In March 2011, SHGO began a partnership with RUSTIC, a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in the Southwest Region of Khulna, Bangladesh. Under the directorship of Moral Noor Mohammed, an esteemed Ashoka Fellow, RUSTIC works in rural and slum communities.

SHGO's lifelong partnership with RUSTIC is currently focused on the construction and development of an innovative girl's school and training center in the slums of Sonadanga. This center will serve over 100 young females, supporting their education through vocational training and income-generating initiatives. A well has been dug at the school to provide the community with safe, potable water. After a development and pilot period, the goal is for the center to be fully self-sustaining, and equipped to serve local girls in need for generations to come!

To get involved in SHGO’s partnership with RUSTIC in Bangladesh, please visit shgo.org or call 508.755.2340. To learn more about RUSTIC, visit rustic-bd.org.