

# Scaling “Appayon Community Kitchen”: Sustainable Dignified Food Security Implementation in Dhaka, Bangladesh



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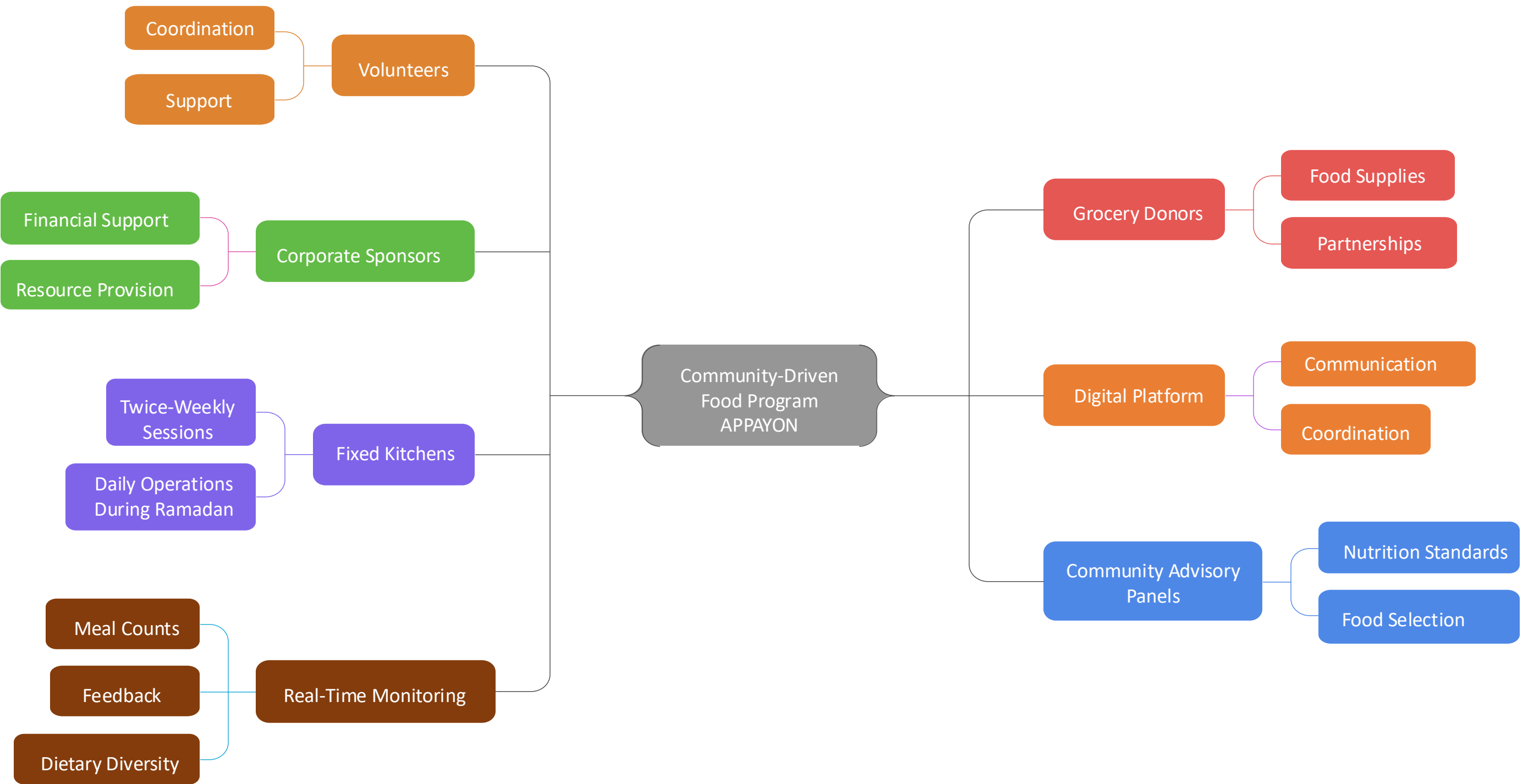
**Appayon**, a Bengali term epitomizing the gracious act of inviting and serving food with utmost reverence, embodies our community kitchen’s ethos of **“No one sleeps hungry”**.

## BACKGROUND

- **Appayon Community Kitchen** launched during Ramadan 2023 by **OBHIZATRIK Foundation** to address urban food insecurity in Dhaka.
- Provides bi-weekly meals year-round and daily iftar during Ramadan, reaching **~500** underserved individuals per day.
- Driven by volunteers, local donors, and community groups, embedding equity and social inclusion.

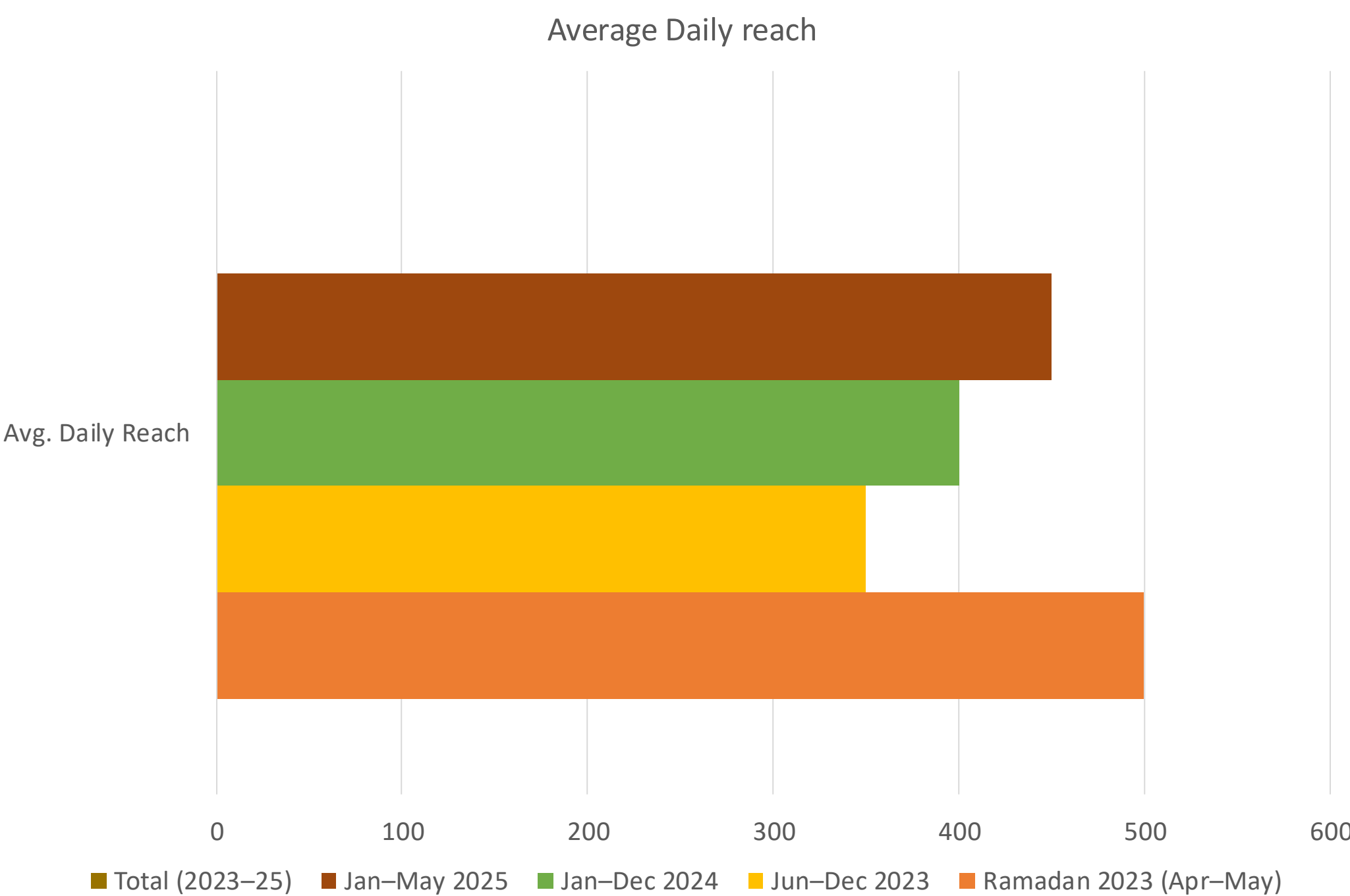
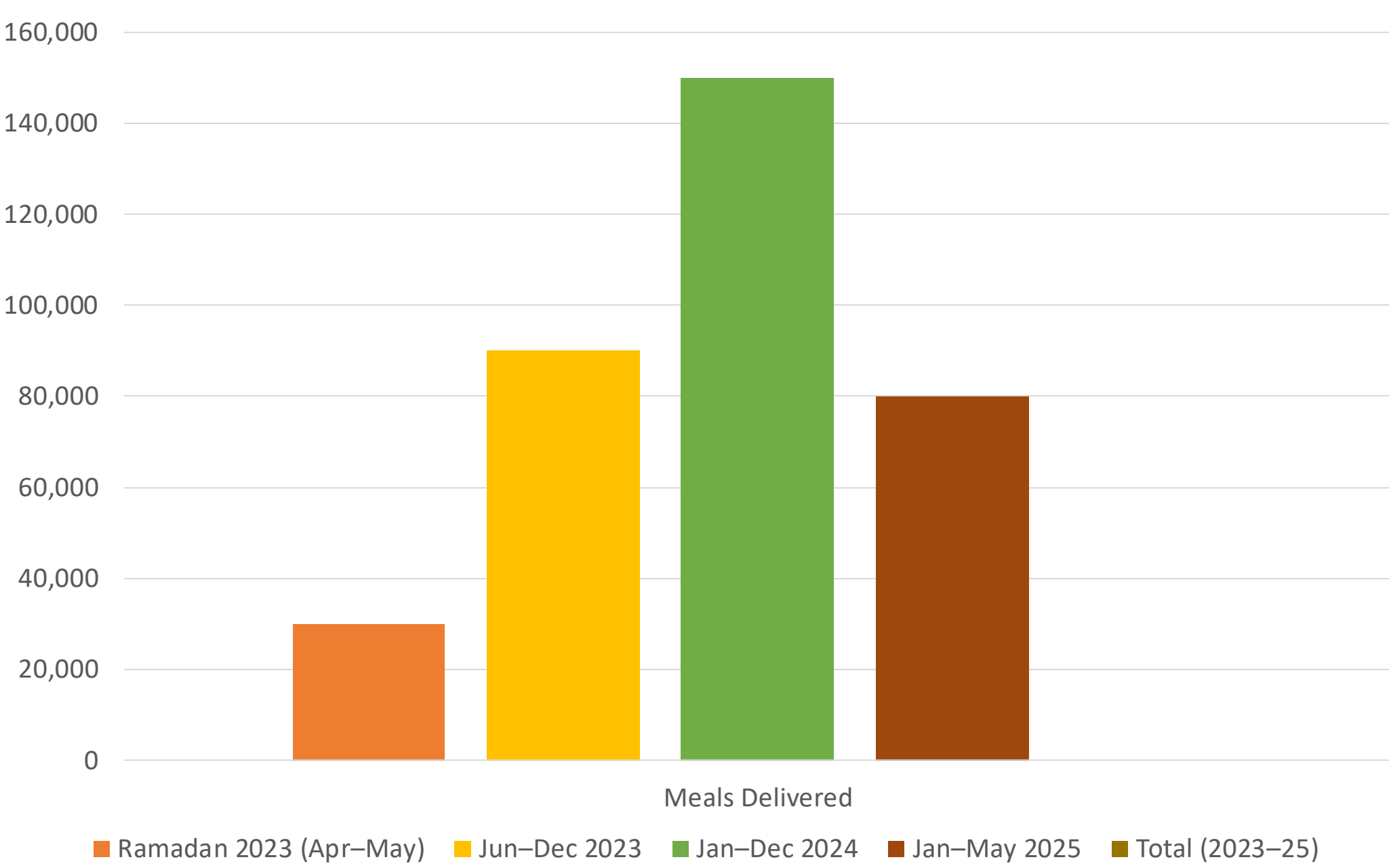


## METHODS



## RESULTS

- **350,000+ nutritious meals** delivered between June 2023–May 2025.
- **Volunteer engagement** increased by **40%**, strengthening community ownership.
- **85% of beneficiaries** reported improved dietary diversity and food security.
- **More than 30%** of beneficiaries connect to OBHIZATRIK’s education and livelihood programs through the kitchen, joining its wider community development efforts
- **Facilitators:** cultural alignment, Community coordination, and flexible operations.
- **Barriers:** supply chain delays during floods; mitigated through staggered shifts and pre positioned food stocks.



## CONCLUSION

Appayon Community Kitchen demonstrates that inclusive, community driven food assistance can scale sustainably in urban Bangladesh. Embedding local partnerships, adaptive monitoring, and cultural alignment ensures resilience and dignity during peak demand and emergencies. Beyond nutrition, the kitchen serves as a gateway to socio economic development: over half of beneficiaries connect with OBHIZATRIK Foundation’s education and livelihood programs, strengthening holistic community empowerment.

