



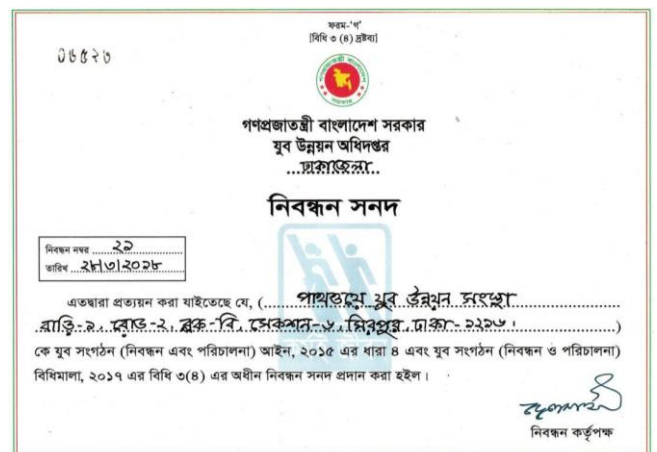
Socio-economic development activities of the third Gender population.

PATHWAY is a non-profit charity; which supports collaborative work and positive change around the world. Since 1992 PATHWAY has been consistently involved in philanthropic activities.



PATHWAY has been conducting various social service activities including health care, education programs, elimination of unemployment, road safety programs, assistance to the helpless and disabled, distribution of Iftar during the Holy Ramadan, blood donation, climate change, anti-drug activities, standing by disaster victims and improving the living standards of the third gender.

Certificates of Government Registration



From the very beginning of our society, A group of people are being neglected and discriminated against by their own family -friends, relatives society for their gender, and this community has come to be known as Hijra or Eunuch. They are part of our family, society, and state but due to their different physical & behavioral changes they are being hated, neglected & disrespected by our society and state. They have proper rights to education, health, shelter, wealth, employment, and safety like others. However everywhere they became neglected and hated. None of the parents, relatives, or siblings wants to accept them.

Thus, they gradually Separated from their family and live a floating life. In order to fulfill basic needs, they are involved in various shameful professions ignoring shame and humiliation. Do shameful, Crazy, and uncivilized acts in different outfit. Yet life doesn't stop, goes on. They are fighting for several years for their legal and fundamental human rights.

PATHWAY working with this community since 2016 to develop and uplift their livelihood. Wants to bring them back to the mainstream of society. PATHWAY has taken a long-term initiation and scheme to change the standard of living their lives especially providing free driving training, different technical and handicrafts training according to their skills and willing hood.

Report Summary

(June 2024 – September 2024)

Project Name

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Story of works

In Bangladesh, the third gender community, often referred to as Hijra, faces significant social and economic challenges. Negative societal attitudes persist, pushing this marginalized group to the fringes of society. Despite being legally recognized as a distinct gender since 2013, the Hijra community continues to suffer from exclusion, especially in the job market, where stigma and discrimination often leave them without stable employment opportunities.

As a result, many transgender individuals resort to begging or are drawn into illegal activities to survive. Separated from their families at an early age, they find themselves isolated from mainstream society and are often forced into specific roles within the third-gender community. This leads to a cycle of poverty and vulnerability. However, there are inspiring stories of individuals who, through vocational training and community programs like Pathway, have managed to break free from these limitations and find dignified employment.

To foster socio-economic development for the third-gender population, society must actively participate. Employment opportunities must be widened through inclusive policies, and social programs should focus on integrating the Hijra community into mainstream education and vocational training. With collective effort, their marginalization can be reduced, ensuring a better future for this historically neglected group.

Cost Statement and Others

This technical training includes driving training, boutiques and beautician training. This ongoing program is active this year as well. Under this project, a total of 10 people got driving training, 10 sewing machines training

In addition to this, PATHWAY has distributed sewing machines to 05 people of the third gender.

BDT 87,515 /- or USD 761/- has been spent in the operation of this program to support the third gender (Hijra).

**01 USD = 115 BDT*



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