

Madalena Maria Pereira Ferreira

Volunteer: Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust-BDDT



Photo: Madalena with the special children in coastal district Barguna

Madalena Maria Pereira Ferreira is a special education teacher who came to BDDT as a volunteer for 6 months. This was her first visit to Bangladesh as well as BDDT. She came here for the “**Special education for the children with Autism and neurodevelopment disorder**” where she provided support for appropriate education services to students with autism and neurodevelopment disorder.

She was so much interested and impressed by the activities of BDDT that she helped in providing a comprehensive instructional program for children with autism and neurodevelopment disorder and their career. Besides, her tremendous support to provide education services to students with autism and neurodevelopment disorder was a major achievement of the project. Throughout the 6 months of the project, she helped our team for the placement of the child under a special educator according to evaluation and development of IEP (Individual Education Program). Besides that, she also helped in planning of individual therapy for each child according to the evaluation.



Madalena in a meeting with the Press



**Madalena with the parents of the special children
in Barguna**

After the successful completion of the project proper curriculum was developed for the special children in Barguna and most importantly Madalena created awareness among the whole community about the importance of special education which helped the children to take well informed decisions about their career. In this regard, many special children were rehabilitated within their own community.

Madalena mentioned “ I decided to come to Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust because I wanted to challenge myself, learn about a different country and culture whilst helping to make a difference and supporting a meaningful cause. I enjoyed my time at BDDT as the people are really wonderful and made me feel extremely welcome. It is a great environment to live and work in, like one big family.

I will remember this experience forever, especially the wonderful people.’’