

# OBAT'S SB NAGAR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTER



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Jobs are very hard to find for the camp dwellers; discrimination diminishes their prospects greatly. For women, chances of finding employment are much less. At best, they can earn a pittance, working as a maid in people's homes. Another employment option for them is to work in a factory doing arduous labor in exchange for a few Takas. These options offer meagre wages in exchange for hard, manual labor.

Sardar Bahadur Nagar (SB Nagar) is the largest camp in the Chittagong region in Bangladesh. It has 11 sectors. About 6,000 people from the Urdu speaking community live in these camps. Approximately 95% of them live in extreme poverty. Most of them work as day laborers- they work as Rickshaw Pullers, Night Guards, House Maids or work in garments factories. Sometimes camp residents work as street hawkers and women try to contribute by making paper bags at home in exchange for very poor wages.



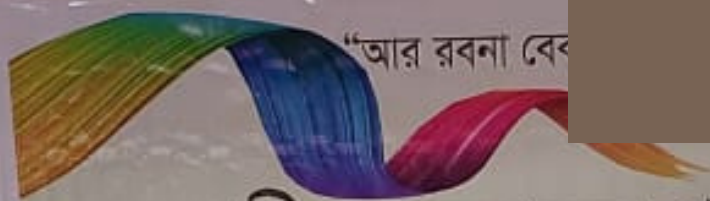




# PROJECT INFO AND IMPACT

OBAT's SB Nagar Women Empowerment Center offers a viable alternative to women for earning a suitable living. When women living in camp communities learn to sew, they are able to work from home by establishing their own businesses. Many times, the women are employed by OBAT to sew uniforms for the students studying in its schools. Families living in the camp are usually struggling to survive on a sole bread earner's income. With this new skill, the women graduating from the SB Nagar Women Empowerment Center are able to add to their family's income and improve their living condition substantially.

The SB Nagar Women Empowerment Center was established in January 2022. Women are taught to sew basic articles of clothing over a course of four months. So far, two batches have already graduated from the center. These women are now earning a suitable income by sewing clothes. One student was also able to find a job at a factory as an operator.



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## Women Empowerment Project

### Tailoring Training



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# Annual Budget for 2022

| BUDGET ITEM              | \$ ANNUAL EXPENSE |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries                 | 990               |
| Rent                     | 667               |
| Sewing machine purchase  | 650               |
| Sewing Materials         | 177               |
| Office expenses          | 151               |
| Utilities                | 134               |
| Repairs and replacements | 133               |
| Transportaion            | 67                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>2,969</b>      |

