



OBAT HELPERS

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Join us to help forgotten stranded people in Bangladesh

Mission

Our mission is to provide relief, infra structure, education and economical empowerment to *the stateless and displaced people* commonly known as stranded Pakistanis /Biharis living in extremely sub-human conditions in the camps. They are almost helpless and rootless without any guarantee for permanent settlement anywhere. They have no place to migrate on their own choice. These human being are in distress. Join us to make a difference.

OBAT Helpers Inc., a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, our services include education, self empowerment, healthcare, drinking water, sewerage and other relief programs.

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Self Empowered small business owners- Syedpur Camp



Anwar Khan and Shujaat Wasty with camp kids in Rangpur

Our focus is Education and Self Empowerment

In the last 5 years we provided help and support to thousands of families in the camps located in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rangpur, SyedPur, Mymensingh, Narayanganj, and Gayabandah etc.

Education

Presently we are running 5 different schools in Dhaka, Chittagong & Khulna. In 2008, we opened schools in Chittagong and Dhaka, and added an extension to the OBAT Primary School in Khulna. We also opened a tutoring center in Mohammadpur modeled after the one in Rangpur in 2005. In Mymensingh, we opened our third center to help high school students in the camp.

Syed Ehtesham Arshad visiting the Women's Training Center in Dhaka



Dr. Ayaz Malik with members of the OBAT Advisory Council of Bangladesh visiting the OBAT English School in Dhaka

Self Empowerment

Economical empowerment is the backbone of any society. During 2007 the micro financing project grew to over 303 individual projects in 3 camps in Syedpur.

In 2008, eleven more camps were added and an additional 1,014 projects. Between 2007 and 2008 14 camps were involved and more than 1300 projects. They are mostly involved in businesses such as: rickshaw service, small shops, cattle, embroidery/knitting, repair shops, food service, sewing and other home-based projects. Our goal is to expand our services to 5000 families in next 3 years.

Health/Medical

OBAT Care Clinic was established in 2007 with a physician and health care staff on duty. Two more clinics are scheduled to open in 2010-11. With the Eye Care program, 51 people received cataract surgery from Mymensingh camp. Financial support is also provided during medical and surgical needs.

Family Assistance Program



We are currently doing different projects to assist the families in one of the basic human needs. Food products and Zakat are distributed regularly to families. We ensure that regular financial support is given out, especially to deserving families. We are also providing financial assistance for events such as marriages, funerals and legal situations.

Improvement Projects



Different areas of improvement have been targeted to enhance the living situations of the camps. Some of the projects include: housing, drinking water, improvement/construction of drainage/sewage system, and construction and repair of bathrooms.

Qurbani Projects

Year	# of Cows	# of Goats	Meat distributed to # of Families
2008- Dec	51	111	5000
2007- Dec	70	103	6450
2007- Jan	55	74	4500
2006-Jan	14	73	1680

Khulna

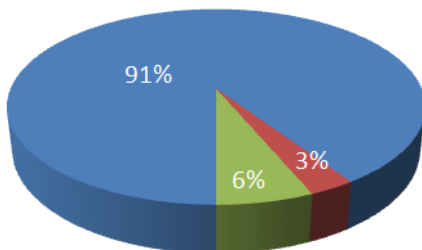


Transformation Through Education

Increasing the standard of education in the camps has been a focus for OBAT since the beginning. Recently we have started an English medium school in Mohammadpur, Dhaka. We are also managing 4 other schools and OBAT Tutoring Centers. We are providing financial support on different levels of education from high school to Masters. We distribute books, uniforms, and other necessities for students enrolled into our school system. We are also planning to start non-formal education and adult literacy project for women and children. Other training programs included in our micro-financing projects for self-sufficiency, child development, money management, household management, available resources, health education with individual and group classes on health, hygiene etc.

Projects and Expenses 2008

- Project Expenses (\$211,115)
- Fundraising Expenses (\$7010)
- Administrative Expenses (\$14,704)



Chittagong



Dhaka



Progress since 2004

