

KOTHOWAIN –Bandarban Hill Tract, Bangladesh

The KOTHOWAIN organization (Vulnerable People's Development Organization) established in 2003 by some social development activist in response to the issues of extreme poverty, low literacy rate, social and political conflict, eroding cultural identity, environment, and high incidence of human rights violations among the indigenous peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

KOTHOWAIN a Tripura word meaning 'Hope for Survival' was officially registered as a non-government and non-political voluntary development organization in the Social Service Department of Bangladesh Government in 2007.

The organization aims to develop the socio-economic conditions of the most vulnerable and underprivileged people in the Hill Tracts. Through the years, KOTHOWAIN has strived to build the capacities of the communities to manage and implement projects in a sustainable manner, have a voice in decision making, and dignity as a people. This has been achieved in partnership with local, national, and international agencies as well as government institutions.

KOTHOWAIN prioritized for focusing on the following areas:

- ✚ Human Rights and Indigenous Rights
- ✚ Livelihood,
- ✚ Climate Change
- ✚ Primary Education and Higher Education
- ✚ Health and Sanitation,
- ✚ Adolescent and Youth Development, empowerment and Employment
- ✚ Advocacy, Linkage and Networking

KOTHOWAIN Vision, Mission & Core Values

Vision: Socio economic development, promotion and empowerment among marginalized people in Bangladesh

Mission: "To bring sustainable positive change by reducing poverty among the marginalized people, especially women and children, through participatory process by undertaking needs- and rights-based development programs in the Chittagong Hill Tracts"

Objectives of KOTHOWAIN:

- To execute Children, youth and women's development activities,.
- To intervene the Family Planning and Social Education activities,
- To implement the rural and urban socio-economic development,
- To create the self-employment opportunity for women and marginalized groups,
- To implement the pure drinking water supply activities
- To implement the malaria project and other chronic diseases prevention,
- To support the destitute, disabled, orphans and poor students,
- To empower, capacitate and develop the women,
- To support the victimized people by men made and natural disaster,
- To aware the people on any harmful like tobacco, alcoholic and smoke,
- To aware the mass people on dowry,
- To assist the poor illness for necessary treatment,
- To implement programs for disabled welfare and development.

KOTHOWAIN values:

- Participation of stakeholders

- Justice for all
- Honesty
- Humanity
- Gender Equality
- Transparency and Accountability
- Environmental conservation
- Respect
- Sharing skills and experience,

Membership/Partner:

1. Bangladesh National Youth Council, Dhaka
2. Chittagong Hill Tracts Women Foundation Network
3. Bangladesh National Youth Council, Dhaka
4. Girls Not Brides (ending early child marriage), UK
5. Red Crescent, Bandarban Chapter
6. YSA-USA
7. Bangladesh Youth Network (BYN)'-Jaago Foundation and UNDP
8. Servas International
9. The World Indigenous Tourism Alliance (WINTA), New Zealand
10. Global Partnership to End Violence against Children
11. The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) -CANADA
12. Women Thrive Alliance - Washington, D.C
13. CIVICUS
14. United Nations Framework Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
15. Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)
16. Global Legal Empowerment Network (Namati)- USA
17. Mountain Partnership-Italy
18. Netzkraft Movement
19. The Adaptation Fund NGO Network-Germany
20. NAHAB (National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh)
21. Dianova International - Switzerland
22. GNDR
23. Together to end FGM
24. Advisory member. Initiative for Equality-USA
25. Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN)- Switzerland

Programs and Development Partners:

01. Education Support Program on non formal education in CHT-BRAC International
02. Education for Children-HOPE'87 Bangladesh & Austria, UNESCO
03. Education and Training Program-SONNE International
04. Community Empowerment Project-UNDP-CHTDF
05. Gender Equality funded by UNDP-CHTDF
06. PROCESS Project (well being services and cultural revival)-GRAUS, Manusher Jonno Foundation and DFID
07. Indigenous Culture Industry Development project-Prince Claus Fonds, The Netherlands
08. Disability inclusiveness in all programs-[Centre for Disability in Development](#)& CBM International
09. Water Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Project through establishment of Women and Children Rights Project in Bandarban Hill Tract funded by Australian High Commission, Bangladesh
10. Warm Cloths Distribution Program- Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited
11. Indigenous cultural heritage development and promotion, Land is Life-NY, 2018
12. Local institution capacity building program-Hellen Keller International
13. Under privileged women sustainable economic development project- Hellen Keller International

Present Activities:

Project Name	Brief Description	Funded by	Project location	Duration
Education and Training Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 non formal primary schools with 360 students for Mro, Tripura, Tanchangya, Marma and Bangali communities - Hostel program for Higher education with 54 students at Sadar Upazilla - All educational materials are followed NCTB and supplied from Project, - Regular SMC meeting conduction, - Regular home visit, - Regular Quiz and test conduction for students, - Co curricula class conduction, - Special attention to needs children, - Children friendly center and multi grade class management, 	SONNE Internaila Austria	Alikdom Upazilla	2015- 2023
Child sponsorship Program for Continuing Education	Hostel Program for poor children	SONNE Internaila Austria	Alikodom Upazilla	2015-2020
SAPLING	Staff recruitment, 2) Staff Orientation on project activity, 3) Village and beneficiary selection, 4) Project site Signboard installation at 4 villages, 5) Modules Development and preparation (candle, broom, Entrepreneurship development, market linkage, business plan and management training), 6) Candle making training at 4 villages, 7) Broom making training at 4 villages, 8) Entrepreneurship development, market linkage, business plan and management training at 4 villages for total 80 participants, each batch 20 persons,	Helen Keller International	Thanchi	2019-2020
LEAN Project	SMC, students club, adolescent, IGA, WASH, Nutrition, Women economic development and emporment	United Purpose and CARITAS Bangladesh	Ruma	2020

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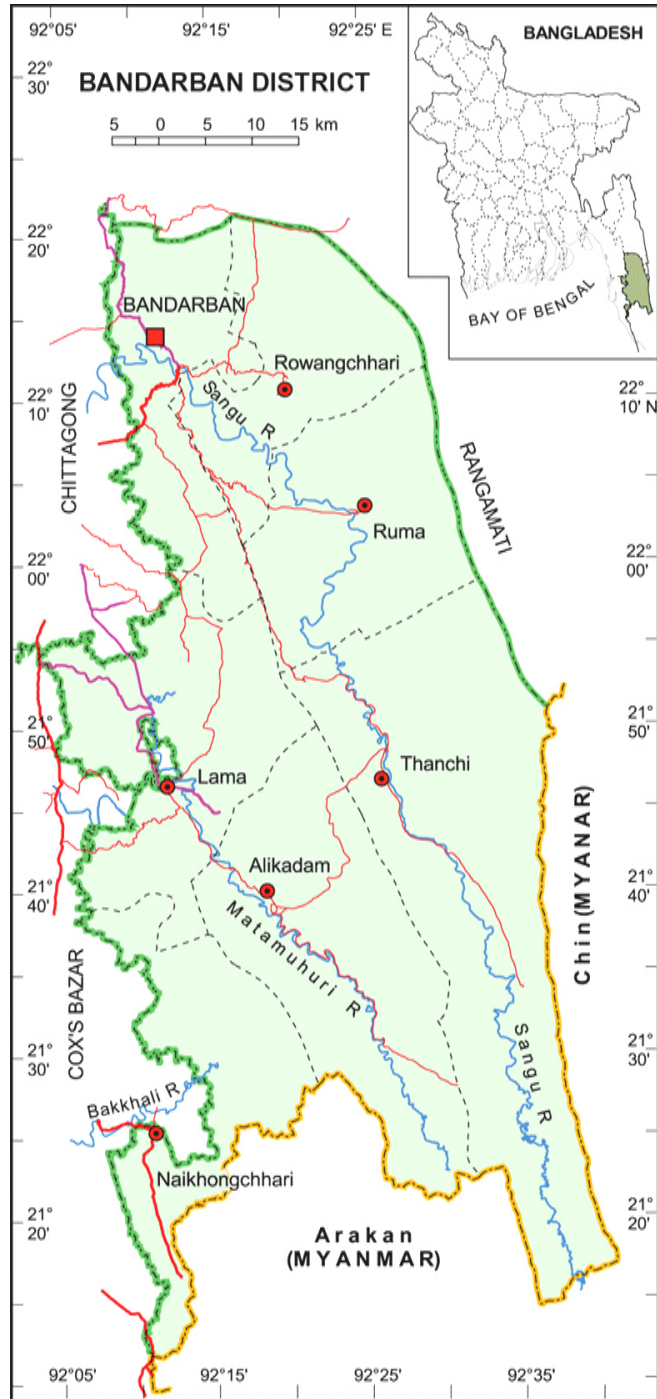
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