

Aragati Seba Sangstha

Annual Report-2024



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Basic information

1. Name of the Organization : **Aragati Seba Sangstha (A S S)**
 2. Acronym : **A S S**
 3. Address of the Organization: **Head office**
Jangua, Nowakandi, Moulovi bazar
P.O: Baterchar, Upazila: Belabo
District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh.
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5. Date of commencement : January 2003

Years in Existence : 21

6. Legal status:

Name of Institution	Registration Number	Issue Date	Status
Department of Social Service, Ministry of Social welfare, Bangladesh	NA-0316	05-06-2003	Updated
NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister Office, Bangladesh	2592	29-08-2010	Updated
Microcredit Regulatory Authority(MRA), Bangladesh	00648-01479- 00672	12-12-2012	Updated

7. Nature of organization

N G O

A non-profitable, non-political, non-governmental voluntary development organization.

8. CORE VALUES

Aragati seba Sangstha (ASS) is a value driven organization. It strongly believes that values are the foundations on which an organization is based and these represent the core beliefs and convictions of an organization. In fact, they describe what the organization stands for. Values establish moral and ethical priorities, which serve to guide all organizational activities. The organizational principles, standards and qualities are also reflected through its practicing values. ASS has identified the following organizational core values and it places equal importance on all these aspects.

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Participation
- Cooperation
- Credibility
- Equality
- Innovation
- Dynamism
- Professionalism
- Secular and democratic environment
- Gender responsive
- Environment friendly

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

GENESIS OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Aragati Seba Sangstha (ASS) is a nongovernment; non profitable, nonpolitical and voluntary development organization was established in 2003. It was then registered with Department of Social Service under Ministry of Social welfare. A group of social activist found that underprivileged section of the people like hardcore poor and poor people, women, girls, marginal farmer and business people are living under poverty line due to lack awareness, knowledge, skill and financial capital. They had daily food crisis, poor health and sanitation, substandard housing, inadequate education and medical treatment. They were also less social dignity. They were not organized and lack of leadership. Government services were very less and sometimes it was not reached at all to the real people. In this context ASS was established. Later on, the organization was registered with Department of social Service under Ministry of Social welfare, Bangladesh. Later on it also registered with NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh and Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA), Bangladesh.

VISION

Aragati Seba Sangstha (ASS) envisages poverty free, prosperous. Judge and harmonious society where people will live in peace with human dignity in environmental sound earth.

MISSION

Aragati Seba Sangstha (ASS) raises people's awareness on socio-economic issues, organize and build up people capacity to implement development activities for their sustainable self-reliant development.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Target people will have proper knowledge, skill and attitude, so that they will organize and engage in development activities
- The beneficiaries will have easy access to basic services provided by government and non-government service providers
- Target people will have microfinance opportunities for eradicate poverty through implementing different income generating activities
- Women will be empowered through having access to services, participate in decision making and enjoying rights and entitlements
- Ensure Community people's participation in mobilize the local resources to implement integrated rural development.
- Poverty alleviation of target people through implementing different Income generating activities (IGAs)
- Ensure standard housing for its target people
- Enhance beneficiaries Access to safe water and sanitation
- To build disability inclusive society and protect rights of Persons with disabilities
- Mitigation and Adaptation in Climate change
- Response to Natural and artificial Disaster
- Empowerment of women through raising voice, building capacity and involving them in power structure and IGAs
- Protect the rights of children and women
- To provide legal support to the target people

TARGET GROUPS

- The poorest of the poor
 - The poor people
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Children
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- Women
- Marginal farmer
- Marginal business people
- Ethnic people
- General people
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GEOGRAFICAL COVERAGE

District	Upazila/Sub-district	Union	Village
Narsingdi	Belabo	8	35
	Raipura	24	80
	Shibpur	11	25
	Narsingdi Sadar	8	27
Kishoreganj	Bhairab	7	36
	Katiyadi	12	60
	Pakondia	7	30
	Kuliarchar	9	35
Narayanganj	Arihajar	3	20
Total	6	89	348

BRANCH OFFICE

Branch No	Name of Branch	Address of office
1	Narayanpur Belabo	Jangua, Nowakandi, Moulovi bazar P.O: Bater char, Upazila: Belabo, District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Cell no -01404026201
2	Musapur Raipura	Village- Musapur, Post- Paglabazar, Upazila-Raipura, District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Cell no; 01404026202
3	Tolatoli Raipura	Tolatoli, P.O. Tolatoli, Upazila: Raipura District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Mobile: 01404026203
4	Porandiya, Shibpur	Porandiya, Shibpur, P.O: Shibpur, Upazila: Shibpur, District: Narsingdi, Mobile: 01404026204
5	Hasimpur Raipura	Hasimpur, P.O: Hasimpur Bazar, Upazila: Raipura, District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Mobile: 01404026205
6	Foridpur, Kuliarchar	Foridpur, P.O: Nalbaid, Upazila: Koliarchar, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026206
7	Bhairab , Bhairab	Bhairab P.O: Bhairab , Upazila: Bhairab, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026207
8	Baroicha ,Belabo	Baroicha, P.O: Dewanerchar, Upazila: Belabo, District: Narsingdi. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026208
9	Shreenagor ,Raipura	Shreenagor, P.O. Shayedbad, Upazila: Raipura District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Mobile: 01404026209
10	Adiabab ,Raipura	Adiabab, P.O. Radhagonj, Upazila: Raipura District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Mobile: 01404026210
11	Kuliarchar Sadar, Kuliarchar	Kuliarchar, P.O: Borgarchar, Upazila: Koliarchar, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026211
12	Shimulkandi ,Bhairab	Imamerchar, P.O: Shimulkandi , Upazila: Bhairab, District:

		Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026212
13	Narsingdi Sadar	U M C Road, Shatirpara, Narsingdi Sadar, Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026213
14	Bateshwar, Belabo	Bateshwar, P.o: Amlabo, Thana: Belabo, Dist: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026214
15	Agorpur, Kuliarchar	Agorpur Bazar, Kuliarchar, Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026215
16	Narayanpur-2	Jangua, Nowakandi, Moulovi bazar P.O: Bater char, Upazila: Belabo, District: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh. Cell no; 01404026216
17	Hasnabad	Amirgonj, P.oRaipura, Dist: Narsingdi, Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026217
18	Pachrukhi	pachrukhi, P.o:Arihajar, Dist:narayangonj,Country:Bangladesh Mobile :01404026221
19	Katiyadi	Katiyadi Sadar , P.O: Katiyadi, Upazila: Katiyadi, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026218
20	Gocihata	Gacihata, Upazila: Katiyadi, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026219
21	Kaliyachapra	Kaliyachapra, P.O: Katiyadi, Upazila: Katiyadi, District: Kishoreganj. Country: Bangladesh Mobile: 01404026220

STAFF POSITION (As On June-2024)

Sl.No.	Category	Male	Female	Total
1	Managerial Staff	31	0	31
2	Program Staff	3	2	5
3	Field staff	23	39	62
4	Supporting staff	2	0	2
Total		59	41	100

Female and persons with disabilities are being given priority in staff recruitment.

INFORMATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Sl. No.	Branch Name	Bank Name	Branch Name	Account No.
1	Head office	Southeast bank	Doina, Dhaka	11100000402
2	Headoffice	Dutch-Bangla bank	Velanogar, Narsingdi	2491200000628
3	Headoffice	Basic Bank	Narsingdi	1910010005703
4	Headoffice	Exim bank	Morjal, Narsingdi	111000800928
5	Headoffice	Southeast bank	Doina, Dhaka	00721110000043
6	Headoffice	Bengal Bank	Velanogar, Narsingdi	1010141000802
7	Narayanpur-2	Sonali Bank	Bakharnagar, Raipura	1718200000047
8	Musapur	Agrani Bank	Pagla Bazar, Raipura	0200016323702
9	Tolatuly	Pubali Bank	Raipura, Narsingdi	4725901006089
10	Shibpur	NRB Commercial Bank	Eatokhola, Narsingdi	503433300000956
11	Shibpur	IFIC Bank	Shibpur, Narsingdi	0100100429041
12	Hasimpur	Pubali Bank	Raipura, Narsingdi	4725901006599
13	Foridpur	Pubali Bank	Belabo, Narsingdi	0630901006334
14	Bhairab	Premier Bank	Bhairab, Kishoregonj	8011100002226
15	Baroicha	IFIC Bank	Baroicha, Narsingdi	0190250817001
16	Shreenagor	Sonali Bank	Bagikandi, Raipura	1715202000110
17	Adiabad	IFIC Bank	Adiabad, Narsingdi	0190290854001
18	Kuliarchar	Premier Bank	Kuliarchar, Kishorgonj	0011100000320

19	Shimulkandi	Premier Bank	Kuliarchar, Kishorgonj	1811112334,
20	Narsingdi	Pubali Bank	Narsingdi Sadar	0722102001329,
21	Belabo	Pubali Bank	Belabo, Narsingdi	4630102000178,
22	Agorpur	Agrani Bank	Bazipur, Kishorgonj	0200019374395,
23	Narayanpur-2	Pubali Bank	Baroicha, Narsingdi	4630102000151,
24	Hasnabad	IFIC Bank	Raipura, Narsingdi	0100150132001,
25	Baroicha	Pubali Bank	Baroicha, Narsingdi	4630102000160,
26	Narayanpur-1	Pubali Bank	Baroicha, Narsingdi	4630102000197,
27	Katiyadi	Pubali Bank	Katiyadi, Kishorgonj	45509010,
28	Panchrukhi	Midland Bank	Banti ,Aeihajar	0012109000551,
29	Kaliyachapra	Pubali Bank	pakundiya,kishorgonj	1640102002218,

DONOR/DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

- Department of Women Affairs/GoB
- Bangladesh Bank [Grihyon Tohabil]/GoB
- Department of Health/GoB
- Southeast Bank Limited
- Department of Women Affairs (VGD)

Previous Donor/Partner:

- NGO Forum for Safe Water Supply & Sanitation
- Department of Social services/GoB

Note: GoB- Government of Bangladesh

Member of Network/Forum:

Network/Forum	Identity
Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB)	Association of NGO's in Bangladesh
NGO Forum for Safe Water Supply & Sanitation	Department of Public Health & Education a National Public Health control Sector.
Credit and Development Forum (CDF)	A Non-Govt. credit development & Management Organization
Narsingdi Jela Secchasebi Somonnoy Songstha	A local NGO Coordination

PROGRAM OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organization undertakes program through a strategic planning at the aim to develop socio-economic status of targeted people as well as nation building through poverty eradication and upholds social development of people. These programs will be implemented through implementing different projects/activities upon having funds.

ASS has undertaken following program intervention;

- Microfinance
- Education
- Health
- Water & Sanitation
- Rural Housing
- Livelihood program
- Women empowerment
- Children and women right
- Disability Development
- Environment preservation
- Disaster management
- Legal Aid
- Training and capacity building
- Advocacy & Networking

PROGRAM INTERVENTION APPROACH

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) recognizes participatory development process. It has been implementing program interventions based on its beneficiaries need. Various types of approach should be undertaken where and when necessary to match its mission. Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) mainly emphasizes on the following approaches;

- Participatory development process
- Awareness raising of the people on social and economic issues
- Form people group and capacity building.
- Provide life skill training to people
- Right based approach
- Provide Need based support to people
- Develop social changing agent
- Develop Partnership with local/national/international development agencies
- Advocacy and Networking

ONGOING PROGRAM/PROJECTS

Sl.No	Name of the project
1	Microfinance program
2	Rural Housing project
3	Support to Pregnant women for normal growth and safe delivery
4	Establish education institution for rural children
5	Improving public health through awareness raising to target people
6	Access to safe water and Sanitation
7	Tree plantation for environment protection
8	Empowerment of persons with disabilities through providing supports
9	Legal Aid support to target people
10	Training & Documentation
11	Mental Health And Acid Survival

ONGOING PROGRAM/PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Microfinance Program

Aragoti seba sangstha (ASS) started microfinance program since 2003 at the aim to uplift economic growth of the beneficiaries. The program has 4 components such as Samity/Institution building, micro credit, savings mobilization, and deposit scheme.

A. Samity/Institution Building:

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) started to organize the poor, distressed and underprivileged people of the rural areas. The rural people, women in particular, are socially degraded, economically dependent, professionally unemployed and personally underprivileged. These poor and distressed people have little access to social, political and family decision-making process Socio-economic condition of the Peoples with Disabilities is worse than other people. Their basic rights are violated and they live a subhuman life. They were unable to fight against their misfortunes individually because they are ignorant, unaware and dependent. ASS intends to develop institutions of the poor and make them conscious in order to enable them to identify, analyze and understand the reasons for their distress and dependency as well as find out possible solutions.

Samity Information (On up to June 2024)

- Type of Samity: Male and Female
- Number of Samity: 712
- Number of member: 10114

B. Savings Mobilization

ASS always believes that people has the capacity to make any positive change. ASS provides motivational program for its beneficiaries to build capital for future. The weekly group meeting helps them to be remarkable savers. Status of savings mobilization is shown table below:

Investment is a compulsory element of the programs, savings are entered in the passbooks of each member and interest accrues over their savings at the usual bank rates. The members take their borrowings on one hand and side by side deposit their personal savings on the other hand. Savings deposits vary from a minimum of Taka 20(twenty) per week to any given maximum amount. Thus the members become accustomed with investing for their future through this program. The members pay the installments and deposit the savings to the field organizers of the organization on a weekly basis. Thus the members effectively get banking facilities brought to their homes. Agragati Seba Sangstha (ASS) is giving logical rate of interest to the borrower on their saving.

(Up to June 2024)

Savings position from **10114** beneficiaries': **Tk.53714473**

C. Deposit Scheme

The name of deposit scheme is known as Agragati Deposit Scheme (APS). The members of the samity have special option to deposit monthly any amount and it will be continued each month once. The amount generally 200 to 1000. Interest will be given yearly end of financial year it is June. The interest is given according to the rules of the scheme.

D. Microcredit loan

Micro loans are divided into two areas like Rural micro credit and Micro Enterprises.

Major IGAs are;

- Agriculture,
- vegetable cultivation,
- Spices cultivation,
- Cattle rearing,
- poultry rearing,
- fisheries,
- paddy cultivation,
- Nursery,
- Oil seed cultivation,
- pulse cultivation,
- Small business,
- Ferry/hawker business,
- Grocery shop,
- tea stall,
- Rickshaw/Van,
- Auto rickshaw,
- Handicraft and so on.

Targeted people are organized in group which consists of 20-30 members. Rise group awareness on economic and social issues than provided loan to needy members through ensuring scheme/project feasibility study.

Objectives of program:

- ✓ To increase income of the target beneficiaries
 - ✓ To create employment opportunities for targeted beneficiaries
 - ✓ To increase purchasing capacity of the poor beneficiaries
 - ✓ To increase socio-economic status of the beneficiaries
 - ✓ To reduce poverty of the country
 - ✓ To contribute in Gross Domestic Production of the country
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- Funded by: 1/ Own Fund,
2/ Bangladesh Bank
3/Southeast Bank Ltd.
4/ Basic Bank
5/ Members Savings
6/ Local fund

• (Up to June 2024)

Portfolio of Micro credit: 238441825

Loan outstanding: Tk.210284353

No. of groups: 712

No. of members: 10114

No. of Borrowers: 7363

Recovery rate: 99.08%

Financial Statement for the month of June-2024

SL NO	Name of Branch	Beneficiaries			Disbursement		Loan Realization		Outstanding (Cumulative)	Savings Realization
		Total Member	Loaning Member	Wait for Loan	Current Month	Cumulative	Current Month	Cumulative		
1	Narayanpur Belabo	1196	710	50	4156000	528465000	3315202	484703411	24592420	6937505
2	Musapur Raipur	570	427	30	2467000	93519600	2071882	78376017	15115321	3270775
3	Tolatali Raipura	863	574	25	2583000	112827000	2349160	96454590	16212745	5056393
4	Porandiya,Shibpur	507	469	30	1758000	43566000	1305941	34498012	9037591	1135417
5	Hasimpur Raipura	673	436	30	2220000	75063000	1996912	61142833	13870237	6055245
6	Foridpur,Koliarchar	476	337	30	1566000	51771000	1202380	42194854	9471661	2613715
7	Bhairab , Bhairab	569	474	30	1822000	56775000	1363782	45450933	11239778	2565121
8	Baroicha ,Belabo	429	313	30	2293000	38747000	1228394	29960548	8733597	2071788
9	Shreenagor ,Raipura	296	235	30	1084000	29302000	863710	22717092	6584907	1636652
10	Adiabab ,Raipura	570	413	25	2314000	63165000	1992244	47798858	15255652	3970072
11	Kuliarchar Sadar, Kuliarchar	355	299	25	1160000	37366900	948234	30074694	7240981	1409488
12	ShimulKandi ,Bhairab	397	304	25	929000	36013000	1055413	28030144	7923388	1365453
13	Narsingdi Sadar	457	396	40	2037000	35249000	1706086	22857307	12316098	2644712
14	Belabo	315	282	30	1013000	17496000	550327	11828299	5598753	736845
15	Agorpur	238	214	30	639000	13809000	508495	9536846	4272154	747252
16	Narayanpur-2	1075	603	50	4305000	70425000	3437941	67711081	22115065	7295860
17	Hasnabad	277	218	30	1288000	21947000	991681	15088971	6858029	1556153
18	pachrukhi	332	256	30	1288000	21947000	991681	15088971	5422387	988895
19	katiyadi	187	149	30	1337000	6710000	544153	2890477	3819523	723468
20	Gocihata	203	137	30	450000	4959000	378711	2739695	2202107	590518
21	Kaliyachapra	129	117	30	932000	4001000	299070	1599751	2201248	380946
Total		10114	7363	610	37264000	1352025000	28733283	1140545528	210284350	53750273

2. Rural Housing project

Most of the ultra poor/hardcore female headed women are living in hut which is substandard and not health friendly as well as insecure. They have no financial ability to build a standard house for health, security as well as social dignity. Other hand, some have been affected and/or have lost their houses because of disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion they could not build housing due to lack of financial capital.

To address the problem, Bangladesh Government create a fund in 2003 namely "Grihayan Tohobil" and handover it to Bangladesh Bank. In this process Bangladesh Bank selected different NGO's all around the country through a standard selection process. ASS has selected for the program execution in Narsingdi district Belabo upazila and Raipura Upazila and initiated the program in the year 2003, with a view to provide standard housing facilities among the rural poor and rehabilitate the families who have been affected and/or have lost their houses because of disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion etc.

Selected women are being provided with 70000 to 250000 taka loan for house making and assists in building house through cooperating in all necessary arrangements. The house loan borrowers repay the loan by installment.

Objectives of Rural Housing:

- A. To provide moderate housing facilities among the rural poor to rehabilitate the families who have been affected disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion etc.
- B. Protect the public health and aware them about diarrhea and cold diseases and so on
 - Beneficiaries: Hardcore women/persons with disabilities family
 - Donor/Partner: Bangladesh Bank [Grehayan tahabil]
 - Working area: Belab upazila and Raipura upazila in Narsingdi district
 - Project duration: 2021 to till
 - Activities:
 - Selection of beneficiaries women in according with set criteria
 - Provide loan 70000 to 250000 taka to per person/house
 - Assist them in arranging house materials and establish houses
 - Provide counseling support for using house environment spoonful
 - Collect installment of house loan installment from house recipients
 - Report to Grihayan Tohobil as directed

So far Agragati Seba Songstha (ASS) has distributed 200 houses among 200 families.

3. Support to Pregnant women for normal growth and safe delivery

Bangladesh is recently entered in developable country but steal now 22% people live in under poverty and also 18% are hardcore people among them. Near about 50% people are women of total population. The poor people especially women could not meet their daily food requirements. So they are suffering from malnutrition.

Other hand pregnant poor women could not take daily require nutritious food and they are not enough aware pregnant & delivery period management and responsibilities. So they gave under weight children, immature baby and face different type of complication. Sometime die pregnant mother and children.

So Government of Bangladesh implementing pregnant mother allowance program through department of women affairs under ministry of women and children affairs ministry.

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) is implementing this program at Belabo and Shibpur upazila under Narsingdi district with the fund and supervision of Department of women affairs from June 2015.

Following objectives are given below;

- To raise awareness on primary health of pregnant mother
 - To reduce child and maternal mortality
 - Increase awareness level on pregnancy of pregnant mother
 - Assist them at the period of pregnancy, delivery and post delivery to get service from local government service providers
 - Help them to get family planning and EPI
 - Awareness rising on demerits of dowry, violence of women & children, divorce, polygamy, child marriage and insist them not to do this.
 - Ensure birth registration and marriage registration
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- Provide training to pregnant mother following govt. directorate given modules
- Stopping child marriage
- Link pregnant mother to different service provider organization
- Awareness raising on breast feeding

ASS distributed monthly allowance and trained to 986 pregnant mothers which 522 at Shibpur upazila and 464 at Belabo upazila and raised up knowledge on different health issues.

4. Establish education institution for rural children

Mainstream education is one of the major focused areas of the organization. ASS is implementing different educational activities in its operational areas.

Jangua Noakandi is a village of Narayanpur Union under Narsingdi district, where educational facilities especially at the higher secondary level were scarce. Therefore, many students especially girls were not in a position to have secondary education. As a result, a significant number of students would drop out after completion of primary education, and the girls were the worse sufferers who had to stop their study forever and embrace the fate of early marriage. Under these circumstances ASS took initiative to established a school in the same village.

Apart of this initiative ASS shared with village elite and social worker and taking cooperation specially financial support and established “ Jangua Noakandi Adorsha Biddaloy”. In 2017. The school's expenditure is being bearded by joint venture with local community.

At present 250 students in them male 130 and female 120 are studying in this school. The teacher number is 10 where male 5 and female 7.

Goal

Quality of education and learners' entrance to primary and secondary education will be enhanced in Narayanpur Union under Belabo Upazila of Narsingdi district.

Objectives

- To ensure enrollment of the learners especially of the girls in primary and secondary high school.
- To reduce dropout rate of the children completing primary education.
- To raise capacity of the educational institution in regard to ensuring quality education and fund mobilization.

5. Improving public health through awareness raising to target people

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) target people are poorest of the poor and poor people. Most of them are illiterate. They have lack of knowledge and different information which are very necessary for life and livelihood. Specially have inadequate knowledge on primary health. As a result target people are suffering different diseases like dysentery, diarrhea, bally pain, skin diseases and so on. They are also suffering from malnutrition.

Other hand most of them don't information where they will have services.

To address aforesaid problems, ASS implementing following activities for their beneficiaries;

- ✓ Arrange group meeting at samity level
- ✓ Sharing with small groups (5-7 persons)
- ✓ Link beneficiaries to different government service providing institute/centers
- ✓ Refer beneficiaries to different non-government health service providers
- ✓ Assist to beneficiaries to go hospitals
- ✓ Counseling to sick/ill beneficiaries to get relief in different manner
- ✓ Observe different health affair days
- ✓ Arrange discussion meeting
- ✓ Advocacy with regarding institution/persons in favor of beneficiaries

The program is supported by own fund and Directorate of public health under ministry of Health & Family Planning, Govt. of Bangladesh.

6. Access to safe water and Sanitation

Water & Sanitation Program is one of the major development activities of ASS. Safe drinking water and hygienic sanitation is a must for the safety of life as well as sound environment. ASS undertook this program in order to ensure safe drinking water and hygienic sanitation in the rural area because the people of this area are badly informed, less aware and indifferent about the importance and need of safe drinking water and hygienic sanitation.

ASS has been implementing Water and Sanitation program under financial and technical assistance of NGO forum for Drinking Water supply and Sanitation considering the inadequate access of villagers to safe drinking water and hygienic sanitary facilities.

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) undertook Sanitation Program in order to ensure hygienic sanitation in the rural area because the people of this area are ignorant, unaware and indifferent about it. As a result the people of this area had to face various water borne diseases and nasty environment. NGO forum for safe drinking Water Supply and Sanitation provides financial and technical support for the program.

So far ASS has distributed 28 sanitary latrines and assists to 200 beneficiaries to get latrine from Union parishad.

7. Tree plantation for environment protection

Tree Plantation is an important activity of Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS). Through this activity it provides technical support to the beneficiaries on plantation and planting sapling and some extend provides quality fruits and timbers sapling to them for homestead plantation in the year 2009.

Major activities are given below;

- Awareness raising on environment and afforestation
- Assist beneficiaries to get quality seed and sapling
- Link beneficiaries to the government and nongovernment regarding service providers
- Provide training on plantation
- Loan support to target people for plantation

ASS has distributed total 2500 fruits and timber saplings among the beneficiaries. ASS has a plan for provide technical support and training to beneficiaries on grafting and budding for improvement of local and low quality of fruits trees.

8. Empowerment of persons with disabilities through providing supports

Disability is human diversity. Lack of awareness, knowledge and sensitization on disability, most of the community people see it negatively and could not include persons with disabilities in the social development process, violating persons with disabilities rights and entitlements. As a result persons with disabilities are not being enjoying their rights and living under poverty with inhuman life. They are mostly also excluded from the family and social festivals as well as depriving from education, health, economic activities. They have very less access to existing government and non-government services. WHO finding in 2013, 15% people are suffering from different degree and level of disability in the world. This percentage is higher in dense populated country like Bangladesh. Total development is not at all possible without development of persons with disabilities.

Exclusion of persons with disabilities from social development process-- One hand Human rights is violated, other hand total development is not be achieved.

ASS believes in that disability issue is not only human rights issue but it is a development issue for Bangladesh as well as world. So ASS had taken this disability development program as a core program since 2008. The main objective of the program is to preserve rights of persons with disability and build a disability inclusive society for their better life and livelihood where they will feel also dignity as like general people.

ASS implementing this program with it own fund and collaborating with other local, national, international NGOs and other stakeholders through exchanging knowledge, skill, information, logistics and financial supports.

So far ASS provided services to near about 78 persons with disabilities

Following major activities have been implementing under the program:

- Awareness raising of community people on disability issue
- Identification of persons with disabilities
- Assessment disability of identified persons with disabilities
- Awareness rising and capacity building of persons with disabilities
- Refer to persons with Disabilities to local donor for assistive devices
- Provide referral services to persons with Disabilities in different specialized hospital/service centers
- Provide medical services to persons with disabilities
- Provide life skill training to person with disabilities/families members through other organization
- Provide loan support at less interest among the disabled people to rehabilitate them in various IGA sector
- Enroll children with disabilities into school and provide education support
- Advocacy and liaison with different government and non-government service providing institutes in favor of persons with disabilities
- Networking with other disable based organization, forum and stakeholders

9. Legal Aid support to target people

To get justice is human rights but it often violating in the working area. ASS is striving to make judge society with other stake holders. We observe many of our beneficiaries have not proper justice for their lack of knowledge on how to get justice from courts. Sometime due to scarcity of financial solvency, they don't show interest to get justice.

Ultimately they deprive from justice and hampered financial sometime dignity which turn them tolead a poor life with frustration.

To address aforesaid problems, Agragati Seba Songsth (ASS) implementing following activities;

- Arrange group discussion meeting on different laws specially family laws
- Meeting with them to raise knowledge on justice system in country
- Link the victim to district legal Aid committee to get justice
- Provide support to victim to logical justice
- Provide financial and counseling support to victims
- Advocacy with regarding institution/persons in favor of beneficiaries

10 Training & Documentation

Organization provides life skill training to beneficiaries and staffs. It has a training centre and 2 trainers. It prepares documents and collect necessary document for disseminating information & knowledge specially to staffs and beneficiaries including other likeminded organization.

PREVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECT

SI. No	Name of the project	Name of the organization working with	Name of The Donor (Funded for the project)
1	Water and sanitation	NGO Forum	NGO Forum
2	Microcredit program		ASS own Fund, southeast Bank Ltd.
3	Mother and child health	Department of health	Ministry of health and Family planning
4	Education program	-	PIAKOT Bangladesh
5	<u>Rural Housing project</u>		Bangladash Bank

Organogram of Agragati Seba Songstha (ASS)



Organizational Structure

A. General Committee

Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) has a 23-member General Committee (GC) comprising local elites, social workers, professionals which also significantly represented by the women members. The General Committee is the supreme authority of the organization which executes policy formation, decision and program/project implementation. It holds the Annual General Meeting (AGM) every year and elects Executive Committee (EC) after two years for smooth running of the organization. ASS can call Emergency General Meeting (EGM) at any time, if necessary.

B. Executive Committee (EC)

The GC elects a 7-member Executive Committee (EC) and a 5-member Advisory Committee (AC) biennially through democratic election system. All these committees are significantly represented by the women members. EC meets quarterly on regular basis and can call emergency meeting with 24 hours notice, if necessary. However, the Executive Committee plays an active role in running the organization.

Executive Director (ED) is the ex-officio secretary of EC and head of the organization. He is appointed by the EC and also accountable to the EC. He executes the plans and activities of the organization with the approval of the EC. The staff members of the organization are accountable to the Executive Director.

Year-wise Turnover (last 3 years) / Annual Budget and Expenditure (last 3 years):

Year	Budget (TK.)/Turnover	Actual Expenditure (TK.)	Achievement (%)
2023-2024	50781198	48563937	
2022-2023	308810000	38177432	
2021-2022	20280000	22857619	

The End
