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Reflections from the Executive Director



Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to present to you the integrated annual report of Anandalok Trust for Education and Development for the year 2023. This report contains an overview of those activities accomplished by Anandalok Trust last year highlighting key programme achievements, the challenges faced and learnings.

During this period, we focused on organisational strengthening, resource mobilization for the sustainability of Anandalok Schools and ensure quality and inclusive education for the marginalized children from underserved regions. Two major ongoing education projects, “Future-oriented and high-quality education in disaster-prone areas of Bangladesh” and “Secondary School Enrollment of Girls” have been implementing to bring about a positive sustainable impact in the lives of project beneficiaries.

On behalf of all project beneficiaries, counterparts, partners, collaborators and staffs of Anandalok Trust, I am very pleased to extend our warm and heartfelt thank you for standing with us throughout 2023 despite all challenges and hard times. We immensely appreciate your commitment to the work that we do together and that enables us to deliver support to all our beneficiaries in need.

My sincere appreciation to all well-wishers, donors, staff, board and the local communities that made our work possible. Our initiatives would have not been possible without your personal commitment, your investment of time and money, your creativity, and your loyalty.

We have been doing everything in our power to ensure quality education and sustainable livelihoods, but it is your support that provides the impetus for everything we do.

Please stay by our side and Join US in our future endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamsul Huda', written in a cursive style.

Md. Shamsul Huda
Executive Director

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About Anandalok Trust

Who We Are



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Anandalok Trust

Anandalok Trust for Education and Development in short (AT), a national non-profit organization was established with the aim to creating opportunities of child-friendly quality education for out-of-school

children in Bangladesh. Anandalok Trust also strives for poverty alleviation and the benefit of the grassroots by imparting new technologies, ideas, research, dissemination and the application contributing towards social and economic development.

Objectives

Major objectives of the organisation include:

- To facilitate education institutions all over the country for children who have less access to education, particularly from marginalised communities and in geographically remote places.
- To convey non-discriminatory values and to sustainably foster inclusive and equitable quality education to all children in Bangladesh and also promote the concept at national and international level.
- To promote arts and science and advancements of knowledge on literature and other areas which will promote the well-being of human beings.
- To conduct research on environment, economy, education, science and technology, art and culture, literature, human rights including indigenous community, women, children, health & population and various important issues to serve public interest



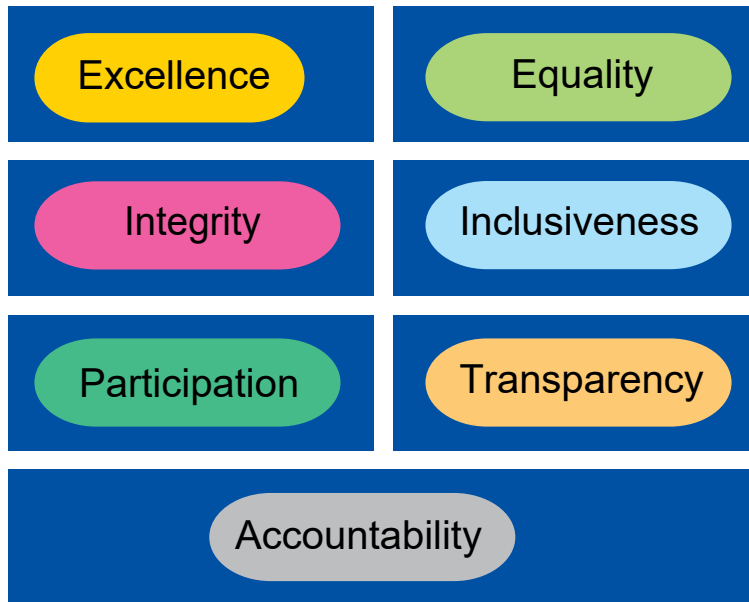
The goal of Anandalok Trust is to develop enlightened, critically aware and skilled human resources in Bangladesh

Legal Status

Anandalok Trust is registered with the following authorities of the Government of Bangladesh

Legal Registration			
SL #	Name of Registration Authority	Registration No	Registration Year
1	Joint Stock Company Registration (Society Act)	13798	2022
2	NGO Affairs Bureau	3297	2022

Core Values



Project Area Coverage

District	Upazilla
Kushtia	Khoksha, Kumarkhali, Kushtia Sadar & Mirpur
Nilphamari	Domar, Jaldhaka & Nilphamari Sadar
Panchagarh	Debigonj

Highlights 2023

In 2023, the main priorities of Anandalok Trust were

<p>01 Organisational Development</p>  <p>Organization Development</p>	<p>02 Inclusive Quality Education</p> 	<p>03 Sustainability of Annadalok Schools</p> 
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Taking into consideration the rapid changing environments in terms of the country's economic growth and different socio-economic challenges and the Government of Bangladesh's Vision 2021 & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) AT has identified these thematic areas to intervene with a view to ensure the journey of the organisation smoothly and to deliver the best services for its beneficiaries

The rights- perspective changed the way of operations, since the organisation became more of a facilitator or co-creator in the development process, instead of an implementing organisation. Close working relationship with the respective education authorities' at district level, as well as with other non-governmental organisation, community based organisations, local administrations and the communities themselves were established for achieving better results and ensuring sustainability. Anandalok Trust received immense support and cooperation from the local community to achieve the priority results. AT has adopted a holistic approach to attain better results for the most vulnerable communities in their quest to fulfill their basic rights to education, health, protection and improved livelihoods.

Organisational Development

Until now Anandalok Trust facilitated the establishment and operation of 34 Anandalok Schools in close cooperation with local communities and NGOs by the support of international funding. AT is comprised of diverse people who commonly have a passion for education and they have become Trustees with very strong professional backgrounds. Since 2008, before being formally registered as an organisation in 2017, AT staff have been providing technical supports for improvement in different areas like teaching-learning methods, capacity building of teachers and staff members to strengthen the operation of Anandalok Schools.

AT is also working actively to mobilise local communities, volunteers and private supporters, regular donors for ensuring sustainability of all Anandalok Schools at five districts in Bangladesh.

Milestones in 2023

- Human Resource Manual
- Policy of Local Donation
- Financial and Accounting Manual
- Child Protection Policy

Income Generating Activity

In 2022, Anandalok Trust started a Fruit garden in its own land in Domar, Nilphammari. More than 1000 mango and plum (Alubukhara) trees are planted in 230 acre area for income generation.



Inclusive Quality Education Programme



Students are enjoying classroom activities

Inclusive and equitable quality education is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: it is identified as a discrete goal (Sustainable Development Goal 4) and is also present as targets under other SDGs. According to the SDG 4 goal, all girls and boys complete primary and secondary school by 2030. But the recent scenario is not satisfactory as millions of children are still out of education due to various socio-economic and geographic factors. Education as a fundamental human right is to be achieved and fulfilled leaving no one behind.

Under Inclusive Education Programme, Annadalok Trust is implementing three projects

01

Future-Oriented and High-Quality Education in Disaster-Prone Areas of Bangladesh (SWAPNO)

02

Secondary School Enrollment of Girls

03

Educational Prospects for Children from Marginalized Groups – Quality Education, Safe Schools, Active Civil Society (SATIRTHO)

1. SWAPNO Project

Project Name:

Future-Oriented and High-Quality Education in Disaster-Prone Areas of Bangladesh (Swapno)

Project Duration:

Four years (March 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025)

Funded by:

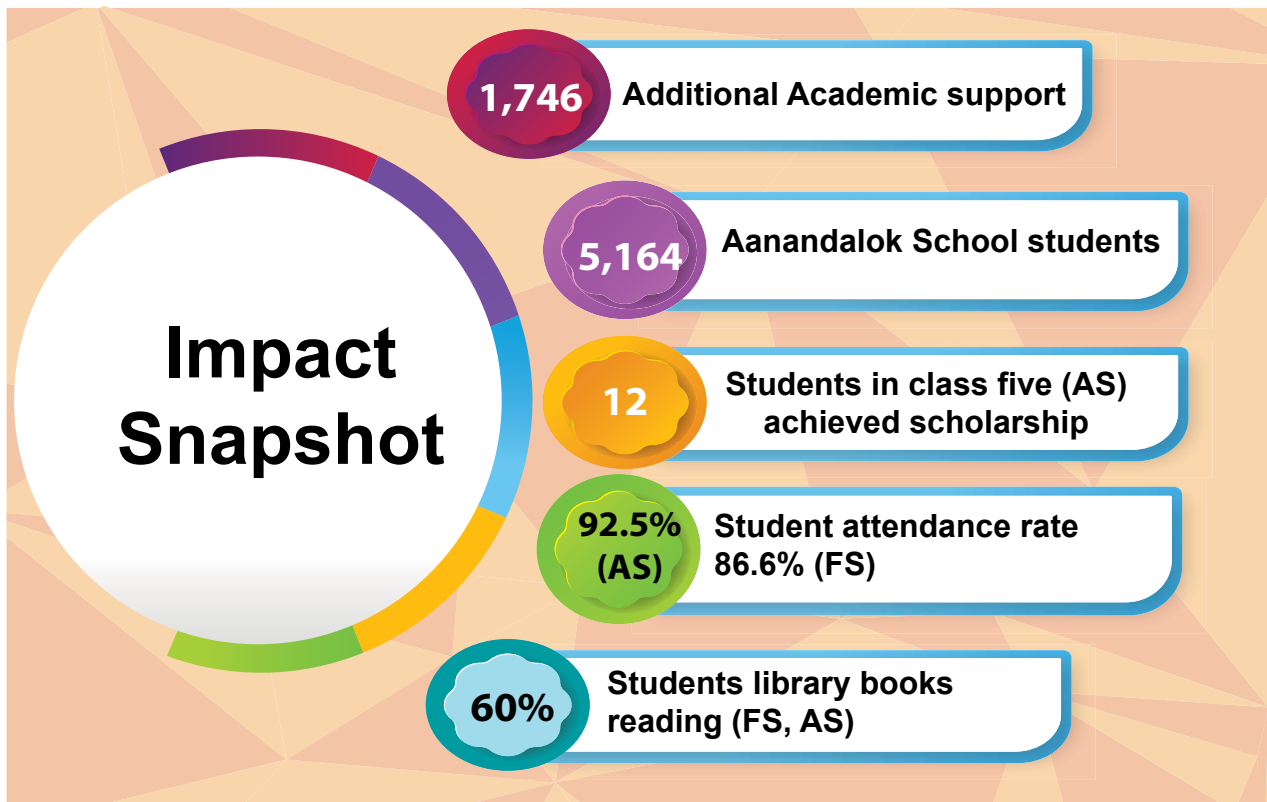
BMZ & NETZ Partnership for Development and Justice

Jagorani Chakra Foundation (JCF) was established in 1977 and works for the socio-economic and cultural rights of marginalized communities. A main focus of the organisation is the education sector (from primary to adult education)

JCF is operating 9 Anandalok Schools in three upazilas of Rangpur districts under SWAPNO project with a coverage of 1382 students (2023)

Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK) was founded in 1984 and works for the inclusion and empowerment of people living in extreme poverty using a rights-based approach.

GUK is operating 11 Anandalok Schools in four upazilas of Gaibandha districts under SWAPNO project with a coverage of 1742 students (2023)



Anandalok Schools

A centre for child-friendly quality education 'Anandalok School' is a teaching and learning concept of value-based child-centered quality primary education to all children. The purpose is to preparing the next generation of nation builders from rural Bangladesh.



Wahidul Haque Anandalok School



Rabindranath Anandalok School

Anandalok School strives to be the best institution for rural children irrespective of the economic status, religious background and perceived social status of their families. 34 Anandalok schools are running at present with 5,164 students, located in the districts of Gaibandha, Kushtia, Nilphamari, Panchagarh and Rangpur since 2008.

Primary Schools

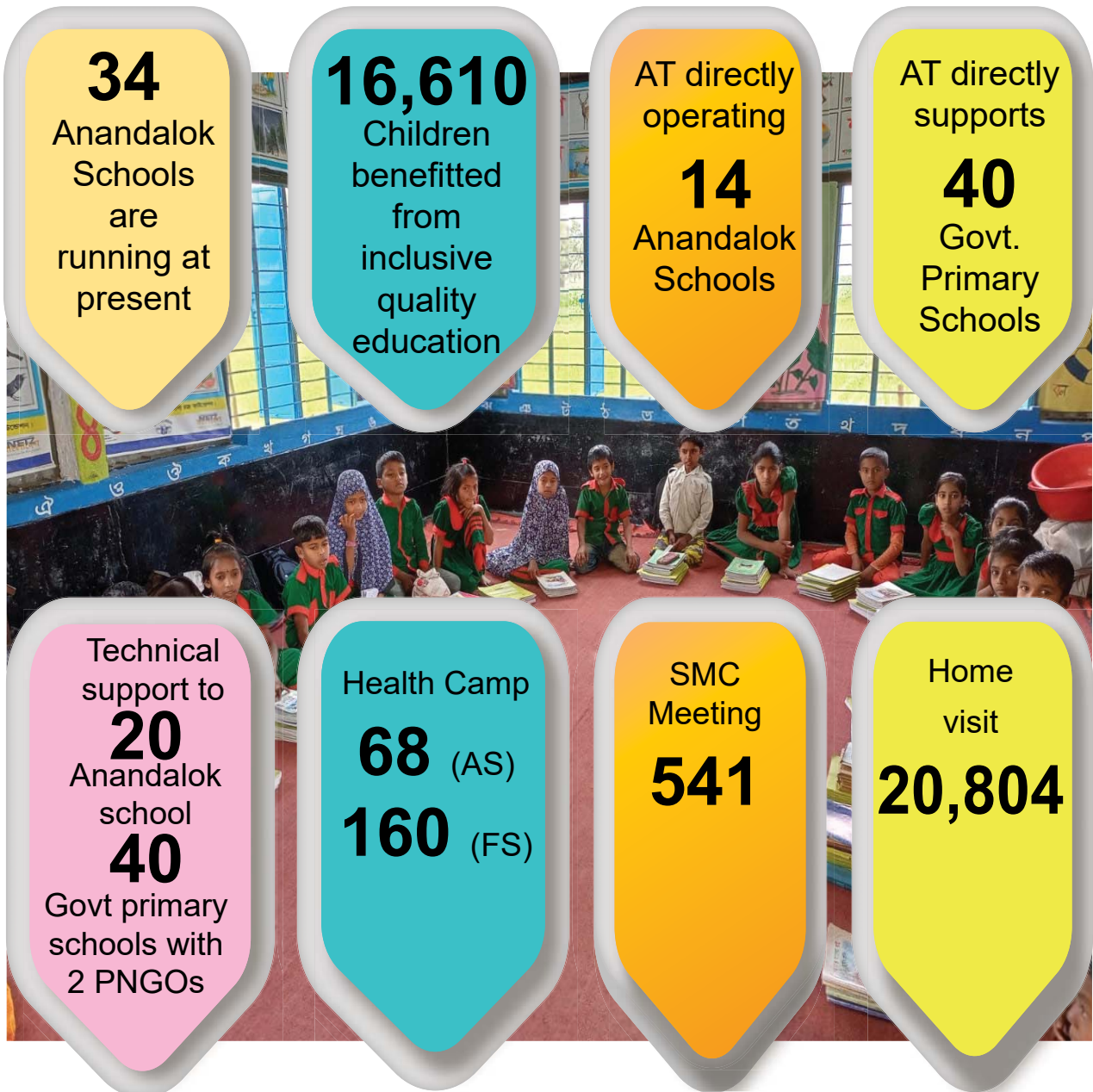
Anandalok Trust is directly supporting 40 government primary schools to improve the quality of education, reduce the dropout rate, and activate school management committees to increase community participation in monitoring schools.

The concept behind this initiative includes the establishment of pre-schools, strengthening community involvement and local advocacy through Education Development Committees (EDC), and providing renovation costs and educational materials as needed. Additionally, Education Support Officers (ESO) are deployed to ensure the smooth implementation and ongoing support for these programs, fostering a sustainable and enriched learning environment for the children.



Lokkichap Janglipara Govt. Primary School

SWAPNO Overview 2023



Success Story

Sohag's journey towards education

In the village of Dangipara, under the Debiganj Upazila in Panchagarh District, Sohag Islam was born into a poor family. His father's name is Abdul Kashem Ali, and his mother is Shahina Begum.

Despite facing financial difficulties, initially enrolled in class one at Ila Mitra Anandalok School in 2017. Unfortunately, during this time, his father passed away, making it challenging for Sohag to continue attending school. To contribute to the family income, he engaged in various activities like farming chili, corn, and peanuts in neighbouring houses as labourer.

The money earned from these activities was handed over to his mother, who was delighted with the additional income. As a result, Sohag continued to contribute to the family income in this manner. Eventually, due to financial constraints, Sohag had to drop out of school temporarily and became involved in child labour in the village.



Under the Anandalok Trust's project, field staff regularly monitor school attendance and compile a list of irregular students. After identifying Sohag, the staff visited his house to discuss the importance of education with him and his mother. Realizing the significance of education, Sohag decided to re-enroll in school. With support from the Anandalok Trust, he resumed his education and progressed to the fourth grade, showing a commitment to his studies. Sohag's mother, with a better understanding of the importance of education, played a crucial role in his return to school. Sohag was eventually enrolled in the fourth grade and continued his education, passing the fifth and continuing study in high school. We hope for a bright future for Sohag Islam in all aspects of his life.

2. Secondary School Enrollment of Girls Project

Bangladesh has the highest rate of child marriage in the world, highlighting the need for programmes that help girls transition seamlessly to secondary education to prevent child marriages and dropouts. Financial instability in Bangladesh's remote areas further exacerbates the risk of young girls being married off early and also for child labour. To address these challenges, the Anandalok School provides targeted girl students with educational materials and support to help them enroll in secondary schools and continue their education. The importance of secondary education for girls is emphasised in parents and SMC meetings, at 114 schools (34 Anandalok Schools & 80 Govt Primary Schools). To motivate the students, counselling sessions with class IV and V are conducted regularly. Staff receive training on project implementation mechanisms and facilitate awareness sessions and counselling.

Secondary School Enrollment of Girls

Funded by: German Doctors

Duration: April 2023- March 2025

The objective of the Project:
The project aims to improve the access to secondary schools for girls of remote areas and to decrease early marriage among the girls.



Success Story

An End to Child Marriage: Asha Moni's Rebellion

Asha Moni was born in the village of Char Ishorkol in Gangachara Upazila of Rangpur district. Her father's name is Md. Asadul Islam and her mother's name is Mst. Lucky Begum. She is one of six members of her family, with Asha being the second among her siblings. Asha Moni's father is a day labourer, and their family relies solely on the income from their small homestead. In 2022, Asha successfully passed from Kasim Uddin Anandalok School. As the ex-students of Anandalok schools are well attached to the school, so if any kind of incident happens they are informed as well. In 2023, she passed the sixth grade at Char Ishorkol High School. Due to financial difficulties, Asha's father was unable to afford the education expenses for his children.

At this point, discussions about Asha's marriage began in her family. Therefore, her father took the initiative to discuss Asha's marriage with the local community to secure financial support. The matter came to the attention teacher and education supervisor of Kasim Uddin Anandalok School. Along with other teachers and the supervisor, visited Asha's home to address the issue of child marriage. They explained the consequences of child marriage and persuaded Asha's father to reconsider. Understanding the gravity of the situation, Asha's father decided to call off his daughter's marriage. Later on, Asha was enrolled in school as per normal practice. Asha's father mentioned that until the age of 18, and until the girl is established, marriage is not considered.



Counselling session with girls



Counselling session with boys



Published guideline

3. Educational Prospects for Children from Marginalized Groups – Quality Education, Safe Schools (SATIRTHO)

Active Civil Society (SATIRTHO) project is funded by NETZ Partnership for Development and Justice e.V. Teachers, civil society, and public authorities will be strengthened to ensure the Right to Education for children from marginalised groups in three remote districts of Bangladesh under this project . The target beneficiaries of this project are 30,000 children from 120 govt. primary schools



2023 Activities Photo Album



Pre-class students



Day Celebration



Pohela Boishakh celebration



Health Camp



Award receiving



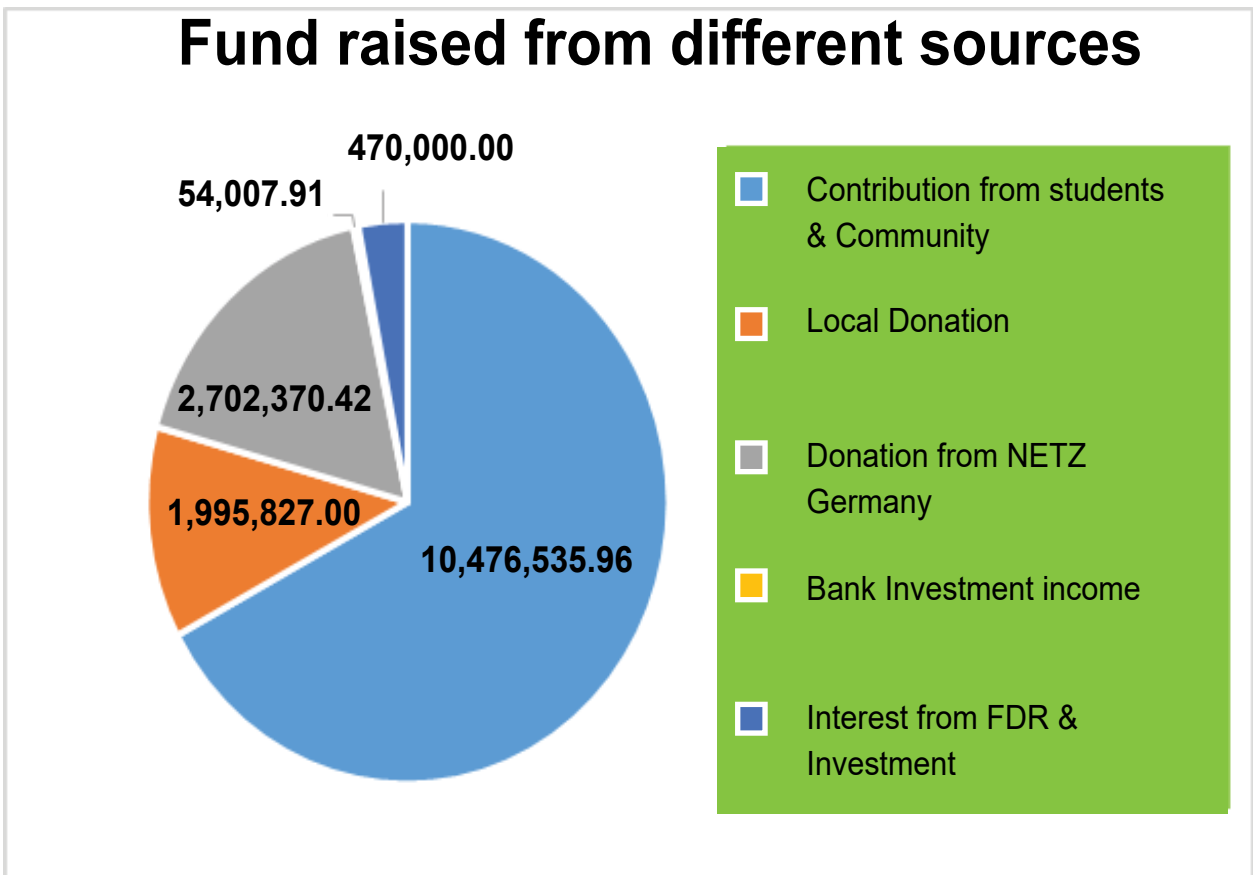
Annual planning and review workshop of Teachers

Sustainability of Anandalok Schools

Ensuring the sustainability of the Anandalok Schools is a major challenge. To address this challenge, a comprehensive fundraising strategy was developed in 2023 highlighting the major sources of revenue from home and abroad for the sustainability of the Anandalok Schools.

The existing fundraising strategy is based on three pillars: 1. income from the school fund, which is managed by the AT; 2. donations and contributions from the local population; 3. donations and grants from Bangladeshi and international sources for the fund and for specific schools.

The fundraising strategy included, quarterly half-day fundraising events at the local level and national level.



Fund Raising Activities

04 Annual Gathering at local level



01

Annual Gathering at national level



200

Individual donor reached



Fundraising Strategy development

IEC Materials produced

Social Platform & Visibility strengthened

Financial Report 2023

Anandalok Trust for Education and Development
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023

Particulars	Notes	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022
Non-Current Assets			
FDR		9,400,000.00	00
Investment	11	4,500,000.00	4,500,000
Total non-current Assets		13,900,000.00	
Current Assets			
Loans to others	12	00	5,000.00
Loans & Advances	13	694,930.00	765,921.00
Cash & cash equivalent	14	777,537.17	5,493,568.00
Total current assets		1,472,467.17	6,264,489.00
Total property & assets		15,372,467.17	10,764,489.00
Funds & Liabilities			
Fund Account	15	197,733.79	4,044,121.00
Local Fund account	16	15,174,733.38	6,670,368.00
Total Fund		15,372,467.17	10,714,489.00
Current Liabilities			
Provision for audit fees	17	00	50,000.00
Total Current Liabilities		00	50,000.00
Total Fund & Liabilities		15,272,477.17	10,764,489.00

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Statement of Income & Expenditure
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Particulars	Notes	1 January 2023 – 30 Dec 2023	1 January 2022 – 30 Dec 2022
Income			
Others Income	24	00	3,088.276
Interest from Investment	19	470,000.00	920,000.00
Bank Interest		54,007.91	32,320.00
Fund Receive From NETZBO for Protection Measures (Wahedul Hoque AS and Training Centre)		925,349.00	00
Total Income		1,449,357.00	
Expenditure			
Personnel	22	100,000.00	638,498.00
Administrative Cost	23	73,712.00	80,795.00
Food support to students	24	00	3,088,276.00
Consultant cost	25	69,000.00	368,000.00
Non-administrative Expenses		304,945.00	00
Fund Receive From NETZBO for Protection Measures (Wahedul Hoque AS and Training Centre)		925,349.00	00
Other Expenses		417,970.00	00
Total Expenditure		1,890,976.00	4,175,569.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Excess of income over expenditure		(441,619.09)	(134,973.00)
Total		1,449,356.91	

Executive Committee



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Member



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Development Partners

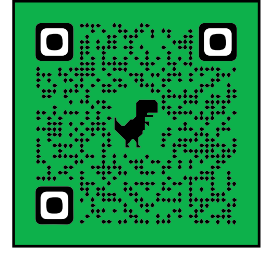


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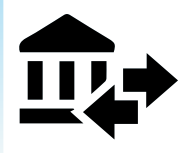
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