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Visit By Lutz And Hedda Franz Charitable Trust

In the first week of October, a distinguished delegation from the Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust (LHFCT), Hong Kong, led by Mr. Lutz Michael Franz, Chairman of LHFCT, accompanied by Trustees Mrs. Hedwig Franz, Mr. Christopher Peter Lavender, and Mr. Rene Hodel, visited IFB's projects at Chuadanga and Meherpur. They were accompanied by IFB's Chairman and Founder Trustee, Rezaul Haque, PhD, and Trustees, Dr. S.M. Akbar and Mrs. Aasha Mehreen Amin, in the 3-day-long tour.

They attended the inauguration of the [Jibon Mela Academy](#), the newly constructed academic building of Impact Nursing Institute (INI). The INI students also arranged a cultural programme in honor of the guests. During the visit, they observed the activities of IFB's hospitals at Chuadanga and Meherpur. The visit concluded with a meeting with the Board of Trustees, followed by dinner at a restaurant in Dhaka.



Lady Jean Wilson Celebrates Her 103rd Birthday

Lady Jean Wilson celebrated her 103rd birthday on 17th August 2025. Her remarkable contributions, dedication, and compassion inspire IFB's cause for saving lives and social development, which aims to prevent avoidable disabilities and eradicate poverty through life-changing healthcare services.

On the special day, IFB wished her with a hand-stitched memento by two of its Nursing students and a signed birthday card, as a token of gratitude and admiration. Lady Jean shared a heartfelt message of appreciation for the students -Rina Akter and Suborna Khatun. She also wished them success in their studies and for their future.



Message from Lady Jean Wilson

"Dear Rina Akter, Suborna Khatun & all my dear friends at IFB, I cannot thank you enough for this delightful birthday card & your kind wishes, which are greatly appreciated. I feel quite overwhelmed by this beautifully embroidered gift, which is so delicate & intricate. I used to love sewing myself, so I understand the time & skill taken to create this, which I shall keep in my box of treasured things as a reminder of all you special people who are doing so much to put Sir John's vision into practice for the benefit of others. Rina & Suborna, I wish you well in your studies & future plans. Sending warm appreciation & every best wish to you all. ---- Jean Wilson."

Visit by Lucinda Meagher, Trustee, IMPACT Foundation UK

IMPACT Foundation UK Trustee, Mrs. Lucinda Meagher, and her husband, Russell Terence Meagher, visited Bangladesh in November. During their visit, they observed IFB's programmes in Jibon Tari, Chuadanga, and Meherpur. They were warmly welcomed with flowers at the three project sites as well as the Dhaka Office. They observed the hospital and community-based programmes at Chuadanga, Meherpur, and the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital, along with the activities at the Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre in Chuadanga and the newly constructed building of Impact Nursing Institute, Meherpur.



BACHAO's Chairman Visits IFB

Dr. Saiful Islam, Chairman, BACHAO, visited the IFB's Dhaka Office on 29 December 2025 and met with all staff members. During the meeting, he was updated with IFB's project activities, specially about the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital. Dr. Islam described the ongoing projects supported by BACHAO in Bangladesh. Upon hearing about the sufferings of poor families due to the sudden and extremely low temperatures in Chuadanga and Meherpur, which were recorded as the lowest in the country, he confirmed US\$ 5,000 donations to immediately purchase and distribute blankets to the poor and vulnerable families in the Chuadanga and Meherpur areas. BACHAO has been supporting IFB since 2014 for the prevention and cure of avoidable disability through life-changing surgical procedures. BACHAO has confirmed a grant to support 130 poor, riverine people for the upcoming year with corrective surgeries for eye and ENT patients.



VISIT BY MR. MOSTAFIZUR (MOSTAK) RAHMAN FROM IMPACT NORWAY

Mr. Mostafizur (Mostak) Rahman, a member of Impact Norway's Advisory Board, visited Impact Foundation Bangladesh's programs in Chuadanga, Meherpur, and Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital in July this year. During the visit, he observed IFB's hospital and community-based programs, including the Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre and the Impact Nursing Institute, and gained insights into IFB's vision of strengthening local healthcare capacity and bringing healthcare to the doorstep of community members.

The visit was a key to strengthening the partnership between IFB and Impact Norway to further support IFB's work in the future.



Visit by TLMI, B Chairman and Country Director at Impact Chuadanga Programme and the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital

In September, the Chairman of the Leprosy Mission International, Bangladesh (TLMI, B), Mr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario, visited Impact Chuadanga Programme to observe hospital activities, including the Out-Patient Department (OPD) and the services provided by the Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre (SJWADC). During the visit, Mr. Benedict saw firsthand the essential healthcare and rehabilitation support provided by IFB for the marginalized people of the district.

In another event, TLMI, B Country Director, Mr. Salomon Sumon Halder, visited the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital in November. During the visit, he observed the hospital activities and patient treatment provided at the hospital.

On another event, IFB attended the Annual Partners' meeting, organized by TLMI, B in November. During the meeting, organizations working under the partnership came together to discuss achievements and challenges faced throughout the year, and collectively discussed strategies to ensure the future sustainability of the programme. IFB also attended a project Evaluation Workshop at Banchte Shekha, Jashore, in October.



Orientation of the 2024–2025 Session of Impact Nursing Institute

Impact Nursing Institute (INI)'s 12th batch was welcomed through an orientation programme marking the beginning of the 2024–2025 academic session. Classes commenced on 7th July in the newly inaugurated building of Impact Nursing Institute – the [Jibon Mela Academy](#). The academic building was built to enhance learning through improved facilities, spacious classrooms, and a student-friendly environment with significant contributions from the Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust and the IMPACT Foundation UK.



New Principal Appointed for Impact Nursing Institute

Mrs. Alomoti Begum joined as the Principal of the Impact Nursing Institute (INI) in August 2025. At the beginning of her career, Mrs. Begum served in public service as a Government Senior Staff Nurse in 1986. After her retirement in 2014, she served as a Nursing Instructor and Principal in several nursing institutes across the country.

With her commitment to advancing nursing education, she empowers and leads the nursing institute by strengthening academic standards and nurturing skilled, compassionate healthcare professionals.

Sixty-one-year-old Mrs. Alomoti completed her Bachelor's degree in Nursing in 1992 at the University of Dhaka. She also holds an MPH degree in Maternal and Child Health from the First Capital University of Chuadanga.



Paediatric Orthopedic Surgery

Orthopaedic surgeons from the Paediatric Orthopedic Society of Bangladesh (POSB) successfully operated on 82 orthopaedic patients at the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital and the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Chuadanga in September. Through life-changing interventions, people with clubfoot and other orthopaedic conditions were provided treatment at the respective hospitals, who then received post-operative and follow-up care to improve their mobility and enhance their quality of life.



The Proshanti Programme

With the support from DAK International Network (DIN), Australia, the Proshanti programme will continue to serve the disadvantaged rural women suffering from uterine prolapse in 16 districts of Bangladesh. The programme supports the poorest and marginalized rural women who have limited access to healthcare services and therefore suffer in silence due to prevailing social stigmas in society.

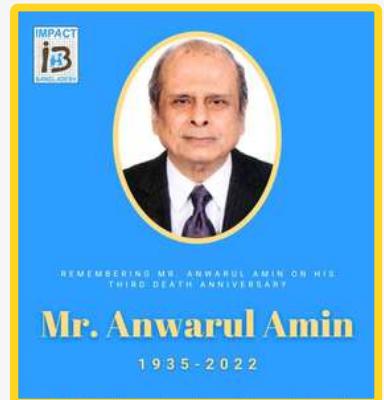
Social Services and Management Trust (SSMT) Supports IFB

Social Services and Management Trust (SSMT) provides IFB with a regular financial contribution to support the activities of the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital. Anchored at the Kaliganj sub-district of Gazipur district, the Jibon Tari is helping underprivileged women, children, and men with medical treatment, surgeries, and community-based interventions.



Third Death Anniversary of Mr. Anwarul Amin

On November 29, 2025, IFB paid its sincere tribute to its former Chairman, the late Mr. Anwarul Amin, who passed away three years ago on this day. His vision, hard work, and dedication were pillars of strength that led to the success of the organization between 2004 to 2022, and shaped its vision for the prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities.



A Leg to Stand On (ALTSO) continues to support children with Clubfoot deformity

Nur Alom was born to Abdus Salam and Nurjahan eleven years ago. He hails from Jibonnagar Upazila (sub-district), Chuadanga district. Since birth, Nur Alom had suffered from a congenital condition called clubfoot. He is the youngest of three children born to Abdus Salam. His parents were extremely happy after his birth. It was his grandmother who noticed that Nur Alom's right foot was tilted and bent inwards.

Both his parents were worried about Nur's condition, and took him to a doctor in Jashore when Nur was only fifteen days old. The doctor provided a series of serial plaster casts to straighten the foot. After several sessions of casting, the parents thought Nur would be able to walk properly on his feet. As the boy was learning to walk, his foot was bending inwards again.

His parents did not know where to turn for help. It was when Nur was seven years old, a relative suggested they visit the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Chuadanga. When Nur was taken to the hospital, a doctor, after examining the boy, suggested an orthopaedic surgery, followed by the use of an orthotic shoe to correct his foot, and help with the condition.

Today, Nur can walk on his feet properly. His parents said, "We are happy our little boy is attending school and can play with his friends. We thought we were under some bad spell when our boy was born. We had no idea that this was some congenital deformity. We are glad that Nur is living a healthy and normal life. We thank the Almighty, the doctor, and the staff at Impact Hospital for taking care of my child. We are thankful to the clubfoot program (ALTSO) for reaching out and helping children like our Nur."

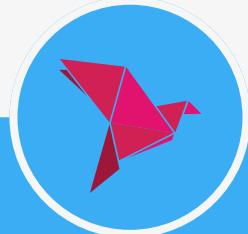


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