

OBAT'S RANGPUR PRESCHOOL



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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 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. 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 RANGPUR PRESCHOOL

116 STUDENTS

4 TEACHERS

4 CENTERS

SUBJECTS

- BANGLA
- ENGLISH
- MATH
- ART



PROJECT INFO

The Rangpur 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. The program builds a solid foundation for continuing education which leads to a stronger academic future.

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IMPACT

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OBAT's Rangpur Primary School was established in 2010. However, the initial response of the camp community was lukewarm as education of their kids was not a priority for them. In 2011, the preschool was introduced which led to an increase in enrollment of the students as they were better prepared to pass the admission test for first grade.

Annual Budget for 2022

BUDGET ITEM	\$ ANNUAL EXPENSE
Salaries	3,212
Rent	1,059
Meetings & School Events	424
Exercise & text books	254
Maintenance	235
Office expenses	214
Utilities	212
Exam fee	72
Transportaion	71
TOTAL	5,753

