

OBAT'S BLS HIGH SCHOOL



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Empowerment Through Community Development

The BLS High School is located in Mirpur, Dhaka and instructs students from nursery classes to tenth grade (S.S.C. or Secondary School Certificate level). BLS is an acronym for Bangladesh Literate Society. The school was established in 1973 for the camp children in Mirpur. It covered its operating costs by collecting tuition fee from students. However, since 2014, the school committee faced serious funding deficits as the students were poor and did not have the ability to pay their tuition fee. The number of students continued to decrease as the school building fell into a state of severe disrepair with damaged furniture, deeming it unfit for use.



In January 2015, Mr. Anwar Khan, President of OBAT Helpers, visited the school during his annual trip to Bangladesh and met with the teachers and the school committee. During his visit, the committee requested him to take over the school. The MOU signing ceremony was held on 25th Feb 2015 at the school and with that, the BLS school became another addition to OBAT's educational programs. After taking over the responsibility of the school, OBAT created proper seating arrangements, decorated the classrooms and built the campus walls. OBAT also provided training to the teachers to build their capacity and increase the effectiveness of their teaching.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE BLS SCHOOL



476 STUDENTS

18 TEACHERS

1-X GRADES



SUBJECTS

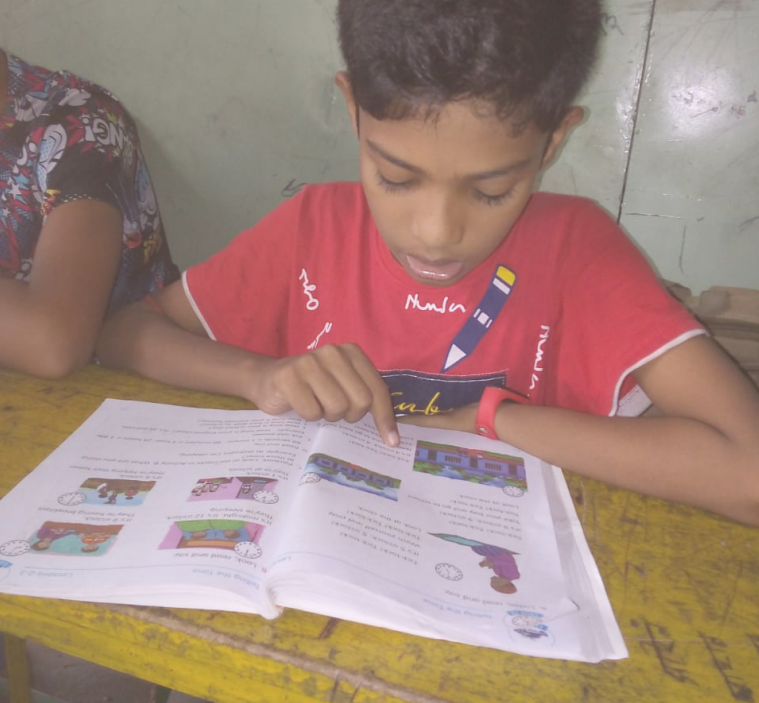
- Bangla
- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religion
- Bangladesh & Global Studies
- Finance & Banking
- Computers
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Health & Physical Education
- Career Studies
- Entrepreneurship



IMPACT

The Mirpur region in Dhaka consists of a total number of twenty-four camps. Hence, the BLS School fills a big void for **quality education** for camp children. By receiving an education today, camp children will have a bright future in store for them which gives them the potential to lift their entire community out of poverty. Previously, these children had almost no way of receiving an education from a reputable educational institute. Schooling from an established institution is costly and the camp families struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table. Sending their kids to school is thus not a priority.

The BLS school is providing **free education** for the children of the camps. The structural condition of the school as well as the curriculum, have been continuously improving through the years.



IMPACT

One of the most important contributions of the BLS School has been re-engaging previous academic dropouts. Some camp students have to drop out in order to help their parents earn an income. Other students struggle academically and hence cannot gain admission to another school. The BLS School is giving an opportunity to such students to continue their education and ultimately secure their futures.

Before being taken over by OBAT Helpers, the results of the BLS School students were not very encouraging. The passing percentage of students hovered between 40-45%. After OBAT took over, the results of PSC (Primary School Certificate board exam taken on finishing grade 5) and JSC (Junior School Certificate board exam taken on finishing grade 8) exams improved markedly with almost 100% of the students passing their board exams. On average, 30% of the students receive an A+, A or an A- in the PSC exams while 40% of the students receive these grades in the JSC exams.

Annual Budget for 2022

BUDGET ITEM	\$ ANNUAL EXPENSE
Salaries	16,823
Uniforms	5,280
Events & trainings	1,438
Staff lunch	1,224
Exercise & text books	1,165
Maintenance	824
Materials	819
Utilities & supplies	682
TOTAL	28,255

