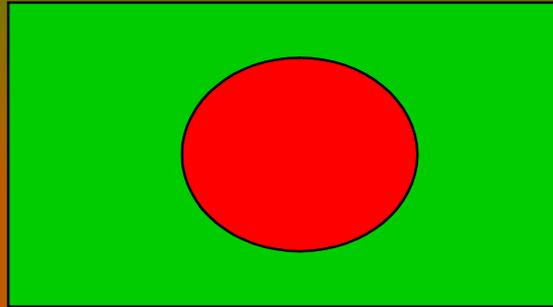


# Alternative Report on Child Rights in Bangladesh -2007



**"I Speak about me"**



Report prepared by a group of children organizations  
(Name Of The Children Organizations Are Attached Herewith)



## *Alternative Report by Children 2007*

# "I Speak about me"

*Report prepared by Children of Bangladesh*

We, some children related to different development organisations, came to know from our adult facilitators that Bangladesh Government had signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child in 1990. Therefore, according to the rule the government sends report to depict the status of child rights in the country to Child Rights committee after every five years. Beside government, the development organisations working for child rights also send alternative CR report to the committee. We came to know that children are also allowed to send alternative CR report to the committee.

Then we, the member children of Ichchey Media Group---a children organisation working to ensure children participation in media; Child Brigade---a children organisation working for protection of working and street children; Vorer Alo---a group of adolescents working for the betterment of children and adolescents and National Children Task Force Bangladesh (NCTF)---a forum of children from all over the country decided to make an alternative report by children which will portray the picture of child rights situation from our point of view. Though there are numerous issues related to our life, we decided to prepare the report on three broad areas of Education, Health and Protection believing these as the most important after analyzing them. We spoke to our friends on the present status or situation of Education, Health and Protection, the response they are receiving in these fields; and their dreams regarding Education Health and Protection issues and who will fulfill the dream. We collected the Every one will know the present situation of children of Bangladesh through this report. We expect Government of Bangladesh, adults, NGO's and every one will work to solve our problems. Every one will aware about children therefore our present situation will be improved. CR Alternative report will create a space to express our opinion where we can share our problems to all and we can discuss with adults about our problems directly It will help to increase the responsibility of adults to us. Finally this report will create a new platform to unite the different groups of children. information/comments through consultation session, questionnaire, advertisement through leaflet and secondary sources like publications, documentary etc.

### Basic Information on Report:

Area	64 Districts
District Where Consultations took place	18 Districts
Number of Consultations	138
Adult Organizations Facilitating in consultations	28
Magazine and Documentary used for information collection	123
Children participated in consultations	4135
Children participated through Questionnaire	7442
Children Participated through News Reports	648
Total children	12225

Children Organization and School participated:

<b>Number of Children Organization Participated</b>	<b>145</b>
Number of School Represented	31

Category of Children participants: 12225

<b>Total Number of Working children</b>	<b>5093</b>
Total Number of Children with Differently able	296
<b>Total Number of Ethnic Children</b>	<b>834</b>
Total Number of Student	2976
<b>Total number of children living in Shelter home</b>	<b>315</b>
Total Number of children living in the street	2591
Total Number of children living in difficult situation	120



## **How we prepared the report**

We depicted the scenario of our present situation on three issues after discussing with our adult facilitators.

### **Process of children selection:**

Initially we discussed with adults and decided to make a report. Then we discussed with children organizations affiliated to adult organizations and asked them to participate in the report preparation. Two children were selected from each children organization and who will facilitate the consultations. We selected children representative depending on their age, area, gender, privileged and under-privileged etc.

Then there was a workshop of adults on how they can facilitate children on making this report. The two selected child representative from each organisation (in total 87 children) developed their skills in a two-day long workshop with adults. Through this workshop we received the idea on how we can collect the information from children. We prepared a format on how to bring out the present scenario through this workshop.

### **How did we select the issues?**

Though there are numerous issues related to our life, and it is not possible to depict all of them through this report; we decided to prepare the report on three broad areas of Education, Health and Protection after analyzing them.

### **What was the format of the report?**

We discussed among us and decided that 'present situation, the reason behind it and the result, followed by the dreams of children on the issues of health, education and protection' will be the format to write the report.

### **We prepared different groups for the report:**

1. Facilitator team for consultation.
2. Secondary information collection team
3. Questionnaire analyzing team
4. Report writing team.

Then we brought information from all children clubs related to our respective adult organizations. Those children, who could not participate with us through discussion meetings, participated through questionnaire. Also we collected information from different magazine and video documentary and add them with the report after analyzing.

### **How did we accumulate information?**

Our report writing team along with Secondary information collection team and Questionnaire analyzing team analyzed the information in a way---i.e. how many children provided the information, their gender, from which area, background of the children, name of magazine, publication, on what subject it was published etc. Then it was incorporated in the report.

### **What assistance we took from adults:**

1. Conduct discussion with different organisations.
2. Organize consultations
3. Send questionnaire.
4. Compilation of Data
5. Sending the report to CRC committee.

### **Methods:**

Consultation, Newspapers and documentary, questionnaire and call for information.

### **Tools:**

*Picture:* We decided to use drawing and picture as tools because most of children participating in the process could not read and write.

*Drawing:* We used drawing for sketch the future expectation.

*Flip Chart:* We used flip chart for the narrative part.

### **Conclusion:**

We believe, Our effort will be successful if the report bring some positive changes to our lives.



## Present Situation of children's education sector.



**Family**

Children of affluent families have the opportunity of education, while in some families parents are unwilling to send children to school due to poverty. Many children are being deprived of education as they have to run their family. Though some street children are receiving primary education through different organisations, most of the street children are not receiving education. Parents discriminate among sons and daughters and between normal and disabled children in the context of education due to their unawareness. In many families, there is no suitable environment for studying due to large number of family members.



**School**

Quality of education is increasing because many parents and children are becoming aware of importance of education. On the other hand, number of child friendly school is less and most schools lack recreational facilities. Also educational materials are at scarce. Therefore, children are losing interest to study. Different type of education system, i.e. English, Bangla, Madrasa sometimes create discrimination among children in future. Tuition fees are much higher in private school so, poor children cannot study. Sometimes children do not receive the full payment of government stipend from teachers due to lack of monitoring and also teachers take toll from children. In many schools, students are subjected to physical, mental and sexual violence by teachers due their lack of training and morality. There is small number of schools for disabled children and existing ones are not perfectly suitable for them.



**Society**

Some good people in the society bear the cost of education of other children. Government and influential people have initiative to establish schools but those are not enough. So, number of schools is less in comparison to number of children. Class rooms have paucity of space and children crowd in classroom. Spoiled boys do eve-teasing or while girls go to school, so parents stop them from going. Sometimes they marry the girls off at an early age.



**Work Place**

Street children have to earn to keep themselves and therefore, cannot study. Some street children study in night school. However, most of the street children are deprived of education due small number of night schools. Most of the employers do not allow working children to study thinking they will work less.



**Different organizations**

The non-government organizations providing free books and educational materials to working children, disabled, street children to increase the education rate in the country. Different media disseminating information on education which is making the children interested in education.



**Others**

Children who are victim of different natural calamities, i.e. flood, drought fire etc lose their education material and therefore cannot go to school. Different government activities in class room, i.e. voter list making, election hamper the education of children.





### Present Situation of Education:



#### Family:

While discussing the present situation of education, 9,825 children said that parents do not want to send their children to school out of negligence. Also 4388 children mentioned discrimination by parents between sons and daughters and between normal and disabled children. They said that parents send their sons to schools but not their daughters. 2280 children said that sometimes parents do not send their children to school in fear of the children being trafficked. 798 children said that children opinion is never heeded and parents admit them into different schools and *madrasa*\* without asking them. However, 3,898 children said that some

parents do send their children to school but that is very small in number.

While describing home atmosphere for education, 5485 children said that there is no proper atmosphere for disabled children to study at home. At least 3185 children said that most of the children are deprived of education and few of them who have the chance to study, drops out even before completing primary education and go to work. 9875 children said that children, especially girls are deprived of education as their parents married them off at an early age.

#### Society:

Regarding the social context of present situation of education, 1925 children said spoiled boys do eve-teasing while girls go to schools and throw vulgar comments. Sometimes they openly propose the girls for having a love-affair or wedding which is not culturally permitted in Bangladesh. On the other hand 2300 children said that condition of roads for going to school is not good which causes different accidents. For children living in the street 1830 children commented that police, musclemen, hoodlums and others do not let them study. On the other hand, 7825 children said those who have money can arrange education but those not having money are deprived of education. Also education materials are costly, they added. 2580 children said they have to donate money for different purpose in the school. 4013 children who are getting education said education system is improving than the past. 2575 children from rural areas mentioned that schools lack pure drinking water, especially the schools in hilly areas of the country. Apart from it, 5790 children said in schools suffer from paucity of space comparing to the number of students. 1495 children said stinking garbage bins beside schools, honking vehicles and sounds from heavy industry hamper their attention to study. Regarding the role of government in the context of present situation, 5683 children said government money is not utilized properly, managing committees in schools do not perform their duty properly and government does not care about children who lag behind. 5820 children said most boys and girls do not receive any benefit provide by government. 3227 children said that education opportunities are less in the rural areas than in urban areas. 2807 children said sometime schools are closed for long time due to government activities i.e. voter list making which hampers education.



#### School:

While discussion the present situation of education in school, 1750 children said many children dislike having different education systems in the country, such as- English medium, Bangla medium, *Madrassa* etc. They added some children are deprived of all kind of education. 6351 children said there is lack of vocational education in the country. 1925 children said there is no scope for recreation in the school and no chance for study tour, while 4209 children said there is no playground for children. 2378 children said their school hours are very long, no arrangement for *tiffin* (mid time snacks) and no scope for participating in sports. Also 3825 children mentioned



scarcity of different materials, such as-bench, light, fan, chalk, duster, black board, fence, books, exercise copies, pencil, school uniform, school shoes, etc. They also mentioned few materials are broken which is never mended. Apart from materials, 2355 children also mentioned the scarcity of library, science laboratory and computer. About 3462 children informed that in private school fees and examination and other fees is high. A significant number 88 children shared that did not actual stipend.

\* *madrassa*---education system based on religious studies



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When it came to physical and humiliating punishment in school, 12,787 children said that teachers beat students and in many cases teachers touch girl students with bad intentions or make vulgar gesture very snidely. The children added that teachers torture with different types of punishment and do not teach lessons properly. 4955 children said that teachers do not fulfill child rights. 2924 children said that disabled children are never admitted in school even if they are able to pay the money and those already admitted do not have proper attention from school authority. They also added the lack of separate schools for disabled children and few existing ones do not have proper facility of mobility of disabled children. 1780 children commented that children living in street are not allowed in school as they wear dirty clothes. 3830 children said disabled children are envied by normal children. 3595 children said teachers neglect their duties, speak on mobile phone in the class, sleep during the class, punish one child for others mischief. Also 1527 children said teachers ask the students to do personal tasks i.e. body massage, kitchen marketing etc. 2745 children said those students having private tuition from teachers secure higher marks in exam than those not getting private tuition. The teachers do corruption with the results of exams .6978 children said that number of schools is less comparing with number of children and the existing schools are far away.



### **Work place:**

While discussing education in the context of work place, 6175 children said they cannot study as they have to work throughout the day. 6810 children told about employers that they do not allow the children to go to school and beat them if they want to go. 3890 children mentioned lack of night school for working children.



### **Different organizations and NGO:**

At least 2541 children mentioned the positive initiatives of different organizations and NGOs that they are being able to study nicely because of NGO schools. 4750 children said different government and non-government primary schools and NGO schools provide free books and other materials. Apart from this, 1384 children said there have been no such positive changes in their lives. Apart from it 4580 children said they have too many books to study in school, lessons are hard and especially mathematics is very tough. 1750 children said children do not go to school or become irregular in fear of being beaten. 725 children commented that children do not go to school willingly. 1785 children said different natural disaster i.e. heavy rain, flood, drought, fire, etc destroy books, school uniform, and injure the children preventing them from going to school.

### **Information from secondary sources:**

Children are becoming attracted to school and parents are inspiring them for that. Children living in *char* areas, tea gardens of Sylhet are deprived of primary



education. Children can learn many things from a newspaper called "Amader Khobor" published by "Ichchey Media" Group. Street children of different level are getting opportunity to study and play through Child Brigade. Some children are getting benefit of free education, books and stipend. Some schools are there who have medical service for children. Some schools take children out for study tour. Some schools provide different training such as computer training



for building skills of children. Some schools have provision of pure drinking water. NGO schools provide free books, *khata* (exercise books), school uniform, school bag etc. for free of cost. NGO schools also aware students about the necessity of cleanliness. There are schools where teachers behave well with students and disabled students. Some schools have library facility and recreational facility for children. Different schools have ram for disabled children. Some NGOs have brail facility for visually impaired children. Many schools have transportation facility for children. Some parents employ private tutors for children for their better education. Sometimes children provide financial help to other children. They also help others by giving their old books. Children themselves arrange sports for disabled children and also arrange for snacks sometimes.



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### Reasons of the present situation of education:

We discussed with children about the reasons of present situation of education and divided them into family, society, school and work place after analyzing.

Picture	Analysis of reason
 <p>Children do not have space to study</p>	<p><b>Family:</b> Parents are unaware in the family and other main reasons are their poverty, superstition etc. Also, they married off girls at an early age. Parents are unaware about education and children opinion is never heeded. Also family members discriminate between boys and girls. In many cases, family members compel children to work.</p>
 <p>Children are studying in a crowded place.</p>	<p><b>Society:</b> There is no proper communication system to go to school. Government money is not utilized properly. School is not run properly. People are unaware of the fact that education is a basic right for children. Also there is lack of child-friendly schools as well as experienced teachers. In many places there is no government school. Miscreants or criminals are sometimes chatting sitting on streets. School authority does not make any query for absent pupil. There is no separate school for tribal children. Government cannot provide stipend to all students as they lack of budget. There is no monitoring system of government Apart from it, non-cooperation of neighbors and lack of initiative of rich people are among other reasons.</p>
 <p>Shabby school room.</p>	<p><b>School:</b> Teachers just force lessons on students and beat up children if they fail to learn it. They take advantage of weakness of children. There is no scope for recreation of students and they do not enjoy school. The teachers are not trained properly. They discriminate between rich and poor children. School system is not proper and school committee does not participate properly. Teachers do business in the name of teaching and teach properly in private coaching classes instead of school. Communication system to school is not good and it remains closed due to political meetings, procession and <i>hartal</i>. Number of teachers are much less comparing to the number of students. Some children are not allowed in school as they lack uniform, school shoes etc. School is not run properly. Schools are situated far away.</p>
 <p>Children are living in dirty places.</p>	<p><b>Work place:</b> - The employers want to purchase more labor out of small money. Working children do have time to study and they are not allowed to study. There is very few schools for working children allowing them to study between their work schedules. Working children also fail to study due to lack of money.</p>
 <p>Children will come first during emergency.</p>	<p><b>Different organizations:</b> All children cannot get involved in development organizations. Nobody remembers children when it comes to natural disaster.</p>



## Result of the present situation of children education sector

Result of present situation	Increasing	Decreasing	Equal
Education opportunity of Children			
Children drop out from education.			
Poverty			
Unemployment			
Children do not go to school fearing to be beaten.			
Number of children in hazardous job			
Family benefit from child labor			
Acknowledgement of merit.			
Chance of experienced teachers			
Children are losing interest in education.			
Number of quality school is increasing.	 		
Children cannot buy books and copies for high price.			
Quality of education is decreasing.			
Torture in school is increasing.			



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### Response in the context of present situation of children's education.

Who is responding	What is the response	How they are doing it	Result	
			Less	More
Family: Parents and other family members.	Admit children in school, arrange for private tuition. Parents take children to school. Many children are deprived of education as they are parentless.	Convincing the children, bearing education cost. Taking the responsibility of education.	 Some children are getting the opportunity to study.	 Most of the children are deprived of education.
Neighbor: Local Influential, members, chairman, commissioner and Union Parishad.	Encourage to study, convince parents, buy books for children and provide education cost. However, not all children receive cooperation of neighbors.	Through financial support, sending to school	 Some children are being able to study.	 Children cannot continue their education and are forced to work.
School and school committee: - Members of school committee and teachers help children.	They run the school properly and create opportunity of education. However, children who are not meritorious lack the opportunity.	Through their own initiative, providing training to teachers and through creating scope for recreation in the school.	 Some children are being able to build up their future.	 Many children are dropping out of school.
Employers:- different commercial organizations, shop etc.	Provide stipend for education and admit in school or college. However, all employers are not same.	Allowing time to study between work hours and bearing education cost.	 Children are getting opportunity to study between their work hours.	 Most of the children do not get time to study ; therefore, percentage of uneducated children is increasing.
Government:- Government officials, police, education board.	Providing stipend to children, encouraging girls to go to school, establishing government schools, providing books and exercise copies. However, all children do not receive government assistance.	Through establishing school, providing free books and exercise copies, providing stipend.	 Parents are being encouraged to send their children to school.	 Those children who do not get government assistance, they do not go to private school due to high tuition fee.
NGO People	Providing free books to children, arranging education for working children. However, NGO activities do not reach everywhere.	By creating awareness in parents through training.	 Some street children and working children are getting the opportunity to study	 They cannot ensure the education of many children.
Media	They are creating awareness among people though cannot reach everybody.	Through broadcasting report and news.	 Parents are becoming aware.	 Those who are not reached by media do not know the good impact of education.



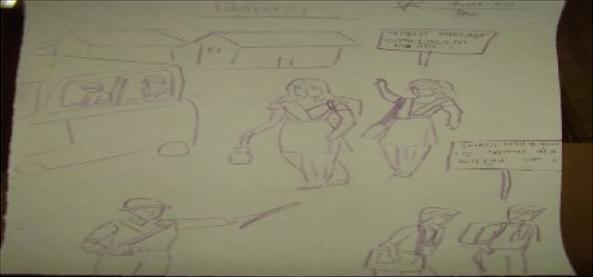
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**The dreams children have in the context of present situation in education.**

Dream	Who will fulfill it	How
 <p><b>We want friendly attitude from teachers and enough education materials.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government</li> <li>• School teachers and school committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through Training teachers</li> <li>• Providing enough education material</li> <li>• Appointing suitable teacher.</li> <li>• Creating friendly relation between student and teacher.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>We want education not work</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• School teachers and school committee</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Children themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By stopping hazardous child labor</li> <li>• Providing safe jobs for children</li> <li>• Through establishing schools for working children</li> <li>• Through negotiating with children's employers.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>We want our school in a nice environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• School teachers and school committee</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Chairman, member</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By establishing nice schools</li> <li>• Creating recreational facilities in schools.</li> <li>• Through ensuring non-discrimination among children</li> <li>• By creating system of learning through playing</li> <li>• By creating education opportunity for all children.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Let us have more recreational facilities in school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• School teachers and school committee</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Children themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By ensuring playground in the school</li> <li>• System of learning through playing has to be established</li> <li>• By providing child rights training to teachers.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>We want to go to school not to work.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• School teachers and school committee</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Children themselves</li> <li>• Parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents by sending children to school</li> <li>• Eliminating child labor</li> <li>• Proper Implementation of child labor law.</li> </ul>



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Dream	Who will fulfill it	How
 <p><b>We want friendly teacher We want friendly teacher</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>School teachers and school committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By creating friendly relation between children and teachers.</li> <li>By training the teachers.</li> <li>Children have to be included in school committee.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>There will be enough of material needed in the school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>School teachers and school committee</li> <li>NGO</li> <li>Children themselves.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government has to increase budget for education</li> <li>Monitoring system should be arranged.</li> <li>Responsibility of teachers has to be increased.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>There will be one similar education system for all children and no child will be discriminated.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>School teachers and school committee</li> <li>NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By establishing one type of education system.</li> <li>By ensuring no discrimination between children</li> <li>Through creating awareness on child rights</li> <li>By ensuring all children's admission in school.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Spoiled boys will not harass on the way to school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>School teachers and school committee</li> <li>NGO</li> <li>Children themselves.</li> <li>Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents should be more aware</li> <li>By creating children monitoring committee</li> <li>Children have to be made aware</li> <li>Punishment of Spoiled boys has to be ensured.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Child friendly school for children development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government</li> <li>Teachers</li> <li>School committee</li> <li>NGO</li> <li>Children</li> <li>Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC will be aware.</li> <li>Government has to take initiative for monitoring.</li> <li>Parents have to attend in the SMC meeting.</li> </ul>



## Present situation of children's health sector







### Family

Parents became more aware on the issue of children's health so, they are taking children to vaccination centre willingly and seeking doctor's advice if the children have little fever or sickness. On the other hand, many unaware parents do not pay any heed to children's sickness and take them to fakir or kabiraj if the illness is severe. Even today, many parents are superstitious and they feed sons more than the daughters. Many children are suffering from malnutrition due to lack of proper food. Girls are married off before they reach the age of marriage leading to hampering of child and maternal health and sometime to their mortality. Children use unhealthy toilets and live in an unhealthy environment.



### Hospital

More hospitals have been established than the past. Though treatment opportunity is rising, but it is not for children. Government hospitals are less expensive but treatment is not very good over there. On the other hand, medical treatment system is better in private hospital though they are more expensive. Sometimes poor children cannot have treatment by expending more money. Many people are unaware of the medical treatment system for children. The government hospitals do not have enough facilities for disabled children. Most of the hospitals lack modern equipments, same equipments are being used for long time and necessary medicines are not available there. Doctors charge high fees, and they ask to do medical test unnecessarily and prescribe more medicine which is not needed. Sometimes children are harassed in the hospital as the authority does not fulfill responsibility.



### Society

Every year Tree plantation is going on through government and private initiative which is bringing balance in the environment. Though the advertisement against it is in full swing many people are still smoking and the children are also smoking learning it from adults. Some greedy people in the society making adulterated food and medicine envisioning quick money. Children are becoming sick and in some cases crippled by consuming these adulterated food and medicines. Environment pollution goes on as even today, many unaware people throw garbage everywhere and passes stool. It also spreads flies, mosquitoes and other germs. Children suffer from different diseases like diarrhea, cholera, typhoid, upset stomach, dengue, malaria etc. There are not enough health officers in the field level to combat these diseases. School is the place where children can learn about many subjects including their health. But most of the schools do not have pure drinking water healthy latrine and children are not made aware of these issues.



### Work place

Employers do not take care of those child labourers working in different factories. Very few employers buy medicine for children but that is very limited comparing to the need. Most of the children working in different hazardous factories like tannery, motor workshop, glass factory remain in risk of health hazards as their employers do not provide necessary dress or safety gears to prevent health hazards. Above all, the poor and working children cannot have treatment at their own cost.





### NGO-Other Organisations

Some children are getting first aid through different government and non-government organizations. Some street children and disabled children are getting medical service by the initiative of some organizations. Others: Water borne diseases spread during and after flood as government initiative does not reach everywhere. Children suffer from these diseases and do not get proper medical treatment.



**Present situation of children's health sector**

**Family:**

While discussing the present situation of children health situation in the context of family, 3842 children said that children get help from the family when they are sick. 1575 children mentioned neighbors also help. 4575 children said about nutrition that not all children get nutritious food in the family, some mothers delivered malnourished children due to lack of their own nutrition, and disabled children also do not get better due to malnutrition. 2800 children said that children in general suffer from malnutrition. 2605 children said children become weak due to lack of vitamin and therefore cannot play. 2275 children said in many cases parents discriminate between sons and daughters and feed sons more. However, 9959 children said children cannot have nutritious food due to high price. 3605 children said that in many rural areas, even now-a-days unhealthy toilets are being used. 3950 children said children have to live in unhealthy environment due to large number of family members. 3275 children said in many cases parents are unaware of children health. 1475 children said sometimes children buy *Napa* (paracetamol tablet) from medicine shop and have it if they have fever. 6435 children added to this point that sometimes parents do not pay importance to children's sickness. 3870 children said this is why many parents take their child to *fakir* or *kabiraj* when they are sick who sometimes torture physically in the name of treatment. Also sometimes treatment related information is not reached to people as 2100 children gave example that many people do not know that government provide free treatment for tuberculosis. Apart from it 6505 children said that children lack medical treatment due to poverty. 1375 children mentioned lack of pure drinking water and less number of arsenic free tube-well (hand pump) to provide it. 1396 children commented children do not have bath properly that leads to some diseases. 1300 children noted that environment pollution is going on while 1125 children said people throw away garbage here and there and pass stool. Children cannot play in such environment and become sick. Regarding the health of girl children, 5420 children said girls are victimized to early marriage that harms their health.



**Society:**

At least 500 children said that now-a-days children get saline which fulfills the need of their vitamins. 4480 children said there is no medical facility in school. 1550 children said problem of mosquito is increasing.

4430 children said street children do not have proper place to live. Another 4100 children commented that street



children do not get proper food and they eat rotten or stale food from way side restaurants. 225 children said that children do not have a proper place to sleep on the street and they live in dirty atmosphere. Apart from this, 3750 children said that most of the times children face road accidents making them crippled or leading to death. 1425 children said sometimes children become victim of sexual violence and also they are not aware of the issue. Children who are raped suffer both mentally and physically. 1200 children said adults as well as children do smoking which is harmful to health. 1050 children said children are dying by consuming wrong and expired medicine. 525 children said edible fishes are adulterated with formalin. Children are receiving health care facilities from various organizations.



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### Hospital:

The highest comment regarding hospital came from 4950 children who said in many cases children become disabled due to wrong treatment of doctors. 2870 children said hospitals lack of female doctors and medical service is not much available in the field level. 3175 children said children suffer from different diseases during and after flood and do not get proper treatment. 2500 children said price of medicine is high in hospitals and also medicine is not available. Similarly, 3210 children said patients are harassed in the hospital, sometimes payment of money is needed in government hospital though it is made free, poor patients are not allowed to enter the hospital. On the other hand, 1050 children said they cannot seek treatment in private hospital because of money. 5650 children commented less number of doctors and also hospitals are situated far away while discussing the present situation. 6750 children said sometimes patients die due to negligence of doctors, and nurses do not provide service regularly. 5310 children said there is no special arrangement for disabled children. 1925 said hospitals lack modern equipments and beds, remain dirty, cabins and toilets remain unclean and lack water. 1775 children said ambulances are not available timely. 555 children said that in many hospitals same needle and syringe is used for many patients. However, 1450 children said the health sector improved to some extent and now specific cabins are available for patients in hospital. 1075 children said they heard that some doctors are related to drug peddling while 1125 children said they heard that doctors sell or different organs of children .1375 children doctors are not available when they are sick and they do not attend hospital regularly. 2375 children said doctors charge high fees while 1530 children said doctors ask to do medical test unnecessarily. 1150 children said doctors prescribe more medicine as a business. 1650 children said that doctor spend more time in private chamber and make their assistance to sit in the hospital .1400 children said hospitals are less in number in comparison to the need. 900 children said doctors do not behave well and do not provide treatment well. 875 children said if children are injured in the road, i.e. by muggers, doctors do not provide any treatment but according to the law wait for police. Many children die out of negligence by doctor.

### Work Place:

At least 1200 children said that some children suffer from health hazards as they do hazardous jobs. 1300 children said children ruin their health by working more at an early age. They added that employers make children to work more. Also 1,075 children said those children working as domestic helps do not receive medical treatment. 475 children said children cannot do treatment due to lack of money. 575 children said that children do not have dress and safety gears that prevent health hazards in work place. 700 children said working children are not getting proper treatment.

### NGO:

There are many hospitals owned by state and NGO's. Many schools have first aid facilities. Print media along with the Electronic media are making people aware of health hazards. Government, NGO and school are helping people by giving free medicines. Private and Government hospitals are reaching door to door for giving polio.



**Reasons of the present situation of Health**

We have divided the reasons behind the present situation in health sectors into family, society, work place and commercial organizations after talking to children.

Picture	Analysis of reason
 <p data-bbox="316 625 812 678"><b>The child is searching garbage hoping to get something usable</b></p>	<p><b>Family:</b> - While mentioning the reasons of present health situation in family level, the children said that in most cases adults do not pay importance when children are sick, especially in the large families. Also sometimes the parents lack awareness. Apart from it, main reasons include poverty, superstition, lack of vitamin etc. Children also mentioned awareness of parents as the reason behind good health situation in some cases.</p>
 <p data-bbox="264 1087 862 1150"><b>Children are growing up using unhealthy toilets and in unhealthy environment.</b></p>	<p><b>Society:</b> - While talking about the reason behind the health scenario, the children mentioned lack of enough hospital. Also the existing hospitals are situated far away and lack enough of medical devices for treatment. There are not many female doctors for adolescent girls. About doctors, the children said mostly they are unskilled, do not attend hospital and sometimes provide more time to private clinic than in hospital. However, they added that salary of doctors is meager amount. The children said that medicines are expensive and necessary foods are also expensive. Children are eating stale food causing health hazards. Environment causes health hazards. Also they said early marriage is causing the increasing the rate of mother and child mortality.</p>
 <p data-bbox="407 1507 716 1535"><b>We live on eating stale food</b></p>	<p><b>Work Place:</b> Employers are not aware of children's health. Also most of the people are unaware of sexual violence. In many cases children are made to do hazardous work. Sometimes children smoke cigarettes being convinced by friends.</p>
 <p data-bbox="300 1881 837 1902"><b>The child is working in an unhealthy atmosphere</b></p>	<p><b>Commercial organizations and others:</b>-Among other reasons children mentioned that garbage is thrown anywhere because enough garbage bin is not there. The government does have some planning but that is not implemented always and monitoring system is not good. In most cases water of hand pump is not tested. Besides, lack of green trees causing health hazards.</p>



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**Result of the present situation in health sector**

Result of present situation	Increasing	Decreasing	Equal
Children are dying due to lack of enough treatment.			
Children are suffering from different diseases.			
Child mortality rate			
Children are not getting proper treatment			
Children are not getting medicine.			
Number of disable children			
Medical sector is improving			
Environment pollution is taking place.			
People are becoming aware against smoking.			
We are getting to know about health facilities			
Adolescent health condition is improving.			



**Who are responding to us in the context of present situation?**

Who is responding	What is the response	How	Result	
			Less	More
Children themselves	Suggesting treatment to their friends. However, sometimes they do it without knowing the treatment.	Through discussion	 Children are able to know about their health.	 Children suffer from different diseases as treatments are provided without knowledge of it.
Family Parents, siblings	Arranging for treatment and taking children to hospital. However, most of the parents are ignorant about health so, children do not get proper treatment.	By providing money, convincing and persuading children.	 Children of affluent families are receiving treatment	 Many parents take their children to kabiraj (traditional medication) or unskilled doctors due to lack of money.
Neighbor Community people	Suggesting for treatment, help financially, ask to give vaccine. However, sometimes they suggest wrong unknowingly.	By giving suggestions	 Parents become caring for children's health	 Many children die or become crippled due to wrong treatment
Teachers	Tell children about health care which is not mentioned in the syllabus. Aware children on smoking and AIDS. Convince the parents.	Through class. Through meeting with parents.	 Discuss openly with children on their problem	
Employers	Arrange first aid for small bruises or cuts. However, in most of the cases employer do not bear any responsibility if there is a severe accident.	Arrange first aid	 Children receive first aid.	 Many children become crippled.
NGO	Creating awareness on health issues. Provide free treatment and medicine.	Through trainings and books, Negotiating with doctors of different hospitals	 Children are able to know about their health and awaring others.	
Doctor	Many doctors providing free treatment, providing children with health related knowledge, Asking parents to take care of children's health	Provide treatment without cost.	 Some children are getting medical service	
Media	Disseminating different information on health	Through publishing reports and broadcasting programs	 Many people are becoming aware on health issues.	



Children's dream on the present situation of health

Picture	Who will fulfill	How
 <p data-bbox="451 600 792 625">We want free of cost treatment</p>	<ul data-bbox="1036 233 1206 380" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1235 233 1446 548" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arranging free treatment for children</li> <li>• Through establishing separate hospital for children</li> <li>• By providing free medicine for children</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="467 1003 776 1029">We all want good treatment</p>	<ul data-bbox="1036 632 1206 779" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Doctor</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1235 632 1446 968" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children should be given importance</li> <li>• Children should be taken to hospital</li> <li>• Everyone should be aware on child health</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="488 1430 755 1455">We want nutritious food</p>	<ul data-bbox="1036 1031 1206 1178" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Government</li> <li>• Neighbor</li> <li>• Employer</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1235 1031 1446 1482" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By decreasing the price of nutritious food</li> <li>• Parents will provide nutrition food for children</li> <li>• Employers will provide deserved wage</li> <li>• Children should be made aware on healthy foods</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="472 1885 771 1911">We want nice environment</p>	<ul data-bbox="1036 1430 1206 1787" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Family, neighbors</li> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• City Corporation</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1235 1430 1446 1913" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By taking initiative to keep the city clean</li> <li>• Initiatives should be implemented properly</li> <li>• Children should be made aware on healthy environment</li> <li>• Home should be kept clean</li> </ul>



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Picture	Who will fulfill	How
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">We want friendly doctor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government , ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctors should know the separate need of children</li> <li>• Designated doctors have to be appointed for children</li> <li>• Information on child health has to be disseminated.</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Parents will be aware on child health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Family, Neighbors</li> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults should be made aware on child health</li> <li>• Through training</li> <li>• Through dissemination</li> <li>• Through discussion</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">We want sanitary latrine and safe drinking water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government , ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By providing safe sanitary latrine and drinking water</li> <li>• By creating awareness of adults on child health</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">We want nice hospital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government , ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government hospitals should be made nicely</li> <li>• Monitoring system has to be there</li> <li>• Hospital should be kept clean</li> </ul>



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Picture	Who will fulfill	How
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>We want protection in hospital</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government , ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -Doctors and other officials in the hospitals will have friendly behavior</li> <li>• They will let children know about medical services.</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>We want pollution free environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Family, Neighbors</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial pollution has to be curbed</li> <li>• Everyone has to be made aware on the bad effects of pollution</li> <li>• By stopping tree cutting and plant more trees.</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>We want separate opportunity for disabled children</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate system in hospitals should be provided for disabled children</li> <li>• People should be made aware on treatment of disabled children</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>More trees have to be planted.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Family, Neighbors</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unplanned tree cutting has to be stopped</li> <li>• Tree plantation has to be made mandatory</li> </ul>





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### Present situation of children's protection

#### Family:



Around 2231 children shared that they are safe in their family and mother provide necessary protection. Total 1180 children informed that they are not discriminated by family members. At least 2885 children told that they like the behavior of family and friends. Early child marriage decreased and awareness has been developed among the parents, said 1584 children. On the other hand 3565 children said early child marriage has increased. 3565 children told they have no safe house to live and they are bound to live in one room. 1754 children said they are discriminated at different levels. It is noted by 3090 children that their opinion is not heeded in the family and they are subjected to

beating and misbehavior. Around 600 children shared that they are not safe in the slum during natural calamities. Sometimes slum is affected by fire and demolished for eviction and also they face problem on transportation.

About 2885 children mentioned they spend their life at shelter home. Total 3508 children commented children are sexually abused by the relative, friend of elder brother and neighbor. Sometimes indecent gestures and proposal are made towards them. Around 2252 children told that girls are discriminated from birth. A significant 1625 children said children are physically assaulted by family members, neighbor and elder boys of locality. It was found from 2 children journal that one child was strangled to death by the father.

Around 3512 children said children are not aware of violence. A Number of 2250 children informed children sometimes die due to accidents like electric shock and bitten by the dog. It was found from *Shishu Shapna Prakashani* (Children dream Journal) that children are attacked by wild animals at hilly areas of Sherpur district in Bangladesh, which sometimes lead to death.

Total 3058 children told that police harass rag picker street children and sometimes peoples beat them terming as thief. It was found in a publication that one boy named 'Biplob' is spending life with siblings in difficulty as his father is in jail. One child has been living in jail with his mother.<sup>†</sup>



#### Society:

875 children said children themselves along with some people in the society are working for the betterment of children. 3700 children said many children are deprived of education due to child marriage while 2550 children added that both mother and children lack protection due to child marriage. According to 2491 children and some reports published in *Amader Khobor* newspaper, some girl children are subjected to divorce and killed for dowry. 3664 children said that girls are not protected when they

walk on the street alone, or in market place and also added children are not safe in society. They explained children cannot go out alone, go to school or NGO alone and also mentioned being mugged. 1300 children said unexpected behavior of boys, eve-teasing, touching badly, threatening to marry forcefully etc are hampering the protection of children. 5950 children said children of refugee camp and NGO shelter home are forcefully engaged in drug peddling and arms carrying. Apart from this, 3250 children said that street children are engaged in different illegal tasks, and used in politics for meeting, procession etc.

According to 1150 children and one publication, small and adolescent girls are victimized of acid if they disagree to proposed love affair. 291 children and one \*publication said that even today children are trafficked in the name of job and end up as camel jockey. Another publication



<sup>†</sup> Shisu Bikash ( Children Journal)



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said infants are kidnapped from hospital and children are kidnapped in general. Other \*publications mentioned children; especially street children are being entangled in having drug. 259 children said they do not like the behavior of teachers, *Hujur* (religious teacher) and other adults in the society. \*Publications also said children are raped by few people in the society as they move alone. 2820 children said children are sold off into brothels in the name of job and in the name of marriage with son of perpetrator.

925 children said children are not protected from their friends. 3319 children mentioned lack of suitable roads for disabled children while 1258 children said disabled children are not safe. 1550 children mentioned lack of protection on the street due to non existence of necessary foot over bridge, zebra crossing, muggers, criminals and non-cooperation of traffic police. 376 children said children are subjected to road accidents. 1750 children mentioned lack of protection in transport sector as sometimes both normal and disabled children are not allowed to get on board of bus. They added that girls are badly touched while on board of a bus.

\* *Amader Khobor, Shishu Kantho, Shishu Patra, Shishu Sondesh, Shishur Kotha*

### School:

1524 children informed that teacher do not assault physically but help to learn lesson. On the other hand 4535 children said children are rebuked and assaulted physically and mentally by teacher. Around 950 children informed that teacher's assault girl children physically, perceive the girls in an indecent way, try to do indecent task. About 1850 children informed that girl children and disable children are discriminated by the teacher.

### Work Place:

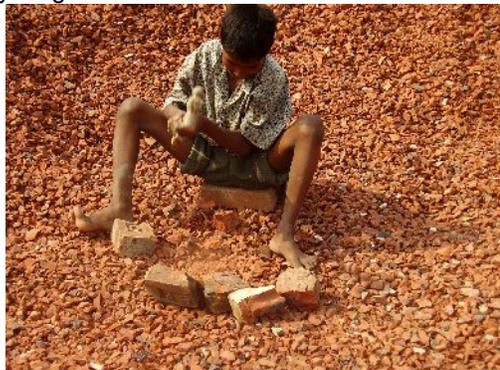


According to 2150 children views and from one journal<sup>‡</sup> children are involved in hazardous works where they have no protection. They ply rickshaw, work in brick fields, welding and match factory. Children also die due to hazardous work.<sup>§</sup> Around 5755 children told they are unsecured at the work place.

It was told by 1220 children that children remain safe with the employers but 6750 children informed they are beaten by the employer. According to the 3358 children and two newspaper<sup>\*\*</sup> children working as domestic help and working as coal collector are not safe physically and mentally. Sometimes house owner take chance to touch girl as calling them 'younger sister' and sometimes beat them

terming as thief; for example, they burn the child with hot iron made spatula.

It was found from the 3866 children and one newspaper<sup>††</sup> that children are abused sexually by gentle men. Also according to another newspaper<sup>††</sup> a child called Mahfuz has been burned to death suspecting him as a thief. A total of 2521 children informed that they have no safety gears i.e. Helmet, hand gloves, black glass to save eye, safety dress etc. 5805 children said their work place is not safe. Around 2974 children and one newspaper<sup>§§</sup> informed it was found that children do not get actual salary or benefit from the employers. Total 3574 children shared that employer does not take any responsibility when children meet an accident. According to 75 children it was found that disable children are not safe at workplace.



<sup>‡</sup> Prithibi ( our world)

<sup>§</sup> Shishu bangla ( Children Bangla)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Shishu Jagat ( children World) and Shishu kantha( Children Voice)

<sup>††</sup> Kachi Mukh

<sup>††</sup> Shishu Shandes

<sup>§§</sup> Monthly Amader Khobor



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A significant number of 4505 children informed that working children are harassed by the police who want money when they return from the workplace at night and take them to custody if not provided. 75 children shared that we hear a lot of bad comments while we are on the street. According to 325 children and one newspaper\*\*\* street children are not safe and police catch them and do not let them sleep on the street and no protection system exists at railway stations. 3120 children said they heard earlier that while in jail, adults ask children to massage their body.



### NGO and others:

2308 children said government and NGOs are working for the protection of children while 58 children mentioned only government. 2541 children said NGOs are ensuring the protection of children. 3250 children said government has installed lights and foot over bridge on the street. \* One publication said children have been rescued from different brothels. The children also said most members of law enforcing agencies are helpful to children and do not harass children like few of them. Children are becoming interested to work as they are receiving protection in the work place. They are receiving wages in time. Employers do not beat children. Children are given assistant to

escort them to school. Day care centers have been introduced in some places for the protection of children whose parents are working. 2479 children said children are receiving protection harassed through mobile phone. 175 children said are not safe from natural disaster. Government is providing training to law enforcing agencies to be aware on children. Some NGOs have opened shelter homes for children.



\*\*\* Shishu mela



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### Reasons for the present situation of Children's Protection

We have divided the main reasons behind the present situation of Children's Protections into four different levels like Family, Society, School and Work Place and Others after talking to children.

Picture	Analysis of reason
 <p>The child sleeps on street with parents.</p>	<p><b>Family:</b> The children identified parent's poverty and lack of awareness of adults as some of the main the reasons behind the present situation in the field of protection of children. Other reasons are lack of education, improper relation between parents and children and superstitions.</p>
 <p>Street children are trying to keep them warm sitting together by fire.</p>	<p><b>Society:</b> The children mentioned that "children are compelled to work" and "Advantage are taken of their vulnerability" as some of the main reasons for the present situation of child protection in the country. They also said that roads and highways are broken down and there is not enough foot over bridge and zebra crossing; unawareness of law enforcing agencies and disrupt law and order are other reasons. Also children lack protection when they disagree while proposed for a love affair and sometimes abused for money.</p>
 <p>Children engaged in welding, a hazardous job.</p>	<p><b>School and work place:</b> Reasons for girls lacking protection is when their staying alone. Employers and police are not aware of child rights. The employers deduct wages if they miss to work one day. Education cost is very high. Reason for present situation of protection is also that children are thought as burden. Street children lacking guardian and sometimes miscreants or hoodlums causing violence in schools are other reasons for the present situation of protection of children.</p>
 <p>The boy pushing rickshaw van loaded with rice sacks</p>	<p><b>Others:</b> Children said some positive improvement happening in the sector of protection of children because Parents, employers and government is becoming aware on children. Children are also becoming aware on themselves. Also the government has introduced strong law to prevent violence against children. However, the laws are not always implemented.</p>



**Result of present situation of Protection**

Result of the present situation	Increasing	Decreasing	Equal
Children are subjected to physical, mental and sexual violence	↑		
Child marriage taking place		↓	
Children lives are being ruined		↓	
Children are growing up with a bright future	↑		
Children are becoming aware of their own rights	↑		
Girl children's literacy rate		↓	
Killing of children and child mortality	↑		
Children are engaging themselves in bad tasks.	↑		
Children are being mentally affected.			↔
Children are engaged in drugs.	↑		
Number of children in prostitution			↔
Children are losing their trust on teachers	↑		
Number of Disabled children	↑		
Children are receiving a chance to return for a better life	↑		



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### Who are responding to us in the context of present situation of children's protection?

Who is responding	Response	How	Result	
			Less	More
<b>Family:</b> Parents, siblings, others in the family.	Those parents who are aware trying to ensure the protection of children. However, some parents are unaware on the issue of protection of children.	By providing food, clothes, education and opportunity of recreation	 Children are having nice relationship with parents.	 Sometimes children are lacking protection even at home and being subjected to violence.
<b>Neighbors:</b> Neighbor, community people, influential people, slum dwellers	Taking spoiled brats to task, providing education cost for children. However, some people give bad suggestions to parents.	Through providing money, persuading, and creating awareness.	 Children can move outside house.	 Parents prevent children from going out.
<b>School and school committee:</b> Teachers	Making children educated, ensuring the opportunity of education. However, all children are not getting the opportunity of education.	Through teaching in schools and colleges, persuading parents and encouraging children.	 Some children are becoming aware on the issue of their protection.	 Many children are not aware on violence so, they cannot tell anybody if they face violence.
<b>Employers:</b> Shop owners	Providing financial help to children. However, all employers are not good.	Through paying wages of work and preventing them from hazardous tasks.	 Some children are getting opportunity of education	 Many children are subjected to violence at work place
<b>Government:</b> Government's ministry	The government has made law against acid throwing, dowry, and child marriage. However, the laws are not always implemented.	By creating awareness of parents, persuading children, increasing the quality of education through providing money.	 Acid throwing, child marriage and dowry system is getting stopped	 Children who are victim of violence do not get justice as they are unaware of laws.
NGO and other organization	Bringing back children from hazardous job. Creating awareness among people on child rights.	Through placing children in less hazardous job by providing training.	 Children themselves can help each other.	
<b>Media:</b> Television, newspaper, radio	Creating awareness of all	Through broadcasting different programs for development of children.	 People are being aware on child rights.	



Children's dreams in the context of protection

Picture	Who will fulfill the dream	How
 <p data-bbox="440 590 784 617">Meeting on protection going on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By creating protection committee for children</li> <li>• By creating protection law</li> <li>• By ensuring children participation.</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="355 1010 865 1043">We want protection from disturbance of police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Police</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing child rights training to police</li> <li>• Making separate law for children</li> <li>• We need child friendly police</li> <li>• Creating awareness among children</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="326 1436 899 1465">Think about protection of all children during disaster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Government</li> <li>• NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating awareness among children</li> <li>• Children should be kept in mind while planning disaster management</li> <li>• Creating separate safe places for children</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="500 1841 724 1871">Stop child trafficking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Armed forces</li> <li>• Family neighbors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating awareness among parents</li> <li>• Ensuring safety at border area.</li> <li>• Making law against trafficking and kidnapping</li> <li>• Making report of severity of trafficking.</li> </ul>

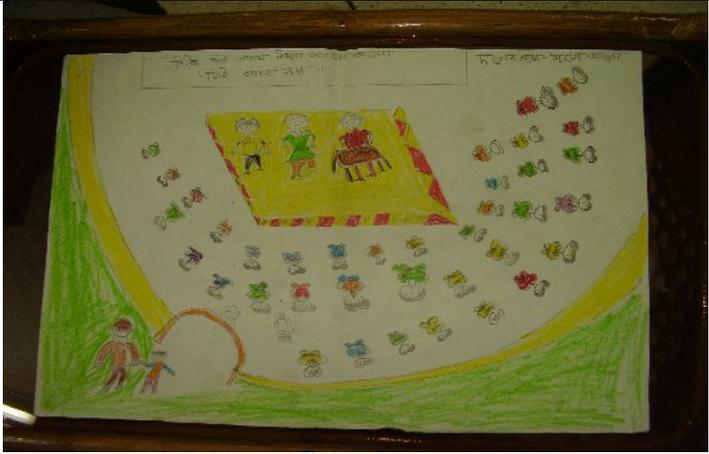


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Picture	Who will fulfill the dream	How
 <p style="text-align: center; color: orange;"><b>We don't want to go to work at the dead of night</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shop owners</li> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating scope for hazard free job for children</li> <li>Forming Children committee on child labor</li> <li>Fixing specific time for work</li> <li>Making law to prevent hazardous child labor</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: orange;"><b>My parents will play a role in my protection</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family-Parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By creating friendly relation between parents and children</li> <li>Through knowing about protection of children</li> <li>Taking responsibility of children</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: orange;"><b>Children are deprived of justice</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government, ministry</li> <li>Police Commissioner</li> <li>Chairman</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Neighbor</li> <li>NGO</li> <li>Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of law</li> <li>Making law</li> <li>Ensuring protection of children</li> <li>To let everyone know about children related law.</li> <li>Creating children monitoring cell in the locality</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: orange;"><b>We want safety while crossing the road</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government</li> <li>Traffic police</li> <li>NGO</li> <li>Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making road crossing system for children</li> <li>Training traffic police regarding children</li> <li>Teaching children the right way to cross road</li> </ul>



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Picture	Who will fulfill the dream	How
 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Child marriage will be eliminated from the country</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government, ministry</li> <li>• Family, Neighbor</li> <li>• Teacher</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth registration for children should be made mandatory and free</li> <li>• Implementation of law against child marriage</li> <li>• Creating awareness</li> <li>• Disseminating message</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Children will be free from disturbance by spoiled brats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Family, Neighbor</li> <li>• Teacher</li> <li>• Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• creating children monitoring cell in locality</li> <li>• Adult support is needed</li> <li>• Parents will help children</li> <li>• - Spoiled brats will be taken to task.</li> </ul>
 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">All children will participate in all kinds of meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Government, Ministry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation of all children has to be ensured.</li> <li>• Annual children conference has to be arranged</li> <li>• Discrimination among children has been eliminated.</li> </ul>



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Children Space	Bangladesh Institute of Theater Arts (BITA)
Prashanti	Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA)
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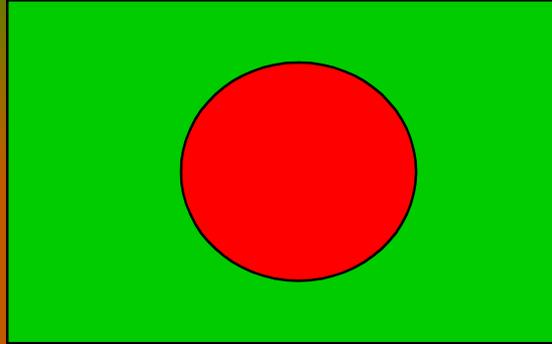
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