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Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from CSSD.

We are delighted to present this edition of our newsletter, highlighting some of the most meaningful activities carried out in recent months. During this period, we observed International Women's Day and World Environment Day, creating opportunities to raise awareness, encourage participation, and inspire positive change.

We are also pleased to share the progress of our Tailoring Training Program for women, helping participants develop practical skills, build self-confidence, and create opportunities for sustainable income.

Education remains at the heart of our mission. Through our Education Centers, we continue to provide academic support, guidance, and encouragement to children from disadvantaged communities, helping them build a brighter future.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dear donor friend, Comitato di Amicizia, for their generous financial support, enduring friendship, and commitment to CSSD's mission. Their partnership has made many of these initiatives possible, bringing hope, dignity, and meaningful opportunities to the communities we serve.

We also sincerely thank all our other donor friends, supporters, and well-wishers for their generosity, encouragement, prayers, and solidarity. Your support continues to strengthen our work and bring positive change to the lives of marginalized families and children.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and the change we are creating together.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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"A SIMPLE ACT OF COMPASSION CAN BRING HOPE, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST."

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Growing Green, Growing Together



Protecting the environment is one of CSSD's core commitments toward building a healthier and more sustainable future. We believe that every tree planted today is an investment in cleaner air, healthier communities, and a better tomorrow for future generations.

As part of this commitment, CSSD distributed 180 sapodilla (Sobeda) fruit tree saplings to 180 families across six project villages, encouraging each household to plant and care for trees around their homes. In addition, 20 areca nut (betel nut) trees were planted along the boundary of Betbunia Mission to enhance its green surroundings and contribute to environmental conservation.

Before the distribution, CSSD conducted a brief awareness session on environmental stewardship, encouraging participants to protect nature, plant more trees, and recognize their shared responsibility in preserving the environment. Families were reminded that even a single tree can provide food, shade, cleaner air, and lasting benefits for generations.

Through this initiative, CSSD continues to inspire communities to take simple but meaningful actions that contribute to a greener, healthier, and more sustainable world.







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Nurturing Young Guardians of the Environment
World Environment Day 2026
Theme: "Save the Environment, Save the Future" (পরিবেশ বাঁচলে, ভবিষ্যৎ বাঁচবে)











Environmental degradation, climate change, and pollution continue to threaten communities across Bangladesh. Recognizing the importance of building environmental awareness from an early age, Christian Service for Social Development (CSSD) celebrated World Environment Day 2026 in all of its Children's Education Centres, encouraging children to become responsible guardians of nature.

On 5 June 2026, children from the Howly Children's Education Centre in Kapilmuni Union, Paikgacha Upazila, participated in a special awareness programme. Through interactive discussions, they learned that protecting the environment goes beyond planting trees—it also includes keeping the air, water, and soil clean, maintaining clean surroundings, and managing waste responsibly.

To make the learning enjoyable, a drawing competition was organized where children expressed their vision of a clean, green, and pollution-free environment. They also learned about the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance and discovered the history and global significance of World Environment Day, first established by the United Nations in 1972.

The programme inspired children to adopt simple yet meaningful environmental practices, such as keeping their surroundings clean, avoiding littering, and caring for trees and plants. Their enthusiastic participation reflected a growing sense of responsibility toward protecting nature.

Through initiatives like this, CSSD believes that environmental education should begin in childhood. By nurturing knowledge, values, and responsible habits, we are helping to raise a generation committed to building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.

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Empowering Adolescent Girls through Awareness of Reproductive Health and Hygiene

On 8 May 2026, CSSD organized a day-long seminar titled “Empowering Adolescent Girls through Reproductive Health and Hygiene Awareness” at the Baradal Mission Premises. The seminar brought together 50 adolescent girls studying in Grades 6 to 10 from 10 villages of Baradal Mission.

The first session was facilitated by Mrs. Flora Bala Riya, Senior Staff Nurse at Paikgacha Upazila Health Complex. She delivered an informative presentation on reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, personal hygiene, and the physical and mental well-being of adolescent girls. The session revealed that many girls had very limited knowledge about reproductive health and hygiene. The participants listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions, and actively engaged in the discussion. For many, it was their first opportunity to attend such an educational seminar.

In the second session, Mr. Rimon Gain, Director of CSSD, delivered a presentation on adolescent girls' empowerment. He emphasized that every girl should be aware of her rights, build self-confidence, and be empowered to make informed decisions regarding her education, health, and personal safety. He highlighted that education is the most effective tool for preventing child marriage and enabling girls to become dignified, independent, and responsible women.



The open discussion was lively and interactive. Participants shared their thoughts and aspirations. One participant, Alo Halder, remarked, “***We want to continue our education and become successful in life, but child marriage remains the greatest obstacle to our dreams. If parents and community leaders become more aware, many girls will be able to protect their future.***” Another participant, Boishakhi Mondal, “***Suggested that establishing a safe residential hostel for girls from remote villages would help them continue their education and reduce the risk of child marriage.”***

At the conclusion of the seminar, sanitary napkins were distributed to all participants to promote proper menstrual hygiene and support their health and dignity.

The seminar significantly enhanced the participants' awareness of reproductive health, hygiene, self-confidence, and their rights. CSSD believes that investing in girls' education, health awareness, and empowerment is essential to building a child marriage-free, safe, and dignified society, where every girl has the opportunity to achieve her full potential.

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A Child Marriage-Free Future: A Dialogue with Parents and Community Leaders

Following the seminar titled “Empowering Adolescent Girls through Reproductive Health and Hygiene Awareness”, and in response to the needs and concerns expressed by the participating adolescent girls, CSSD organized a one-day seminar for parents and community leaders with the goal of promoting a child marriage-free society. The seminar was held on 10 July 2026 at the Baradal Mission Premises.

Although the programme began later than scheduled due to heavy rainfall and unfavourable weather conditions, it was successfully conducted. Approximately 50 parents and community leaders (both men and women) from 13 villages of Baradal Parish participated in the seminar. The programme was also attended by two MC Sisters, two parish priests, and other invited guests. The seminar was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jewel Macfield, Parish Priest of Baradal Parish.

During the first session, Rev. Fr. Luigi Paggi, S.X., Advisor to CSSD, shared an insightful presentation on the concept of child marriage, its historical and social background, and the reasons behind its continued practice. He also reflected on the dignity and status of women in different religions, with particular emphasis on the respect, rights, and value of women in Christianity.

In the second session, Rev. Fr. Sergio Targa, S.X. delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the current causes and consequences of child marriage, practical strategies for its prevention, and the important roles of families and community leaders in protecting children and promoting their rights. His inspiring presentation, supported by practical examples, was highly appreciated by the participants.



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During the open discussion, participants shared practical recommendations for preventing child marriage. They emphasized that, alongside the active involvement of families, schools, religious institutions, and community leaders, there is a pressing need to establish a safe residential hostel for girls from remote villages. Such a facility would enable girls to continue their secondary and higher secondary education in a secure environment, helping them remain in school, build self-confidence, and significantly reduce the risk of child marriage. Participants also pledged to raise awareness and work actively within their own communities to prevent child marriage.

This important seminar was made possible through the generous financial support and enduring friendship of the Comitato di Amicizia. CSSD expresses its heartfelt gratitude for their continued commitment. We believe that initiatives like this play a vital role in building a child marriage-free, safe, and dignified society, where every girl has the opportunity to learn, grow, and fulfil her potential.

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Empowering Women Through Education and Equality

On 8 March 2026, Christian Service for Social Development (CSSD) celebrated International Women's Day at the Amadi Catholic Mission Premises under Amadi Union. The event brought together nearly 80 participants, including women, adolescent girls, children, and men, reflecting the community's shared commitment to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

The celebration began with a colorful awareness rally, followed by a seminar centered on the theme “Educated Women, Progressive Society”, with a special focus on Equality, Empowerment, and Rights.

The programme was inaugurated with a warm welcome to the participants, while Rev. Fr. Sergio Targa, S.X., attended as the Chief Guest and delivered an inspiring keynote address. He emphasized that educating and empowering women is essential for building strong families, peaceful communities, and a just society. He also encouraged parents and community leaders to ensure equal opportunities for girls in education and decision-making.

As part of the programme, participants expressed their views through speeches, discussions, and essay presentations on women's rights, dignity, and the importance of education in preventing discrimination and child marriage. Their active participation reflected a growing awareness of gender equality and social responsibility.

CSSD believes that investing in women's education and empowerment is a vital step toward creating an inclusive, dignified, and sustainable society where every woman can reach her full potential.

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Stitching Dreams into Reality



Creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women is one of CSSD's key commitments to building stronger families and resilient communities. With the generous financial support of Comitato di Amicizia, Christian Service for Social Development (CSSD) organized a 15-day Tailoring Training Programme from 5 to 20 March 2026 for 12 women selected from six marginalized villages.



Throughout the training, participants learned to produce ten different garments for women and children, equipping them with practical skills that can be transformed into sustainable sources of income. Beyond technical knowledge, the programme helped build their confidence, independence, and hope for a better future.



At the successful completion of the training, a closing ceremony was held in the presence of Rev. Fr. Jewel Macfield, Parish Priest of Baradal Parish, and Rev. Fr. Sergio Targa, S.X., Assistant Parish Priest. During the ceremony, the guests handed over a brand-new sewing machine to each participant, enabling them to begin income-generating activities immediately and support their families with dignity. They also encouraged the women to use their newly acquired skills with dedication and perseverance, emphasizing that economically empowered women become catalysts for positive change within their families and communities.



Through this initiative, CSSD believes that investing in women's skills is an investment in dignity, self-reliance, and sustainable development.



These women are now better equipped to build independent livelihoods while inspiring others to dream bigger and create lasting change in their communities.

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LIGHTING THE FIRST LAMP OF HOPE

Every meaningful journey begins with a single step. For the people of South Bainbaria Rishi Village, that step was taken on 10 January 2026, when Mr. Dilip Das, on behalf of the village guardians, submitted a request to Christian Service for Social Development (CSSD) to establish a Children's Education Centre for the underprivileged children of the community.

Inspired by the appeal, Mr. Rimon Gain, Executive Director of CSSD, together with his colleagues, visited the village to understand the community's needs. They found a remote village in the southern part of Paikgacha Upazila, Khulna, where poor road communication, seasonal unemployment, limited healthcare, and widespread poverty had deprived many children of educational opportunities. During the rainy season, muddy roads often isolated the village, making access to schools and other essential services extremely difficult.

Although many children enrolled in primary school, poverty, limited parental awareness, and the widespread practice of child marriage caused many—especially girls—to leave school before completing their education. For most families, even providing basic learning materials was a major challenge.

Recognizing that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, CSSD decided to establish a Children's Education Centre in the village.

On 23 January 2026, the centre was officially inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Rimon Gain, Rev. Fr. Jewel Macfield, Parish Priest of Baradal Parish, Rev. Fr. Sergio Targa, S.X., Assistant Parish Priest, Mr. Sohel Halder, Catechist, local leaders, parents, and community members. The children warmly welcomed the guests with flower garlands, while Mr. Dilip Das expressed gratitude on behalf of the villagers.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Rimon Gain remarked: "*Without education, the development of marginalized communities is impossible. Therefore, we must work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn.*"

Mr. Satyendranath Mondal was appointed as the centre's first teacher, and the necessary teaching materials were officially handed over. The South Bainbaria Children's Education Centre began its educational journey on 1 February 2026.

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Since then, with the generous support of CSSD's donor friends, the centre has been providing educational materials, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, vegetable seeds, and tree saplings, while also organizing regular awareness meetings with parents to strengthen children's education and family well-being.



Today, what began as a simple request from one village has become a beacon of hope. CSSD believes that investing in children's education is the most powerful way to transform marginalized communities and build a future filled with dignity, opportunity, and lasting change.





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Warm Congratulations to Shati Rani Mondal and Her Family



Christian Service for Social Development (CSSD) extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Shati Rani Mondal, a dedicated teacher of Betbunia Children's Education Centre, and her family on the joyful birth of their second daughter, Maria Mondal Borsha, on 14 June 2026. Mrs. Mondal has been serving as a respected teacher in CSSD's Children's Education Centre since 2021, while her husband earns their livelihood as a barber.

Currently on maternity leave, Mrs. Mondal dreams of educating both of her daughters to become responsible, compassionate, and successful individuals. The entire CSSD family joins in celebrating this precious blessing and prays for good health, happiness, and God's abundant grace upon the mother, the newborn, and the whole family. We also look forward to warmly welcoming her back to her beloved education centre after her maternity leave.

Together, We Make a Difference

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Your interest, encouragement, and continued support inspire us to serve marginalized communities with greater dedication and compassion.

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions that may have unintentionally appeared in this publication. Your valuable feedback and constructive suggestions are always welcome, as they help us improve our work and future editions.

If you would like to share your thoughts, contribute ideas, support our mission, or partner with us in creating positive change, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Together, let us continue building communities filled with hope, dignity, opportunity, and lasting development.

With sincere gratitude,
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