DISTRESSED CHILDREN & INFANTS INTERNATIONAL

Activities Report: November, 2024

40 Sponsored Children Completed Secondary School !

40 students (25 girls and 15 boys) of our SunChild Sponsorship Program have successfully passed Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exam in 2024! DCI has been supporting them since they were in primary school. Among these gifted students, 07 students earned A grades, 11 achieved A-grades, 07 attained B grades, 13 reached C grades, and 02 students received D grades. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all 40 students and their sponsors for this remarkable accomplishment.

19 Sponsored Children Completed Higher Secondary School !

19 students (14 girls and 5 boys) from our Sun Child Sponsorship Program successfully passed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exam in 2024. Among them, 01 girl earned an A+, 02 achieved an A, 08 received an A-, 07 got a B, and 01 obtained a C grade. We are thrilled for their success.

This success is a testament to their hard work and dedication, supported by our donors and sponsors every step of the way! We are very grateful for your support.

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Four Supported Orphan girls completed Secondary School !

Jaheda Akter, Fatema Akter Shila, Sumaiya Khanam and Sumaiya Akter

Jaheda Akter

Fatema Akter Shila

Sumaiya Khanam

Sumaiya Akter

Previous pictures when they first came under our full support system

We are thrilled to share that four of our supported orphan girls passed the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) 2024 with flying colors.

Since very early age, they were brought up at our previous residential facility for orphans (SunChild Home). Since home closure they continue to receive our support while under supervision of legal guardians.

Six Supported Orphan Girls Completed Higher Secondary School !

Congratulations! Four of these girls were brought up at our former resident orphanage, SunChild home, for 14 years. After the home closure they were placed under a legal guardian's supervision, and are receiving payments for their living and education expenses. 2 additional girls are from our supported orphanage 'Happy Home'.

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EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

NEW BOOK CELEBRATION:
Like every year, we celebrated the new book receiving day in all our project locations (Dhaka, Patuakhali, and Nilphamari). The purpose is to create a sense of excitement and enthusiasm among children and families for school and education.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Starting in 2024, textbooks for students in grades six through nine have been updated by the government to focus on real-life situations. Under this curriculum, we're helping 430 students grow through group-based learning. Our sessions cover topics like teen problems, English, math, creative writing, general knowledge, career tips, life skills, tech safety, workshops on time management, team games, health, social responsibility, community involvement, leadership, and creativity. Student attendance averages 91%.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN:
A total of 225 students in the primary grades are currently receiving tutoring support. 24 tutors have been recruited for different groups of children. The main objective of this activity is to ensure quality education by helping students complete their homework and problem solve. In addition to academic support, the program imparts knowledge on health, hygiene, general awareness, social education, and leadership. Field officers are monitoring all the progress of the tutoring groups. The average attendance of children is 83%.

COMPUTER TRAINING: 2395 students have received this training.

HSC EXAMINEE SUPPORT:
All examinees received extra support for fees, additional educational materials, and associated costs."

SPECIAL CARE FOR SSC STUDENTS:
A group of 75 students in 10th grade is receiving special tutoring in English and Mathematics from eight qualified teachers.

EDUCATION & HYGIENE MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION: The support provided through the Sun Child Sponsorship Program is crucial for easing the financial burden on low-income families. 800 primary and secondary students were provided essential supplies for the year—including notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and drawing kits. They also received hygiene materials.

SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE LEVEL

We are helping several talented students at the graduation level to continue their education after HSC in special categories. Sathi Akter, a second-year Political Science student at National University, and Meem Akter, a first-year Nursing student at Patuakhali Government Nursing Institute, are benefitting from this. Eligible students are awarded 3,000 BDT monthly to support their education. We are proud to choose students every year after the HSC for this support.

Sathi Akter with her family members

Meem Akter with her family members

Pashari Rani: A SUCCESS STORY

Pashari Rani, a sponsored student from our Sun Child Sponsorship Program, achieved the highest grade (A+) in the 2024 HSC exam. Previously she received an A+ grade on the SSC exam.

She has been under DCI's support since primary school. With seven members and her father as the sole breadwinner, she has faced many obstacles while growing up. Education was hardly in the family's mind. But due to sincere determination, Pashari has excelled academically from a very young age. Beyond academics, Pashari actively participates in SCSP volunteering activities in her community, attending all training programs, and events. We are so very proud of her achievements. Congratulations to Pashari and all the donors for her achievement.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." — **Mother Teresa**

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BOOK READING & MOBILE LIBRARY: In rural Bangladesh, we promote book reading through various activities. We offer access to a diverse range of books and resources through our formal library. Additionally, recognizing the challenges faced by remote areas, we operate mobile library activities. From January to October 2024, 320 students and youth have read different books through this system.

ENGAGING FAMILY & COMMUNITY THROUGH HOME VISITS: Supporting a child's development requires strong connections with their families and communities. Our team visits homes to understand family conditions and track children's progress. These visits focus on essential topics like hygiene, preventing child marriage, promoting education, and accessing healthcare. By working directly with families and community members, we share helpful information, answer questions, and encourage open conversations on critical issues that impact their well-being and growth.

MOTHERS MEETING: We held regular meeting with the mothers and guardians of our primary students to discuss their education and progress, achieving an 85%

attendance rate. The meeting emphasized the importance of parental involvement and shared updates on academic achievements, as well as strategies for supporting learning at home.

ADOLESCENT GIRLS COUNSELLING: 141 adolescent girls received counseling on various issues, including personal health and safety in society and

schools. It's noteworthy that the girls' achievements surpass those of boys, a testament to the effectiveness of our activities in empowering and supporting them.

BLANKET DISTRIBUTION: 1150 poor children and old aged people in Bauphal, Patuakhali, and Keraniganj, Dhaka received winter blankets.

FOOD SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND ELDERLY:

In the Patuakhali area, food was distributed to support the poor and elderly, including widowed women. A total of 250 individuals received this aid, which included beef and special rice—foods that are typically too costly for them to afford.

EMERGENCY AID FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Bangladesh recently experienced one of the worst floods in its history, affecting approximately six million people. The DCI team in Bangladesh responded immediately, providing emergency aid to those impacted people in the Comilla district. We supported relief efforts in 11 villages in Comilla district (Manoharganj upazila Bosuya, Ashirpar, Rashidpur, Hatirpar, Meruia, Maishtuia, Batabaria, Laksam upzila sreerampur, Gazirpar, Dhokhaya). We also extended support to victims in the Rohingya Refugee Camp in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to distribute prepared food, fresh water, emergency medicine, and other essentials to approximately 500 people.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS BUILDING EFFORTS

DCI conducted impactful awareness-building activities, reaching hundreds of community members and fostering collaborative solutions for critical issues.

International Day of the Girl

We celebrated the "International Day of the Girl 2024" in the areas of the Sun Child Sponsorship program. The theme for this year was 'Vision for the Future of Girls.' There was an awareness rally and discussion session with girls and teachers. 10 girls were awarded prizes for their outstanding academic & social progress. Since 2006, DCI has been working in Bangladesh to stop child labor and early marriage. We always prioritize girls in all our development work.

International Literacy Day

DCI marked this special day with the theme “Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace.” We held an awareness rally and discussion in rural Patuakhali and Nilphamari, Bangladesh, with students, parents, teachers, and local residents all joining in. Since 2005, we’ve worked hard to boost literacy in Bangladesh. Back in 2008, the literacy rate was 48.8%, and it has now risen to 74.8% as of the latest survey (2022). We’re proud to be part of this success! Join us in contributing to the continued development of Bangladesh.

World Children’s Day & Child Rights Week

DCI has proudly celebrated World Children's Day and Child Rights Week in rural areas of Bangladesh through our **Sun Child Sponsorship Program**! As part of our ongoing commitment to child welfare, we organized vibrant rallies and insightful awareness discussions in Patuakhali & Nilphamari district aimed at promoting children's rights. The theme of this year's celebration in Bangladesh, "প্রতিটি শিশুর অধিকার, রক্ষা আমাদের অঙ্গীকার" ("Every child's right, protecting it is our pledge"), resonated deeply with all participants.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

DCI's Sun Child Sponsorship Program celebrated International Women’s Day under the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress.' In rural Bangladesh, we tirelessly support to ensure girls' education and women's empowerment for holistic child development. With a majority (81%) of girl students supported by our programs, we're committed to empowering women. At the project level, our workforce boasts a majority (64%) of female employees, showcasing our unwavering commitment to gender equality.

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR

DCI celebrated the World Day Against Child Labor with the theme, "Let’s act on our commitments: End Child Labor!" We've organized rallies and talks in all our areas in Bangladesh to spread awareness. In Nilphamari district, we had a fun drawing contest about 'our village'. Over 200 kids joined, and 21 won cool prizes! Children, parents, and locals came together in rallies and chats to support. For 18 years, DCI has been working hard in rural Bangladesh to stop child labor, stop child marriage, k,eep kids in school, and make sure they're healthy.

ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS EFFORTS

SCHOOL BASED TREE PLANTATATION, GREENER PLANET!

SCSP is contributing actively to environmental protection and climate change awareness through its supported schools and community! This season, we have taken impactful steps by planting forest and fruit trees in 10 primary and secondary schools in Bauphal, Patuakhali, Bangladesh. Through a series of awareness sessions, tree plantation events, and engaging competitions for school students, we're working to inspire both young minds and their communities to take action for a healthier planet.

WORLD ENVRONMENT DAY

DCI's Sun Child Sponsorship Program celebrated World Environment Day! This year's theme was "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." We've organized awareness rallies and discussions in Patuakhali and Nilphamari districts, with kids, parents, and locals joining in. We also held a Bangla essay competition at a Girls High School in Patuakhali on "Our duty to protect our beautiful environment."
Congrats to the top 12 winners who received cool prizes like fruits, forest tree plants, exercise books, pens, and drawing kits! Another 28 high scorers got tree plants and exercise books. Let's keep making our planet greener and healthier together!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

The `International Day of Climate Action' has been celebrated across all program areas of Dhaka, Patuakhali & Nilphamari. A series of impactful events aimed at raising environmental awareness, such as an awareness rally and several information sessions, were organized to engage students and the general community.

As part of our International Day of Climate Action initiatives, **a drawing competition** was held in one primary school and one high school in Patuakhali. The theme of the competition, "Save the environment by planting trees", encouraged students to creatively express the importance of tree planting for environmental protection. Around 350 students participated, each receiving a tree sapling as a symbol of their commitment to environmental stewardship. Additionally, 27 winners were awarded with extra saplings and other attractive prizes.

ORPHAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

Through the Orphan Support Program, DCI supports both government and non-government orphanages in Bangladesh and Nepal, ensuring the well-being and care of children in need.

We are supporting 80 children in two orphanages named 'Ananda Nibas' and 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra' in Dhaka, Bangladesh and one orphanage in Nepal called SICF (Supporting Children Initiative Foundation). We are providing support for Education, Healthcare, Vision care, Clothing, Computer literacy, Skill development, Counseling, Hygiene materials, Nutritious food, Educational tour, Celebrating different national and international days, and co-curricular activities.

From 2010 to 2023, we have operated and given full support to 48 orphan girl children in a home called SunChild Home in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Majority of the girls are placed in fully supported facilities. We are assisting them as needed. We continue to support 9 oldest girls who were placed under legal guardians' supervision. They are receiving monthly allowance money for food, education, clothing, health care, transportation, personal items etc.

Shishuder Jonno Aamra, Bangladesh

Ananda Nibas-ASD, Bangladesh

Supporting Children Initiative Foundation, Nepal

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EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS

AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT

DCI is providing extra after school tutor support for the orphanage children. We have assigned four teachers with the task. Among them, Mr. Abbas Uddin and Ms. Kazi Selina Sharmin are teaching the students of High schools and colleges. They specially teach them English, Mathematics, Science and Accounting subjects. Munni Aktery & Farzana Akter & Sumaya Akter (Samara) are helping the younger students of Primary schools.

Abbas is teaching in SJA & Ananda Nibas

Sharmin is teaching in SJA & Ananda Nibas

Munni is teaching in Ananda Nibas

Farzana is teaching in Ananda Nibas

PROVIDING SUPPLIES FOR EDUCATION

Supplies: Ananda Nibas (ASD)

Supplies: Shishuder Jonno Aamra (SJA)

Chairs for Ananda Nibas

White boards for "Shishuder Jonno Aamra"

MEDICINE & HEALTH SUPPORT

Medicines such as Vitamin, Iron, Saline, Napa, Savlon etc. were supplied for the boys and girls of "Ananda Nibas-ASD" and Shishuder Jonno Aamra (SJA).

We also conducted annual health checkups and eye checkups for children.

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HEALTH SCREENING

We organized a Health Check-up camp for the children of "Shishuder Jonno Aamra (SJA)" orphanage. Total 40 children from the SJA received treatment at the health camp. Dr. Saima Rahman was the attending physician. After the health check ups, Dr. Rahman had a discussion session with the adolescent girls about reproductive health and hygiene. Hygiene materials were given to the girls.

GIFTED CHILDREN SUPPORT

Eid and Boshaki fair organized by DCI supported School for Gifted Children, Dhaka, Bangladesh. In this fair they sold different types of ornaments, printed cloth and teaching materials made by the students in their vocational training classes. The event was very successful; kids and all guests enjoyed very much.

To observe World Cerebral Palsy Day 2024 Tauri Foundation and Distressed Children Infants International have jointly organised awareness programs in School for Gifted Children Dhaka and Rajshahi branch as well as Tauri CBR program at Paba, Rajshahi. The purpose was to build awareness for gifted children needs.

DONATE TO DCI ! TAKE ACTION ! CHANGE A LIVE !

Sponsor a Child $15/month

Sponsor an Eye Surgery for $100

SPECIAL THANKS to all our contributors, donors, and supporters for your commitment to DCI's programs and mission. Together we can change the world, one child at a time. We welcome you to DCI, and we look forward to working with you in this most important mission.

DANCE & MUSIC LESSONS

Dance and music lessons have been introduced to DCI sponsored orphanages, Ananda Nibash & Shishuder Jonno Aamra. This gives the children an opportunity to relax and enjoy free time. Tahera Khanam is their tutor. Tahera was raised at DCI's previous resident orphanage facility SunChild home where she learned to dance and excelled in it. At the moment, she lives under a legal guardian's supervision in an independent group home. In addition to her study at the university, she is working part time to give dance lessons to these children. They are also taking music lessons from two other girls, Sharifa and Ritu who were also raised at the previous home, and are working part-time and studying.

DANCE LESSONS: 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra' & 'Ananda Nibas'

MUSIC LESSONS: at Shishuder Jonno Aamra

COMPUTER TRAININGS

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) arranged to provide computer sets to the boys and girls of the 'Ananda Nibas' and 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra'. We also arranged computer lessons for boys and girls.

DCI believes education and skill development is the way to empower children and lift them out of poverty cycle. About 80 children from these two homes are getting opportunity learning computer under Orphan Support Program.

Involve Your Company

Most companies, small or large, encourage their employees to be involved in some form of charitable activity. Please consider finding out what charitable activities your company pursues, and inquire about involving your company in DCI's mission of helping children. You and your company can support our mission in Matching Gifts and in many other ways.

BASIC NEED SUPPORT

FOOD & SEASONAL FRUIT: Ananda Nibas-ASD

FOOD & SEASONAL FRUIT: Shishuder Jonno Aamra

We provided school uniforms to the children of "Ananda Nibas" and "Shishuder jonno Aamra". Children are very happy to get new school dresses.

SCHOOL INIFORM: Ananda Nibas

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Shishuder Jonno Aamra

2 DRESS CABINET donations to the children of 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra'.

WINTER BLANKET donation to all the supported orphanage children

A **SCHOOL VAN donation** for the children of 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra' so that the children can go to school safely.

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EID & QURBANI CELEBRATION

Eid-ul-Fitr: On the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr 2024, 90 boys and girls were given new Eid clothes in two orphanages, 'Ananda Nibas' and 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra. The children were very happy to receive new clothes and gifts.

EID DRESS: Ananda Nibas Orphanage

EID DRESS: Shishuder Jonno Aamra

QURBANI: Thanks to our donors we have completed Qurbani of 13 cows and one goat. 100% of meat was distributed among poor people of Patuakhali, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Jamalpur areas. These people are the poorest of the poor and many of them get only one opportunity a year to eat meat. In Shoula, Patuakhali 817 families, an orphanage, and a Madrasa received meat. In Dhaka meat was distributed to 3 orphanages; 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra'. 45 people including 40 children in this orphanage, 'Ananda NIbas', 40 girls in this orphanage home, 'Happy Home'. Total of 65 girls live in this home, including previous SunChild home girls. 174 families in Jamalpur, 130 families in Rajshahi, and one Madrasa also received meat.

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AWARENESS BUILDING EFFORTS

SHOHID DAY (Martyr Day) and INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

On February 21st 2024, we organized a program with the children of 'Shishuder Jonno Aamra' to celebrate Shohid Dibosh (Martyr Day) & International Mother Language Day 2024. The day's program started with placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar. Later that, the children attended a drawing competition. At noon the children performed group songs at Shohid Minar. Following the performance, a discussion was held highlighting the great history of the glorious mother language movement.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrating International Women's Day 2024: The girls of Ananda Nibas orphanage with DCI-RSC officials attended a colorful rally at Ramna, followed by a discussion session and cultural program on the occasion of International Women's Day 2024 at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Ramna, Dhaka.

CHILD RIGHTS WEEK

On September 30th 2024, we celebrated National Girl Child Day and Child Rights Week 2024 with the girls of 'Ananda Nibas-ASD' at Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Dhaka. The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and the National Girl Child Advocacy Forum. The event was inaugurated with a rally attended by children and concluded with a discussion meeting and cultural program. Girls of Ananda Nibas performed dance in cultural program.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD Day

BANGLADESH NATIONAL DAY

On the occasion of the Independence and National Day 2024 of Bangladesh, on March 26th, discussions, prayers and iftar were organized for the children of Ananda Nibas.

AWARENESS BUILDING EFFORTS

SPORTS AND CULTURAL DAY

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) sponsored a sports and cultural program for the children of "Shishuder Jonno Aamra" which was held at Shyamoli Park Field, Shyamoli, Dhaka. 45 children of "Shishuder Jonno Aamra" participated the different competitions and enjoyed the cultural program. Prizes were distributed among the winners in the last part of the program.

TRIP TO THE MUSEUM

The visit of the museum is arranged with the aim that boys and girls can gain comprehensive knowledge. The staff of "Shishuder Jonno Aamra" also accompanied the children. Children were very happy to visit the museum.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On the occasion of World Environment Day-2024, we organized an awareness discussion on these issues for the girls of 'Ananda Nibas'. Mr. Aminul Islam Sujan, (Treasurer, Poribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA/Save the Environment Movement) and member of National Girl Child Advocacy Forum) participated in the program as a keynote speaker.

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Give the Gift of Sight

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SCIF Orphanage Activities in Nepal

SCIF (Supporting Children Initiative Foundation), Nepal.

Children of the SCIF orphanage visited a farm house in Kathmandu, where they observed different pets and hydraulic plants. A Career Talk Event was also organized for our children and children from other homes.

The Nepalese women's festival called 'Teej' was celebrated with full enthusiasm. Children dressed up and had special food.

Celebrating Deepawali

Children attended a picnic at National Botanical Garden

Meghraj Oli was awarded by Kirtitipur Municipality (local government) with Certificate of Appreciation & NPR. Ten Thousand cash for extraordinary results in School Education Examination (SEE) Batch.

Dolma Tamang at SCIF (Supporting Children Initiative Foundation M.B.I.), Nepal has achieved the First position from junior group in singing Competition organized by her school

Blindness Prevention Activities

On October 28, 2024 in collaboration with NYSASDRI-Kalinga Eye Hospital in Odisha, India we organized two eye screening camps in S G High School Godihudu, Gurukula Saraswata Bidyaniketan,Baleswar and in Sirigida Anchalika Bigyan Higher Secondary School in Telkoi, Keonjhar. This significant event was part of a larger initiative to improve child eye health, underscoring the need for early detection and timely intervention for ophthalmic issues in children. The findings from the camp highlight both the need for such initiatives and the positive impact of timely screenings: 301 children were screened, 32 children were given spectacles, 43 children were given medicines, and one Child was identified with Cataract.

With DCI's support, the Kalinga Eye Hospital in India organized **a four-day eye screening camp** (from 29th January to 1st February 2024) for School students, in Telkoi block of Keonjhar District. During these 4 days, a total of 1033 persons including 990 school students and 43 teachers were screened from 4 schools. Students having refractive errors were provided with glasses and those with issues other than refraction were referred to the Base Hospital for further treatment.

In the heart of a remote desert village in the Manipur district of Dhenkanal, 80 km away from the nearest town **Gyanaranjan**, a 9-year-old boy was having serious vision problems since grade 2. He was prescribed a dome-5X magnifier and an easy reading desk to help him cope with the challenges imposed by his condition. A life was changed!

Basanti Balmuch, age 5yrs, lives with her parents in Dakhinapasi village of Dhenkanal District. Her father is a daily wage laborer and mother is a housewife. While playing with friends, a wooden stick hit her in her left eye. Her father brought her to Kalinga Eye Hospital; Dr Utkarsh examined her and provided necessary treatments.

THANK YOU

There are nearly 48 million blind people worldwide and an additional 314 million people are visually impaired. 500,000 children lose their sight each year. 85% of cases of visual impairment are avoidable.

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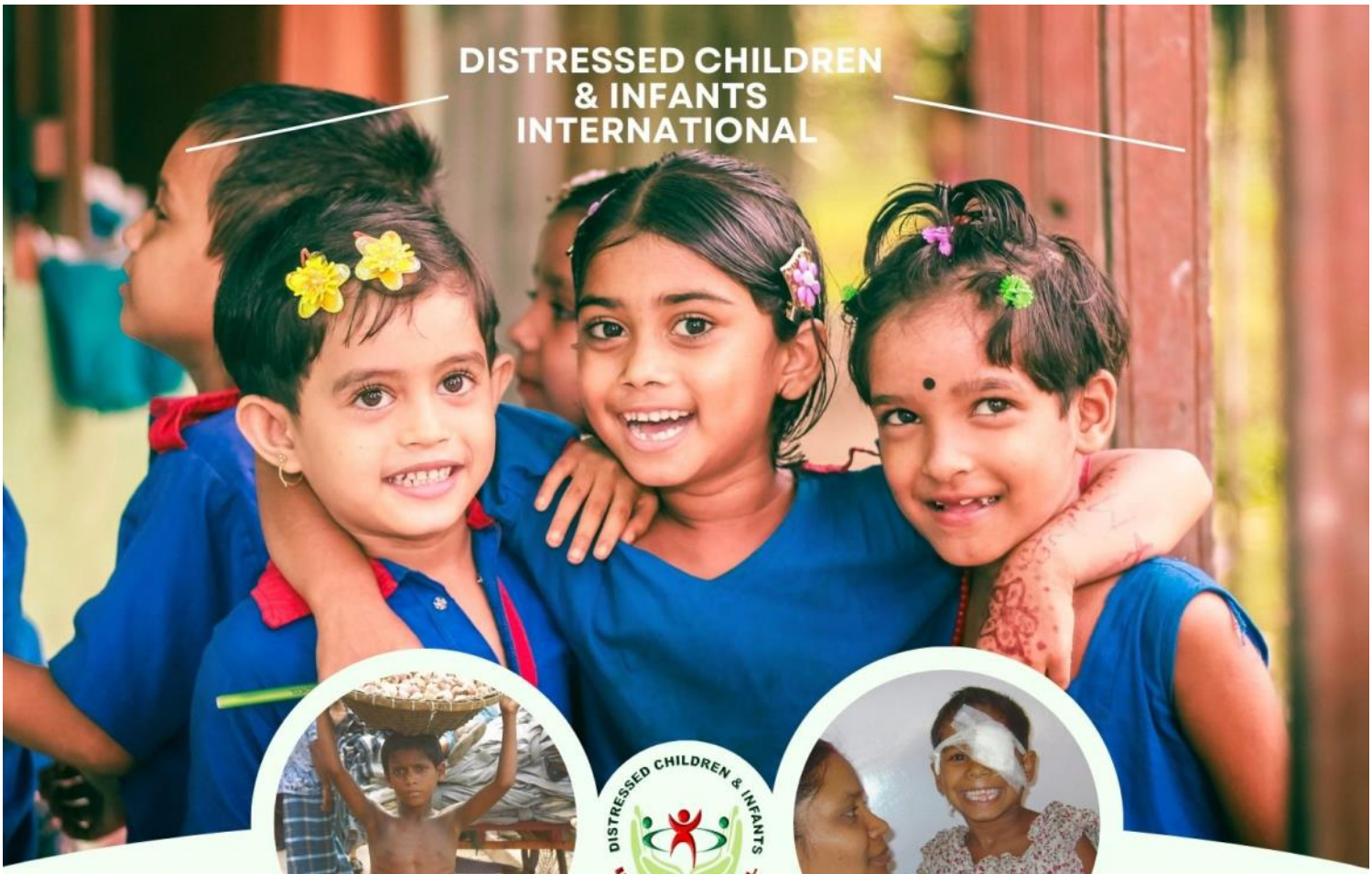

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