

Building a Brighter Future

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Southern Bangladesh



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget \$185,000

Project Timeline

Year 2 \$66,500

JUNE 23

MAY 26



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

This project focusses on the rural poor who are particularly disadvantaged. The aim is to strengthen 72 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and establish them under Village Development Foundations (VDFs), registered with local authorities. This will help deliver a sound capital base to invest in small business and income generating activities. VDFs are trained in leadership, management, communication, advocacy and financial capacity to empower them as agents of social change, to initiate business and build capacity of SHGs, including fostering their access to government resources and disability support services. The 1300+ SHG members meet weekly to receive training in economic development, agriculture, food security, gender and justice issues. The project also aims to organise children/youth into clubs promoting health, sport, recreation, leadership and education in child rights and protection.

Why support this:

This project is helping poor and marginalised families sustainably overcome poverty. Our partners are committed to building trust and confidence, disability inclusion, trying new things and learning from others, creating stronger people-to-people links and ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance at all levels.

Objectives Include:



Capacity building of 39 SHGs (30 female, 9 male)



Formation & capacity building of VDFs



Child protection & rights via educational social clubs



Linkage & advocacy for children & PWD

Expected life Change

- Long-term wellbeing and a model of transformation driven by change from within, especially in terms of gender balanced participatory leadership and inclusion of people with disabilities (PWD).
- Self-help Group members engage in economic activities, improved food security, social awareness and skill development.
- Children and youth aware of their rights and united in raising a collective voice to advocate for their wellbeing and protection.