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## Founder's message



*Abu Sayed*

It is our pleasure to present our *2014 Annual Report* that includes current activities, financial statements, and contributors' views on and expectations from the Library in the long run. Since the starting of the Library's construction work, we have been trying to involve local people as they are the main beneficiaries of this library. We wanted them to begin with a strong sense of belonging to the library through active participation. Villagers, local representatives, teachers, students and youth, all participate/d in the construction work spontaneously which will foster ownership of the stakeholders to the library. We have been particularly mindful in trying to ensure transparency in every aspect of the library's operations. We look forward to establishing this library as an exemplar for a corruption free organization in Bangladesh. In line with this mandate we plan to keep databases on finances, system and structure of operations and as such opened to public eyes. By default, the organization will provide opportunities for anybody to ask and know about anything of concern for her. By this the organization also wants to stand apart as a model for good governance. Another key aspect for the future operations of the library is its emphasis on the contributors' views and opinions in guiding the leadership of the organization. As we all know, the library is about to begin its regular operations soon.

With a note of thanks, we look forward to your suggestions in this regard.

## Introduction

MPL is a combined effort of some friends from across the globe to establish a learning centre that would help achieve the quality of education of a remote poorer region of Bangladesh— namely Soalia village situated at Shyamnagar Thana of Satkhira district. It intends to support education mostly of the poorest student population by establishing the learning centre in the form of a library that would create learning opportunities and space for the children through a platform of interaction.

Just to reiterate the events that evolved into the inception of this library, it started its activities, mainly through collecting funds from March, 2011 in Italy. Since then, friends and well wishers across the globe contributed effortlessly which sourced the funding in building the structure that stands so far.

*The Annual Report 2014* presents the current activities of the library with a brief update of the past events. It also has presented a financial statement exhibiting the income and expenditure of the library for the year 2014. The part that follows highlights the views and expectations of the contributors as they anticipate the future of the library. It is our well intention to keep both the leaders and the contributors informed about each-others' needs and expectations so that the representations of both sides are ensured. The library looks eagerly forward to the valuable technical and suggestive contributions from its well-wishers in written.

### Vision of the library

To achieve social development through ensuring quality of education for the poorest student population and availability of necessary contextual learning opportunities for the adult population.

### Mission of the library

To provide educational and learning opportunities and a socialization space for the comparatively poor students and adults with a view to promote social development.

### Objectives of the library

- a) To facilitate access to quality educational and learning opportunities for mostly the poor students
- b) To provide a learning centre for the adult population of the locality

### Formation of the Executive Committee-2014

An *Executive Committee-2014* for the library has been formed according to its constitution. The constitution is still under scrutiny and review, while we look forward to a full-fledged document as soon. The *Executive Committee-2014* has been formed as follows.

Table 01: Executive Committee-2014 of the Library

1	President	ABM Lutful Alam	Head master, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
2	Vice-president	BM Sohidul Islam	Assistant Head master, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
3	Secretary	Md. Abraham Hossain	Head master, South Chotokupot Govt. Primary School
4	Treasurer	Mohammad Ali	Assistant teacher, South Chotokupot Govt. Primary School
5	Organizing secretary	Md. Al-Amin Morol	Roll-01, Class- X, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
6	Publicity and publication secretary	Md. Abu Sayed Kajol	Roll-01, Class- IX, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
7	First Member	Prosonjit Kumar Mondol	Roll-01, Class- VIII, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
8	Second Member	Kriti Dipto Kumar Mondol	Roll-01, Class- VII, Henchi Bongobondhu High School
9	Third Member	Sufia Akter Rupa	Roll-01, Class- VI, Henchi Bongobondhu High School

The committee is to take over the responsibilities from the founder soon. In an initial meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May of 2012, a consensual decision was reached that the founder will transfer the responsibilities to the Executive Committee soon after the

construction work finishes. Once the responsibilities are formally handed over, the Executive Committee will govern the library following the guidelines and procedural instructions stated in the constitution. Although presently the organizational leaders are not yet formally active, the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and some members deliberately involved in the construction work of the library.

### Photographs of the Executive Committee - 2014



ABM Lutful Alam



BM Sohidul Islam



Md. Abraham Hossain



Mohammad Ali



Md. Al-Amin Morol



Md. Abu Sayed Kajol



Prosonjit Kumar Mondol



Kriti Dipto Kumar Mondol



Sufia Akter Rupa

## Bank account of the Library

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 the library got its own bank account bearing its official name on it. Since then every transaction of the library has been made through bank and kept record of properly. To open the bank account, the bank required MPL to submit the meeting resolutions highlighting the decision about the establishment of a bank account under the founder's discretion. According to the resolution, the founder will operate the account until the founder hands the responsibilities over to the Executive Committee. After the shift, the account will be operated by the joint signature of the president and secretary/ treasurer. The bank account details are below:

Name of the account: Masud Parves Library

Savings account no: 100137091

Rupali Bank Limited

Nawabenki Branch

Shyamnagar, Satkhira

Bangladesh

SWIFT/BIC Code: RUPBDDH

## Registration of the library

To get the registration, the founder of the library submitted documents to the Shyamnagar Upazila social welfare department of the Government of Bangladesh on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. The Upazila social welfare department forwarded the documents to the Deputy Director of Satkhira Zilla social welfare department on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (Memo no- 41.01.8786.000.00.017.13.149/2013, date-18/02/2013). After few months, the founder received a letter (Memo no- 41.01.8700.000.27.008.12.360, date-27/05/2013) from Satkhira Zilla Social Welfare Department asking some corrections in the submitted papers. On 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 the founder of the library re-submitted the corrected documents to get registration of the library. On 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 the Upazila Social Welfare Department forwarded the documents to the Deputy Director of Satkhira Zilla Social Welfare Department. We had to pay taka 2000 as speed money, however, the founder managed the speed money for them from another source. Now, it is time to get registration from Social Welfare Department.

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**<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Masud-Parves-Library/331567526863770>**

## Up-to-date construction work



Due to shortage of money, we did not achieve our expected progress in infrastructural construction work last year. The pictures are capturing an update of so far achieved construction progress.



## Fund collection in 2014 through Paypal account

The contribution has been collected mainly through receiving cash or bank transfer and through Paypal account of the library. Given below is a detailed explanation of contributions collected so far in 2014 through Paypal account.

Table 02: Received contribution in 2014 through Paypal account

Date	Contributor	From	Amount (Euro)
02/01/2014	Anonymous contributor	Germany	50.00
09/05/2014	Anonymous contributor	Germany	100.00
31/10/2014	Kamonashish Haldar	Bangladesh	21.00
09/11/2014	Raju Sarkar, Bishawjit Mollick, Abidur Rahman and Kushal Roy	Bangladesh	55.00
<b>Total received contribution in 2014 through Paypal account</b>			<b>226.00</b>

Total in word: Two hundred and twenty six euro only

After expense from Paypal, rest of the money (121.50 euro) has been transferred to one of our friends, Ashish Kumar Basak. The Euros have been changed to taka (11660 taka) and added into received contribution in 2014 (table 03). Later, some of our contributors contributed 76 euro (73.78 euro, after deducting transfer fee) which is yet to be transferred from Paypal account to bank account.

### **Fund collection in 2014 through receiving cash and bank transfer**

Given below is a detailed explanation of contributions collected so far in 2014 through receiving cash and bank transfer, and the balance from 2013.

Table 03: Balance from 2013 and Received contribution in 2014 through receiving cash and bank transfer

Transfer Date	Contributor	From	Amount (in taka)
01/01/2014	Balance From 2013		18002.00
25/09/2014	Md. Murad Billah	Bangladesh	1000.00
25/09/2014	Rino Wiseman Adhikary	Bangladesh	1000.00
16/10/2014	121.50 Euro from Paypal, transferred by Ashish Kumar	Germany	11660.00
02/11/2014	Anonymous contributor	Bangladesh	9695.00
05/11/2014	Md. Omar Faruk	Bangladesh	5000.00
05/11/2014	Khokon Sona Rajbhar	Bangladesh	5000.00
12/11/2014	Kazi Sameeo Sheesh	Bangladesh	1000.00
12/11/2014	A K M Badrul Alam	Bangladesh	1000.00
12/11/2014	Ms. Shaheen Akter	Bangladesh	1000.00
12/11/2014	Md. Ariful Islam	Bangladesh	2000.00
12/11/2014	Janmajoy Dey	Bangladesh	1000.00
17/11/2014	Md. Mahafuzul Haque	Bangladesh	5000.00
19/11/2014	Professor Italo Trevisan and Helen Licata's 100 Euro	Italy	8838.00
19/11/2014	Professor Stephane Rossi's 100 Euro	Italy	8838.00
02/12/2014	Md. Anwar Iqbal Chaudhury	Bangladesh	7000.00
24/01/2014	Interest from Bank	Rupali Bank Ltd	268.00
23/12/2014	Interest from Bank	Rupali Bank Ltd	718.00
<b>Total received contribution in 2014 in Bank account</b>			<b>88,019.00</b>

Total in word: Eighty eight thousand and nineteen taka only.

### **Expenditure held in 2014 through Paypal account**

The funds have mainly been spent from the library bank account and a little amount has been spent from library Paypal account. The following table exhibits the expenditure so far spent from library Paypal account.

Table 04: Expenditure held in 2014 through library Paypal account (in Euro)

Date	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount	Amount of money has been spent
02/01/2014	Money transfer fee	Anonymous Contributor 's 50 Euro	2.05
07/01/2014	To buy Website/ Domain till December, 2016		22.70
09/05/2014	Money transfer fee	Anonymous Contributor 's 100 Euro	3.75
16/10/2014	Has been transferred to Ashish Kumar Basak to transfer to MPL bank account in BD		121.50 <sup>1</sup>
09/11/2014	Money transfer fee	Raju Sarkar, Bishawjit Mollick, Abidur Rahman and Kushal Roy's 55 Euro	2.22
<b>Total expenditure held in 2014 through Paypal account</b>			<b>152.22</b>

The transferred amount of 121.50 Euro has been changed to taka (taka 11660) and added with the received contribution in 2014 (table no. 03).

### Expenditure held in 2014 through bank account

The following table exhibits the expenditure so far spent from the library bank account for construction of the library's physical structure, which is still incomplete.

Table 05: Expenditure held in 2014 through library bank account (in taka)

Transfer Date	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount	Amount of money (in Taka) has been spent
02/01/2014	To buy Website/ hosting till August, 2016		1500.00
02/01/2014	Iron plate for Rod joining	6 plates	3188.00
02/01/2014	Making hole on Plates	22 holes	430.00
24/01/2014	Source tax debited by Bank		27.00
24/01/2014	Service charge debited by bank		115.00
03/12/2014	Money transfer charge		55.00
23/12/2014	Source tax debited by Bank		72.00
29/12/2014	Service charge debited by bank		115.00
29/12/2014	Exise Duty		120.00
<b>Total expenditure held in 2014 through bank account</b>			<b>5622.00</b>

Total in word: Five thousand six hundred and twenty two taka only

<sup>1</sup> In fact this is not expenditure. However, as it was transferred from MPL Paypal account to MPL bank account in Bangladesh, therefore, it has been presented as expenditure through library Paypal account.

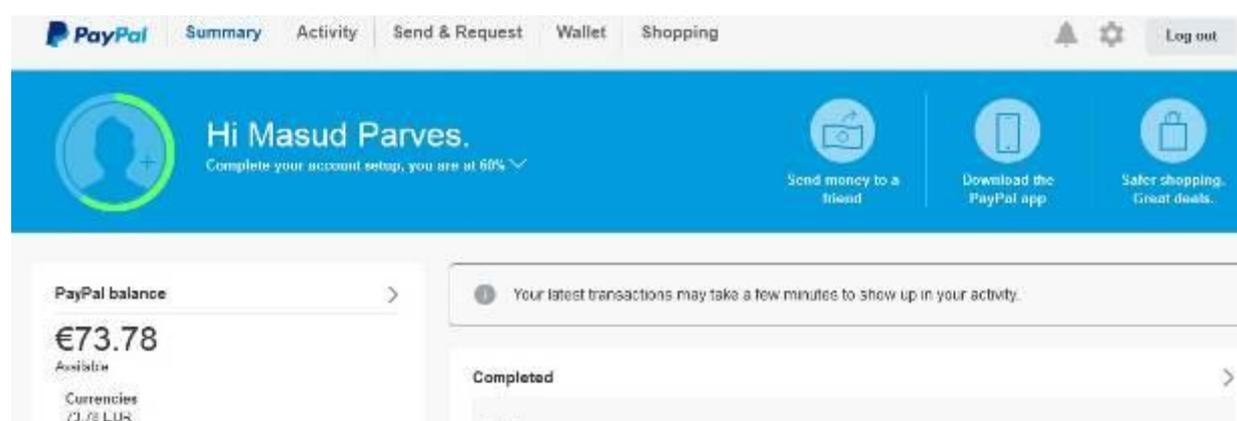
### Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 in Paypal account

After the expenses from the Paypal account, the balance detail has been projected below.

Table 06: Balance (in euro) on 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2014 in Paypal account

Received contribution in 2014 through Paypal account	226.00
Expenditure held in 2014 through Paypal account	152.22
<b>Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 in Paypal account</b>	<b>73.78</b>

### Paypal account statement of the year 2014



The balance of 73.78 Euros in Paypal account will be added to the “Received contribution in 2015 through Paypal account”.

### Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 in Bank account

After the expenses from the bank account, the balance detail has been projected below.

Table 07: Balance (in taka) on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 in bank account

Received contribution in 2014 in Bank account	88,019.00
Expenditure held in 2014 through Bank account	5,622.00
<b>Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 in Bank account</b>	<b>82,397.00</b>

Balance in word: Eighty two thousand three hundred and ninety seven taka only

## Bank account statement of the year 2014

The bank account statement of the year 2014 has been given below:

<b>Rupali Bank Limited</b>				<u>Statement of Account</u>		
Nawabenki Branch, Shaymnagar satkhira						
Savings Bank Deposit						
Account No 100137091						
Masud Parves Library						
Vill- Soalia Po- Henchi Shyamnagar Satkhira				A/C Status : Active		
Account Open Date: 19 - Feb - 2013				Demand Date: 01 Jan 2014 To 31 Dec 2014		
Trans. Date	Trans. Type	Cheque/Voucher No.	Particular	Debit	Credit	Balance
			BALANCE B/F	0.00	18,002.00	18,002.00
02-Jan-14	Cash	SBLO/6308856	TO SELF	5,118.00	0.00	12,884.00
24-Jun-14	Interest	Int. Tr.	Int. Credited	0.00	268.00	13,152.00
24-Jun-14	Source taxes o	S.Tax Tr.	STax Debited	27.00	0.00	13,125.00
24-Jun-14	Service Charg	Maint.Fee & 15%Vat	Maint.Fee & 15%Vat	115.00	0.00	13,010.00
25-Sep-14	Cash	52	BY CASH	0.00	2,000.00	15,010.00
16-Oct-14	Transfer	01	dhanmondi br	0.00	11,660.00	26,670.00
02-Nov-14	Cash	69	BY CASH	0.00	9,695.00	36,365.00
05-Nov-14	Cash	69	BY CASH	0.00	10,000.00	46,365.00
12-Nov-14	Cash	23	BY CASH	0.00	6,000.00	52,365.00
17-Nov-14	Cash	15	BY CASH	0.00	5,000.00	57,365.00
19-Nov-14	Transfer	Transfer	HOVID	0.00	17,676.00	75,041.00
02-Dec-14	Transfer	Transfer	CC	0.00	7,000.00	82,041.00
03-Dec-14	Transfer	Transfer	CC CHARGES	55.00	0.00	81,986.00
23-Dec-14	Interest	Int. Tr.	Int. Paid from Jul to 31 Dec 14	0.00	718.00	82,704.00
23-Dec-14	Source taxes o	S.Tax Tr.	STax on interest from Jul to 31 Dec 14	72.00	0.00	82,632.00
29-Dec-14	Service Charg	Maint.Fee & 15%Vat	Maint.Fee & 15%Vat	115.00	0.00	82,517.00
29-Dec-14	Exise Duty	Ex-Duty Charge	Ex-Duty Debited	120.00	0.00	82,397.00
Grand Total :				<u>5,622.00</u>	<u>88,019.00</u>	
Balance Inword Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety SevenTaka						
****End of Report**						
 <b>M. ASHARAFUZZAMAN</b> Senior Officer Rupali Bank Ltd. Nawabank Br. Satkhira. Officer				 Manager		
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The balance of taka 82,397.00 will be added to the “Received contribution in 2015 through bank account”.

**Donate your contribution to Masud Parves Library through Paypal at  
mparveslibrary@yahoo.com**

### Contributors' wish

It was intended that we publish the MPL Annual Report 2014 with contributor's views and expectations to the library regarding future. This could be a portrait of how the contributors envision the library functioning in future. On the other hand, it could also be an inspirational guideline to the future leaders of the library. It is assumed that the future leaders of the library will realize the feelings and motive of the contributors to make an effort to establish the library. It has been assumed with hope that the future leaders will the beauty of our contributors' thinking regarding the library. Below are some of our contributors' messages for the future leaders.

In the near future, I hope the Masud Parves Library will reach its objectives and make the mission - to provide educational logistic and information to the villagers to achieve a stable economic growth - become a reality! Such local efforts, with the supports of local people and heartfelt contributions from others, will have regional, national impact!! Lessons learned from Masud Parves Library are encouragements for others with similar goals!

Wishing all the Best!!

From Bam Razafindrabe  
Madagascar

Dear Abu Sayed,

I hope you are well. I think your speech at CoDe graduation would be the perfect inspirational message for the library's future. I appreciated very much both the content and how you put it through. Wish you all the best.

Stefano Rossi

Italy

I am involved since I genuinely trust that access to education it's the key to more responsible citizens, having more tools to be relevant in their communities for developing sustainable social, economic and political inter-connected environments around the world. It's a significant drop so it's enough for me to get on board.

Mihaita Lupu

Romania

We have contributed to the Masud Parves Library because we know Abu Sayed personally and believe in his sincerity and in his conviction in this undertaking.

Sayed returned to his home country after obtaining his Master's degree in Trento, Italy, not only with the great desire to put into practice all he had studied in the field of local development, but most important of all, to do something for the people in his village, and by extension, for his country.

We have seen how the children have helped in building the library. We want to make sure, together with Sayed, that those same children will be able to benefit from what they have helped create.

We want to see a functioning library, one which will continue to function for many, many years, for the benefit and pleasure of all, children and adults alike.



From Italo Trevisan & Helen Licata  
Bosentino (TN), Italy

### **BANAT for ASIA**

Bangladesh, a country which sound exotic with a high level of poverty, the biggest density of population in the world and cricket. This is what I knew about Bangladesh, yet by 2012 I made a Christmas wish: I launch fundraising campaign "Banat for Asia", to help building a library in Bangladesh. But why someone from Romania, wants to participate in this type of project?

In 2010, I had the chance to receive a grant from the European Commission in a program of research and study in local development, which lasted 18 months and was conducted in three countries in Europe. In this program, I met Sayed from Bangladesh, an open person, charismatic, friendly with a big heart and an English hard to understand. Gradually, after 2-3 months I attach to him, and I began to hear

stories about the place from which he came, his world, about what is happening in his community. I have nice memories with him and our CoDe friends. I remember when, in the summer of 2011, I went to the Sziget Festival in Budapest (the largest music festival in Central and Eastern Europe) and he said with unusual candor: "We have also something similar at home ... but in our world people gather to pray (referring to the Eid celebration and religious festival). He tasted the "western life and way of thinking" and he liked everything what he saw in Europe, he liked the new world, though often not understood. He did not understand our jokes and clichés after which Western society has statutes for example.

I struck up a close friendship with someone which was from another world for 18 months. I spent whole nights with him discussing about traditional vs western society, about women, about money, about politics, about development, about different value system of different societies. The conclusion I reached is that, the poor, or those who come from such traditional society are healthier and have a purer soul than most modern people in the West. Relations between them are closer, the family is very important and although living in abject poverty, are happy and smiling all the time, being very generous. Actually I wrote also in Romanian media about this issue, I wrote about Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft and about Max Kneef, about sustainability and about human resource development.



Therefore I decided to start a fundraising campaign for Sayed, for the his community and to fulfill his dream, raising money for establishing a library to support education in Satkhira region in southwestern Banagladesh. I went to national Television talking about campaign, I contact advisers of Romanian

Members of European Parliament and honorific consul of Republic Bangladesh, I wrote in regional and national media about this and I try to promote and to raise the awareness about our common project, the CoDe master project. (Picture from my television appearance)





I wrote many emails to many donor organization, I apply for a fellowship in international development journalism, I contact people

interested in this type of projects. A friend of mine help me to design the logo of campaign and I have T-shirts which were give as a reward after a facebook contest on the “Banat for Asia” page: <https://www.facebook.com/BanateniPentruAsia> (pictures



of the logo here and of the t-shirts)

Without success. Gradually I realized that there are too few people interested in the field of international aid, not only in Banat (my home region) but all over Romania. Romania, even if is a EU member, still is in the transition process from communism to liberalized capitalism and you can fell this on people perception and way of thinking, in comparison with people from more developed countries from EU.

Indeed, there are poor people here, there are people who need help in Romania, but I think that a library for them (people from Bangladesh and especially from Sathkira district) represent something more than a library that could be built in a commune from Romania. It's a unique campaign for a remote area, but the amount that is needed is small compared to the impact that it can produce the library construction. Moreover library motto is: “Little contribution for a great change”

We will keep our faith and continue the project till we manage to establish the library. I am sure that we will be successful in our goal and the important next step for the Masud Parves Library will be to develop a SMART program in order to become self-sustaining.

Gratian Mihailescu

Romania

Want to see MPL as a center for knowledge and innovation of Satkhira District in particular, aimed to facilitate young learners practicing healthy debate on social issues and contributing in local development. This is very much timely initiative and I wish every success of MPL and people associated with it.

Kausik

Bangladesh

### Conclusion

“Masud Parves Library” is grateful to its friends. The organization is to the same degree ambitious about its progress in an effort towards positive social change. It believes that the future leaders of the library will lead the same combining the contributors’ realization and the local needs in achieving the stated goals. It is determined to help some students to continue their education, while the villagers will be benefited by getting the facilities provided by the library.

**Information regarding the Masud Parves Library can be found here:**

<https://www.masudparveslibrary.com>