

Pre-schools for Bihari Children



Dakha, Bangladesh



Education

Year 1 Budget \$30,600

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 21

DEC 22

Overview

The Bihari ethnic minority community live mostly near or in extremely crowded refugee camps. They are a 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 July - December 2021



4 senior teachers are now fully trained

and have implemented the curriculum well over the past 12 months, despite the disruptions due to COVID-19.

They are caring and well respected by the students.

2 classrooms located inside the camp

provided a safe and positive environment for the 60 children and their teachers. Monthly meetings and social awareness seminars were also held here for parents.



33 girls and 27 boys have enrolled in classes

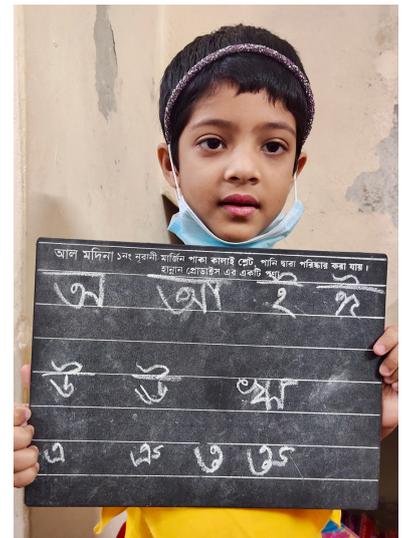
and enjoyed the opportunities to learn to read, write and play games. Every student received COVID-19 protection materials, personal hygiene packs and daily meals.

120 parents received the COVID-19 vaccine

despite the hurdles of, first, having to register the parents in the system and then hiring a nurse to explain all the misconceptions and concerns around immunisation.



- COVID-19 continued to affect school closures and a lack of employment for parents. 200 families directly benefitted from a Nutritious Food distribution amongst the children in the camp.
- Parents have responded positively to having their children in school, sending them off on time each day and regularly attending monthly parent meetings.
- The 60 students' development and daily life has been enriched through a variety of fun and engaging activities, drawing competitions and sports days.



Riya's Story

My name is Riya. I am seven years old and I have 3 brothers. My father is a rickshaw driver and my mother looks after us at home. I am so happy that I got to enrol in school a year ago. I can now read and write! I've learnt lots of lessons, I can sing rhymes and I have so much fun with all my classmates. During COVID-19 my father lost his job and we had no money for a long time. My parents worried that I would have to leave school but I am so happy to say my education has not stopped. I love school and I want to grow up to be a teacher. I think my teacher loves me a lot too.



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