

# IMPROVE PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN AT RISK THROUGH SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (PRiSE) PROJECT



Aiming to improve socio-economic condition of targeted families to prevent early and forced marriages, while establishing strong community-based protection mechanisms.

**KEY OBJECTIVE:** To improve socio-economic conditions of 1200 selected families and prevent early and forced marriages as well as other forms of harm and abuse against at-risk children in the targeted communities by 2027.

## KEY INFORMATION

<b>Project Location:</b>	5 (Five) unions of Ulipur subdistrict of Kurigram district		
<b>Rightsholders:</b>	1200 adolescent girls & families (30,000 community members)		
<b>Starting Date:</b>	01.07.2023	<b>Closing Date:</b>	30.06.2027
<b>Project Duration:</b>	48 Months	<b>Project Budget:</b>	CAD 2,000,000
<b>Donor:</b>	Islamic Relief Canada	<b>Implementation:</b>	Islamic Relief Bangladesh

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- ▲ Providing stipend support to help the targeted children continue their education
- ▲ Offering skill training, counseling, and support for selected adolescents to return to school
- ▲ Conducting training sessions to equip adolescents as peer educators, enabling them to teach and mentor other children in the community
- ▲ Creating income-generating opportunities for 1200 households by providing cash grants and training for income-generating activities (IGAs)
- ▲ Offering skill training on various environmentally sustainable income-generating activities (IGAs)
- ▲ Empowering vulnerable women by establishing 60 Self Help Groups
- ▲ Establishing 60 Adolescent Girls Clubs as community-based hubs for cognitive and life-skills development
- ▲ Arranging awareness raising sessions and training on child rights and protection, as well as early and forced marriage prevention
- ▲ Developing IEC materials to raise awareness & observing national and international days
- ▲ Promoting savings habits amongst the project participants
- ▲ Engaging in local and regional advocacy, collaborating with community and faith leaders to ensure sustainability
- ▲ Shared emergency and service providing toll free contact numbers (e.g., 109, 333, 1098) within the communities

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▲ 1200 rightsholders received cash grants & started income generating activities
- ▲ 1200 adolescent girls received stipend support
- ▲ 60 Self-help groups have opened bank accounts, established a savings habit, collectively deposited a significant amount across all SHG bank accounts
- ▲ Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted in 60 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and 60 Child Clubs (CCs)
- ▲ A total of 1,039 rightsholders received safety net allowances
- ▲ A total of 66 CBCPCs (Community-Based Child Protection Committees) were formed, and quarterly review meetings were held
- ▲ Leadership and management training was provided to 240 leaders from 60 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), with 4 leaders from each group participating

