**COVID-19 and Response of GUP**

Bangladesh has been facing severe adverse effects from the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 from the viewpoint of social and economic outcome. All activities of GUP were ceased from 26th March 2020 and continued till 10th May 2020. Based on the special permit issued by the Government of Bangladesh, all non-government organisations started their activities from 10th May 2020 in small-scale following the health rules. Accordingly, GUP also started its official activities from 10th May 2020 and loan collection activities from 1st June 2020. Considering the pandemic situation and economic condition of the community people, GUP distributed free food items to 1,300 families along with the Upazila Administration. The total cost of the food items was Taka 2,20,000. Furthermore, GUP distributed food items worth of Taka 2,50,000 among the jobless 300 families of Khalia and Rajoir Union.

In addition to the food distribution activities, GUP distributed COVID-19 related 10,000 leaflets to the community of Madaripur, Shariatpur and Gopalgonj District to develop awareness against the impact of COVID-19. GUP also provided hand sanitisers to each of 3 local mosques of Rajoir and Khalia Union to develop awareness for health and maintain safety measures. Affectionately all workers of GUP contributed Tk. 1,00,000 equivalent to one day salary to the Honourable Prime Minister’s relief fund through PKSF.

Now we are in the 2nd phase of COVID 19 infection in Bangladesh and in the lockdown situation. We are trying to build up awareness among the community people of Khalia Union of Rajoir Upazill, Madaripur district through our health activities under ENRICH Programme.