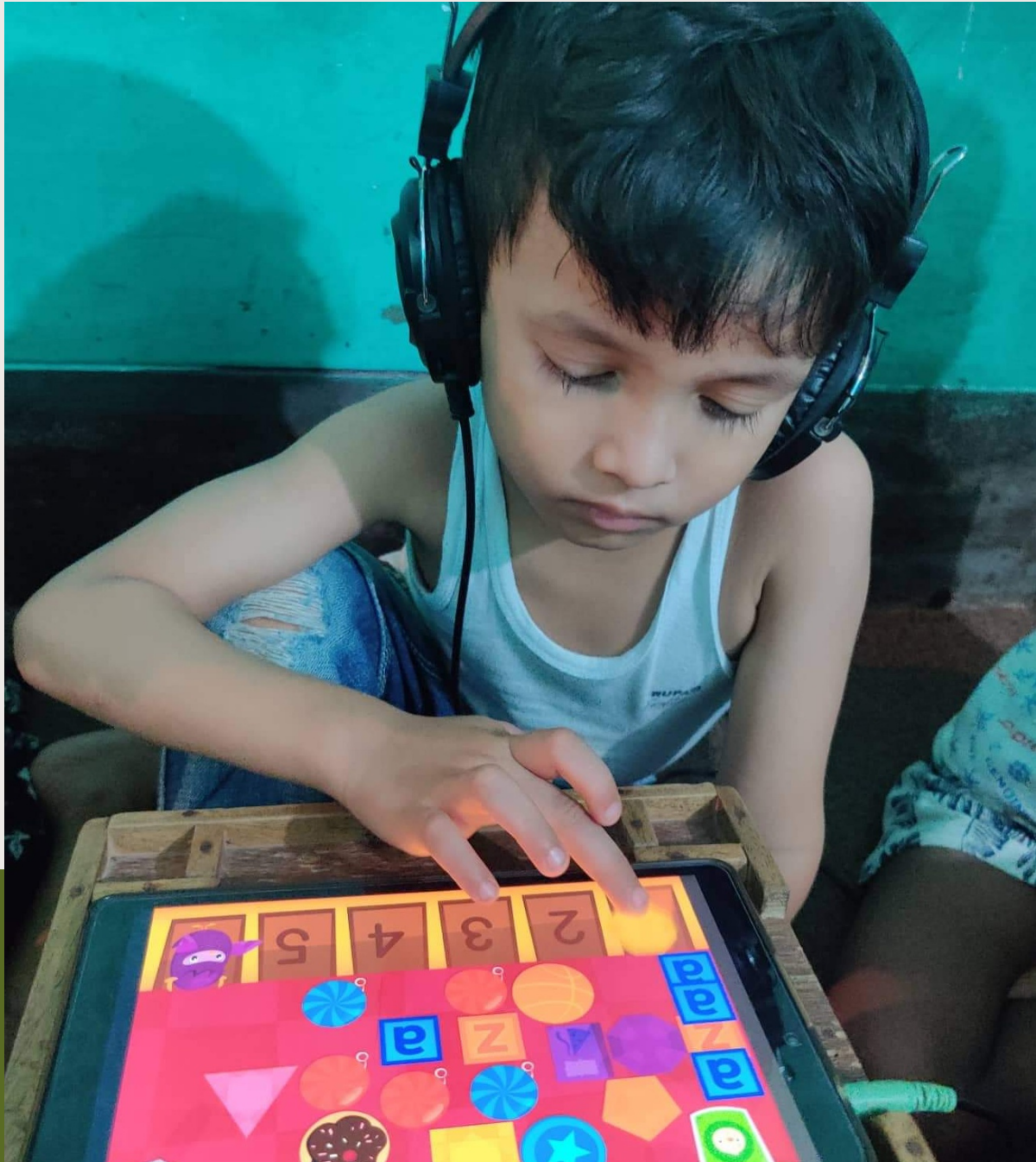


OBAT'S DHAKA DIGITAL SCHOOL



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Empowerment Through Community Development

There are approximately 116 camps housing the displaced Urdu speaking community in Bangladesh. The children living in these camps have very limited educational opportunities due to the prevalent extreme poverty.

Many children hence drop out of the educational system.

The poverty is thus perpetuated by a lack of education amongst the camp residents. Most of the camp residents are resigned to low-income jobs such as rickshaw-pullers, daily laborers or hawkers of wares such as plastic toys, etc. Women are worse off due to the cultural environment that works against them. Due to their destitution, the residents of the camps struggle for daily food-paying for an education is not an option.



OBAT's schools in Mohammadpur, Dhaka are providing access to quality education. In 2017, OBAT Helpers began a new educational initiative in one of its schools in Dhaka- OBAT Dhaka English School, by adopting the TTWF (<https://www.teachtheworldfoundation.com/>) model of digital education which incorporates app-based learning through tablets. This digital education model is an independently verified concept which is 2.5 times better at teaching English and 2.1 times better in teaching Math than conventional teaching methods.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM



TEACHERS 6

STUDENTS Preschool students: 110
Working Children: 50

**APPS
USED**

- Footsteps2Brilliance
- Bangla
- Dragon Box
- KitKit School

SUBJECTS

- Bangla
 - English
 - Math
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PROJECT INFO

The objective of the digital project is to enhance literacy and numeracy through digital technology using gamified educational application among preschool children. During the alpha phase of the project in April 2017, 90 students were a part of this program. In 2020, OBAT started a second program at OBAT's English School campus. At present, a total of 150 students (including 80 boys and 70 girls) are studying at the digital learning center.

OBAT is offering the program to preschool aged children to prepare them for admission to regular school. Working children are benefitting from this program as well. These are children who cannot attend school as they have to work to supplement their parents' earnings.

This program runs in five shifts. The applications are designed keeping in view the education curriculum of Bangladesh and teach Math, English and Bangla. The program is monitored and evaluated through assessments, preparation of progress reports which gauge the advancement of the student, as well as holding meetings with parents.



IMPACT

The Digital Learning Program initially began as a pilot project. Its popularity grew quickly as people were eager to send their children to the digital learning center.

Children were equally eager and happy to learn through this engaging mode of learning.

After graduating from here, approximately 40 students participate in the admission test of the local schools of Bangladesh including about 25 who get admitted into OBAT's Dhaka English School. Others receive admission into Govt. Ideal School, OBAT's NLJ High School and Banga Bandhu Govt. High School.

The older working children studying at the center also immensely benefit from learning here. They did not have access to education before attending the Digital Learning Center as their time was consumed by working menial jobs to support their families. After being admitted here now they can easily recognize the alphabet of both English and Bangla. They can write their names. Now they can count their income and expenses

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