

What's up in the Hub?

Project Spotlight: Kamlaphul Pharmacy - Empowering Women Pharmacists in Bangladesh

On November 12, 2023 Impact Hub Dhaka collaborated with UNFPA, Zaynax Health, Gram Unnayan Karma Guk, and ToguMogu to pave the way for innovative financing and empowering 56 pharmacists in Bogra and Bagerhat through the Kamlaphul Project.



This program aims to establish successful pharmacies by offering tailored training in business skills, confidence-building, and network support, placing a special emphasis on female pharmacists. The objective is to turn their pharmacies into valuable hubs for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information, counseling, and essential product distribution. Thus, in December, we conducted need assessment visits, engaging with female pharmacists, entrepreneurs, and industry experts to develop a special module for entrepreneurship skills. Two workshops were held in Bagerhat and Bogura, which covered essential topics like business plans, pharmacy finance, marketing, and accessing funds for entrepreneurs, with the presence of government officials and UNFPA representatives.

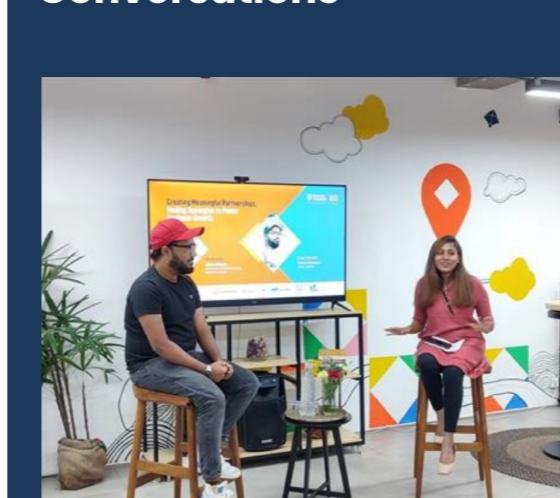
Showcasing Innovation: Young Water Fellowship Community Pitch Event!

On October 12, we hosted an exciting pitch event for participants of the Young Water Fellowship Springboard Bangladesh 2023. Shah Rafayat Chowdhury from Dreamwater Enterprises Limited, MD.



Rohan Karim from EasySense, Bushra E Anjum, Balishakhi Alam & Samiur Ahmed from Shapla Wellbeing, Mubashir Tahmid & Farha Hints Firdos from Tetra, and Md Irhan from EcoFertilizer took the stage to showcase their innovative products. Representatives from Max Foundation Bangladesh, Water.org, Climate Innovation Challenge, and more provided valuable feedback, shaping their journey for potential partnerships and investors.

Empowering Entrepreneurs Through Mindful Conversations



On October 17, 2023, we explored entrepreneurial insights with Wahid Hossain, Founder of TigerBow, focusing on partnership strategies for building businesses. The session was an insightful exploration of strategies for identifying synergies and leveraging strategic partnerships to propel entrepreneurial journeys toward success. Participants gained valuable knowledge to steer their ventures with purpose and effectiveness.

Fast forward to November 30, 2023, when Orange Corners Bangladesh hosted an engaging Open House. The event concluded with a dynamic networking session, providing a platform for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and foster collaborations. Hats off to Orange Corners Bangladesh for weaving a strong network in our local entrepreneurial ecosystem!



Plant-Powered Potluck: A Sustainable Gathering for Eat4Environment Challenge 2.0!

On October 28, 2023, we gathered for a Community Potluck as part of the Eat4Environment Challenge 2.0 Enticing Vegetarian Awareness Month. We whipped up a spread of mouthwatering plant-based dishes, discovering the positive impact on our health and the environment. Thanks to everyone who joined us—every meal is an opportunity to nurture our planet. Whether you're a plant-based pro or new to it, choose sustainability and savor the flavors of a greener future!



Mumble Empowers Non-Profits: Insights from Data Workshop



Mumble's recent three-day workshop on November 5-7, 2023, focused on enhancing the skills of professionals from various organizations in data usage and engaging communication. The session on sensitive data collection by Dr. Shamima Parveen and insightful facilitation by Araf Aziz and the duo of Wahid Hossain and

Kanak in demystifying AI tools were notable. Mumble's commitment to ICT4D initiatives and impactful communication campaigns underscores its dedication to driving positive change in the non-profit sector.

Tradeshi x Alibaba Annual Meetup 2023

On December 6, 2023, Bangladeshi traders and Alibaba Gold Suppliers gathered at Impact Hub, Dhaka for the 'Tradeshi & Alibaba GGS Member's Annual Meetup 2023.' Discussions ranged from achieving first-page rank to launching new service packages. The dynamic atmosphere facilitated a rich exchange of ideas, celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit and unlocking new possibilities for Bangladeshi exporters on Alibaba.com.



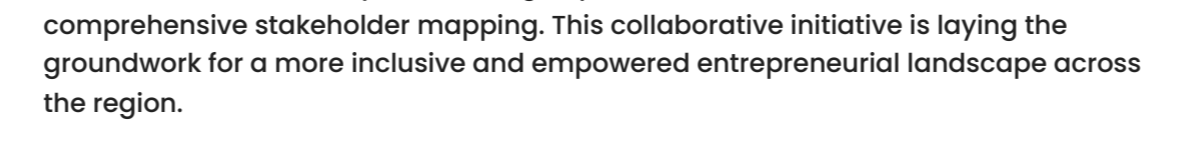
IHD & ILO Empower Youth with Digital Skills

In collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), Impact Hub Dhaka has achieved success through the Train the Trainer Activity. This initiative, supported by Grameen Trust, focused on 'Digitalizing Your Business & Financial Literacy.' Impact Hub Dhaka conducted five extensive training sessions between May and October 2023, equipping 93 trainers serving as field unit-in-charge from Grameen Trust with essential digital skills. In turn, they supported more than 2,400 microentrepreneurs in 23 districts across Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Barisal and Khulna. This collaborative effort marks a significant stride in empowering young and under-served entrepreneurs with the tools needed for a digital future.



Empowering Inclusive Entrepreneurship in Asia

Embarking on a transformative journey, Impact Hub joins hands with UNESCAP to spearhead inclusive entrepreneurship support for women with disabilities in Asia. Our collective focus targets dismantling financing disparities and overcoming infrastructure barriers, fostering collaboration among stakeholders from Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Nepal. Impact Hub Dhaka, Impact Hub Phnom Penh, and Impact Hub Kathmandu lead the way, conducting impactful literature reviews and comprehensive stakeholder mapping. This collaborative initiative is laying the groundwork for a more inclusive and empowered entrepreneurial landscape across the region.



Humanitarian Innovation Commitment in Bangladesh by AI4Resilience Network

The AI4Resilience Network, featuring key stakeholders such as BetterStories, Barishhika, and Impact Hub Dhaka, is dedicated to advancing humanitarian innovation in Bangladesh. This collective initiative aims to fortify the network over the coming year, emphasizing common objectives and impactful innovation in the humanitarian sector.



Global Engagement and Skill Enrichment at Makers Festival 2023

At this year's Makers Festival held on November 8 - 9, the Impact Hub Dhaka team actively participated, showcasing our commitment to global collaboration. Engaging in sessions on diverse topics like finance and community engagement, our team members enriched their skills and contributed valuable ideas to foster feasible solutions and improvements.

Impact Hub APAC Gathering: A Dynamic Exchange of Ideas

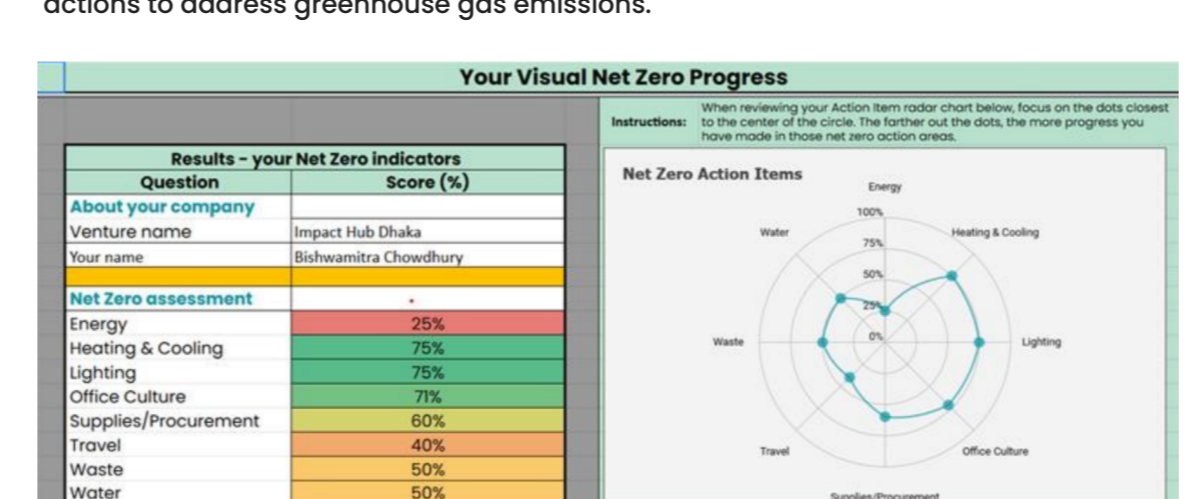
The Impact Hub APAC Gathering took place from November 21 to 25 in Cambodia, where Bishwami Chowdhury represented Impact Hub Dhaka. The event



focused on innovative communication, revenue models, and compelling storytelling showcasing the empowerment of individuals within the Impact Hub community. This created a vibrant forum for changemakers to exchange ideas!

Taking Strides Towards Net Zero Emissions

As we delve into the end of 2023, we are excited to update you on the pivotal steps we are taking together as Impact Hub Network in our collective journey towards achieving Net Zero by 2025. We have embarked on a crucial initiative to track our emissions and understand our environmental impact better. Impact Hub Dhaka now has its designated dashboard, that allows us to collectively monitor our progress, develop local action plans based on tracking tool insights and begin implementing actions to address greenhouse gas emissions.



Member Highlight:

Meet Nahid Akhtar, co-founder and Managing Director of Meraki Innovations Ltd. With over 14 years in education and a thriving freelance career collaborating with Fortune 500 companies, Nahid has recently founded her agency, serving 15+ clients in just six months. As an Impact Hub member, Nahid values the collaborative environment, which has played a key role in securing mentoring opportunities, including her current mentorship with the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women.



Team Highlight

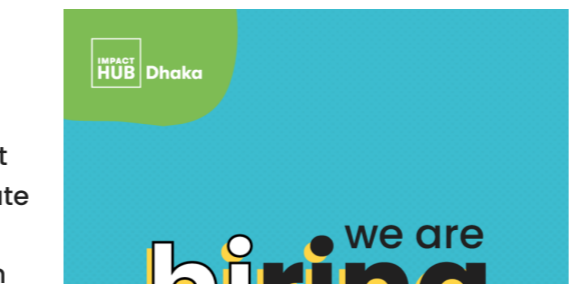
Congrats Mustain!

Congrats Mustain! We are thrilled to welcome Mustain Karim Chowdhury to Impact Hub Dhaka as our Deputy Manager! In this role, Mustain will play a pivotal role in supporting our diverse range of programs and consultancy initiatives. Additionally, he will work closely with our internal and external stakeholders, fostering collaboration within our local, regional, and global communities. We look forward to the valuable contributions Mustain will bring to our dynamic team!



Be a part of our Dynamic Team!

Embark on a path of innovation and impact with us! We're on the lookout for a passionate individual to lead and nurture our dynamic community of entrepreneurs. Join the team and be a driving force in shaping a thriving ecosystem!



Apply now by sending your resume and a one-page cover letter to chokag@impacthub.net. Don't miss out - we're continuously reviewing applications. Check out this job description: <https://dhaka.impacthub.net/about/careers/>

Join our Growing Community at Impact Hub Dhaka!

Are you ready to be part of an energetic and collaborative community? Look no further! Become a Member at Impact Hub Dhaka and unlock endless opportunities for collaboration, connection, and idea sharing.

What We Offer

- Furnished Office Spaces:** Embrace a hassle-free setup in our fully furnished office spaces, designed to inspire productivity and creativity.
- Meeting Spaces for Rent:** Host productive meetings and brainstorming sessions in our well-equipped meeting spaces.
- Shooting Space:** Need a professional setup for your video or photo shoots? Our shooting space is equipped to meet your creative needs.
- Coworking Setup:** Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals in our co-working spaces, fostering meaningful connections and collaborations.
- Event Space:** Whether it's workshops, seminar, or networking events, our dynamic event space is perfect for hosting engaging and impactful gatherings.

Discover Your Perfect Space Today!

Visit our website to explore our spaces and find the perfect fit for your needs. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of a thriving community where connections are made, ideas flourish, and impact is created. Join us at Impact Hub Dhaka and let's make a difference together.

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