**My Journey to Self-Sufficiency and Success in Saudi Arabia through RSTI Training **



My name is Antor Hossain Molla, from Narua, a small village in Baliakandi, Rajbari. Like many others in my community, I dreamed of going abroad as a skilled worker to build a better future for myself and my family. However, growing up in a rural environment, with limited access to resources, skill development seemed an impossible task. My family couldn't afford to pay for specialized training, and without those skills, achieving financial stability overseas would be difficult.

When I learned about the free training offered by the Rahmatunnesa Skill Training Institute (RSTI) under the Rural Skills and Employment Unit Foundation (RSUF), I saw a glimmer of hope. RSTI were providing young people like me with practical, hands-on training that would help us develop essential skills for the job market. Determined to create a better life, I enrolled in RSTI as a student of the second batch.



The training I received at RSTI was life-changing. Developing technical skills, particularly in electrical work, which was exactly the kind of training I needed to find better opportunities abroad. We learned not only the fundamentals of electrical work but also how to handle equipment safely and efficiently, understand technical schematics, and communicate effectively in English. With every passing day, my confidence grew as I gained practical knowledge and valuable skills that would set me apart from others.



From the beginning, I had a clear vision of my goal: to become self-sufficient and to use my skills to earn a stable and respectable income. Without professional training, most people who go abroad end up doing low-paying jobs and work long hours just to make ends meet. This is something I witnessed in my community, where several friends and neighbors went overseas only to struggle with low wages and intense workloads. They put in enormous effort but couldn't make the kind of money they had hoped for. I realized that having specialized skills was the key to earning a better income while working more efficiently.

After completing my training at RSTI, I felt fully prepared to take the next step. With the support and encouragement of RSUF, I made the decision to go to Saudi Arabia and pursue my dream of working as an electrician. My family was hesitant initially – the idea of me going abroad was daunting for them – but they understood that this was an opportunity for me to create a brighter future.

Once I arrived in Saudi Arabia, I quickly saw how valuable my training from RSTI was. I began working in the electrical field, and my skills allowed me to take on more complex tasks that others with limited experience couldn't handle. I found that I was more efficient and accurate in my work compared to many of my colleagues, who lacked formal training. This made me stand out to my employers, who trusted me with more responsibility. As a result, I was able to secure better-paying, giving me more control over my time and income.

Today, I earn approximately 100,000 BDT per month, a sum that seemed like a distant dream before I joined RSTI. My family back in Narua now has financial stability, and I am proud to support them. I've been able to help with household expenses and even save for the future. The skills I acquired allow me to work smarter, not just harder.

Looking back, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity RSUF gave me. They didn't just provide me with technical training; they changed the course of my life. Today, I am self-sufficient, respected in my field, and able to create a positive impact for my family and my community.

I hope my story serves as inspiration for others in similar situations – those who have the drive to achieve more but lack the resources or guidance. With the right skills and support, anyone can overcome obstacles and reach their goals. My journey from a small village in Rajbari to a skilled electrician in Saudi Arabia stands as proof that dreams can be achieved, and that skill development truly is a pathway to self-sufficiency and success.