DOTSTEPS BANGLADESH

ANNUAL BEPORT



FOREWORD

As we look back at 2022, I am extremely proud of the role Footsteps has played in empowering marginalised communities across Bangladesh. From ensuring access to safe water access, revolutionising last mile health care to effectively responding to natural disasters like floods and cyclones, the team has been exemplary in showing the capability of young people in advocating change in our society if they are given the platform. As 2022 ends and we begin another year of creating impact, I eagerly look forward to working with our existing partners, building new relationships with potential stakeholders, and elevating our impact more effectively and efficiently than previous years. Our impact in 2022 would not have been possible without our courageous partners and young community leaders who have shown us once more what can be achieved with just a bit of guidance and support. In our mission of eradicating poverty barriers in 2023, I believe full-heartedly that Footsteps will again set an example in leading meaningful and impactful changes in our communities once more and take another step forward in changing livelihoods for the better.



Shah Rafayat Chowdhury

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CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT Footsteps Bangladesh



2022 has been a remarkable year for Footsteps Bangladesh with the organisation achieving various milestones in terms of project implementation and impact, and receiving multiple recognitions on a local and global level. The organisation made a footprint in the vaccine cold chain infrastructure sector having established cold chain facilities and monitoring systems, and was one of the first responders to the floods in Sunamganj aiding communities in resisting the impacts of floods and then working on ways to sustain their lives post flood. It also launched its first for-profit program through a separate legal entity, Dreamwater Enterprises Ltd with the aim of empowering flood-prone communities to convert flood water to safe drinking water and equipping them to become waterpreneurs. The determination and resilience of our young community leaders, who have demonstrated their ability to drive change with just a little guidance and support, continue to inspire me every day. In the coming year, I look forward to ensure that our impacts rise exponentially through the execution of new and innovative initiatives under the guidance and support of our existing partners and supporters and the new partnerships and relationships that we hope to forge. Our promise remains the same which is to empower communities through sustainable initiatives that ensure sustainable growth and improvements.

Barrister Md. Taqi Yasir

Vice President Footsteps Bangladesh



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JOURNEY OF CHANGE

The Origin Story

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In 2013, Shah Rafayat Chowdhury approached five of his school friends to discuss the idea of starting an organization that would work to empower marginalized communities across Bangladesh. Shah with his friends established Footsteps when they were 17 years old with a vision to build social ventures that would ultimately solve many of the world's most challenging social issues like safe drinking water, sanitation, health, and pollution. As being an environmentalist and economist, Shah believed that every individual has the ability to resolve their social problems if they were provided with the appropriate set of skills and resources. For the past nine years Footsteps has been working tirelessly and has successfully improved hundreds of underprivileged communities and the mission is still on with the vision to help them overcome their socioeconomic issues by increasing their capacity and potential since the organization's establishment in 2013.

OVERVIEW

Footsteps Bangladesh, founded in 2013, is a next-generation organization which designs and implements programs and social ventures which not only addresses community challenges but also uses the solutions to build community capacity in sustaining the solution in the long run without further donor support. The organization is on a mission in building resilient communities across Bangladesh.



VISION, MISSION & LEGAL STATUS



Our Vision consists of a world where communities can sustain their growth and overcome their social challenges. We want to see a world where every community is empowered and sustainable.



Our goal is to empower communities by integrating the right set of skills and technologies to overcome their social challenges which are currently limiting their development goals.



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WHAT WE DO?

WE FOCUS ON THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Program Development

01

This aspect is mainly to create and implement ventures which take a unique and sustainable approach in solving a major social challenge existing within our communities. The goal is to empower communities with certain resources and knowledge to address the particular social challenge independently and efficiently.



Changemaker Development

This aspect concentrates on developing an array of skills, knowledge, and empathy among the youth to turn them into effective changemakers within and even beyond their society. The goal is to utilize the large pool of youth and turn them into responsible citizens who take effective action to solve social issues and stigmas.

Advocacy Development

03

This aspect focuses on creatively conducting events, workshops, videos, and promotional material to raise awareness on certain topics and practices within our society. The goal is to spread important information among our communities regarding certain topics and practices which will help build awareness as well as catalyze call-to-action platforms with more aware and concerned citizens ready to devote knowledge and resources to solve a social issue.



FIVE STEPS TO BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



STEP 01

Establishing relationship with target community; understanding and exploring their challenges and designing solutions with local knowledge and experience

STEP 02

Mobilizing implementation funding from CSR or Donor Agencies

STEP 03

Conducting community level awareness building sessions and workshops to build value for solutions and programs

STEP 04

Teaching community on financial and technical skills required to run solution independently without further donor support

STEP 05

Achieving community resilience in program sustainability

IMPACT TILL DATE



OUR CORE PROGRAMS

OUR KEY FOCUS AREAS:

WATER & SANITATION

CLIMATE ACTION

PUBLIC HEALTH



PROJECT TRISHNA

Project Trishna is a holistic WASH program which empowers communities with safe water and sanitation access. The program customises and implements WASH systems in communities, creates community awareness and value for WASH, and builds community capacity to maintain the given solutions on their own without further donor support.



SHUSHASTHER ODHIKAR SHOBAR PROGRAM

Shushasther Odhikar Shobar is a holistic health program that works towards ensuring and improving quality of public health infrastructure and services, especially in last-mile communities. SOS intends to improvise and strategize traditional public health models along with innovative new models which makes healthcare services easily accessible and affordable for communities in vulnerable regions.



DISASTER RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

The Disaster Resilience Programme concentrates on building community resilience to natural and social disasters. DRP focuses on improving critical aid capacity and deployment, rehabilitating affected livelihoods and building community resilience in the face of future disasters like floods, cyclones or disease outbreaks, in order to build community capacity in tackling disasters without depending on further external support.



PROJECT WECAN

Project WECan works towards building environmental advocacy and integrating green energy and strategies within our communities. The program works towards creating a society that is concerned about promoting renewable energy sources such as solar, hydro, and wind while creating value for a green economy consisting of plastic recycling and pollution reduction schemes.

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE 2022



JANUARY

DRP- HEARTWARMING WINTER

Footsteps distributed 800 blankets in Kurigram, Satkhira and Kushtia District to provide warmth and comfort during the coldest period of winter.

S.O.S BANDARBAN MEDICAL HEALTH CAMPS

Medical health camps for indigenous communities in the hill tracts of Bandarban to raise awareness and provide essential medicine for 100 Families.



MARCH

WECAN- GRED

Provided solar powered renewable energy supply in 7 households in Tala, Satkhira.



MAY

FORBES 30 UNDER 30

Forbes 30 under 30 recognised President Shah Rafayat Chowdhury and Vice-president Mohammad Taqi Yasir for the contribution through Footsteps Bangladesh.



FEBRUARY

S.O.S MEDICAL BOX

Distributed 4 medical boxes in Rangpur and trained paramedic on first aid through a partnership with Briddhi.

S.O.S COVID 19 RESPONSE

Distributed 2500 KN95 masks in Chattagram, Satkhira, Jashore and Kushtia for creating awareness and prevention of covid 19 in local communities.

WECAN- DOMESTIC GREEN TANK

Deployed 4 DG tanks in Mirpur, Kushtia with a vision of reducing carbon footprint from households and creating a carbon neutral village.



APRIL

RAMADAN CAMPAIGN

During the holy month of Ramadan, Footsteps successfully raised funds for 55 water systems..

IFTAR DISTRIBUTION

Month long Iftar distribution program in Kushtia, Jashore and Satkhira.



JUNE

S.O.S MEDICAL BOX

Distributed 20 medical boxes in Rangamati and trained paramedic on first aid through a partnership with Jibon Foundation.

DRP-EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE

Distributed emergency food packages in Sunamganj and Kurigram . Impacted more than 7000 people through this initiative.



AUGUST

S.O.S. - HYGIENE PACKAGE

Distributed 750 Hygiene packages in school of Jashore and Chittagong.



OCTOBER

DRP- CYCLONE SITRANG RESPONSE

Through food relief and rehabilitation program 210 people were impacted in Bhola and Satkhira after cyclone sitrang.



DECEMBER

BIJOY ANBE BIJOYA- CAMPAIGN

A month-long fund raising campaign initiated for ensuring menstrual hygiene for the underprivileged communities across the country.



JULY

DRP-FLOOD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Rebuilt households and employment capacity after the devastated flood in Sunamganj.

S.O.S BIJOYA

Distributed 100 reusable menstrual kits Bijoya in Sunamgani Girls High School.



SEPTEMBER

S.O.S. ETC

Footsteps successfully deployed EtC in 3 sites with partnership with Edotco, United Group, Kazi Farms and SSG in 3 sub districts of Satkhira.

S.O.S BLIOYA

Distributed 100 reusable menstrual kits Bijoya in Satkhira and Jahsore.



NOVEMBER

PWF PARTNERSHIP IN BUILDING AQUA TOWERS

Planet Water Foundation partnered up with Footsteps to ensure safe drinking water in 2 schools of Mirpur, Kushtia.





SINCE 2015, Footsteps has been actively working to solve the water and sanitation challenge through Project Trishna. As a holistic program, Trishna customises WASH systems and implements them in community sites through schools, health centres, public areas and households and empowers communities to sustain these systems without further donor support. In 2022, Trishna ensured access to safe drinking water in **20 schools**, installed tube-wells in **79 households**, and implemented drinking water facilities in **109 sites**.

In 2022, Trishna secured key partnerships with donor agencies both locally and internationally. One such example is our partnership with Planet Water Foundation, with whom we are implementing drinking and handwashing towers in rural schools across the country. During the Northeast flood in June, Trishna together with Innovision Consultancy and Surjo designed and implemented portable toilets in flood-impacted communities in Sunamganj. Other examples include Panam Group, through whom we have implemented water systems in 2 schools in Narayanganj ensuring safe drinking water for **1350 children**, and Happy Habit who have helped us ensure safe water for **630 children** in **2 schools** in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



In August and September 2022, Project Trishna was showcased as a successful WASH program at One Young World Summit in Manchester, UK and Youth Assembly in New York, United States. Co-Founder Shah Rafayat discussed the journey, challenges and impact of Project Trishna at seminars focused on WASH with key global WASH leaders during both these events.

This year Footsteps also launched Dreamwater Enterprises Limited, a social enterprise that works to develop innovative solutions for accessing safe drinking water at an affordable price. In 2022, Dreamwater Enterprises Ltd deployed 30 automated portable filters in Kushtia for entrepreneur development.

2022 was a year where Trishna focused heavily on improving its water systems, making them more efficient and effective in addressing the safe water challenge. With major strides taken in 2022, Trishna expects to create an even larger impact in the years to come in achieving its mission of empowering communities with safe water and sanitation.

KEY FIGURE

69,400

PEOPLE ENSURED OF SAFE WATER, AND SANITATION ACCESS THROUGH PROJECT TRISHNA

79

TUBE WELLS INSTALLED IN RURAL HOMES ACROSS BANGLADESH

20

SCHOOLS ENSURED OF SAFE WATER ACCESS THROUGH PROJECT TRISHNA

10

DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS
INSTALLED IN PUBLIC SPACES

02

CENTRALISED WATER TREATMENT PLANTS INSTALLED FOR BUILDING WATER ACCESS

01

PORTABLE TOILET INSTALLED TO IMPROVE SANITATION ACCESS

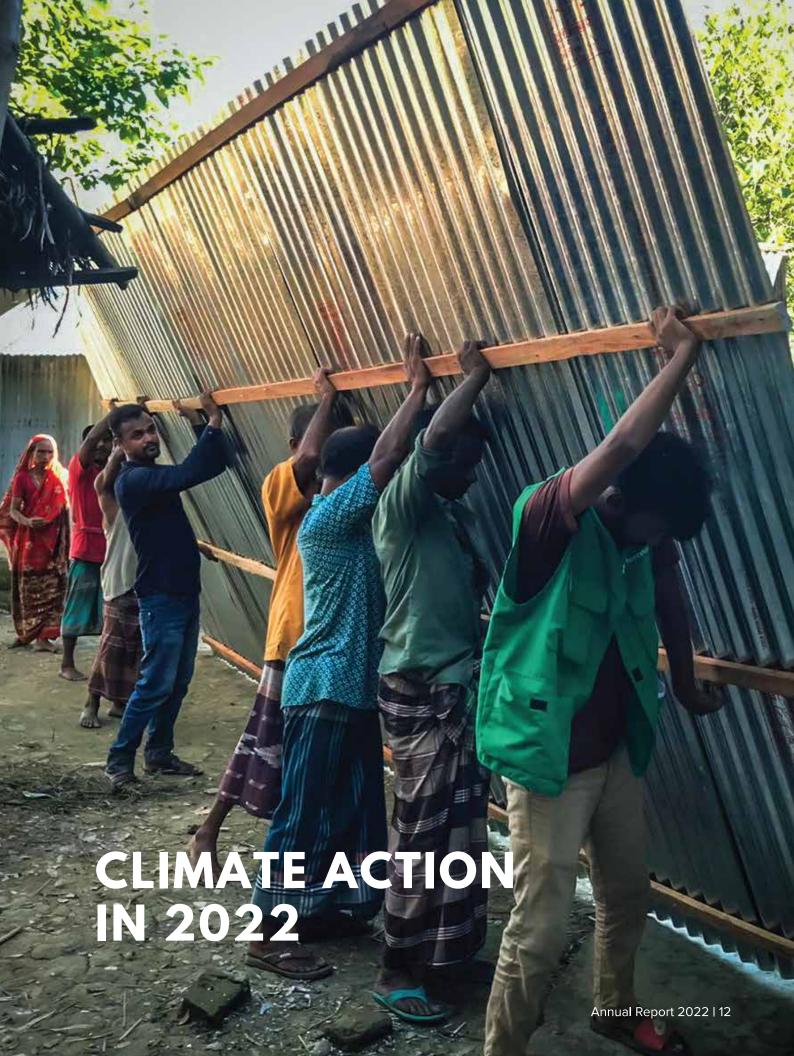




HIGHLIGHTS

- Secured partnership with Planet Water Foundation and Happy Habit to create access to safe drinking water in schools across Bangladesh.
- Project Trishna showcased at **One Young World Summit** in Manchester, United
 Kingdom and Youth Assembly in New
 York, United States.
- Footsteps launched a new company

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 develop innovative solutions for accessing
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Owing to climate change Bangladesh has been facing accelerated natural disasters such as cyclones, floods, droughts, salinization, etc in the last 15 years. Considering the climate crisis in Bangladesh, Footsteps designed the Disaster Resilience Programme and Project WECan to develop a holistic approach in addressing Climate Change and its impacts.

In 2022, The Disaster Resilience Programme played a crucial role in mobilising critical aid and restoring livelihoods in regions affected by flooding and cyclones. In July, the southeast and northern regions of Bangladesh experienced the worst flood in 122 years, and DRP was one of the first to intervene and stand by affected communities during the flood disaster. Interventions consisting of deploying critical aid, house rebuilding, constructing boats for fishermen, deploying portable filters to create reliable water access created a tremendous positive impact for the people affected by the floods in areas such as Sylhet, Sunamganj and Kurigram. Organisations such as Care Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Shakti Foundation and Its Humanity Foundation also joined hands with our Disaster Resilience Program in reaching flood affected communities with the support they needed during a critical time period.



In October 2022, Cyclone Sitrang left countlessly stranded and disrupted the infrastructure of the country's southwestern coastal regions. In response to the Cyclonic Storm Sitrang, DRP deployed critical aid packages containing groceries and medicines to at least 70 families in Bhola and rehabilitated and provided humanitarian assistance to rebuild houses to 9 families in the affected area of Bhola and Satkhira.

In addition to building resilience in natural disaster prone communities, Footsteps also played a role in promoting green energy to reduce carbon footprint in the last mile through Project WECan. In areas of Satkhira where families did not have access to electricity, WECan installed solar panels with lighting in their homes, lighting up last mile communities with a renewable source of electricity. WECan also implemented its DG Tank project with a vision of building carbon neutral villages through implementation of a unique and cost effective biodigester tank in rural households which converts manure into biogas for cooking and organic fertilizer for agricultural purposes. 4 families in Kushtia are using DG Tank not only for cooking their meals, but also selling the fertiliser to generate an additional income from a source never imagined before.

KEY FIGURE

9,056

PEOPLE WERE IMPACTED
THROUGH THE CLIMATE ACTION
PROGRAM IN 2022

48

HOUSES WERE REBUILT AFTER SEVERAL NATURAL DISASTERS IN 2022

30

FISH BOAT DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE AFTER THE FLOOD

24

DREAMWATER PORTABLE FILTER
V.1 DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE
FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

07

SOLAR POWER HOUSEHOLDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN TALA, SATKHIRA

04

BIODIGESTER DOMESTIC GREEN TANKS WERE INSTALLED IN MIRPUR, KUSHITA





HIGHLIGHTS

- Footsteps was one of the leading youth organizations which worked for the emergency flood response in Sunamganj.
- Footsteps secured partnership with ATEC Bangladesh for creating a carbon-neutral village in Mirpur, Kushtia.
- Footstep's dreamwater portable filter bagged the **Energy Globe Award** in **Water catagory** for its innovative project of employing people with renewable energy as well as conserving and protecting natural resource.





Access to Public Health and Hygiene is crucial for a community's wellbeing, for which Footsteps is dedicatedly working towards innovating and improving infrastructure and strategy which ensures people in the last mile have access to the affordable and effective public health services through its Shushasther Odhikar Shobar Health Program (SOS).

In 2022, SOS finally launched its Energise the Chain (EtC) initiative on ground after 2 years of research and groundwork. EtC focuses on empowering last mile health institutions with vaccine and medicine storage capacity, by integrating ice line refrigeration systems monitored using remote temperature sensors and powered by extended lines from nearby cell towers or solar. EtC is working with a number of pharmacies across Satkhira with its solution ensuring locals have access to critical vaccines and medication in their communities through these pharmacies. SOS also deployed 42 of its medical boxes with crucial medicine and tools in Rangpur, Rangamati and Satkhira to ensure families are able to tend to a wide variety of diseases and symptoms in their homes instead of rushing to hospitals.



In order to end period poverty for young girls across Bangladesh, SOS partnered with Bijoya to mobilise menstrual hygiene kits consisting of reusable sanitary pads which can last upto 1.5 years. SOS raised funds to deploy over 500 of these kits for young girls in Dhaka, Satkhira and Bagerhat, taking its first step towards ending period poverty in communities throughout Bangladesh.

Throughout the year, our changemakers on ground conducted various medical and hygiene camps for children in schools and families in disaster hit areas to not only ensure both awareness and diagnosis of their health conditions. During these camps, families were also provided with essential medication and hygiene goods to improve better health practices at home.

KEY FIGURE

37,456

PEOPLE IMPACTED THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IN 2022

2500

KN-95 MASKS DISTRIBUTED ACROSS FOUR DISTRICTS OF BANGLADESH

1150

EMERGENCY PACKAGES DISPERSED IN RESPONSE TO THE FLOOD CRISIS INSUNANGANJ AND KURIGRAM

1050

HYGIENE PRODUCTS
DISTRIBUTED AMONG STUDENTS
AND HOUSEHOLDS IN KUSHTIA,
CHATTAGRAM, AND JESSORE

200

S.O.S BIJOYA ECO-FRIENDLY REUSABLE PADS PROVIDED TO ADOLESCENT GIRLS

42

RURAL HOUSEHOLDS AND SCHOOLS WERE PROVIDED WITH S.O.S MEDICAL BOXES

03

ETC SITES DEPLOYED IN TALA, HUSHAS KALIGANJ, AND DEBHATA AR UPAZILA IN SATKHIRA DISTRICT





HIGHLIGHTS

- SOS finally launched its **Energise the Chain (EtC)** initiative on ground after 2
 years of research and groundwork.
- S.O.S deployed **42 medical boxes** with essential medical kits to empower families to attend to a wide range of medical emergencies and a variety of diseases.
- To end period poverty for young girls across Bangladesh, SOS partnered with **Bijoya** to mobilise **menstrual hygiene kits** consisting of reusable sanitary pads which can last upto 1.5 years.natural resource.

CHANGEMAKER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN 2022

CDP at Footsteps is designed to transform and expose youths in Bangladesh from various backgrounds to development field work and build resilient skills which help them develop professional skills in volunteering. This will help bring them under one platform to engage in campaigns and program development which will help them become contributing members of our society and prepare them for a journey in the development field.



MAJOR INVOLVEMENT IN 2022



Awareness Building: In 2022, Changemakers of Footsteps worked relentlessly in terms of creating awareness for better wash practices, public health precautions, climate action activities in schools, households and also in public places.



Fund Raising Activities: Through out the year more then 50 changemakers were activity participated in fundraising for different campaigns and projects especially in Ramadan Campaign and Sunamganj Emergency Flood Response.



Campaign and Event Activities: Every year footsteps conducts certain campaigns and events where changemakers play a significant role to make the initiative successful. In the 2022, 50 changemakers were actively participated in different campaign designing, execution and events planning for Footsteps.





ENSURING WASH PRACTICE IN SCHOOL THROUGH CULTURAL PROGRAMS

January 2022

The renowned Bangladeshi Canadian singer Issa Nibris Farooque, through his Farooque Bhai Project, paid a visit to KM Bashir Government Primary School, Lalbagh, South Dhaka, one of Trishna's impact schools. During his visit, he engaged in an enlightening session with the school children, raising awareness about the crucial role of safe water and good hygiene habits in maintaining overall health and well-being.

WARMING HEARTS DURING WINTER

January 2022

During winter the reality of a significant percentage of underprivileged people in Bangladesh is very harsh. To them winter is a time of hardship and suffering. They do not have access to warm clothes or blankets to protect them from the cold. Additionally, for the unprivileged, winter can also exacerbate underlying health issues and make it more difficult for them to access healthcare. Footsteps donated 800 blankets to provide warmth and comfort during these trying times. The blankets were donated in Kurigram, Satkhira and Kushtia District, where a significant number of people live under the poverty line and suffer from misery in the cold.





MASK DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

February 2022

In response to the spike in COVID-19 cases, our dedicated changemakers took action by providing KN-95 masks to members of our community in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus. Through our Shushasther Odhikar Shobar Program, in partnership with the It's Humanity Foundation (IHF), we were able to successfully distribute over 2,500 masks in Faridpur, Chittagong, Satkhira, and Kushtia.

DAY EVENT AT QRIUS

March 2022

Footsteps has participated in Dhaka local art fest hosted by Qrius. The event was a fusion of art and philanthropy, bringing people together to support a noble cause. The purpose of this event is to celebrate a new generation of local entrepreneurs, artists, musicians and artisans, as well as raise funds for Project Trishna. The event attracted a large turnout of supporters who donated towards the mission of Trishna. The funds were used to continue the important work of providing safe drinking water to communities in need. The event was a testament to the power of art and the positive impact it can have on society.





RAMADAN CAMPAIGN

April 2022

The month of Ramadan is a month of giving. Understanding this, Footsteps decided to hold its annual and biggest campaign during the month of Ramadan.

The campaign primarily aims to raise funds for Project Trishna. The planned activities include hosting ifter distribution programs, hosting information sessions for multinational corporations, contacting local companies for their corporate social responsibility funds, distribution of flyers by our changemakers, and door-to-door fundraising in specific residential areas. Another segment of the campaign was carried on social media. The campaign reached out to mass developing impactful content through previous stories of change and recent impact stories. The Ramadan campaign was successful and the fund raised through this campaign was used to install Tube Wells and water filtration systems in different areas of Bangladesh.

A MONTH-LONG IFTAR AND DOA MAHFIL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE

April 2022

During this Ramadan, Footsteps organised a month-long iftar and Doa Mahfil at Kushtia, Satkhira, Jessore, Chittagong, and Mozella for underprivileged people with FeedMe. This campaign's beneficiaries included low-wage workers, destitute children, madrasa personnel, and students. This initiative included healthy iftar from FeedMe and a collaborative effort of volunteers from Footsteps to eradicate the starvation among underprivileged people. 2000+ iftar boxes were distributed among marginalized people.





GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2022

October 2022

Footsteps in collaboration with Unilever and It's Humanity Foundation - IHF, celebrate this year's Handwashing Day in 4 schools to raise awareness about handwashing and hygiene maintenance. Our Changemakers conducted awareness-building sessions with 4000 students and parents regarding global handwashing day, proper handwashing behaviour, as well as its merits and demerits. Besides, the children made charts on the rules of hand washing and its significance that were hung on the classroom wall so they could keep track of their hand washing throughout the week at school and home. The purpose is to develop hygiene habits among children, educate the community on proper handwashing behaviour, and promote good health and well-being among students.

"BIJOY ANBE BIJOYA" CAMPAIGN

December 2022

Footsteps celebrated victory month with Bijoy Anbe Bijoya campaign to eradicate period poverty for marginalised girls. 20 influencers directly took part in raising funds for 600 adolescent girls in marginalised communities in Dhaka, Satkhira, and Bagerhat. This campaign aimed to bridge the gap between socially influential people and these young girls in a collaborative effort toward ending period poverty in Bangladesh.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2022

PROJECT TRISHNA

Gender Equity Toilets

Footsteps is working on designing a toilet model which tends to all kinds of sanitary and hygiene needs of male and female, which can be implemented in schools, public places and hospitals in rural communities.

SUSHASTHER ODHIKAR SHOBAR

Low-cost Ambulance for emergency transport of patients in rural settings

Footsteps has innovated a low-cost battery-operated easy bike ambulance for dedicated emergency transportation of critical patients from remote locations where formal medical facilities are too distant or the existing medical infrastructure is inadequate for the needs of the patient. The patient is transported to the nearest equipped healthcare centre for appropriate treatment.

Digitalization of Last Mile Pharmacies

Footsteps through its EtC model will be building the capacity of last mile pharmacies in managing their inventory using computers with customised software, creating access to doctors from reputed hospitals through online interface, and power pharmacies completely with solar.

DISASTER RESILIENCE PROGRAMME (DRP)

Climate Resilient Bazaar

Footsteps is designing a market infrastructure which is resilient to natural disasters like floods and cyclones. The Bazaar will have bathroom facilities, drinking water stations, shelter areas, clinic, storage for dry food and agricultural products and is fully powered by solar. The Bazaar will provide a place for people to take shelter and ensure the economy does not halt during events of natural disasters.

Disaster Preparedness Bag

Footsteps is designing a water proof bag which families can use to store, protect and mobilise cash, documents and other valuable items during natural disasters. The bag will also come with a booklet which provides guidance on what to do and items to store in case of a disaster emergency.

PRESS RELEASE



FE Financial Express

April 24, 2022

Spreading happiness through Project Trishna

Project Trishna, a venture of Footsteps Bangladesh, is working extensively to ensure access to safe water for the marginalised communities in the country.

To date, Footsteps impacted the lives of over 3,00,000 people in 27 different districts through its projects. Like every year, Footsteps has launched a month-long campaign in this holy month of Ramadan where they are accepting donations and Sadaqah from mass people.



The Baily Star

May 26, 2022

Footsteps co-founders make the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2022 list

Footsteps Bangladesh co-founders Shah Rafayat Chowdhury and Mohammad Taqi Yasir have been included in the Forbes 30 Under 30 List for Asia this year, in the Social Impact category.

Footsteps Bangladesh was established in 2013, with a vision to design social ventures "to empower marginalized communities across Bangladesh to access water and sanitation and address challenges of climate change and public health." The organisation addresses complex social challenges existing in our communities to change community mentality from aid dependency to self-reliance in order to create resilient and sustainable communities.



The Daily Star

May 31, 2022

Footsteps nurturing community resilience

As a non-profit initiative focused on overcoming a multitude of social challenges, Footsteps designs social ventures to address three key areas: water and sanitation, climate action, and public health. They work with marginalised communities by developing their capacity and transforming them from being dependent on aid to becoming self-resilient. Since 2013, Footsteps has impacted over 300,000 people across 27 districts in Bangladesh.community mentality from aid dependency to self-reliance in order to create resilient and sustainable communities.



The Daily Star

Jun 29, 2022

The youth steps forward for flood relief

The social organisation began its flood relief campaign on June 17. The entire team worked tirelessly to send emergency supply packages to at least 2,585 people in the most remote villages in Sunamganj and Sylhet under its Disaster Resilience Programme (DRP).

Launched in 2020, the DRP intends to aid and rehabilitate vulnerable communities experiencing various forms of disasters. The DRP team has designed two types of emergency packages; an emergency bucket of dry food, medicine, soap, lighters, torches and water for 340 families and another emergency bucket of groceries containing rice, potatoes, lentils and other survival tools for 300 families in Sunamganj. In addition, Footsteps also distributed around 2,100 cooked meals in the Derai and Tahirpur Upazila.



DhakaTribune

October 2, 2022

edotco partners with Footsteps to ensure safe vaccination in Satkhira

edotco Bangladesh, an integrated telecommunications infrastructure services company, has expanded its Tower to Community CSR program in healthcare by partnering with Footsteps Bangladesh.

The program will implement the Energize the Chain Bangladesh project; to ensure safe vaccination facilities for the underserved communities in Tala and Kalkini Upazilas of Satkhira district.



THE BUSINESS STANDARD

16 August, 2022

Footsteps Bangladesh's Shushasther Odhikar Shobar working to address pandemic-induced health crisis in Bangladesh

SOS, translating to "better health is a right for all", is a health programme that was initially executed to address the health crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The programme has now evolved to having five different components of various health initiatives, impacting over 4,701 people to date in last-mile communities.

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS IN 2022



Aqua for All

Footsteps has signed a partnership with Aqua for All ,the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs based donor agency, considered one of the biggest funders of water and sanitation in the globe working towards creating innovative, sustainable, and inclusive water and sanitation solutions worldwide, in alignment with SDG 6. Through this partnership, Aqua for All will be providing funding support to implement a new model for Dream Water Portable Filter, where surface water will be processed and sold to rural households through micro-entrepreneurs who will be utilising this product for their benefit on the ground. Meaningful partnerships such as this result in making an incredible impact that ensures access to safe drinking water for people who need it the most.



Bijoya

Footsteps Bangladesh has partnered with Bijoya. Bijoya produces reusable, budget-friendly hygienic menstrual pads for girls and has the capacity to manufacture and serve a large number of people. S.O.S. The Bijoya program is designed to provide women safety, privacy, and dignity by keeping their bodies and environment healthy. Footsteps and Bijoya, under the project of Shushather Odhikar Shobar aim to take responsibility for dignified menstruation, promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights for women and girls.



Planet Water Foundation

Footsteps partnered with Planet Water Foundation (PWF) - American based INGO working on alleviating the global water crisis by bringing clean water access and water-health and hygiene education programs to the world's most impoverished communities. Footsteps and Planet Water foundation installed AquaTowers are ensuring safe drinking water sources for 2500 children along with 7000 community people under the Project Trishna. The collaboration between Footsteps Bangladesh and Planet Water Foundation has been successful to establish a healthy source of drinking water for the school children and neighbouring communities.

FUNDING & STRATEGIC































































































2022'S RECOGNITION



Forbes 30 under 30 2022 Asia

In 2022, Cofounder & President Shah Rafayat Chowdhury and Vice President Mohammad Taqi Yasir got recognized across Asia-Pacific region for their innovation in the "Social Impact" category through Footsteps' multi-dimensional work in creating resilient youth changemakers and investing in solutions in the sectors of WASH, public health, and disaster response.

Forbes 30 Under 30 is a set of lists of people under 30 years old issued annually by Forbes magazine and some of its regional editions. This year Forbes featured 300 young entrepreneurs, leaders and trailblazers across the Asia-Pacific region, all under the age of 30, who are inspiring change and driving innovation in their respective fields amid the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.



One Young World Summit 2022

Shah Rafayat Chowdhury, Co-Founder and President of Footsteps Bangladesh, was chosen to be the flag bearer of Bangladesh at the One Young World Summit, the world's premier event for global young leaders, in Manchester, United Kingdom. On 5th September, Rafayat hoisted and waved the Bangladesh flag as the country's flag bearer at the Young World Summit.

The annual One Young World Summit brings together 2,000+ of the brightest young leaders from every country and sector, working to accelerate social impact both in-person and digitally. Delegates from 190+ countries are counselled by influential political, business, and humanitarian leaders to harness the knowledge and skills needed for being impactful change makers.



DYDF Youth Award

Footstep's Co-founder Shah Rafayat Chowdhury has received the Dhrubotara Youth Development Foundation (DYDF) Youth Icon Award from the Honourable Speaker of Parliament Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Honourable ICT State Minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak, and Honourable Minister of Science and Technology Yeasfesh Osman at the Bangladesh Youth Summit 2022, on behalf of Footsteps. The DYDF Youth Icon Award is awarded to those entities who are relentlessly working for youth empowerment which will bring positive changes in society to ensure a peaceful world. Footsteps received this national recognition under the Youth Innovation category for empowering communities with social technology, knowledge, and strategies, by mobilising the youth of Bangladesh.



Amader Somoy Youth Award 2022

In 2022, Co-founder Shah Rafayat Chowdhury was recognized as one of the eighteen youth icons of the country by the national daily Amader Somoy. Amader Shomoy awarded 18 individuals and organisations, including a student, for their outstanding contribution in entrepreneurship, sports, research, social work and acting.

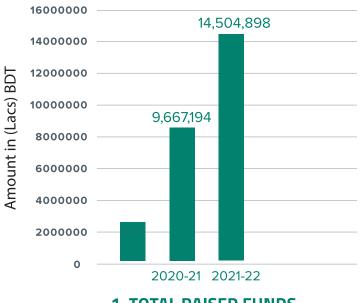


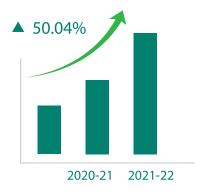
Energy Globe Award

Footstep's Dreamwater portable filter bagged the Energy Globe Award in Water catagory for its innovative project of employing people with renewable energy as well as conserving and protecting natural resource. Energy Globe Award is today's most prestigious environmental award. It is awarded annually to projects saving our environment by sustainable projects or campaigns for raising awareness in sustainability.

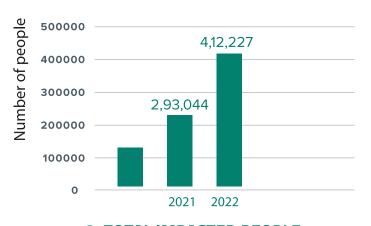
GROWTH COMPARISON

	2021	2022
DISTRICTS REACHED WITH INTERVENTION	27	33

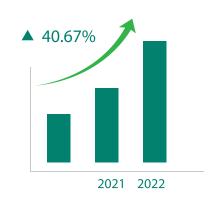




1. TOTAL RAISED FUNDS



1.1 GROWTH IN PERCENTAGE



2. TOTAL IMPACTED PEOPLE

2.1 GROWTH IN PERCENTAGE

MULTIMEDIA OUTREACH



Project Trishna- Ensuring safe water for children in Bangladesh with Shawn Mendes Foundation

In Bangladesh, many children lack access to safe drinking water, especially in marginalised communities. In partnership with The Shawn Mendes Foundation, Footsteps has ensured safe water for 427 children in Sylhet and Moulvibazar, the Northeastern part of Bangladesh, under Project Trishna.

Shawn Mendes, a philanthropist at heart, driven by his passion for social work. Through his organisation, the Shawn Mendes Foundation, he works towards building a better world. The foundation focuses on uplifting unprivileged communities by providing basic necessities and promoting climate resilience, globally and particularly in developing countries.



BUILDING VACCINE AND MEDICAL COLD CHAIN THROUGH POWER GENERATION

Owing to inadequate electricity supply in health centres in last mile communities, storage and distribution of vaccines and medicine has been very challenging in last mile communities which is creating a big negative impact on the entire health care system. For the very first in Bangladesh, Footsteps addressed this problem. Under the Shushasther Odhikar Shobar Program, Energize the Chain harnesses the power from cell towers and solar to create an uninterrupted power supply for medical refrigeration units. Through Energize the Chain model empowered rural health centre to create access to vaccination and medicines and play a role in building a reliable medical cold chain and improving public health for the last mile across Bangladesh. This video showcases that through Energize the Chain, Footsteps is bridging the gap between communities and the essential healthcare they deserve globally and particularly in developing countries.



Providing Sanitation Support for Flood-Affected Communities in Sunamganj and Sylhet

Sustainable WASH facilities are necessary in ensuring better sanitation and hygiene for communities, especially in climate vulnerable regions. Keeping this in mind, Footsteps has expanded its mission in creating better sanitation and hygiene facilities under Project Trishna. After the devastation caused by the flood in Sunamganj and Sylhet in June 2022, Footsteps in collaboration with Innovision Consulting decided to install portable toilets in schools, which can be mobilised during floods and can provide critical support to affected communities when it comes to sanitation.

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Fariha Nowshin Director, Fariha Group

It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of Footsteps' journey, where the team does athorough research on the needs of rural communities and addressing their social challenges. Footsteps does an incredible job in designing solutions in tackling poverty challenges of such communities for a lifetime, and such focus on empowerment and innovation is needed to build ourselves a better Bangladesh for all.

Agility, critical thinking and a heart full of belief- these are the virtues that I believe drive social change makers! I found them in bounty in Footsteps as we embarked on a small but important mission to support higher secondary schools in Sylhet with climate adaptive toilet system. We wish Footsteps a bright future ahead. We look forward to working together in our joint mission for an inclusive Bangladesh.



Rubbaiyat Sarwar Managing Director Innovision Consulting



The team at Footsteps are an inspiration to work with. Their drive and passion to solve local problems sustainably and at scale, and the wonderful results they achieve, show us what's possible when people truly commit to improving society.

Christey West, Chief of Impact Just peoples



The recent floods in our community highlighted the pressing need for access to proper sanitation facilities. Without a safe and hygienic option, residents were forced to use open spaces, lacking privacy and increasing the risk of health problems. This was especially challenging for women and children. We are grateful for the initiative that addressed this critical issue, providing much-needed support during times of disaster.

Mohammad Lutfar Rahman Head Teacher Bhatipara Government Primary School Derai, Sunamganj

I have never heard that a refrigerator can be run with the help of a mobile tower. The whole thing is very interesting. Now we know how to operate the freeze and how to take care of it. Before that we cannot preserve medicines. We had to go far by motorcycle to get a vaccine for the patient. But now we can preserve it in the freezer. Even though storms and rain can sometimes disrupt the power supply, we are confident that any issues can be quickly resolved with the help of Mehenaz Apu from Footsteps Bangladesh.



Monirul Islam
Bismillah Pharmacy
Tala, Satkhira



Rabeya Islam Head Teacher Diabari Government Primary School

"Access to safe water is essential for a healthy and thriving community, and it is particularly important for the well-being of children. Unfortunately, in Bangladesh, this has been a persistent challenge. Water is safe, life is safe" is more than just a phrase for us. It is a reality that Footsteps has made possible. Footsteps has filled that gap in our school. On behalf of all the students and teachers of the school, we express our sincere gratitude to Footsteps and wish it continued success.



Farhan Safkat Molla Changemaker Footsteps Bangladesh

I really feel honoured to work with footsteps and do something for the very betterment of our own society. Pride and joy fills my heart whenever I notice that people's lives are getting a little bit better because of my efforts.

I joined footsteps as a changemaker after my graduation. It helped me to build up my network with influential people by working on different projects with them. It allowed me to gain hands-on experiences which developed my professional skills. Also, it refined my skills in different fields including communication, fundraising, and leadership qualities which are the investments of the future.



Mehraj Changemaker Footsteps Bangladesh



Sadia Islam Changemaker Footsteps Bangladesh

Changemakers Development program (CDP) is a great opportunity for those who have a vision to change the world by working together and it is my own realisation. The professional yet friendly environment helped me understand how work-life functions and how to cooperate with my mentors and colleagues alike. Therefore, it helped me develop communication and teamwork skills while also enabling me to come out of my comfort zone to experience moments I would never have otherwise.



FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOOTSTEPS BANGLADESH

FOR THE YEAR July 2021 - June 2022



Footsteps Bangladesh Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June, 2022

	Notes	Amount in Taka	
	Notes	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21
PROPERTY & ASSETS			
Non - Current Assets :		146,224	127,023
Property, Plant & Equipments	4.00	146,224	127,023
Current Assets:		3,884,889	5,433,374
Advances, Deposits & Prepayments	5.00	55,531	50,933
Loan to Footsteps Foundation		680,000	500,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6.00	3,149,359	4,882,441
TOTAL ASSETS		4,031,114	5,560,397
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			
Funds:		3,881,114	5,400,397
Surplus Fund		3,881,114	5,400,397
Reserve Fund	l	-	-
Current Liabilities		150,000	160,000
Accrued for Expenses	7.00	150,000	160,000
TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES		4,031,114	5,560,397

The notes are integral part of the Financial Statements.

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of Trustee on 22 December, 2022 and signed for and on behalf of the Board :

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As per our report of even date

Mohammad Ata Karim & Co. Chartered Accountants

Date: 22 December, 2022

Place: Dhaka.

Footsteps Bangladesh Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 2022

	Natar	Amoun	t in Tk
	Notes	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21
INCOME			
Donation		14,504,898	9,667,194
Interest on Bank Accounts		30,659	4,972
Total Income		14,535,557	9,672,166
EXPENDITURE			
Project Expenses		14,152,997	2,941,695
Administrative Expenses	8.00	1,901,843	1,768,103
Total Expenditure		16,054,840	4,709,798
Net surplus for the year		(1,519,283)	4,962,367
		14,535,557	9,672,166

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Footsteps Bangladesh Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 30 June, 2022

RECEIPT	Amount i 30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21
Cash in Hand	283,517	59,017
Cash at Bank:		
United Commercial Bank Ltd - 201-60	3,451,041	293,955
City Bank Ltd-48001	1,147,883	-
Total Cash & Bank Receipt (A)	4,882,441	352,972
Donation:		
Donation	14,504,898	9,667,194
Total Donation Receipt (B)	14,504,898	9,667,194
Other Income	20.650	4.072
Bank Interest	30,659	4,972
Total Other Receipt (C)	30,659	4,972 10,025,138
Total Receipt (A+B+C)	19,417,998	10,025,136
EXPENDITURE		
Project Cost		
Project Expenses	14,152,997	2,941,695
Total Project Expense (A)	14,152,997	2,941,695
Administrative Expense		
Salary and Allowance	1,523,563	1,410,895
Utilities	32,210	25,410
Office Rent	144,000	144,000
Conveyance Bill	55,025	45,412
Entertainment	9,865	7,540
Miscellanious Expenses	33,652	25,412
Consumeable Goods	4,521	3,562
Stationery Expenses	36,521	27,450
Repair & Maintenance	12,532	8,542
Total Administrative Expense (B)	1,851,889	1,698,223



Other Expenditure		
Bank Charge	8,505	2,033
Legal Expense	-	-
Due Audit Fees Payment	30,000	-
Advance Income Tax on Bank Interest	4,598	746
Total Other Payment (C)	43,103	2,779
Fixed Assets Purchases (D)	40,650	-
Payment to Footsteps Foundation (E)	180,000	500,000
Cash in Hand	420,600	283,517
Cash at Bank:		
United Commercial Bank Ltd - 201-60	1,327,884	3,451,041
City Bank Ltd-48001	1,400,874	1,147,883
Total Cash & Bank Payment (F)	3,149,359	4,882,441
Total Payment (A+B+C+D+E+F)	19,417,998	10,025,138

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