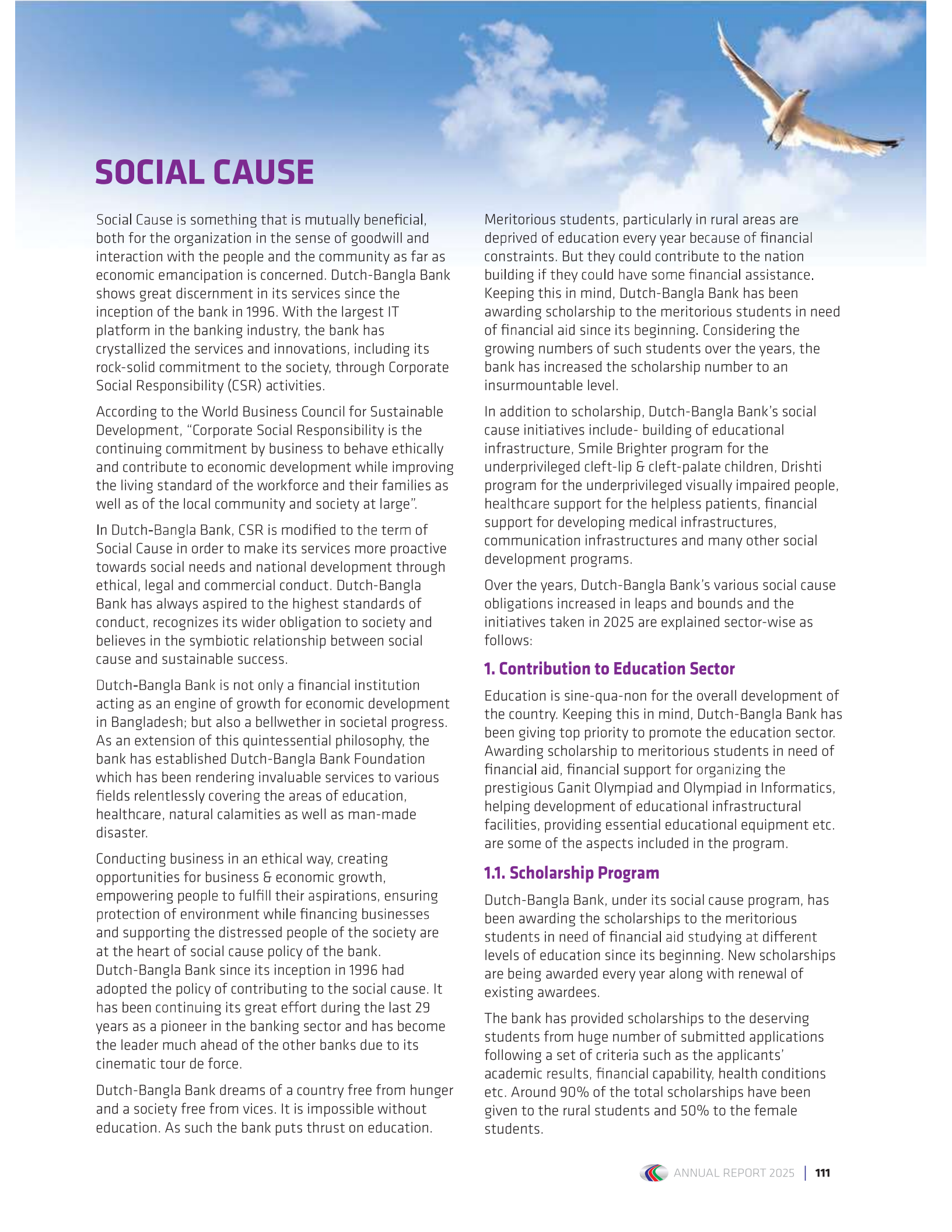




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social cause





SOCIAL CAUSE

Social Cause is something that is mutually beneficial, both for the organization in the sense of goodwill and interaction with the people and the community as far as economic emancipation is concerned. Dutch-Bangla Bank shows great discernment in its services since the inception of the bank in 1996. With the largest IT platform in the banking industry, the bank has crystallized the services and innovations, including its rock-solid commitment to the society, through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

According to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, “Corporate Social Responsibility is the continuing commitment by business to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving the living standard of the workforce and their families as well as of the local community and society at large”.

In Dutch-Bangla Bank, CSR is modified to the term of Social Cause in order to make its services more proactive towards social needs and national development through ethical, legal and commercial conduct. Dutch-Bangla Bank has always aspired to the highest standards of conduct, recognizes its wider obligation to society and believes in the symbiotic relationship between social cause and sustainable success.

Dutch-Bangla Bank is not only a financial institution acting as an engine of growth for economic development in Bangladesh; but also a bellwether in societal progress. As an extension of this quintessential philosophy, the bank has established Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation which has been rendering invaluable services to various fields relentlessly covering the areas of education, healthcare, natural calamities as well as man-made disaster.

Conducting business in an ethical way, creating opportunities for business & economic growth, empowering people to fulfill their aspirations, ensuring protection of environment while financing businesses and supporting the distressed people of the society are at the heart of social cause policy of the bank. Dutch-Bangla Bank since its inception in 1996 had adopted the policy of contributing to the social cause. It has been continuing its great effort during the last 29 years as a pioneer in the banking sector and has become the leader much ahead of the other banks due to its cinematic tour de force.

Dutch-Bangla Bank dreams of a country free from hunger and a society free from vices. It is impossible without education. As such the bank puts thrust on education.

Meritorious students, particularly in rural areas are deprived of education every year because of financial constraints. But they could contribute to the nation building if they could have some financial assistance. Keeping this in mind, Dutch-Bangla Bank has been awarding scholarship to the meritorious students in need of financial aid since its beginning. Considering the growing numbers of such students over the years, the bank has increased the scholarship number to an insurmountable level.

In addition to scholarship, Dutch-Bangla Bank's social cause initiatives include- building of educational infrastructure, Smile Brighter program for the underprivileged cleft-lip & cleft-palate children, Drishti program for the underprivileged visually impaired people, healthcare support for the helpless patients, financial support for developing medical infrastructures, communication infrastructures and many other social development programs.

Over the years, Dutch-Bangla Bank's various social cause obligations increased in leaps and bounds and the initiatives taken in 2025 are explained sector-wise as follows:

1. Contribution to Education Sector

Education is sine-qua-non for the overall development of the country. Keeping this in mind, Dutch-Bangla Bank has been giving top priority to promote the education sector. Awarding scholarship to meritorious students in need of financial aid, financial support for organizing the prestigious Ganit Olympiad and Olympiad in Informatics, helping development of educational infrastructural facilities, providing essential educational equipment etc. are some of the aspects included in the program.

1.1. Scholarship Program

Dutch-Bangla Bank, under its social cause program, has been awarding the scholarships to the meritorious students in need of financial aid studying at different levels of education since its beginning. New scholarships are being awarded every year along with renewal of existing awardees.

The bank has provided scholarships to the deserving students from huge number of submitted applications following a set of criteria such as the applicants' academic results, financial capability, health conditions etc. Around 90% of the total scholarships have been given to the rural students and 50% to the female students.

The scholarship awardees are provided with the following benefits:

Level of Study	Duration of scholarship	Amount of scholarship per month (Taka)	One time grant annually (Taka)		Total amount per year (Taka)
			For reading materials	For clothing	
H.S.C.	2 years	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	33,500.00
Graduation	3-5 years	3,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	42,000.00

Realizing the fact that every year many meritorious students, mostly in rural areas, are compelled to discontinue their study because of poverty, the bank has increased the number of scholarship substantially. Accordingly, 65,291 students of H.S.C. and Graduation level were awarded scholarship under this program.

The scholarships of Dutch-Bangla Bank are available for the entire academic period for different levels of education like- H.S.C. and Graduation level.

i). HSC level: After passing S.S.C. examination in the current year, the students who have been studying at H.S.C. level are eligible to apply for scholarship. The scholarships are renewable for entire academic period of H.S.C. level. Already, 38,281 scholarships have been awarded at this level.

ii). Graduation level: Dutch-Bangla Bank awards the scholarship to existing awardees at Graduation level in continuation of their study at H.S.C. level. Students who have availed scholarship at H.S.C. level after passing the S.S.C. examination are eligible to apply for renewal at graduation level subject to securing required result in the H.S.C examination. The scholarships are renewable for the entire academic period of graduation level. Already, 27,010 scholarships have been awarded at this level.

1.2. Donation for organizing the Mathematical Olympiad, Dutch-Bangla Bank- Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab

Ganit Utsab (Mathematical Olympiad) has been jointly organized by Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee, Dutch-Bangla Bank and Daily Prothom Alo at regional and national level to flourish latent potential of the future nation builders of the country. It was introduced with a view to removing the math-phobia as well as making mathematics attractive among the school and college-going students. This Olympiad has now become a flagship event for the students all over the country. Since its beginning, Dutch-Bangla Bank has been providing financial support for organizing the Ganit Olympiad and participating in different International Olympiads held in different countries each year. The bank has been continuing its support under the title of 'Dutch-Bangla Bank-Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab' for the last 22 years.

About 75,259 students from different schools and colleges of the country participated in the Ganit Utsab held in 2025. The program was held through virtual platform with the qualifiers of the preliminary round.

Among the participants, more than 1,200 students qualified for the national round of the program and participated in the 23rd Bangladesh Ganit Olympiad held on February 07-08, 2025 at the premises of Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. Then a 'ganit camp' was arranged with the winners of the National Olympiad and finally a team of 06 members was selected and they participated in the 66th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) held in Australia in July 2025.



A view of National Round (opening event) of the Dutch-Bangla Bank-Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab 2025 at the premises of Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

From the year 2004 to 2025, Dutch-Bangla Bank has provided a total amount of Taka 132.97 million only to organize the events among which Taka 13.48 million only was provided in 2025.

Achievements of Bangladeshi students in IMO:

Bangladeshi students have been participating regularly in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) since the year 2005. In this continuation, the latest 66th IMO was held in Australia in July 2025 where 06 Bangladeshi students participated in the program. Among them, 03 earned Bronze medals and 03 Honorable mention awards. The Bangladeshi participants proved their mathematical prowess in the IMO by achieving a total of 01 Gold medal, 07 Silver medals, 40 Bronze medals and 47 Honorable mention awards.



A view of National Round (closing event) of the 'Dutch-Bangla Bank-Prothom Alo Ganit Utsab 2025' at the premises of Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

1.3. Donation for organizing Bangladesh Olympiad in Informatics (BdOI)

International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) is an annual programming competition for pre-university level students. It was proposed by the UNESCO with a view to bringing together, challenging and giving recognition to young students around the globe who are the most talented in informatics (computer science) and to foster friendship among these students from diverse cultures. The first IOI was held in Bulgaria in 1989.

To cope with the goals of the IOI at the national level in our country, Bangladesh Informatics Olympiad Committee (BIOC) was formed in 2004 with the prominent professors of the department of computer science from different universities. BIOC has been organizing the Bangladesh Olympiad in Informatics (BdOI) since the year 2005 to develop the programming ability and problem solving skills of the high school and college-going students. Dutch-Bangla Bank was associated with BIOC in the year 2019 and has been providing financial support for the last 07 (seven) consecutive years to organize Bangladesh Olympiad in Informatics (BdOI) along with participation in the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI).

In 2025, students from different schools and colleges of the country participated in the divisional round of the Olympiad in Informatics and out of them, around 45 top performing students were selected for national round. Among the winners of the national round, finally a team of 04 (four) students has participated in the 37th International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) on July 27, 2025 to August 03, 2025 in Bolivia.

From the year 2019 to 2025, Dutch-Bangla Bank has provided a total amount of Taka 12.00 million only to organize the event among which Taka 2.00 million was provided in 2025.



The winners of the National Round of 'Bangladesh Olympiad in Informatics 2025' are seen along with the distinguished guests and organizers of the Olympiad at the closing event.

Achievements of Bangladeshi students in IOI

Bangladeshi students have been participating regularly in the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) since 2005. In this continuation, the latest 37th IOI was held on July 27, 2025 to August 03, 2025 where 04 Bangladeshi students participated in the event. Among the 04 Bangladeshi students, 01 earned Silver Medal and 01 Bronze medal in 2025. The Bangladeshi participants achieved a total of 01 Gold Medal, 07 Silver Medals, 25 Bronze Medals and 01 Honorable mention award from International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI).

2. Contribution to Health Sector

Health is one of the prime parameters to indicate the development of a nation. The need for healthcare is increasing every day due to rapid growth of population. Dutch-Bangla Bank has identified healthcare as a priority sector and helped create better healthcare facilities at an affordable cost for the disadvantaged population. In this connection, Dutch-Bangla Bank has extended its support for the following programs in 2025:

2.1. Smile Brighter program

'Smile Brighter' program is an initiative taken by Dutch-Bangla Bank to bring back smile on the face of the boys and girls with cleft-lip and cleft-palate through plastic surgery at free of cost. Dutch-Bangla Bank contributed a total amount of Taka 92.60 million for cleft-lip and cleft-palate operation under 'Smile Brighter' program since 2003.

Boys and girls cursed with cleft-lip, face numerous problems in every day life such as disruption in formal education, hassle in attending social ceremonies and restraint while getting married. They live in our society



Before operation



After operation

Photograph of a cleft-lip baby (before and after operation)

with no destiny, shattered hope and gloomy future. In our country, poor cleft patients have very little access to the plastic surgery. Most of the patients receive no treatment at all.

Considering the sufferings of the cleft-lip boys & girls, Dutch-Bangla Bank has taken an initiative to bring smile on the face of the boys and girls with cleft-lip through plastic surgery at free of cost across the country under the banner “Smile Brighter” in 2003. This is a continuous program aiming at performing cleft operations as much as possible per year.

In the year of 2025, several cleft-lip and cleft-palate operation camps were arranged in different parts of Bangladesh like- Satkhira, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Brahmanbaria, Munshiganj, Dhaka, Lalmonirhat, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Sirajganj, Kishoreganj, Cox’s Bazar, Naogaon, Barishal, Noakhali, Jashore, Sherpur, Habiganj, Thakurgaon and Chandpur districts. During 2003 to 2025, more than 8,194 poor cleft-lip boys & girls have been successfully operated upon across the country under the Bank’s “Smile Brighter” program. Among which 181 operations were done in the year 2025.

Total number of cleft-lip & cleft-palate operation and expenditure since 2003:

Period	Total no. of operation	Total expenditure (In million Taka)
2003-2025	8,194	92.60

2.2. Cataract operation program for underprivileged visually impaired people

Visual impairment is an immense social problem in our country. Cataract is the major cause of blindness and 80% of them can resume vision through cataract operation. A large number of rural poor people are deprived of the opportunity to do away with the problem. Keeping their sufferings in mind, Dutch-Bangla Bank has been continuing the cataract operation program for underprivileged visually impaired people by providing sophisticated cataract surgery (Intra Ocular Lens) throughout the country since 2008.

Several Camps were arranged under this program in Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Magura, Khulna, Chuadanga, Cox’s Bazar, Laxmipur, Chandpur, Noakhali, Narsingdi, Barishal, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Dinajpur, Narayanganj, Kushtia, Faridpur, Cumilla and Bogura districts. More than 134,505 cataract operations have so far been completed successfully among which 32,800 operations were done in 2025.

Total number of cataract operation and expenditure since 2008:

Period	Total no. of operation	Total expenditure (In million Taka)
2008-2025	134,505	395.76



The post-operative visually impaired patients are seen at an eye hospital enlisted under the Drishti program of Dutch-Bangla Bank.

Dutch-Bangla Bank has been continuing cataract operation under the program 'Drishti' at free of cost for the underprivileged visually impaired patients round the year in different parts of the country since 2008.

2.3. Contribution to Health infrastructure development

2.3.1. Donation in favour of icddr,b to improve Biosecurity and Biosafety in the Live Bird Markets (LBMs) of Dhaka City

icddr,b, a renowned global health research institute based in Dhaka, came forward with a proposal for renovation and development of shops under Live Bird Markets (LBMs) to support stakeholders/poultry vendors to improve biosecurity and biosafety in the LBMs in Bangladesh with the following present state of LBMs and associated pathogenic risk:

- inadequate infrastructure, poor hygiene and sanitation conditions
- poor biosecurity and biosafety practices and low-risk perceptions of the workers

Using a participatory and collaborative process, LBMs of Dhaka had been identified as priority interfaces for risk of spillover of zoonotic disease/pathogens, such as avian influenza, Campylobacter, Salmonella and E. coli.

To address these issues, with support from USAID, Tufts University consortium, One Health Secretariat, One Health Bangladesh, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), development partners, and participants from academia, such as Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Military Institute of Science &

Technology (MIST), Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), other government & non-government human, animal & environmental health partners and icddr,b developed an improved infrastructural design for single and multiple-shop LBMs for Dhaka city of Bangladesh. For this, they had been implementing and evaluating the designs and systems in a single-shop LBM in DNCC.

In this connection, a panel of experts involving biosecurity experts, architects, engineers, economic analysts and behavioral scientists/experts had been formed to support renovation or development of shops under LBMs on a case by case basis. The panel scrutinized vendors' applications/requests to determine whether they were eligible for the funding and also monitor the compliance and adherence to the recommended practices, which was linked to certification by government authorities, such as Dhaka City Corporation and Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BSFA), as rewards or cessation of support in case of non-compliance.

The expert panel also conducted training on biosecurity and biosafety practices for the vendors, workers & cleaners and disseminate awareness messages for the consumers at the LBMs. The endeavor is developed for a sustainable model to improve LBM biosecurity & biosafety and disseminate awareness (comprising 79% of total cost) and renovation of a single and a multiple-shop at the LBMs (comprising 21% of total cost). Besides, if the said approach is implemented accordingly, the following outputs and outcomes would be attained-

- reduced environmental contamination with avian influenza, Campylobacter, Salmonella and E. coli.
- reduced exposure of all humans in the LBMs, including vendors, workers, cleaners and consumers, to pandemic potential pathogens, such as avian influenza.
- reduced risk of genetic mutation and re-assortment and thus development of pandemic potential strain of avian influenza.
- vendors, workers, cleaners and consumers aware of the risks and mitigation approaches at the LBMs.
- improved biosecurity and biosafety practices in the renovated LBMs.
- improved working condition for the vendors, workers and cleaners; improved environmental protection for humans and animals exposed at LBMs; and improved health for all workers and consumers at the LBMs, which are core components of corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- renovated one single shop and one multiple-shop LBMs.



Accordingly, they submitted a detailed tentative budget amounting to Taka 19.80 million only, mentioning detailed activities & timeline to implement the said project.

In response to the request and considering the overall impact of the issue, the authority concerned of Dutch-Bangla Bank agreed to sanction Tk.19.80 million (Taka nineteen million eight hundred thousand) only in phases in favour of icddr,b to improve Biosecurity and Biosafety in the Live Bird Markets (LBMs) of Dhaka City.

Among the committed amount, Tk.8,513,995.00 (Taka eight million five hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred ninety-five) only was disbursed in favour of icddr,b in 02 (two) phases for smooth implementation of the project in 2025.

2.4. Support for medical treatment

Dutch-Bangla Bank provides one-time financial assistance to those who have been suffering from various diseases for long time and are not able to bear the treatment cost. In the year 2025, an amount of Tk.300,000.00 (Taka three hundred thousand) only was provided as financial assistance to different helpless persons to meet their treatment cost.

3. Contribution in Disaster Management

Dutch-Bangla Bank stands by the distressed people at the time of natural calamities. The bank provides support to the affected people in cash and kind for their rehabilitation after the natural calamities like- cyclone, flood, tornado, extreme cold, landslide, earthquake, river erosion, conflagration etc. The donation in kind includes blankets, GCI sheets, food, medicine, water purifying tablets etc. The contributions of Dutch-Bangla Bank in this sector of 2025 are mentioned below:

3.1. Donation of blankets for onward distributions to the upazila level under the coordination of ministry of finance

The people of Bangladesh usually suffer in the chilling cold sweeping through many districts of the country every year. Poor people all over the country become the worst sufferers in the shivering cold as they cannot buy warm clothes due to financial hardships. As in the past, this year, Dutch-Bangla Bank has come forward to stand by the cold-hit people of the country through distributing blankets among them.

Continuing with its yearly tradition, in the year 2025, Dutch-Bangla Bank has donated 100,000 pieces of blankets for onward distributions to the upazila level under the coordination of ministry of finance, who are the worst sufferers in the chilling cold sweeping through many districts of the country.

3.2. Donation of 1,250 blankets for distribution among the cold affected destitute persons

Dutch-Bangla Bank has been donating blankets for helping the cold affected poor people of the country for many years as a part of its social cause activities. Like previous years, in the year 2025, the authority concerned of the bank donated 100,000 pieces of blankets for onward distribution to the upazila level under the coordination of ministry of finance. In addition, the bank provided 1,250 pieces of blankets to 03 organisations selected by Bangladesh Bank for distributing the same among the cold affected destitute persons. Accordingly, the mentioned blankets were procured and handed over to the selected 03 (three) organizations.

4. Contribution to Social Development

4.1. Contribution for yearly maintenance cost (Food & Administrative) to Child Day Care Center of Private Banks

As per guidelines and instructions of Bangladesh Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank participated in the “Child Day Care Centre for Private Banks” at Alamin Center (4th floor), 25/A/1 Dilkusha, Motijheel, Dhaka. In the year 2015, Dutch-Bangla Bank provided Tk.1,400,000.00 (Taka one million four hundred thousand) only among which Tk.1,000,000.00 (Taka one million) only as one-time cost for rent & decoration and remaining Tk.400,000.00 (Taka four hundred thousand) only as yearly maintenance cost for food and administrative. Since then, the bank has been providing Tk.400,000.00 (Taka four hundred thousand) only as contribution/subscription for maintenance cost (Food & Administrative) to Child Day Care of Private Banks.

In this connection, in the year 2025, Dutch-Bangla Bank provided Tk.400,000.00 (Taka four hundred thousand) only as contribution/subscription for yearly maintenance cost (Food & Administrative) to Child Day Care Center of Private Banks, in Motijheel area like the previous years. Accordingly, a payment order of Tk.400,000.00 (Taka four hundred thousand) only was issued in favor of “Child Day Care Center of Private Banks, Motijheel” and handed it over to the mentioned Center.

4.2. Donation for organizing the tournament of 'Dhaka International Marathon 2025'

Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) informed Dutch-Bangla Bank to donate a sum of Tk.40,000,000.00 (Taka forty million) only to Chief Coordinator, Organizing Committee, Dhaka International Marathon-2025 for organizing the tournament which was held on February 07, 2025 followed by a request letter from Chief Coordinator of the Organizing Committee of the tournament in this regard.

As stated in the request letter of Chief Coordinator of the Organizing Committee of the tournament, a total of six to eight thousand amateur and professional runners, both male and female, were expected to participate in this event. However, the lion's share of the participants were represented by amateur and professional marathoners from our country. Henceforth, the event provided a wider window for Bangladeshi runners to participate in such an international event and evaluate their standings leading to overall development of marathoners at national level. They were planning to ensure the presence of limited number of Elite and SAAF runners to make the show more vibrant and colourful for all.

Shared contribution like previous years were the cornerstone for their combined success in arranging last four consecutive marathons which were applauded both in national and international community. In view of the above, organizing committee requested BAB for unreserved support and assistance to get involved in promoting and organizing the mentioned tournament.

In this connection, BAB has requested Dutch-Bangla Bank to donate a sum of Tk.2,000,000.00 (Taka two million) only for organizing the tournament of 'Dhaka International Marathon 2025'.

In response to the request of BAB and considering the importance of the issue, the authority concerned of Dutch-Bangla Bank agreed to donate Tk.2,000,000.00 (Taka two million) only to "Dhaka International Marathon" for organizing the aforesaid tournament.

5. Contribution to environmental beautification

5.1. Support for regular maintenance and environmental beautification of Dutch-Bangla Bank Monument and Mintu Road Bucket Fountain located at the crossing of Hotel Intercontinental and State Guest House Jamuna

Dutch-Bangla Bank constructed a monument and Mintu Road Bucket Fountain located at the crossing of Hotel Intercontinental and State Guest House Jamuna.

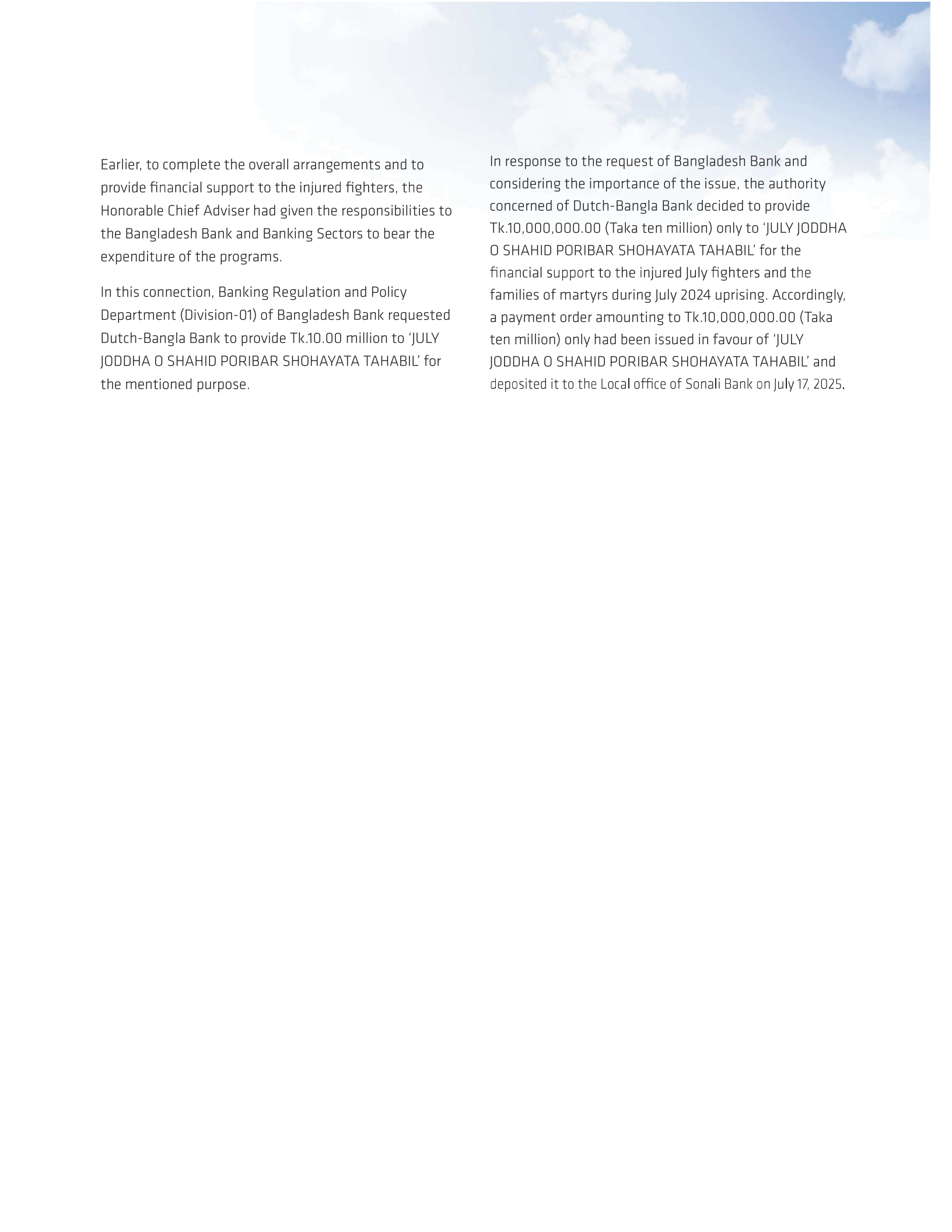
Dutch-Bangla Bank is also engaged in beautification of the Road Island and footpaths from Kakrail crossing to Hotel Intercontinental crossing of Dhaka Metro as part of city beautification project. In this connection, a total amount of Tk.1,522,500.00 (Taka one million five hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred) only was spent during the year 2025 for regular maintenance of the monument and the fountain.

6. Donation on account of miscellaneous purposes

6.1. Financial support to the injured July fighters and the families of martyrs during July 2024 uprising

Dutch-Bangla Bank has provided Tk.10.00 million under Bank's CSR fund to support in arranging a special program in honor of the martyrs and fighters injured during July 2024 uprising on August 04 & 05, 2025 followed by a decision of Bankers' meeting presided over by Honorable Governor of Bangladesh Bank. In the meeting, it was decided that each of 11 banks would provide Tk.10.00 million under Bank's CSR fund to support in arranging special program in honor of the martyrs and fighters injured during July 2024 uprising.

As stated, such program was arranged in 02 phases as advised by the Honorable Chief Adviser of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chairman of the July Shaheed Smrity Foundation with a view to providing financial support of Tk.200,000.00 for each of the 852 families of martyrs.



Earlier, to complete the overall arrangements and to provide financial support to the injured fighters, the Honorable Chief Adviser had given the responsibilities to the Bangladesh Bank and Banking Sectors to bear the expenditure of the programs.

In this connection, Banking Regulation and Policy Department (Division-01) of Bangladesh Bank requested Dutch-Bangla Bank to provide Tk.10.00 million to 'JULY JODDHA O SHAHID PORIBAR SHOHAYATA TAHABIL' for the mentioned purpose.

In response to the request of Bangladesh Bank and considering the importance of the issue, the authority concerned of Dutch-Bangla Bank decided to provide Tk.10,000,000.00 (Taka ten million) only to 'JULY JODDHA O SHAHID PORIBAR SHOHAYATA TAHABIL' for the financial support to the injured July fighters and the families of martyrs during July 2024 uprising. Accordingly, a payment order amounting to Tk.10,000,000.00 (Taka ten million) only had been issued in favour of 'JULY JODDHA O SHAHID PORIBAR SHOHAYATA TAHABIL' and deposited it to the Local office of Sonali Bank on July 17, 2025.