

## How SDF Funded project SABAH Bangladesh empowered Rasheda Parveen China from Jamalpur, Bangladesh



China was born in a village call Mahadan under Sarishabari Upojila in Jamalpur District. She is 35 years old now. She is deaf and dumb since her birth. She is the youngest among four children of Rahim Tarafder. When she was 10 years old, her father died. Her mother sent her to local disable school, there she studied up to grade 8. Then she has to stop education as her family was unable to bear the education expenses.

In 2013 SABAH Bangladesh started its activities in Sharishabari with the partnership of a local NGO call Sarker Pasha Welfare Trust. SABAH Bangladesh find out China through that local organization along with some other women, eventually all of them became Home Based Worker and registered members of SABAH Bangladesh. SABAH Bangladesh provided two types of income generating training like tailoring and Block-batik. China received both the trainings; her performance was noticeable during the training session. Since then SABAH tried hard to prepare her as a trainer. Now she is working with Sarker Pasha Welfare Trust as a tailoring trainer and helping other poor women. She has an assistant now who translate her sign language into words to the participants. When China's other siblings are on their own, she is taking care of her mother with her own income and living with her.

China's self confidence, hard work with the supports of SABAH Bangladesh and Sarker Pasha Welfare Trust made her a successful woman in society despite her by born disabilities. Now, disable China is the inspiration for not only the disabled people like her but many other poor women in the village.