocacy to the local and national level stakeholders

Impact





A Story of Heartbreak, Resilience and Hope

SHUVOSREE KHOYRA

Student

Mirzapur Tea Garden Government Primary School

In 2019, Shuvosree's father, Bulbul Khoyra, passed away suddenly. His death left the family devastated and created a heavy burden for Shuvosree's mother, Usha Khoyra. To survive, Usha began working as a temporary tea leaf picker in the tea garden, earning very little and struggling to balance work with caring for her children.

Recognising her urgent needs, the project enrolled Shuvosree in a nearby ECD cum Day Care Centre. **"At first, she found it hard to adjust,"** recalls her caregiver. With love, patience and close care from the caregivers, she slowly began to feel safe. The center provided her with nutritious snacks, regular health monitoring, and playful learning opportunities through rhymes, drawing, and group activities. Over time, the changes were remarkable. Shuvosree became healthier, more active, and more confident.

After the daycare phase, she moved into the ECD Centre, where her growth continued. Today, at 6 years old, she is a regular and enthusiastic learner in the pre-primary section of Mirzapur Tea Garden Government Primary School.

Her mother shared with gratitude:

"After my husband died, my daughter was very weak. The daycare centre helped her with food and care. Before, she could not talk or play well. Now she is learning, growing, and going to school regularly. I am very happy."

Shuvosree's journey shows how timely early childhood care and support can transform a child's life from vulnerability to confidence and hope. She now dreams of becoming a teacher like her ECD teacher.



Before admitting the ECD Shuvosree was playing in dirty places



Protection of Children

Children in Bangladesh face widespread violence that undermines their safety, wellbeing, and development. In response, Educo Bangladesh strengthens a comprehensive child protection system to reduce risks of violence, including gender-based violence, and to ensure safer environments for children and youth. At the community level, Educo supports 130 youth-led Child Protection Committees across five Upazila, engaging 1,690 children, adolescents, and youth directly. The programme builds the capacity of young people on protection, gender equality, and leadership, enabling them to take active roles in ,

prevention and response. It also raises awareness among parents, community leaders and religious figures to promote collective responsibility for child safety. Simultaneously, Educo works with duty-bearers to enhance accountability and improve access to survivor support services.

At the national level, Educo advocates for strengthening child protection systems, the enactment of comprehensive sexual harassment prevention laws, and the establishment of a dedicated directorate for children to ensure sustained leadership and long-term impact.



Key Interventions

- > Strengthening Community-Based Child Protection Committees (CBCPC)
- > Raising awareness on child protection and gender equality
- > Promoting accountability of duty-bearers
- > Facilitating dialogue between children and duty-bearers
- > Conducting Child Rights Situation Analysis (CRSA)
- > Developing and sharing child-friendly protection materials

Around 21,000 people are mobilised and capacitated through 130 community-based Child Protection Committees and adolescent and youth clubs, networks, and alliances working to prevent early marriage, sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and exploitation. As a result:

Impact

Around 31,000 people are mobilised and capacitated through 254 community-based Child Protection Committees and 353 adolescent and youth clubs, networks, and alliances working to prevent early marriage, sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and exploitation. As a result:

1

183 child marriages prevented through community action.

2

25,000 adolescents and youth engaged, with 94% confident in self- and peer protection.

3

80% of parents aware of the legal age of marriage; **78% more responsive to children.**

4

97% of adolescents and youth report improved safety and respect.



MITALI RANI BARMAN

Member
Child Protection Committee



In Bangladesh, many children still face violence, child marriage, and abuse. I am from Bhaluka, where I work with club members to build safer communities. Before joining the Community-Based Child Protection Committee (CBCPC), I had limited knowledge of child rights and prevention of child marriage. Through regular meetings and peer learning, I gained valuable understanding and began raising awareness among my peers. My efforts encouraged more girls to join club activities and continue their education. Together, we have raised community awareness, and many families now trust and support child protection initiatives. I am passionate about social change and aspire to become a social worker, with my mother's strong support for a better future.



Adolescent and Youth Development

Bangladesh's large youth population holds strong potential for driving social change, yet many young people, particularly from marginalised communities, face limited opportunities for leadership and participation. Educo Bangladesh addresses this gap by empowering adolescents and youth through Adolescent and Youth Clubs (AYCs), creating safe and inclusive spaces to build confidence, leadership, and civic engagement.

In 2025, over 40,000 community members participated in club activities, sports for development, youth-led campaigns, and dialogue with duty-bearers, contributing to greater accountability and positive social change. The programme also provided career counselling and entrepreneurship support to improve employability and economic opportunities. Youth volunteers played a key role in strengthening peer leadership and community engagement. In addition, the Sports for Development approach helped

build resilience, teamwork, and discipline, with participants achieving notable success at national and international levels in football, swimming, martial arts, and athletics.

Adolescent girls from our working areas are shining on national and regional stages—earning selection for the SAFF Under-17 Championship 2025 in Bhutan and winning 14 medals at the National Yogasana Sports Championship 2025. From swimming and athletics at Tarunner Uthsob to major volleyball and hockey titles, their success is unstoppable. It's a powerful testament to how the right support unlocks confidence, leadership, and excellence in every girl.



Key Interventions

- > Life skills education
- > Skills development to enhance employability
- > Sports for Development to build resilience and teamwork
- > Promoting civic engagement and active youth participation

Impact

1

212 adolescents and youth

received career counselling training as peer leaders and shared knowledge with peers, resulting in **83%** expressing their aspirations and a more positive outlook on the transition to adulthood.

2

252 adolescents and youth

participated in sports for development training, demonstrating strong performance and earning national and international recognition through awards and certifications.

3

Sports for development opportunities enhanced confidence and opened pathways to alternative careers, with **91% of participants** actively engaged in social transformation through education, sports, culture, and community mobilisation.

4

181 youth

received life skills and income-generating training, showing strong readiness for the job market, with **80%** currently engaged in decent employment.





Mehek's Path from a Small Beginning to Big Victories

MEHEK ISLAM MAHI

Athlete

I am Mehek Islam Mahi, a 19-year-old from Rajshahi. Since childhood, I have dreamed of becoming a professional athlete from Rajshahi. I first tried volleyball and wrestling, but setbacks left me feeling discouraged.

"I used to train hard in volleyball and wrestling, but nothing seemed to work—I felt stuck and began to doubt if I would ever achieve my dream."

Coming from a financially constrained family, I faced many obstacles. My father, an employee of Rajshahi City Corporation, was hesitant to support me, while neighbours often criticised my ambitions. Only my mother, Rani Begum, stood firmly by my side and encouraged me to continue.

My turning point came when I joined the Game Changer project. With structured training, mentorship, and guidance from Sachetan Society's Executive Director, I regained confidence and focus.

Joining the Game Changer project completely changed my journey; for the first time, I received real guidance, and I started believing in myself again.

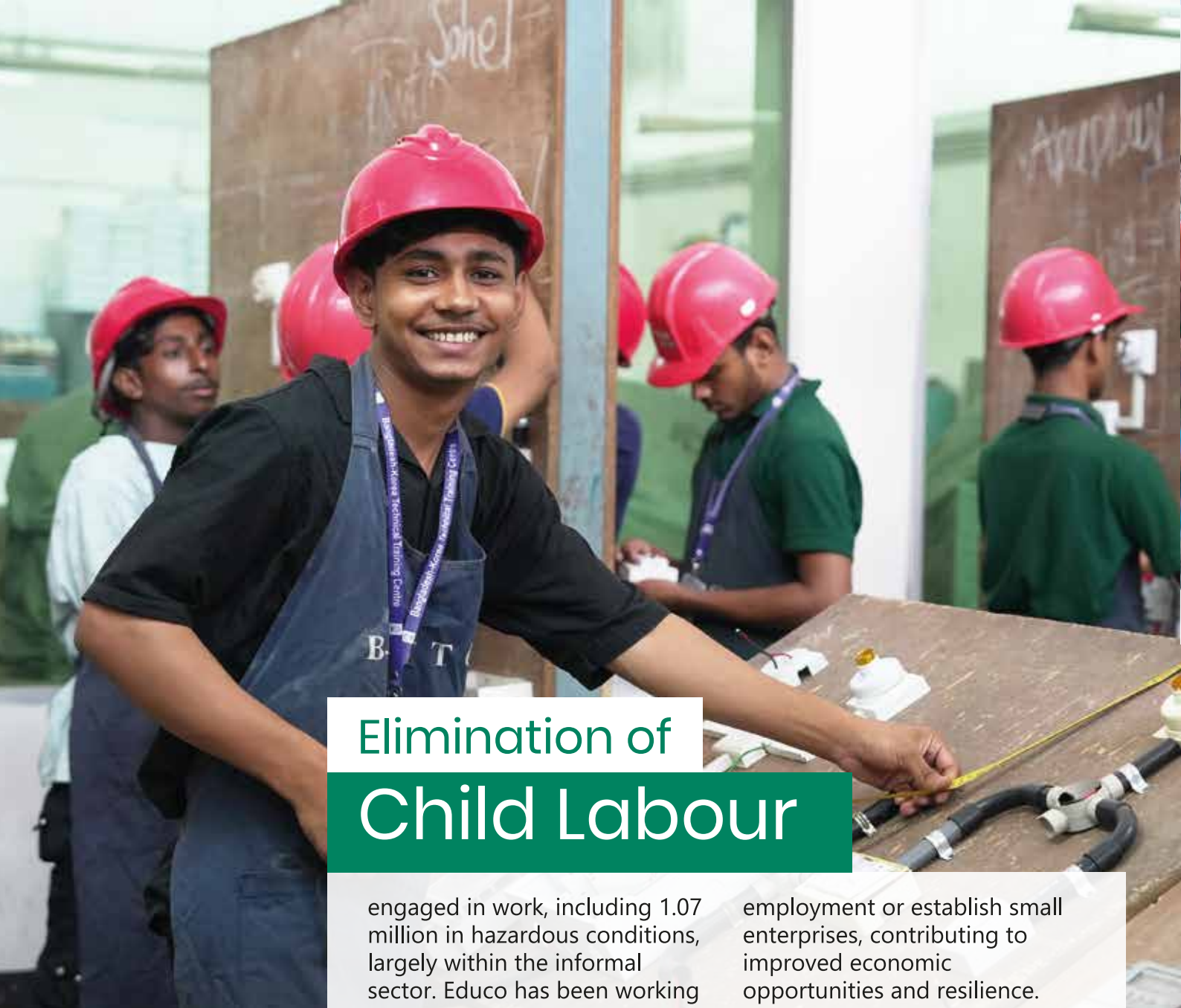
In 2025, I proudly won a gold medal in javelin at the Inter-Divisional Youth Festival in Dhaka. Since then, I have earned two more golds, two silvers, and one bronze in athletics.



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I believe in a future where I represent Bangladesh worldwide and inspire others by proving that every girl can reach the top.

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Elimination of Child Labour

The Job Expo 2025 strengthened employment pathways of youth by connecting job seekers with 32 leading companies. The event enabled young people to explore career opportunities and engage directly with employers and industry leaders.

engaged in work, including 1.07 million in hazardous conditions, largely within the informal sector. Educo has been working to address child labour since 2000 through integrated, rights-based interventions focused on withdrawing children from hazardous work and ensuring access to quality education, protection, and sustainable livelihoods

In 2025, Educo supported over 1,400 children, with more than 60% fully withdrawn from hazardous work and the rest partially protected. All children enrolled in 15 Bridge Schools completed primary education, and 70% successfully transitioned into mainstream schools, demonstrating strong educational reintegration. Vocational training enabled 255 adolescents to secure decent

employment or establish small enterprises, contributing to improved economic opportunities and resilience. Through awareness campaigns and community engagement, duty bearers were sensitised, contributing to child labour-free practices in 83 workplaces in Dhaka. Educo also strengthened community-led monitoring mechanisms through the Child Labour Elimination Platform (CLEP) and engaged with national platforms and government committees to influence policy reform and enforcement.

These combined efforts contribute to sustained reductions in child labour, improved education outcomes, and stronger protection systems for children in Bangladesh.



Key Interventions

- > Basic education and transition to mainstream schooling for child labourers
- > Vocational training and job placement support for working youth (14+)
- > Awareness campaigns at local and national levels to combat child labour
- > Community engagement through Community-Led Child Labour Monitoring Committees
- > Joint advocacy for policy reform and enforcement

Impact

1

Over **1,400 children** supported, with **60%** fully withdrawn from hazardous work and the rest partially protected.

2

1,400 children completed primary education through **15 Bridge Schools**, with **70% (980 children)** successfully mainstreamed into formal education.

3

255 adolescents received vocational training and were placed in decent jobs or started small enterprises, improving livelihoods.

4

83 workplaces in Dhaka declared child labour-free, with employers committing to no child labour.

5

Community awareness strengthened, with duty bearers engaged through campaigns, improving protection against child labour.

6

Child Labour Elimination Platform (CLEP) established, contributing to improved legislation and enforcement through national-level advocacy and government committees.



I was born in the slums of Dhaka. When I was just three months old, my father left our family. My mother tried to care for us while working as a domestic helper, but despite her efforts, she often struggled to manage. Out of necessity, I had to discontinue my education, and at the age of eight, I began collecting garbage and working as a leguna helper, earning barely enough to eat. I often got injured on sharp objects, which caused me a lot of pain. In 2023, my life changed when I joined ODHIKAR Pathshala, supported by Educo Bangladesh and ChildFund Korea. At school, I can now learn, play, and enjoy proper meals. Even after class, I still work to help my family. Now in class five, I dream of becoming a skilled driver, educating my nephew, and helping other fatherless children so that they do not have to suffer like I did.

MD. SAGOR MOLLA

Student and Child Labour
ODHIKAR Pathshala





Climate Change

Adaptation

The Educo Climate Change Programme in Bangladesh works to build climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable communities by engaging adolescents and youth as leaders of climate action. It aims to strengthen community capacity for climate adaptation through youth leadership and locally driven initiatives. The programme focuses on developing youth climate ambassadors who promote practical solutions such as improved waste management, use of renewable energy, and climate-smart agriculture. It also fosters collaboration with local government institutions and stakeholders to support and scale climate initiatives. In addition, the programme invests in strengthening women-led local organisations and empowering community groups, particularly women and students at secondary schools, to take an active role in climate response. It

supports climate-adaptive livelihoods to improve resilience and economic stability in vulnerable areas.

Operating in Satkhira, Barguna, and Shariatpur, the programme reaches over 22,800 people, with a focus on climate-smart livelihoods, disaster-related mobility, and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities.

Trained adolescents and youth developed 44 video documentations on environmental awareness, climate change adaptation reaching more than 35,000 people

Key Interventions

- > Youth- and community-led climate action
- > Climate-smart livelihoods and green technologies
- > Strengthening women-led organisations
- > Awareness raising and policy advocacy

Impact

1

180 adolescents, through six youth clubs, are leading climate action as ambassadors—driving advocacy, environmental assessments, and reaching over **4,600 students and 35,000 community members**.

2

500 households have adopted improved environmental practices, including better waste management, eco-friendly stoves, and zero-waste farming.

3

Governance and sustainability of three women-led organisations have been strengthened through the introduction and reform of key policies.

4

Over **22,800 people** benefited from climate-smart livelihoods and resilience support, with 195 individuals advancing climate-resilient practices through targeted livelihood assistance.

5

A Climate Change network platform in Satkhira was established to enhance stakeholder coordination and advocacy.





The Story of Maria: Stitched with Purpose

MARIA

Member
Tarikata YES4ECO Club

In the quiet village of Tarikata, 19-year-old Maria Akhter grew up witnessing a slow environmental crisis as discarded polythene bags choked the local drainage systems and degraded the fertility of the surrounding farmland.

Her perspective shifted when she joined the YES4ECO Adolescent and Youth Club, where she received training that connected environmental advocacy with practical skill-building. Recognising that awareness alone wouldn't change habits, Maria proposed a tangible alternative to plastic. Supported by the project with a sewing machine, she began producing reusable cloth bags.

To ensure her bags stood out in the local market, she added a creative touch by hand-painting each one with artistic designs. Today, Maria earns a monthly income of BDT 2,000 to 3,000, but her

impact goes beyond finances; she is a leading voice in her community's "plastic-free village" campaign, proving that youth-led entrepreneurship can be a powerful tool for ecological preservation.

“I may not earn much yet, but every time someone chooses my bag over plastic, I feel proud. Through YES4ECO environmental awareness sessions, I now understand my responsibility to protect the environment—each small step I take brings me closer to building a cleaner, greener village for everyone.

Shared Maria.





Humanitarian Response for Rohingya Community

Educo's humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, began in early 2019, supporting Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) and vulnerable host communities. Following the 2017 mass displacement, thousands of children, adolescents, and families continue to face challenging conditions, with limited access to education, protection, and livelihood opportunities. Through integrated interventions, Educo addresses these urgent needs of children and youth aged 3–34, many of whom have experienced disrupted education, violence, and psychosocial distress.

In 2025, Educo reached 60,800 participants through integrated interventions in education, child protection, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response, youth empowerment, and resilient livelihoods. Education was delivered across 73 learning facilities, enrolling 1,200 learners in structured, child-friendly environments to rebuild literacy,

numeracy, and life skills. Community protection was strengthened through 309 community groups, providing case management, awareness, and referral services to safeguard children from violence, abuse, and exploitation. MHPSS activities supported children and caregivers in coping with trauma and displacement-related stress.

Youth leadership activities, climate-resilient support for 150 homestead gardens, along with sewing, handicrafts, and other skills development initiatives, have enabled 1,280 individuals to engage in income-generating opportunities, thereby increasing household resilience and overall well-being. Educo, through equitable partnerships with local and national actors, continues to enhance the safety, well-being, and future opportunities of Rohingya and host community children and youth in Cox's Bazar.

Key Interventions

- > Learning facility-based education
- > Vocational skills development and resilient livelihoods
- > Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) and lifesaving assistance
- > Emergency preparedness and response
- > MHPSS with referral pathways
- > Social cohesion, peacebuilding, and community engagement
- > Campaigns, advocacy, and local stakeholder mobilisation and coordination

In 2025, Educo Bangladesh represented its work on Rohingya issues at the UN Global Assembly in New York, contributing to international dialogue on the rights and protection of refugee children.

Impact

1

1,200 learners enrolled, with 62% out-of-school children, improving access to education for the most vulnerable.

2

1,118 community members engaged, with 60% improved understanding of child marriage risks, strengthening protection systems.

3

1,280 youth and adults supported, with 545 in income-generating activities, enhancing livelihoods and economic participation.

4

20 CBCPCs and 33 groups trained, with 82.1% gaining protection knowledge, improving case identification and referrals.

5

Multi-Purpose Centres reached children and women, with 97.77% satisfaction, while 95.3% of participants improved disaster preparedness knowledge, strengthening psychosocial wellbeing, help-seeking behaviour, and emergency response capacity.

6

150 homestead gardens established, with 94.6% actively maintained, improving nutrition, income, and resilience.





Shahajan's Garden Supporting Her Children's Health

Shahajan

Member

Women Support Group

I may not have land or wealth, but with this small garden, I can now feed my children with dignity," says Shahajan, a Rohingya mother living in Camp-17 in Cox's Bazar.

Shahajan arrived in Bangladesh in 2017, fleeing violence in Myanmar with her husband and children. Today, she cares for seven children, and survival on limited resources remains a constant struggle. Her husband's irregular day labour income and reduced food assistance often made daily survival uncertain.

Things began to change when Shahajan joined the Home Gardening initiative under a project implemented by SKUS, supported by Educo, and funded by ChildFund New Zealand and MFAT. Through training on seed selection, composting, pest management, and space-efficient gardening, she learned how to transform the small space beside her shelter into a productive vegetable garden. Today, she grows spinach, red amaranth, chili, beans, bottle gourd, pumpkin, and coriander—bringing fresh food to her family's table. She has also earned around BDT 1,200 from selling surplus vegetables and expects more from her pumpkin harvest.

Beyond income, the garden has boosted her confidence. Shahajan now shares seeds and knowledge with other women. "I feel proud when I feed my children vegetables that I grew myself," she says.





Advancing

Impact Investment in Bangladesh

Educo's global strategy emphasises impact investment, and the Country Organisational Development Plan (2024–2026) for Bangladesh focuses on expanding funding initiatives and strengthening engagement in the national impact investment ecosystem.

Key Initiatives in 2025

Partnership with Build Bangladesh (June 2025):

MoU signed to jointly develop impact projects, enhance capacity building, strengthen the impact investment ecosystem, and explore establishing an impact fund.

Capacity Building Workshop:

"Risk Analysis and Due Diligence" workshop conducted in December 2025 in collaboration with Build Bangladesh.

Organisational Ecosystem Development:

Educo Head Office's Finance Director and Impact Investment focal person visited Bangladesh in February 2025 to support feasibility assessments and engage partner NGOs.

Impact Investment Network:

A network of 13 NGOs formed to strengthen capacity in impact investment, with two coordination meetings held in 2025.

Alternative Financing Assessment:

PwC (PriceWaterhouseCoopers) conducted a study on private and alternative financing opportunities for Educo in Bangladesh.

Designed Blended Finance Development Projects:

Five pilot projects developed across livelihood, enterprise development, climate change adaptation, and sports for development, incorporating a revolving fund mechanism.

Our Team



TOTAL STAFF
58

MALE
41 (71%)

FEMALE
17 (29%)

Development

Partners



Implementing

Partners



Financial Report

Budget 2025

Total

€ 3,011,363

Private fund

€ 1,170,404

External fund

€ 1,840,959



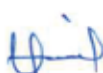
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Education and Development Foundation-Educo Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 BDT	2024 BDT
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	2,767,209	3,194,537
Total non-current assets		2,767,209	3,194,537
Current assets			
Inventories (educational)	5	33,469	33,469
Advances and prepayments	6	4,747,818	13,017,325
Advance income tax	7	140,728	122,448
Cash and cash equivalents	8	13,375,874	31,321,063
Total current assets		18,297,889	44,494,305
Total assets		21,065,097	47,688,843
Funds and liabilities			
Funds			
Unutilized donor's fund	9	5,574,997	33,003,772
Fixed asset fund	10	2,767,209	3,194,537
General fund	11	2,376,103	2,003,367
Total funds		10,718,309	38,201,676
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits - gratuity	12	6,593,319	6,671,753
Total non-current liabilities		6,593,319	6,671,753
Current liabilities			
Provision for expenses	13	3,612,086	2,647,573
Provision for income tax	14	141,383	167,841
Total current liabilities		3,753,469	2,815,414
Total funds and liabilities		21,065,097	47,688,843

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annexed notes.


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Education and Development Foundation-Educo

Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 BDT	2024 BDT
Income			
Grant income	15	376,524,799	353,745,190
Local income	16	514,120	610,332
Total income (A)		377,038,919	354,355,522
Expenditure			
Programme expenses	17	253,322,575	238,700,330
Office expenses	18	21,668,660	20,139,805
Salaries and other benefits	19	100,412,770	93,633,146
		375,404,005	352,473,281
Depreciation charge during the year		(1,120,794)	(1,271,909)
Total expenditure before tax		376,524,799	353,745,190
Income tax expense		141,383	167,841
Total expenditure after tax (B)		376,666,182	353,913,031
Transfer to general fund (A-B)		372,737	442,491
		377,038,919	354,355,522

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Education and Development Foundation-Educo Statement of Receipts and Payments For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 BDT	2024 BDT
Opening balance			
Cash in hand		56,261	8,566
Bank balances		31,264,802	48,598,638
		31,321,063	48,607,204
Receipts			
Fund received from donor during the year	9.1	347,107,986	344,206,135
Local income	16	514,120	610,332
		347,622,106	344,816,467
		378,943,169	393,423,671
Payments			
Programme expenses	17	239,621,792	234,862,586
Office expenses	18	20,809,625	19,035,784
Salaries and other benefits	19	100,491,204	94,546,344
Advance income tax	7	140,728	122,448
Acquisition of Property, plant and equipment	4	807,577	1,581,702
Transfer to partner NGOs	6.1	3,650,976	11,920,483
Paid against prior year's Income tax	14	45,393	33,261
Advance to Staff		-	-
		365,567,295	362,102,608
Closing balance			
Cash in hand	8	43,199	56,261
Bank balances	8.1	13,332,675	31,264,802
		13,375,874	31,321,063
		378,943,169	393,423,671

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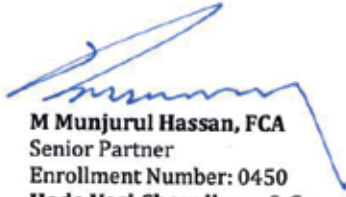

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