

#### **About KOTHOWAIN**

The KOTHWAIN organization (Vulnerable People's Devleopment Organization) established in 2003 by some social development activist in response to the issues of extreme poverty, low literacy rate, social and political conflict, eroding cultural identity, and high incidence of human rights violations among the indigenous peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

KOTHOWAIN a Tripura word meaning 'Hope for Survival' was officially registered as a non-government and non-political voluntary development organization in the Social Service Department of Bangladesh Government in 2007.

The organization aims to develop the socio-economic conditions of the most vulnerable and underprivileged people in the Hill Tracts. Through the years, KOTHOWAIN u has strived to build the capacities of the communities to manage and implement projects in a sustainable manner, have a voice in decision making, and dignity as a people. This has been achieved in partnership with local, national, and international agencies as well as government institutions.

#### **KOTHOWAIN** prioritized for focusing on the following areas:

- •Human Rights
- Livelihood,
- •Climate Change
- Primary Education and Higher Education
- Health and Sanitation,
- •Adolescent and Youth Development, empowerment and Employment
- Advocacy, Linkage and Networking

### Vision, Mission & Core Values



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**Vision:** Socio economic development, promotion and empowerment among marginalized people in Bangladesh

Mission: "To bring sustainable positive change by reducing poverty among the marginalized people, especially women and children, through participatory process by undertaking needs- and rights-based development programs in the Chittagong Hill Tracts"

#### **KOTHOWAIN values:**

- Participation of stakeholders
- Justice for all
- Honesty
- Humanity
- Gender Equality
- Transparency and Accountability
- Environmental conservation
- Respect
- Sharing skills and experience,

#### Membership:

Bangladesh National Youth Council-DHAKA
Chittagong Hill Tracts Women Network Foundation

### Office and Man Power Information

- Thanchi Upazilla Office
- Alikodom Upazilla Office
- Naikhyongchari Upazilla Office
- Sadar Central Bandarban Office

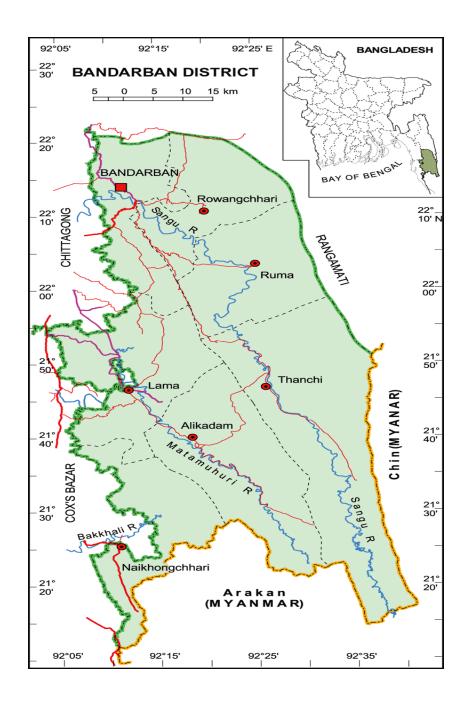
Female: 41

Total Staff: 65

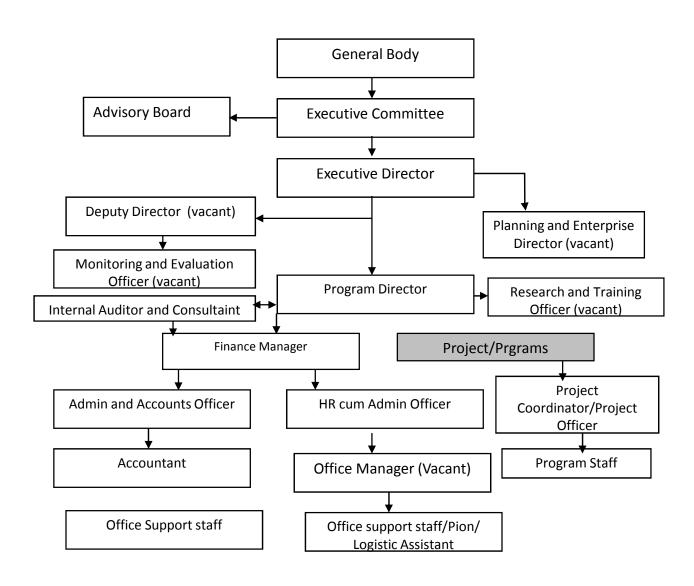
Male : 24

## **Working Locations:**

- Thanchi Upazilla
- Alikodom Upazilla
- Naikhyongchari Upazilla
- Sadar Bandarban



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## **Current Development Partners**

- 01. BRAC International
- 02. HOPE'87 Bangladesh & Austria, UNESCO
- 03. SONNE International Bangladesh
- 04. UNDP-CHTDF
- 05. GRAUS, Manusher Jonno Foundation and DFID
- 06. Prince Claus Funds, The Netherlands



# **Project Information**

Project Name	Brief Description	Funded by	Project location	Duration
Education Support Program on non formal education in CHT	-11 non formal primary schools with 275 students - All educational materials are provided by BRAC, - Regular SMC meeting conduction, - Regular home visit, - Regular Quiz and test conduction for students, - Co curricula class conduction, - Special attention to needs children, - Children friendly center and multi grade class management,	BRAC international	Alikdom Upazilla	2013-2017

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Education for Children	<ul> <li>- 04 non formal primary schools with 125 students at Mro Villages</li> <li>- All educational materials are followed NCTB,</li> <li>- Regular SMC meeting conduction,</li> <li>- Regular home visit,</li> <li>- Regular Quiz and test conduction for students,</li> <li>- Co curricula class conduction,</li> <li>- Special attention to needs children,</li> <li>- Children friendly center and multi grade class management,</li> </ul>	HOPE87 and UNESCO	Alikdom Upazilla	2013-

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Education and Training Program	<ul> <li>- 12 non formal primary schools with 360 students for Mro, Tripura, Tanchangya, Marma and Bangali communities</li> <li>- Hostel program for Higher education with 54 students at Sadar Upazilla</li> <li>- All educational materials are followed NCTB and supplied from Project,</li> <li>- Regular SMC meeting conduction,</li> <li>- Regular Quiz and test conduction for students,</li> <li>- Co curricula class conduction,</li> <li>- Special attention to needs children,</li> <li>- Children friendly center and multi grade class management,</li> </ul>	SONNE Internaila Austria	Alikdom Upazilla	2009-

Project Name	Brief Description	Funded by	Project location	Duration
Community Empowerm ent and Economic Developme nt	- Initially Formation of 50 Para Development Committee and 50 Para Women Development Group for institutionalization directly at community level, - Receiving grants BDT 4,00,000 + to implement the community demand project, - Provide capacity development through various trainings, skills and technical support, - Establishment of linkage in between communities and GoB line departments for necessary assistances, - Bank Account Opening by name of the committees, - Community Sustainable Plan Development,	UNDP-CHTDF	Naikhyo ngchair Upazilla	2014-2015

Project Name	Brief Description	Funded by	Project location	Duration
Basic well being services and cultural revival	- Formation of School Managing Committee, Mothers Group and Youth Group at 29 schools covering over 56 villages, - Provide education materials towards poor students, - Total 1510 students ( 705 boys and 805 girls) - Provide cash and technical support towards social lodging for schooling children accommodation ensuring their foods and other necessary cost who came from remoteness, - Conduct training for SMC, MG and Youth groups for their capacity building, - Provide cash and technical support towards School Managing Committee for school sustainability, - Advocate gender equality through social awareness raising	Led by GRAUS (MJF and DFID)	Thanchi Upazilla	2013-2018

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Gender Equality	<ul> <li>Provide training towards 40 Para Nari Development Groups on human rights, Indigenous Rights, Customary laws, State rights and so on,</li> <li>Establish linkage and networking amongst women groups,</li> <li>Arrange Study tour where best practice existed regarding the gender balance at CHTDF interventions areas,</li> <li>Organize Tele Conference and Dialogue amongst women on violence and rights</li> </ul>	UNDP-CHTDF	Thanchi and Alikodom Upazila	2014-2015
Homemade is Future: Indigenous cultural industry development project	The new generation of all Indigenous communities are going to forget their tradition and cultural heritage, far away in preserving their indigenous knowledge, practices and uses like weaving, domestics crafts and shying to wear own dress and introducing identity. Therefore, 100 young women will be directly involve in the project in establishing as preservation, survival and sustainable change agent in the community through the project	Prince Claus Fonds, The Netherlands	Bandarban Sadar	2014-2015

### Cultural Identity of Indigenous in CHT-directly participation from KOTHOWAIN

















































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