

Pre-schools for a Better Future



Dakha, Bangladesh



Education

Year 1 Budget \$44,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 23

FEB 25

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 consolidates two pre-primary schools within the largest of the camps - home to some 40,000 people with only one school. A weekly club for at-risk teenage girls has been established and life skill training for adults will continue. The long term aim is to develop future prospects for individuals and aid their integration into the wider Bengali community.

Impact for September 2023 - February 2024



20 at-risk teenage girls continue to meet

weekly in a positive environment. A qualified social worker has volunteered her time at the Girls Club each week and her input has been highly valued. A nurse has also volunteered to teach health related topics important to pubescent girls.

Develop games, activities and materials

Three separate pre-Christmas events were held for 180 participants where nutritious food packages were distributed. Warm sweaters for students and blankets for families were distributed during a severe cold spell in January. A training workshop on "Literary use and the role of stories in the development of Pre-School children" is planned for mid 2024.



60 children enrolled in the 2 schools

30 girls and 30 boys are enrolled in free pre-school education. A supervisor and a teacher attended training to become qualified facilitators under the International Child Development Programme. All staff participated in a two-day training about Child Protection.

Social awareness seminars for parents

The two ICDP facilitators (above) successfully ran their first intensive 9-week Caregiver Seminar for eight parents. All parents receive monthly social awareness classes on child raising. An awareness seminar about Child Abuse was given and now Child Protection Code of Conduct posters are posted in all centers and schools.



Shayem's Story

Shayem is a delightful 8-year-old boy with Down syndrome who lives with his parents in Geneva Camp. Heart-broken when they realised he was different from other children and they could not find a school that would allow him to attend, they were excited to learn that a new Pre-School classroom had opened up near their home. At first, the teachers were hesitant to let him join the other children. They agreed to a trial period, but after two weeks, Shayem was well loved by his classmates and an attentive student. His parents are very grateful to the teachers who gave their son a chance.



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