

## Pre-schools for Bihari Children

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Dakha, Bangladesh



Education



Tax deductible

Total Budget

Project Timeline

\$61,200

2 YEARS



### POPULATION

163 million

### POVERTY

24.3% of the population below poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 73 years

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX\*

Ranking out of 189 nations Bangladesh 133 (Aust 8)

*\*2020 Human Development Report*



### Overview

The Bihari ethnic minority community live mostly near or in extremely crowded refugee camps. They are a forgotten and despised group of people. This project establishes two pre-primary schools within the largest of the camps - home to some 40,000 people and only one school - and provide life skill training for adults, with the longer term aim of developing individual and community future prospects and aiding their integration into the wider Bengali community.

Year 2 budget is \$30,600

### Why support this:

This project will help to break the poverty trap of limited education, low skills capacity and low self-respect by providing pre-school education for 60 children and community awareness training for adults and carers in areas of health and hygiene, budgeting, avoidance of under-age marriage and child protection. The schools will focus on ages 4-6 and will run activity based classes that build a foundation for ongoing education, strengthen Bengali language ability, encourage motivation of children and parents to maintain education and introduce an element of fun to break the monotony of daily life. Local staff with long-term experience of living and working in the camp provide a sound understanding of the needs and challenges faced.

### Objectives Include:



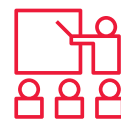
Appoint and train a senior and junior teacher



Locate and equip the classrooms



Survey, interview & enrol 30 children in each of 2 schools



Train staff to run social awareness seminars

### Expected life Change

- Children will be prepared for school entry and will have better education and future employment prospects.
- Children's development and daily life will be enriched through a variety of fun and engaging activities, leading to improved health and happiness.
- Parents and guardians will feel empowered to lead and guide their families and make positive changes and choices.