

## Pre-schools for Bihari Children



Dakha, Bangladesh



Education

Year 2 Budget \$30,600

Project Timeline

\$14,600 TO GO

JAN 21

DEC 22

### Overview

The Bihari ethnic minority community live mostly near or in extremely crowded refugee camps. They are an Urdu-speaking, mostly forgotten and despised group of people. Our partners have established two pre-primary school classes for a total of 60 children within the largest of the camps - home to some 40,000 people with only one school - and are providing life skills training for adults. The long term aim is to develop individual and community future prospects, aiding their integration into the wider Bengali community.

Year 2 budget is also \$30,600.

### Impact for January - June 2022

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#### Two new teachers were trained on the job

because two of the original teachers moved out of the camp in the past 12 months due to the pandemic. All teachers attended a 'refresher training' course in the school holidays.

#### The 2 classrooms located inside the camp

have provided a safe and positive environment for the 60 children and space for a social awareness program for parents about the implications of early marriage for girls, which was well received.

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#### School classes focus on reading and writing

the Bengali language through fun activities by caring staff, which provide the foundation for their ongoing education in Bengali medium schools outside the camp.

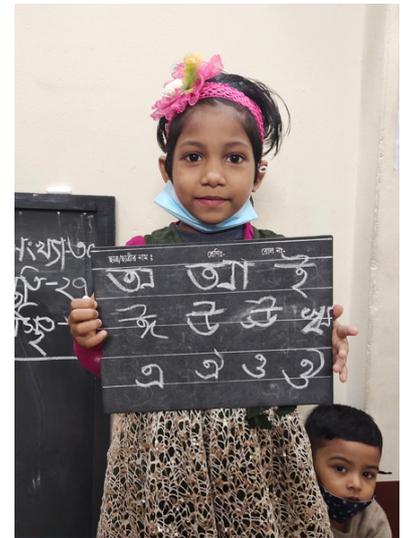
#### 40 mothers have received sewing training

at the tailoring training centre run by our partners. Some are using this skill in the camp to increase their daily income and help support their families.

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- School remained open during this period despite worsening pandemic conditions.
- 200 families benefitted from nutritious food packages and warm clothes distributed amongst the children in the camp.
- Parents value having their children in pre-school, and attending monthly meetings and awareness seminars about health, hygiene, budgeting and avoiding under-age marriage.



### Nafisa's Story

Nafisa is five years old and has two older sisters. Her father lost his job during the COVID pandemic and was devastated that he could not afford to educate his third daughter. The pre-primary school agreed to admit Nafisa free of charge because of the family's financial woes. Nafisa's father regularly drops her at school and is waiting to hear about her day when he picks her up. Nafisa is loving school and is learning Bengali, English, maths, rhymes, poetry and drawing. Her parents are very grateful for the opportunity and often thank the teachers for taking such great care of all their students.

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