

OBAT'S KHULNA PRESCHOOL



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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 have to drop out of the educational system.

The poverty is thus perpetuated due to a lack of education amongst the camp residents. Most of them 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 understands the importance of early childhood education and the essential role it plays in the future academic success of the student. This role takes on an even greater importance in an environment where poverty reigns supreme and educating children is not a priority as parents themselves are illiterate. For this reason, OBAT runs several preschools that focus on educating little kids living in slum like camps in Bangladesh. Without OBAT's support, the likelihood of these kids going to school is almost nonexistent.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT KHULNA PRESCHOOL

1,631 STUDENTS GRADUATED
SINCE 2011

7 TEACHERS

7 CENTERS

SUBJECTS

- BANGLA
- ENGLISH
- MATH
- ART



PROJECT INFO

OBAT has 12 years of experience in conducting educational programs for underprivileged children in schools and camps in Khulna. The Khulna Preschool started in the year 2011. The **7 Preschool centers** are located in Khalishpur (Camp No.1, 3 and 7); Baitulfallah Camp and New Colony Camp. One center is located in Gilatala.

Each center has one teacher who works for the education and intellectual development of the children. Classes are conducted for two hours at each center.

Currently, 154 students are studying at the center- 82 boys and 72 girls.

The teachers conduct the classes in a light-hearted and fun environment. Each center is run by the Preschool In Charge. Their job is to review the curriculum and monitor classes as well as evaluate the teachers in all the centers. In addition, they liaise with the parents of the students and organize parent meetings as needed. The Preschool In Charge is under the supervision of the Monitoring Officer of Khulna who works directly under the Project Officer of the city.

The Khulna Preschool is a **1 year program** during which **4-6 year olds** are prepared to enter the elementary school system. The kids are provided supplies, text and note books. They acquire basic literacy and numeracy skills which enable them to pass the required test for admission into an elementary school.



IMPACT

The camp residents have no resources for admission in mainstream government schools. Thus, over 90% of them are illiterate and only 10 % of their kids are in elementary schools. The Khulna Preschool plays a vital role in empowering the kids by facilitating their admission in elementary schools, thus putting them on a path to addressing illiteracy within their community. The impact from educating these kids will last over several future generations as they will in turn ensure education for their progeny. The program builds a solid foundation for continuing education which leads to a stronger academic future.





IMPACT

Rukhsana is the mother of Al Muied. She lives with her son and husband in the New Colony Camp area. Her husband drives a rickshaw for a living.

“After admitting my son to OBAT’s Preschool, there has been a lot of change in his behavior. He does not suffer from an inferiority complex anymore and considers himself to be just like other students.

Due to our financial limitations, it was almost impossible for my son to study like any other student in the city. I am very grateful to OBAT, they are providing an education to thousands of other families like mine. I understand how important it is to get an education. OBAT is working as a gateway for children from neglected communities like ours to join the mainstream population of the country.”



IMPACT

Nusrat Jahan lives with her parents in Baitulfallah Camp. She has two sisters and one brother. Her father drives a rickshaw for a living and mother stays home to take care of the family.

Nusrat started her educational journey by enrolling in OBAT's Preschool in The New Colony Camp area. After one year, she got admitted into grade one at OBAT's Primary/Elementary School in Khulna. Nusrat graduated from the Primary School with a 4.2 GPA. After that, she joined OBAT's Tutoring Center in Khalishpur and successfully passed the JSC (8th grade board exam) exam, again with a 4.2 GPA. During this time, she also took courses at OBAT's IT center to learn MS Office.

After completing her 10th grade, Nusrat is now studying at Haji Mohammad Mohsin College with the help of a scholarship from OBAT. She wants to study nursing in the future. Many other boys and girls like Nusrat who have studied from OBAT's Preschool are now studying in different colleges.

Annual Budget for 2022

BUDGET ITEM	\$ ANNUAL EXPENSE
Salaries	4,129
Rent	1,200
Meetings, trainings & events	571
Exercise & text books	423
Maintenance	235
Utilities	212
Exam fee	118
Office expenses	141
Transportation	141
TOTAL	7,170



