

## Governance

**Goal:** Children and adolescents practice active citizenship within the framework of public systems that promote their rights.



Educo Bangladesh aims to empower children so that they are able to express their views, ideas and opinions, and to exercise leadership. By doing so, we help children communicate with their duty bearers, especially parents and local government institutions (Union Parishad) on decisions that affect them.

We will continue to promote the participation of children in local governance structures and processes. Advocacy and networking will be one of the most important measures of the organization to enact and formulate effective laws, policies and systems to fulfil child rights at the national level.



Yearly, around 15,000 students are directly served



Supporting Government primary schools to ensure quality education



Capacity building & human resource development of stakeholders and education staff



Education stipend for disadvantaged children



958 working children engaged in child labor are directly supported through education



Facilitation for Early Childhood Development



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### Geographical Mapping



Legend

- Working Area: Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Mymensingh, Moulvibazar
- Forecast Area: Netrakona, Sunamganj, Sylhet and Cox's Bazar

## About Us:

We are a global development NGO with more than 25 years of experience that works for the interest of children and in defense of their rights, especially the right to a quality education. Our institutional philosophy (mission, vision, values and principles) is firmly established on a commitment in pursuit of children's wellbeing. We have three strategic development goals, which center on the Right to Education, the Right to Protection, and Governance.

## Mission

We work with children and their communities to promote just and equitable societies that guarantee their rights and wellbeing.

## Vision

A world where all children fully enjoy their rights and lead a life of dignity.

## Values

- Social commitment
- Equity
- Respect

## Principles

- i. Participation
- ii. Non-discrimination
- iii. Transparency
- iv. Dynamic spirit

## Our History

Educo is a global development NGO and a member of Child Fund Alliance that acts on behalf of children to defend their rights, particularly their right to receive quality education. Since 1999, Educo has been implementing development projects in the marginalized rural and urban areas. Currently it is working in Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Mymensingh and Moulvibazar districts in Bangladesh. To support our core education programs, Educo invests in programs that focus on health, livelihood and child rights and protection of children.



## EDUCO IN BANGLADESH:

Educo, in partnership with schools, communities and the local government, carries out programs in 108 schools in urban and rural communities, reaching about 16,000 school children and their families each year.

At present, Educo Bangladesh works in 14 sub-districts across 5 districts of Dhaka, Sylhet and Mymensingh divisions. Our major projects include: Community-based Early Childhood Development (ECD), Strengthening Child-Friendly learning environment, Child Friendly community, Promoting Quality Education in Government Primary Schools, and reduction of hazardous child labor in urban areas to fulfil the Rights of the Children.

Educo Bangladesh aims to empower children to express their views, ideas and opinions, and to exercise leadership. At the same time, Educo works with duty bearers, especially parents and local government institutions, to create an enabling environment for children where they can influence the decisions that affect them.

## Education

**Goal:** Children and adolescents exercise and enjoy their right to an equitable, transformative and quality education throughout their lives.

**Right to education:** Educo Bangladesh will continue to support preschool and primary education of children through its school program; support government-run primary schools and provide scholarships to adolescents to continue their education to help prevent early marriage. It will also undertake community-based interventions on Early Childhood Development (ECD).

In urban areas, Educo Bangladesh will continue to support children in the labor force so that they can complete primary education. We will also implement health and livelihood programs as part of the education program.

**Rights in Education:** Through Rights in Education, Educo promotes a child-friendly stimulating learning environment that prohibits physical or humiliating punishment in schools and adjusted to children with special needs (children with disabilities, ethnic minorities) without any discrimination. Educo is committed to promote parents, teachers, students and the community people's participation in education planning process so that the children can get a quality education which is appropriate to their developmental needs. It also promotes child led organization that helps to flourish their hidden potentials.

**Rights through education:** Educo provides education that prepares the children for a responsible life in a free society in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance, equality of sexes, and friendship among all peoples, ethnic, national and religious groups and persons of indigenous origin. It also provides students with knowledge about their rights and responsibilities so that they can grow with a positive attitude to take wider role for the society for social, economic and political development.

## Protection

**Goal:** Children enjoy their right to live in safe and protective environments.

Educo Bangladesh will focus on training children on life skills and child rights. It will also help communities, schools and the local government to identify and respond to children's issues on the ground.

Educo believes that keeping children in school will help protect them from harm and exploitation, particularly those who have been neglected, abandoned and caught in child labor. In line with this, we are working with policymakers, employers groups and parent committees for stricter implementation of laws on child labor.

