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Transition and Transformation of Agami Leadership

Agami Inc., a USA based non-profit organization, has come a long way in the last two decades since its inception in July 2003 from the Bay Area, California. We have impacted more than hundred thousand students across Bangladesh throughout this journey with various local and international partnerships under our nine active programs, projects, and initiatives (PPIs). Our sister organization Agami Education Foundation (AEF) has been playing the key roles as our execution partner in Bangladesh.

I personally took on the role as the president of Agami Inc. in October 2020 and continued for 3 years (2020-2023) with an executive team of 20+ members encompassing 8 different critical operational departments. Afterward, a 7-member new executive committee (EC) of AEF was elected in October 2021 for a 3-year term. The organizational, operational, and PPI growths have been steadfast in the last 20 years. Agami and its partners coped up dynamically with the education needs and gaps during the Covid-19 pandemic period (since early 2020) and afterwards (still ongoing).

Starting November 2023, we have a new 16-member EC at Agami Inc. under the able leadership of Mustafijur Rahman Parvez with a mix of experienced and rising leaders. The Board of Directors (BoD) and EC's of both Agami Inc. and AEF have been working hands in hands across the local and global operations in serving those who need it the most. As before, the guidance and governance from the BoD will play an even wider and deeper impact for sustainable growth into the third decade.

While celebrating the successful journey of the last 20 years, we are now looking ahead into the third decade (known as Agami 3.0) with more effective communication, coordination, and collaboration. As we all know, success comes with more responsibilities for sustainable growth involving the next-generation leadership.

Wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year 2024!

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Agami Inc. Calendar

January 2024

- Agami Year End Fundraiser 2023

School Program Calendar

January 2024

- Review SP Periodic Reports
- Budgetary Planning and Approval from BoD
- Collect Success & Case Stories from Schools

February

- Complete MoU with the New Schools
- Fund Disbursement to Agami Granted Schools
- Conduct Periodic School Monitoring

March

- Prepare Year-end Annual Report
- Organize Project Orientation for New Schools
- Conduct Periodic School Monitoring

Teachers Training

January 2024

- Day-long Workshop for Teachers on Fostering RID (Respectful, Inclusive, and Diversity) Classrooms
- Ideal Class Initiative Session in Schools
- Training on New Science Curriculum Dissemination (for Grade-VIII).

February

- Training on New Science Curriculum Dissemination (for Grade-VIII)
- Class Monitoring of Grade-III, VIII

Agami Inc. Activities this quarter

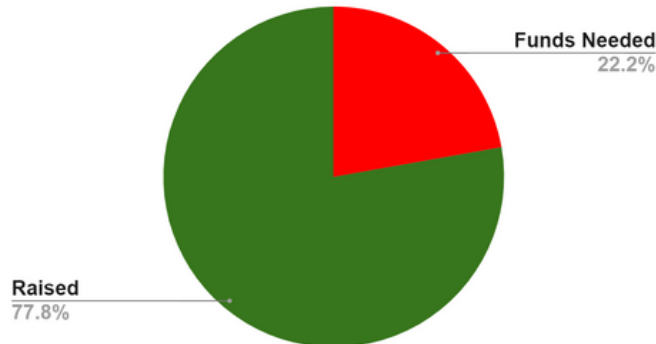
Agami Year End Fundraising is on going with the goal of raising **\$75,000** and those will be utilized to improve the education of underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

AGAMI YEAR-END FUNDRAISER (YEFR) 2023

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Agami YEFR-2023 : Target 75K



We are pleased and excited to announce that Agami Inc. Board has selected Mustafijur Rahman (a.k.a. Parvez) as the next President of Agami Inc. for a one-year term, the 2023-2024 period.

**President,
Agami Inc,
2024**



Congratulations!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the new president. We would also like to use this opportunity to appreciate and thank our outgoing president Dr. Sabir Majumder, and his team/EC members for his/their services and contributions to Agami during the last 3 years.

The new President announced the new executive committee of Agami Inc. Under the guidance of Agami's Board of Directors, there is a 16-member committee with committed leadership teams in 9 specific departments of our global operations.

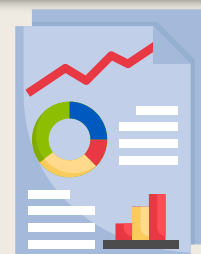
Agami Executive Committee 2023 - 2024					
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AEF PROFILE BOOK

AEF Profile Book, published in October, 2022.

It highlights the significant happenings in Agami, achievements, and partnerships and many more.

[UPDATED PROFILE BOOK](#)



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2022**

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March

- Ideal Class Initiative Session in Schools
- Class Monitoring of Grade-III, VIII

Library Project

January

- Organizing a Volunteer appreciation program
- Purchasing additional books for new Dhaka and outside Dhaka schools as part of the expansion plan
- Recruiting volunteers for expansion

February

- Starting 2024 operation in Dhaka schools

March

- Arranging Dhaka Comics Cartoon workshop
- Arranging CholPori reading sessions

Agami EdTech

January

- Training manuals and documents development
- Math Content creation for Grade 6 and 7

February

- Training conduction for multiple projects
- Onboarding sessions and device distribution
- Math and Science content creation for grade 6 and 7

March

- Schools onboarding and device distribution
- Class monitoring and reporting

We are thrilled to announce that, Agami has turned 20 this year.

Two decades of dedication and shared success.

This incredible journey would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our valued members, partners, donors, and the entire Agami family.

Three co-leads for the 20 Years Celebration of Agami Journey:

- Dr. Babu Rahman, Co-Founder, Agami Inc
- Dilruba Chowdhury, Program Director, Agami EdTech
- Mustafijur Rahman (Parvez), President, Agami Inc

Agami Education Foundation



8th Annual General Meeting of AEF



Agami Education Foundation's, 8th Annual General Meeting (AGM) (2022-2023) was successfully held on Friday, 10th November 2023



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Agami Knitting Project

From Adversity to Aspiration: The Inspiring Journey of Jahanara Liza

Jahanara Liza, a determined 15-year-old girl from Shariatpur, Bangladesh, grew up in a marginalized community with a family of seven, including her parents and five siblings. Their financial constraints, relying solely on her father (a driver) as the sole breadwinner, brought significant challenges, even for basic needs.

Despite these adversities, Liza's unwavering determination to pursue education and her dream of entrepreneurship shines through. In 2023, she is a diligent ninth-grader at Aalok Shikhlao, an Agami-sponsored school. Her educational path was riddled with social and economic obstacles, but her dedication to learning remained unshaken.



In 2021, Jahanara took a significant step toward realizing her entrepreneurial aspirations by enrolling in a six-month sewing skills development course organized by Aalok. The valuable skills she acquired during this training not only prepared her for a market-driven occupation but also attracted work orders from her community and neighboring residents.

Jahanara currently receives work orders from her community and neighboring residents for sewing and clothing alterations. Her monthly income, averaging around BDT 1000, has become a valuable means to cover her educational expenses and make a meaningful contribution to her family's finances.

Now, Liza has become a shining example for many underprivileged children in her community and beyond, who are struggling to continue their education, achieve self-reliance, and pursue their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs. Her remarkable growth and progress bring joy to her parents, community members, and teachers who take pride in her achievements.

She wholeheartedly believes that one day, she will be able to embark on a new entrepreneurial journey - establishing her own sewing shop, which is not very far from becoming a reality.

Md. Nayim Uddin
Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Teachers Training

Science and Math Project Fair by Teachers' Training Program

At the beginning of this year, the Agami Teachers' Training program took a visionary endeavor of introducing the "Ideal Class Leading to Ideal School" initiative. The initiative aims to promote school management, discipline, and 21st-century skills among students. The Teachers' Training team arranged a 'Science and Math Project Fair' in three Agami-supported schools as a part of this initiative.

Congratulations

- Rakib
- Yousuf
- Rabbi

Project: Combustible and Non-combustible substances

Congratulations

- Zihadul Islam
- Chadni Akter

Project: Water Cycle

Congratulations

- Sajjad Hossain
- Md. Rasel

Project: Experiment of 'Air contains Oxygen & Carbon Dioxide'

These schools were Emphyrean Hope School, Sohag Swapnadhara PathShala, and Switch Tahmina Banu Biddyaniketon. Students of Grade-III created and demonstrated projects on the topic they learned throughout the year.

The fair was held at Sohag Swapnadhara Pathshala on 24th November 2023, Switch Tahmina Banu Bidyaniketon on 29th November 2023, Emphyrean Hope School on 5th December 2023. Along with the Science and math project fair, the Teachers' Training Team organized a competition on "Banner Making" and "National Anthem Singing" among these schools. It was a successful program because of the participation of several guests, judges, headteachers, teachers, AEF officials, and students. The students participated in the fair enthusiastically and displayed satisfactory mastery of science and math.



Congratulations
 • Sajjad Hossain
 • Md. Rasel

Emphyrean Hope School Project: Handmade Clock



Congratulations
 • Arman
 • Sabbir
 • Tamim

Sohag Swapnadhara Pathshala Project: Tangram



Congratulations
 • Juboraj
 • Sumaiya Moriom

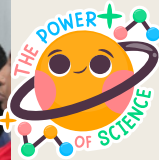
Switch Tahmina Banu Bidyaniketon Project: Rajkash and Kotal

5th Annual Science Fair'23

Life is Fun

On 27th October 2023 Agami Education Foundation (AEF) hosted its 5th annual science fair under the "Life Is Fun" (LIF) science program. 90 students from 5 schools participated in the fair. Students from grades three to five of Emphyrean Hope School, Switch Tahmina Banu Bidyaniketon, PSD Pearabag School, Alok Shikkhaloy and Shohag Swapnadhara Pathshala submitted projects. The projects were on topics such as such as water quality and purification, waste management and recycling, renewable energy, etc.

The chief judges of this event were Dr Nova Ahmed, Dr. M R Kabir, and Jasmin Naher. The event began with all the students taking a short 15-minute quiz on some basic scientific concepts.



The recipients of the awards are as follows:

Grade III:

a) Winner: Switch Tahmina Banu Bidyaniketon (Project: Water Quality and Purification)

b) Runner-up: Emphyrean Hope School (Project: Waste Management and Recycling)

Grade IV:

a) Winner: Alok Shikkhaloy (Project: Biogas Preparation)

b) Runner-up: Shohag Swapnadhara Pathshala (Project: Renewable Energy and Conservation.

Grade V:

a) Winner: PSD Pearabag School (Project: Local Ecosystem and Biogas)

b) Runner-up: Alok Shikkhaloy (Project: Greenhouse Effect and its Remedies)

By taking part in the science fair, all the students were given the chance to showcase their brilliant minds and creativity



Library Project



**Unveiling Literary Treasures
Library Fest 2023**

We concluded this year with a successful Library Fest, organized in seven schools in Dhaka and one in Netrokona. Students performed captivating dramas inspired by their favorite stories and enjoyed intellectually engaging tests. The event celebrated a year of activities, emphasizing the commitment to holistic education. Our utmost gratitude to all contributors for making it a success.



Impact

For these kids, the festival was more than just an occasion. The Library Fest was an inspiration of empowerment and joy, showing that these kids are incredibly talented. It gave them an area where they could express themselves freely.

This year, they enjoyed the books we gave them. And deal with lots of creative tasks we planned. They did drama performances based on their stories and drew their favorite characters in a drawing competition. We handed out 696 gifts to the students.



Voice of Chess Guild beneficiaries

Chess Guild



"I found new possibilities in myself through the Agami Chess Guild. I would never have had the opportunity to learn chess without the help of Agami Chess Guild. Chess taught me how to think, be strategic, and build self-confidence. Through chess, I learned how to overcome obstacles and move forward. I have played in many chess tournaments with the help of Agami Chess Guild. Apart from gaining recognition, I also got the opportunity to help my family.

A big thanks to Agami Chess Guild for not only refining my chess skills but also influencing the course of my life."



Jinnat Akter Shahnaz || Class: Seven





"I was able to express my potential through the Agami Chess Guild. Chess has developed my critical thinking and changed my life. Through Agami Chess Guild, I have had the opportunity to play chess in various tournaments which have contributed a vital role in improving my skills. Playing chess gives me the opportunity to support my family. By learning to play chess, I gained patience and increased my confidence. Thanks to Agami Chess Guild for giving me such a great opportunity and creating a bright future for me."

Suraiya Akter || Class: Eight



Improving English Teaching

Shining Stars: Agami's Triumphant Olympiad Champs!!

The Agami Education Foundation Bangladesh organized the 'Agami English, Math, and Science Olympiad 2023' for underprivileged students in Agami-supported schools. The competition, aligned with international syllabi, highlighted exceptional talent and dedication among participants. In the Math category, students showcased remarkable problem-solving skills and mathematical prowess. Scientific innovation and insightful exploration marked the Science segment, while the English Olympiad revealed linguistic finesse and creativity. Champions emerged not only for their academic excellence but also for their perseverance and determination. Their achievements underscored Agami's effective nurturing of talent and provision of holistic development opportunities. The runners-up displayed commendable skills, making the competition intense and inspiring. This Olympiad signifies Agami's commitment to empowering disadvantaged students by following international standards, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience in English, Math, and Science.





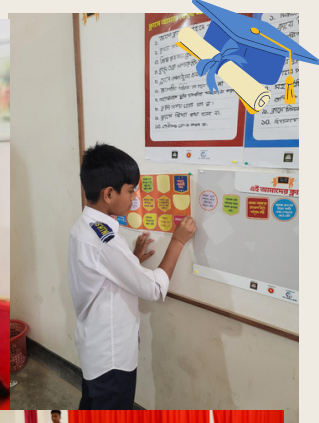
Agami EdTech: 2023 milestones and future plans

Agami EdTech has effectively wrapped up the year 2023, navigating challenges within the education sector. Despite facing difficulties in adapting to the new curriculum for secondary-level education, progress was made in content development, particularly in Grade 6 Math. The team contributed to various projects and maintained momentum in ongoing initiatives.

A notable achievement was the completion of the Reinventing our Classroom (ROC) project, funded by the World Bank. Activities such as teachers' training, data collection, baseline and end-line surveys, and intensive monitoring led to positive changes in classroom environments. Plans are in place to extend the adoption of ROC activities to Agami schools in 2024.

Collaborating with UNICEF, Agami EdTech executed a year-long field project, culminating in mobile distribution for self-paced student learning and training sessions aligned with the new curriculum. The outcomes revealed a rise in classroom engagement, attendance rates, and students' satisfaction with technology integration.

The second and final year of the SCILLS grant showcased a hybrid intervention using technology and the Agami Learning platform across 8 schools. Over 130 tablets were distributed, enabling more than 370 students to enhance foundational math skills. Plans are in place to continue Tab classrooms as a self-funded project in Agami schools next year.



Renewing the partnership with BRAC for a second year marked another accomplishment, benefiting over 4700 primary and 450 secondary students in numeracy skill development. The Serve Foundation partnership contributed to improved scores in Bangla, English, and Math through various support measures.

The establishment of an E-learning center with a well-equipped computer lab, featuring platforms such as Khan Academy Bangla, Agami EdTech Platform, and others, sets the stage for comprehensive academic and non-academic courses for teachers and students in the upcoming year.

Looking ahead to 2024, Agami EdTech aims to diversify its content offerings, extending beyond Math and Grade 6. Science and Digital Technology will be incorporated into the content creation agenda for Grades 6 and 7. Additionally, the collaboration with Khan Academy hints at a nationwide scale-up, with ongoing efforts to create Bengali content for the Khan Academy platform.

As 2023 brought hope and new beginnings, the anticipation is for 2024 to be a year of effectiveness and continued progress in shaping the educational landscape through innovative technology solutions.

Dr. Sabir Majumder Presented Agami at Global Diaspora Organization Week 2023



Diaspora Organizations (DOs) are mostly non-governmental, not-for-profit, or voluntary citizens' entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the state and the market. Congratulations!!! Dr. Sabir Majumder on successfully presenting at the Global Diaspora Week (GDweek) 2023 event on December 10th, 2023! Presenting at such a global platform is a significant achievement and reflects your expertise and knowledge.



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Wadi Haque: a student from "SUNNYDALE School"

My volunteering experience with Agami was not only educational but has also woken up a more compassionate and philanthropic side of me, helping me rediscover myself as a person. With the guidance of Soma Roy and Rahima Rima, I got a chance to visit Shohag Swapnadhara Pathshala. I have learned that it requires passion, determination, and hard work. However, the fact that a small step can open wonderful doors in a child's life and allow them to reach their full potential makes it all worthwhile.



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SCILLS grant: Influencing the learning advancement

The Strengthening Communities/Improving Lives and Livelihoods (SCILLS) grant was awarded jointly to Agami and Learning Equality by Internet Society Foundation with the aim of enabling individuals and communities to use the internet more knowledgeably and skillfully, ensuring economic inclusion and increasing educational opportunities. Agami EdTech's implementation has shown flourishing advancement among the students and teachers engaged in this program, and their exquisite response has provided motivation to continue the project for the upcoming years and expand its reach to further grades and schools.



The project encompassed 8 schools across Bangladesh, where 130 learner tablets (TAB) and 8 teacher tablets were distributed, and each school was equipped with a content server. Twenty math teachers from these schools were initially provided with training on blended learning teaching methodologies and the utilization of tablets in the classroom. Throughout the project, they received requisite support and additional training on the advanced application of the Kolibri Platform

Library Fest at Netrokona



Library Project finally wrapped up its activities of 2023 on a high note with the Library Festival hosted at its first ever outside Dhaka school Lyceum Child School in Netrokona.

This remarkable achievement stands testament to the invaluable support from the Agami Netrokona Chapter and our external partner, Volunteer for Bangladesh (VBD) Netrokona.



A dedicated team of 10 VBD volunteers managed the entire Library Project, seamlessly guiding the project from scoping to triumphant implementation. The Library Festival, held on December 27th, saw the enthusiastic participation of 40 students.

Special thanks go to Abdur Rahman Khan, Agami Netrokona Chapter Coordinator, for skillfully overseeing the Library Project's operation in Netrokona. His efforts played a pivotal role in establishing a successful technical partnership between ANC and the Library Project.

This successful operation will motivate us to form more bonds and collaborations over our common goal. Inspired by the impact of the Library Project in Netrokona, we look forward to another year of equal if not more significance and transformative accomplishments.



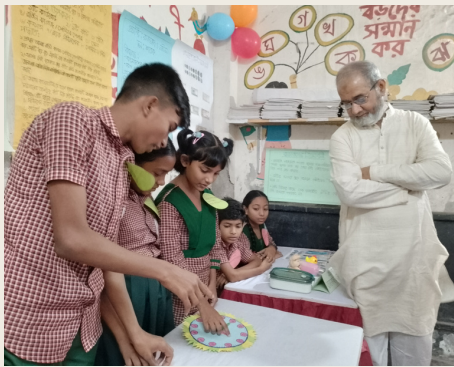
Library Fest at Netrokona



LiF science Fair



Drama Played during Library fest



Math Fair by Teachers' Training



Donation by students



AEF Fundraiser event 2023



EdTech with UNICEF



AEF Fundraiser event 2023



English, Math and Science Olympiad'23



Math & Science Fair by Teachers' Training



8th AGM of AEF



Farhana Zaman at AEF office



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