

## Light of Hope

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identities.

Ghargutu is the name of a small village in the district of Dinajpur in northern Bangladesh. Educational opportunities are limited and many villagers do not know much about their rights. When SIL started working in the area, the community were not sure how to improve their standard of living.

SIL is now working with the people of Ghargutu through an awareness raising program, a youth project known as 'Generation Next Group', a learning circle and adult literacy classes. The people involved in the learning circle have learned a lot about topics such as health, maternity care, superstitions, savings, their rights, childcare and cultivating poultry and cattle. Gradually people have begun to make changes in their lives.

### ... .. SPECIAL COMMENTS

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**June 15-20, 2018:** Health Screening among Children.

**June 25-28, 2018:** Strategic Plan Sharing event with all staff.

**June 25-29, 2018:** Active Citizen Leadership Training

**July 11-12, 2018:** Awareness raising seminar on Ensuring Local Government Health Services with Mahle community

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Rita Roy

Members of the learning circle have started making savings by collecting rice. They save the rice week by week, depending on their ability, and have earned a total of 8000 taka (over 90 US dollars) by selling it. The savings have helped four people so far. For example, Rita Roy could not afford school tuition fees for her children, so she was given 2500 taka from the savings of the learning circle. Another member, Merina, received 30 kg of rice collected by the group when her family was in need. Two villagers, Rozina and Solomon, received 500 taka each when they were ill. They returned the money afterwards with interest, so the savings are increasing.



Rozina Tudu

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