

Report on the milk distribution program from Sandipan

Report Date: Sep 17, 2004

- Number of distribution: 1
- Date of distribution: Sep 3, 2004
- Place of distribution: Mandail (a ward under Zinzira union in Keraniganj thana)
- Number of recipients: 113
- Next distribution: Sep 24, 2004 (It was planned for Sep 17, 2004, but we have to make changes in schedule due to the heavy rains and consequent local flooding). The place of distribution will be Mandail and Nazarganz (another ward under Zinzira Union) and Goran (on Oct 1, 2004).
- Number of would be recipients: 175 (Zinzira; 112 previous card holders + 63 new cards; one card has been cancelled because the child was 7 years old) + 50 (Goran, under Khilgaon thana, Dhaka city)
- The number would rise to 270-280 in subsequent weeks.
- Following is a statistics on the recipients:

Age: <1 yr	number of card issued: 12
Age: 1 yr and <2 yr	number of card issued: 20
Age: 2 yr and <3 yr	number of card issued: 34
Age: 3 yr and <4 yr	number of card issued: 46

A total of 112 (one card cancelled as mentioned earlier)
- The milk is distributed through mothers committees that we started to organize from the middle of August. Under our close supervision these committees select the families that need the milk. The single card cancellation, because of over age, was not forced by us. Rather we explained repeatedly the policy and the reason behind the milk program. The mother willingly surrendered the card. The organization process is quite engaging. Nevertheless, we feel this would help them in the long run.

Already, people there asked for our help on teaching them to read and write. One of our members Mr. Moinuddin Ahmed (a teacher at Universal Tutorial) is preparing a syllabus for adult education. We are planning for a short school (for 3 months) for limited number of adults (~20) on an experimental basis.

We have not yet found a suitable space to setup our office that would double as our school. We hope to have our office from Oct 1, 2004.

- Dr. Faizul Hakim, one of our members, organized medical camps in Mandail (on Aug 20, 2004) and Goran (on Aug 15, 2004 and Aug 30, 2004). The medical camps were hugely successful. Dr. Hakim also organized some medicine for the camp. We plan to do some more camps after setting up the office.

- We have engaged one full time (Tk 4,500/month) and one part time volunteer (Tk 150/day, 3 day/week) so far. We may engage one more part time volunteer for Goran area. We are providing transport cost (only the actual cost, not on visit basis) to the full time organizer since he lives in the city.
- Following is a brief report on expenditures made till Sep 15, 2004:

Item	Total count	Unit price (Tk)	Total cost (Tk)
Milk	288 Kg (19 cartons)	225	51,329
Transport cost (from Milkvita factory to Mandail; engages mini truck, rickshaw van and trawler)			850
Printing of milk-card	600 cards		800
Salary to volunteer (full-time, 2 weeks in Aug 2004)			2,000
Salary to volunteer (full-time, 2 weeks in Sep 2004)			2,000
Salary to volunteer (part-time, 2 weeks in Sep 2004)			900
Visits and Medical Camp (mid-Aug 2004 to mid-Sep 2004)			500
Total (as of Sep 15, 2004)			58,379