



# OBAT HELPERS

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Join us to help Stateless Stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh

## Who are these people?

The inhabitants of these camps, known as the “Stranded Pakistanis” have a population of almost 250 thousand. They are settled in more than 60 camps in different areas around Bangladesh. The history goes back to the partition of India in 1947. They are mostly from the Indian state of Bihar, who moved to East Pakistan (present Bangladesh) during partition in 1947.

In 1971, after the creation of Bangladesh, these people were forced into 66 “temporary” camps across the country. They never thought that this will be their permanent home for the next several decades.

Almost all camps lack basic amenities, privacy and social life. They have lived in these camps since 1971. Presently, they are not citizens of either Pakistan or Bangladesh.

An entire generation has lost their identity. They are suffering from severe demographic stresses. Even in misery they hold their heads high, and are driven by the hope that they will be able to start life afresh, sooner rather than later.

## What We Do

OBAT Helpers is a non-profit organization committed to provide aid, support and rehabilitation to the suffering and displaced stateless people across the world. Our immediate focus is to ensure timely aid, relief and development support to the quarter million of stateless Stranded Pakistanis commonly called Biharis. At OBAT, we recognize that distribution of financial assistance alone cannot assure sustainable development in the long run. We believe in a policy of ‘involvement and empowerment’ to guarantee better health, education, hygiene, sanitation and financial progress in the long-term perspective. All the support and relief programs initiated by OBAT are based on poverty alleviation and economic empowerment. We believe that a judicious strategic mix of aid, education, vocational training and empowerment will help us achieve this objective.

## Relief Distribution in the camps



By the grace of almighty Allah we have been completed the distribution Emergency Relief Program among the Standard Pakistanis families at Rangpur Camp during month of May, 2007. About 1,435 Nos. of family in 9 Camps have received the relief each family got 30Kg Rice, 10Kg Flour, 2Kg Sugar, 2 Ltr Edible Oil and 1 Kg pulse etc.

## Housing Project in Morapara camp Mirpur



21 houses has been re-built after a fire disaster and handed over to the families in June-07



**Send your Zakat and Charity for different projects and family assistance.**

**Educational Aid & Scholarships:** \$200 will help one student continue his/her education for the whole year. This will help in the areas of tuition, registration fee, exam fee, books, and scholarships.

**Economical Empowerment:** \$250 will help a family be empowered economically. This will help provide need base skills training and other developmental projects to help improve the quality of life of the suffering people.

**Family Assistance Program:** \$300-\$600 will provide assistance to a family for basic needs for the whole year.

**Adopt a Tutoring Center in the Camp:** \$1500-\$2500 per year. This will help in the staff salaries, building rental supplies for the center, furniture and maintenance.

**Adopt a School in the Camp:** \$2000-\$5000 per year. This will go towards school staff salaries, supplies for the school, books, activities for the children, furniture, and maintenance.

**Re-constructions of Camps:** Help with the constructing & rebuilding of water and sewage facilities, constructing & rebuilding of bathrooms, and providing drinking water facilities.

**Help to provide the basic needs:** i.e. food, water, clothes, sanitation and other necessities.

**Health & Medical Assistance:** Provide basic facilities, help with medicine, treatments and surgeries, and create awareness on health, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene practices.

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## Our schools & Coaching Center



We are helping 4 different school at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, & Rangpur providing financial assistance to pay the teachers & staff salaries. OBAT Coaching Center is an excellent example of after school tutoring. Since last two years more than 20 students have been graduated with A grade. Now they are studying in college with your help & support.

## 2006 at a glance

### Family Assistance Program (656,629.00 Taka)

Families getting the monthly assistance to maintain, financial help for the treatment / surgery, to get married their daughters. enhancement of living conditions (drinking water, sewerage and other improvement projects), funeral arrangements etc.

### Educational Aid (636,057.00 Taka)

Provided financial aids to 306 students for their admission fee, tuition fee, exam fee, books etc. Providing Teachers & staff salaries to 4 different schools in Rangpur, Khulna, Chittagong & Dhaka.

We are running the first pilot tutoring center in Rangpur. More than 120 students are getting free after school tutoring from grade 6 to 10.

### Charity & Zakat Distribution (2,143,200.00)

(Zakat, Qurbani, food, Blankets etc.) We have distributed Zakat money to more than 1700 families. Qurbani meet has been distributed to more than 2900 families. Food, Blanket and other necessities has been distributed to more than thousand families.

### Micro Financing Projects (684,505.00 Taka)

First pilot micro financing project has been started in August 2006. Almost 61 families have started 21 different small businesses. This project has been started in Saidpur. We will launch this program to other camps by the end of this year.

