

Story of Hasnahena

No fear in Coronavirus Pandemic. Glowing under her mask. She kept talking with her imposing voice, not wanting to stop talking about her venture. Hasnahena, a successful Agrosor loan borrower of MSS. She proudly said, "I used to work in a local garment factory and now, I am the owner of HH Export Collection" while talking about her business.

Leaving garment job Hasnahena started making T-shirts on limited scale using manual machines. She became a MSS Women's Credit Program (WCP) member to expand her business. She took second round of Agrosor loan from MSS. She started making women's trousers after surveying market demand.



Currently, 15 staffs are working with 14 electrical machines in her factory including her husband. Their factory had been closed for three months during the Corona pandemic. Now, they maintain proper hygiene while working in the factory.

Hasnahena makes a monthly profit of BDT 50 thousand or more after deducting all her costs. She has three children. All are studying in a local school. Hasnahena's dream is to expand her factory. She hopes that MSS will be with her like before to fulfill her dream. She is grateful to MSS. Hasnahena is like a ray of hope in the global economic stand off this pandemic era.

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MSS Distributed 30,000 Masks and Health Awareness Posters



Manabik Shahajya Sangstha (MSS) has distributed 30,000 masks and awareness raising leaflets among its beneficiaries to protect them from community transmission of coronavirus pandemic in northern region of the country. To survive and overcome economic slump, the

beneficiaries of MSS resumed their economic activities. At MSS, wearing mask and maintaining social distancing is mandatory. Thus, MSS distributed masks among its beneficiaries in Rajshahi, Bogura and Nilphamari districts till 2 September, 2020.

The beneficiaries were informed and motivated to follow hygiene practices through distribution of awareness leaflets along with masks. The leaflets described the importance of hygiene practices, ways to prevent corona virus transmission and things to do if symptoms of COVID-19 are seen.

Feroz M Hassan,
the president of MSS said,

"Everybody must wear mask and maintain proper hygiene to stop Covid-19 transmission, there is no alternative."

62 MSS trained on microcredit



Manawar Raza Khan

delivers opening speech in Micro-enterprise development course. Sixty-two persons were trained on micro credit operations in two different training courses by MSS training unit during September, 2020. The training courses were 'Certificate Course' and 'Micro Enterprise Development Course'.

The certificate course is for graduates who are under 32 years. The graduate trainees who do well in the certificate course are offered to join WCP as

Trainee Community Development Officer. While the rest of the trainees have the opportunities to build their career in microfinance sector in other organizations. This training was imparted to 41 trainees on September 7-8 and 10-11 at the Community Based Resource Center (CBRC) of MSS, Nilphamari.

The micro enterprise training course is designed for the field level officers and managers of MSS. Twenty-one (21) trainees attended the training at MSS Head Office, Dhaka and CBRC, Nilphamari on 15-17 and 22-24 September