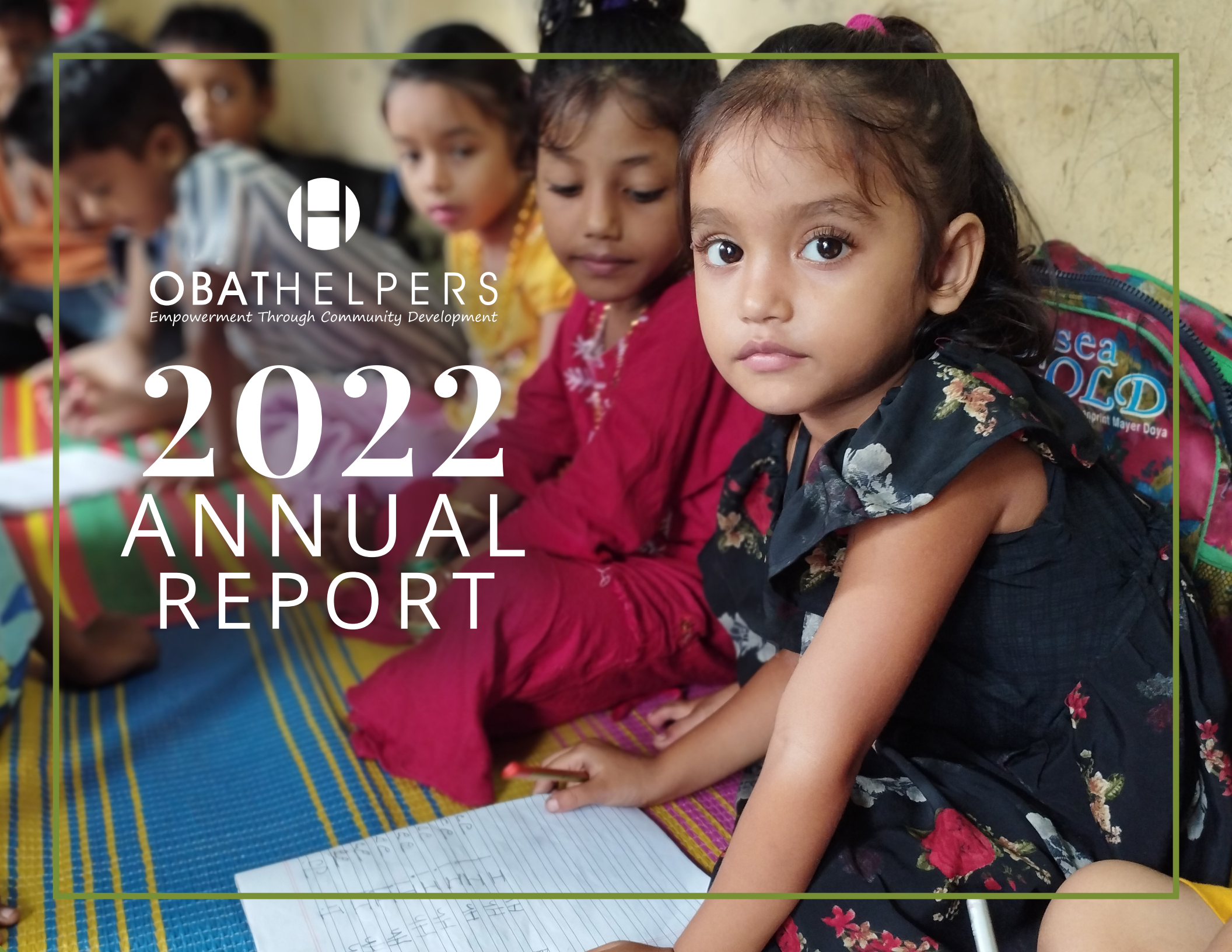




**OBATHHELPERS**  
*Empowerment Through Community Development*

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



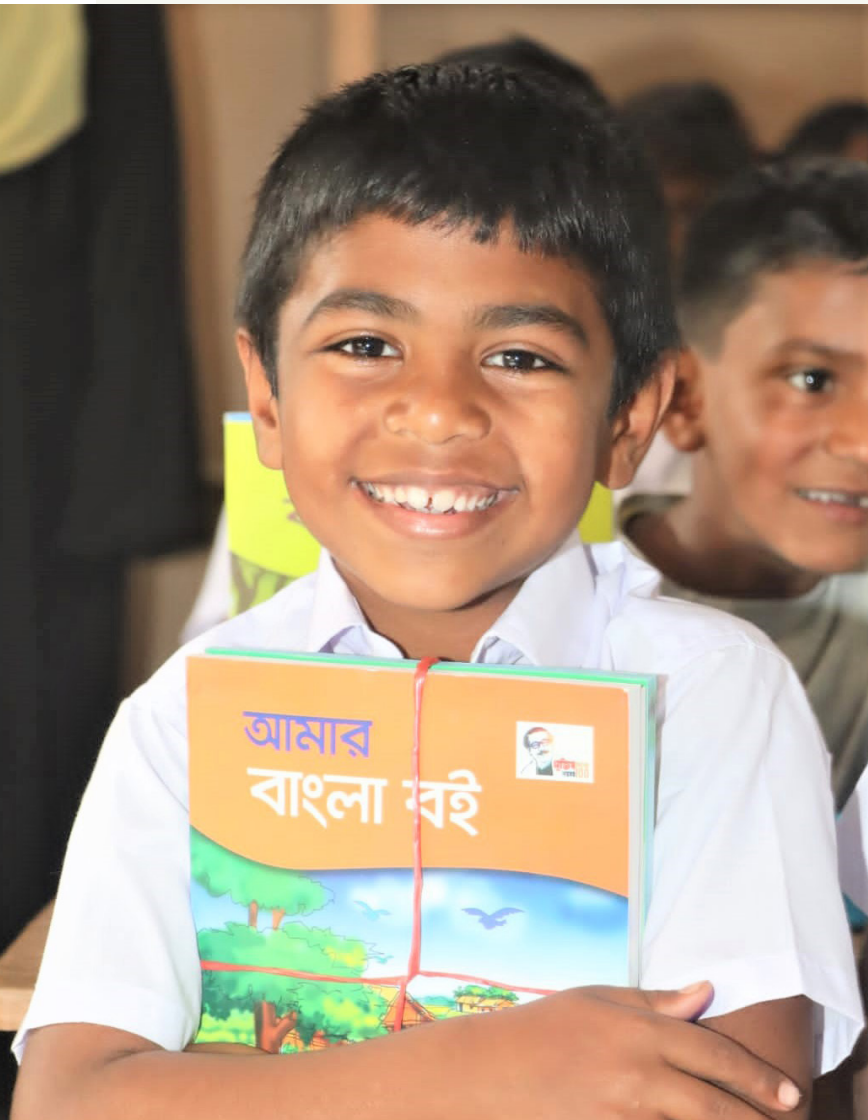


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# Mission, Vision & Core Values



## MISSION

Our mission is to serve displaced and disadvantaged people by providing them access to education, healthcare, infrastructure and empowerment initiatives while ensuring sustainable community development.

## VISION

We strive for a world where displaced and disadvantaged people can live with dignity and have access to opportunities for self-sufficiency.

## CORE VALUES

**Empowerment:** We enable our beneficiaries to live better lives by educating them and building their skills, thus empowering them to attain financial independence.

**Responsible Stewardship:** We are committed to cautious stewardship of all our resources- we use responsibly the time and skills of our partners and volunteers and we spend prudently the funds donated to us.

**Integrity and Accountability:** We uphold the highest ethical values and principles in our everyday operations. We value the trust that has been placed into us by our donors and remain accountable and answerable for our actions to all our stakeholders.

**Excellence:** We strive to attain excellence in providing services to our beneficiaries and challenge ourselves by setting high operational standards for the organization.

# Letter from the Founder

As I was walking through the narrow alleys of the camp in Gilatala in December 2022, I noticed a little girl by my side who had quietly joined me on her walk home from OBAT's Preschool. Afsana wanted me to walk with her to her home. I gladly complied and greatly enjoyed the endearing conversation that ensued between us as we reached her home and met her family. Moments like these are what I treasure in my trips to Bangladesh.

Due to the pandemic, I was visiting the camps after a 2.5 year hiatus and wanted to make the most of my visit by meeting one on one with the staff, beneficiaries and other constituents. I firmly believe in excellence in the delivery of our services and receiving uninhibited feedback from those we serve and those who execute our programming, directly contributes to an improvement in our programming.

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Continuously enhancing our team development is also always on my agenda. This time, I conducted a John Maxwell training, "Put Your Dream to The Test," for our youth to teach them how to overcome obstacles during the pursuit of their goals. The training sessions were conducted in every city and more than 1,000 youth participated in them. Investing in our youth has shown us incredible results. They are not only lifting themselves out of hopelessness and



## Welcome Letter

poverty but are also extending a helping hand to others around them. OBAT's scholarship students are embracing careers in medicine, engineering, nursing, accounting, international relations, etc. and are qualifying for admissions in the top national and private universities of the country. These include Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Asian University for Women (AUW), South East University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) and Prime Medical College in Rangpur, among many others.

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cannot afford the educational expenses of their daughters. One of the mothers told me that before her admission into AUW, her daughter slept on the floor as there was not enough space for all of them, and she let her younger sister sleep on the bed. More important to her was her table which was full of books she was using to study every day to prepare for her admission test. The mothers desire their daughters' lives to have a very different trajectory from theirs. They want their daughters to be educated and live a life of dignity. I am so glad that their dreams are coming true and their daughters are now studying at AUW, one of the most renowned, international private universities in Bangladesh. When they graduate from here, they will be accepted by any university in the country for their graduate studies. Their starting salary will be almost 25 times higher than their mothers' current income! This is the magnitude of the change that you are creating with us and I extend my deepest gratitude to you for standing with us in breaking the poverty cycle and creating this transformation.

Sincerely,



Anwar Khan

President

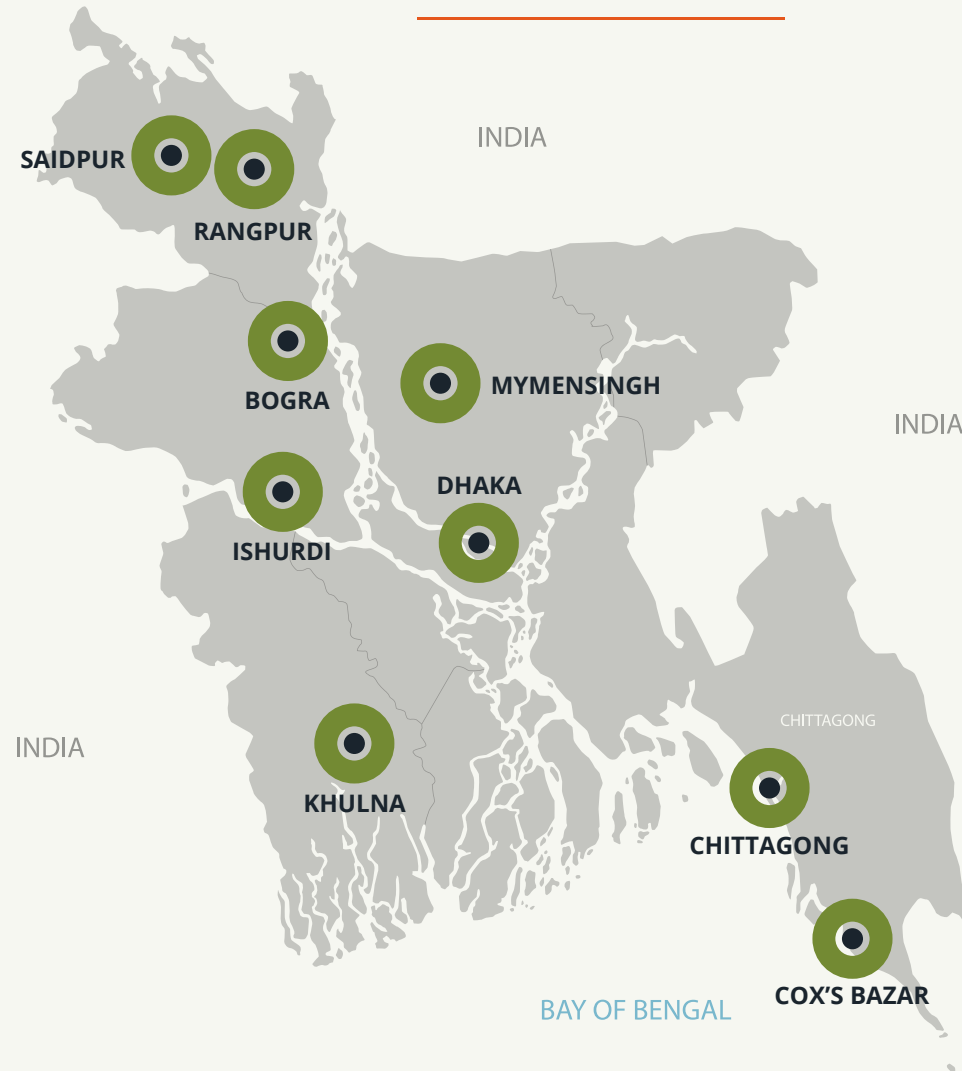
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# Where We Work



## MAP OF BANGLADESH



# Our Programs





# Recognitions



## CANDID

Candid, formerly known as GuideStar, is the world's largest information portal on nonprofits. The platinum seal awarded to OBAT by Candid denotes the highest level of transparency exhibited by a nonprofit registered in its database.



## GLOBALGIVING

GlobalGiving awards the site visit verified seal to those organizations that have been visited by a representative from the organization. The vetted organization seal is awarded by GlobalGiving to nonprofits that have passed its rigorous due diligence process. OBAT has been vetted since 2012 by GlobalGiving which is the largest online, global crowdfunding community.



## GREAT NONPROFITS

Top-rated awards are given by Great Nonprofits to organizations that have been rated highly by people who experience their work first hand, whether they are the people served, volunteers or donors. Read OBAT's reviews at [bit.ly/OBATGNP](https://bit.ly/OBATGNP) and contribute your own as well.

Projects

# Urdu-Speaking Community (Internally Displaced)



# Education in 2022



OBAT recognizes education as the most important tool for creating sustainable change and offers a myriad of programs tailored to the needs of the camp residents. As a result of the education they receive, the camp residents obtain access to employment opportunities and are empowered to live a normal life. According to a 2011 publication by the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) - a University of Dhaka affiliated research group, 94% of today's Urdu speaking community are illiterate, compared with a national average of 46%.

## Highlights

- 14 Schools
- 28 Preschools
- 13 IT Centers
- 10 Tutoring Centers
- 4 Arabic Education Programs
- 2 Digital Learning Centers
- 1 Education for Working Children Program
- Over 2,000 Scholarships

## Education Highlights

### EXAM RESULTS

#### SSC Exams

1%

1% of the 339 students who took the exam received either an A, A- or an A+ grade.

(The secondary school certificate exam is a board exam taken by students at the end of 10th grade)

#### HSC

84%

84% of OBAT's schools' students received an A+, A- or an A grade. Three of these students received the coveted 5.0 GPA known as a golden GPA.

(The high school certificate is a board exam taken at the end of 12th grade)

#### Preschool Exams

90%

90% of the 208 students achieved an A, A- or an A+ grade.

#### Annual exams (grades 1-10)

45%

Over 4,500 students in 14 OBAT schools took the annual exam. 45% of them received an A+, A or an A- grade!

### SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Hajera Akhter and Popy Akhter completed their diploma course in textiles from Chittagong Women Polytechnic Institute and are now working in the garments industry.

Sultana Akhter Bristy completed her BBA degree from Chittagong University.

Nahid passed the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC) admission test that was taken by 70,133 students and cleared by only 4,000! She will now be studying for a career in nursing at Lalmonirhat Nursing College.

Akib, Jony, Sujon, Tarana, Samina and Champa received MBA and MA degrees from National University.

### EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

Mumtaz-Nisat Special Kids Care Centre is an OBAT initiative dedicated to serving children with special needs.

The center collaborates with Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital to provide comprehensive treatment for 24 special needs children. Where needed, regular medication, physiotherapy and speech therapy sessions are provided and pathology tests and MRI/CT scans are undertaken. Many children have now shown remarkable improvement and are able to walk and sit independently.

The center runs an educational program for the children. Daily lessons focusing on local education are provided to enhance their learning and development. When deemed appropriate, some children are integrated into mainstream schools to receive a general education.

# Education

**2022 was *the* year for OBAT's scholarship students-especially for girls!**

We are beyond proud of seven of our students for receiving admission to Asian University for Women (<https://asian-university.org/>) in 2022! AUW is a renowned, private university for women in Bangladesh. Their student body belongs to more than 19 different countries around the world and undergoes a rigorous and competitive admission process to receive an education at AUW.

OBAT signed an MOU with the university in 2022 to provide financial support for students who passed AUW's admission test. Three OBAT students got admitted to AUW in early 2022 followed by four more later in the year. These amazing young women have broken barriers and are trailblazers for their many counterparts who they will now inspire to follow in their footsteps.

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# Health in 2022



During 2022, 534 cataract surgeries were carried out in the cities of Chittagong, Khulna and Jessore in partnership with local hospitals, Royal Community Eye Hospital and Abdul Wadud Hospital.

OBAT signed an MOU with Prime Bank Foundation Eye Hospital in order to work with them on an ongoing basis for providing excellent vision care to the camp residents. A total of 105 people, which included the students at OBAT's NLJ School, consulted with the team of doctors from Prime Bank Hospital.

300 patients received consultation from ophthalmologists in the Community Eye Care and Research Center's team at an eye camp organized by OBAT's Rangpur Clinic in collaboration with Community Eye Care and Research Center.

Eighty-two women benefited from the maternal program in 2022.

54 mothers of newborn babies received gift packages consisting of nutritious food items.

## Highlights

- 8,829 Patients
- 300 Eye Camps
- 82 Maternity Cases
- 534 Cataract Surgeries
- 35 Critical Patients

# Health



“My name is **Shafiq** and I live in Raufabad Colony in Chittagong. Due to cataracts in my eyes, I was unable to see clearly which greatly inhibited my daily activities. However, due to my limited means, I was unable to afford any treatment. OBAT organized an eye camp in my colony and identified and registered all the individuals who needed a cataract surgery and required assistance with the expenses. Due to OBAT’s cataract surgery program, many people in our area have been able to get the surgery. All the staff and doctors in the hospital were very capable and devoted. After the surgery, OBAT provided us with free medicines. We are very grateful to Allah (SWT) that His servants have helped us through this project. May Allah (SWT) grant a long life to the donors of OBAT Helpers and all members of OBAT’s team so they can carry out more wonderful projects. I am very thankful to Allah (SWT) for the light I have in my eyes today.”

**“Due to OBAT’s cataract surgery program, many people in our area have been able to get the surgery.”**

# Empowerment in 2022



**OBAT's Women Empowerment Centers address the lack of opportunities available to women by training them to sew and embroider during a four month course. Many of the graduates from these centers are able to start home-based businesses and sell the clothes they stitch in local markets.**

**A** special three-month-long course was hosted by OBAT's Women Empowerment Center in Chittagong to teach students to sew school uniforms. At the end of the period, the students sewed thirty uniforms for OBAT's schools. The center also opened a tailoring shop to accept orders for stitched clothing.

**14** sewing machines were distributed to women living in camps in Khulna, Rangpur, Bogra, Chittagong and Syedpur during 2022 to give them a head start in establishing home based businesses.

**Five** rickshaws were gifted to individuals in the cities of Chittagong, Syepdur, Bogra and Rangpur. The rickshaws were distributed to the poorest of individuals who were in desperate need of a source of income and could gain access to it by driving a rickshaw.

**11** laptops were also gifted to students who were either in need of computers to complete their education or were working as freelancers and pursuing online employment opportunities.



# Empowerment

**Mohammad Imran** lives in SB. Nagar School Camp in Chittagong. Already embroiled in poverty, his life took a turn for the worse when Imran lost one of his legs in a road accident. Imran used to work as a peon in an office before his accident. Due to the tragic event, he lost his job and was unable to find work. Imran could not afford to be out of a job as his elderly mother and another family member were entirely dependent on him for their living expenses.

**To make him financially self-sufficient, a new battery-operated rickshaw was gifted to Imran by OBAT.**

OBAT provided Imran with support due to which he acquired a prosthetic leg. As a result, Imran was able to walk again. To make him financially self-sufficient, a new battery-operated rickshaw was gifted to Imran by OBAT. Imran now drives it to earn an income and is able to earn approximately \$200 a month. Imran and his mother are very happy as his new rickshaw has opened a door of opportunity for him and increased the wellbeing of his family by providing him with a sustainable source of income.



# Infrastructure Development in 2022

**Two** motorized tube wells serving approximately 6,000 people, were installed by OBAT in the ADC Camp in Mirpur Dhaka and Town Hall Camp in Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

**Six** semi deep tube wells were constructed in Rangpur in February of 2022. These wells are now providing clean water to around 5,000 people who can use it for drinking and for daily tasks such as cooking and bathing.

**Seven** semi deep tube wells were installed in the cities of Raufabad, Halihaer, Jessore, Khulna, Rangpur and Bogra. Altogether, the wells will provide clean drinking water to over 2,700 people.

**Other** semi deep tube wells constructed in the areas of Bogra, Khulna, Raufabad and Rangpur in 2022 are providing potable water to approximately 2,000 individuals.

**Two** bathrooms were constructed in SB Nagar for men and women and are together providing sanitation facilities to over 100 people.



## Highlights

- 21 Water Wells
- 2 Bathrooms
- 16,000 Beneficiaries

# Infrastructure Development

Nearly 120 families live in Kabristan Galli located in Raufabad Colony in Chittagong. This population had been suffering from lack of access to clean drinking water for a long time. A water pump located here yielded water laced with contaminants, making it unfit for bathing, washing and other needs. Hence, people had to walk a long distance to gain access to a source of clean drinking water. As the residents of this area belong to a very impoverished community, they couldn't afford to install a well on their own.

With the support of a generous donor, OBAT was able to install a deep motorized tube well in Raufabad Colony. The well is now fulfilling the water needs of members of this community.

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**Munni Begum** is one of the residents of the Raufabad Colony whose life has changed for the better due to the new well. She now feels at ease having a source of potable water near her house. Munni Begum is elderly and due to her ill health, she did not find it easy to walk back home with a heavy can of water. The new well fulfills all her family's needs and adds a lot of value to her life.



# Relief & Family Assistance in 2022



76,205 People  
Assisted in 2022

**OBAT's relief and family assistance program encompasses everything ranging from food and blanket distributions to extending support to families in dire need, orphans and disabled individuals as well as those who are critically ill. Support is also extended to families who face the brunt of natural disasters such as floods.**

**Extreme** poverty in the camps means that there are thousands of people who go hungry every day. Every year, OBAT distributes Ramadan food packages to the underprivileged camp communities and refugees to lessen their struggle in the holy month. The food packages consist of staple items such as rice, flour, soy bean oil, lentils, sugar, milk, semolina and salt.

**The** entire Ramadan food distribution in the internally displaced Urdu speaking camps in 8 cities, was able to feed over 30,000 people.

**OBAT's** Youth Think Tanks also engaged in a robust effort to distribute Ramadan food, Iftar and Suhoor meals to the poorest camp families. Over 3,000 people received these packages and meals due to the generosity of local donors.

**550** kids including special needs and orphan children, were able to choose new Eid clothes for themselves. Thanks to our partner, Children of Adam, for sponsoring 300 of these outfits and also distributing food to 300 families during Ramadan.

## Relief & Family Assistance

**OBAT** extended assistance to victims of floods in Sylhet and Sunamganj through provision of dry food, shelter, clean water and medical assistance. Medical camps were held for the flood victims, thanks to the support of Human Concern International. Flood victims were extended treatment and prescribed free medicines during the medical camps.

**OBAT's Think Tank** volunteers distributed 700 food packages in various flood ravaged areas.

**BSRM**, a leading manufacturer of steel in Bangladesh, joined hands with OBAT to relieve the suffering of the flood victims by providing them with food packages. Four hundred packages consisting of staple food items were distributed to those affected in the Chilmari and Austomirchir Union areas.

**79** goats and 54 cows were sacrificed at Eid-ul-Adha which fed approximately 44,000 people.

**6,100** blankets were distributed to the homeless and in local hospitals during winter.



# Relief & Family Assistance

**Before**



**After**



The Trade School Camp is located in Hali Shahar, Chittagong. This camp has been home to **Baby Akhtar** for all her life. However, her hut was in a terribly dilapidated condition. During the rainy season, water seeped into her home, making it almost uninhabitable. Having no other place to go to or the means to carry out repairs, Baby Akhtar continued to live there among challenging circumstances. OBAT's team repaired Baby's home with the support of a generous donor.

***In Baby's words:***

I live behind Trade School Camp and am a destitute woman. My husband left me eight years ago and I support my two daughters by working as a maid in someone's home. My older daughter is a student of Chittagong Technical Training Centre and is in grade 10. My younger daughter is in grade one in OBAT's Primary School. My hut was made out of tin and bamboo and my daughters and I lived here with great difficulty. During rain, we couldn't sleep and our belongings got destroyed due to water flooding in. My daughter was not doing well in school as she couldn't get the opportunity to study at home. I spoke about my situation to OBAT's Project Manager as my daughter studies in OBAT's School and OBAT has done so many things for this camp.

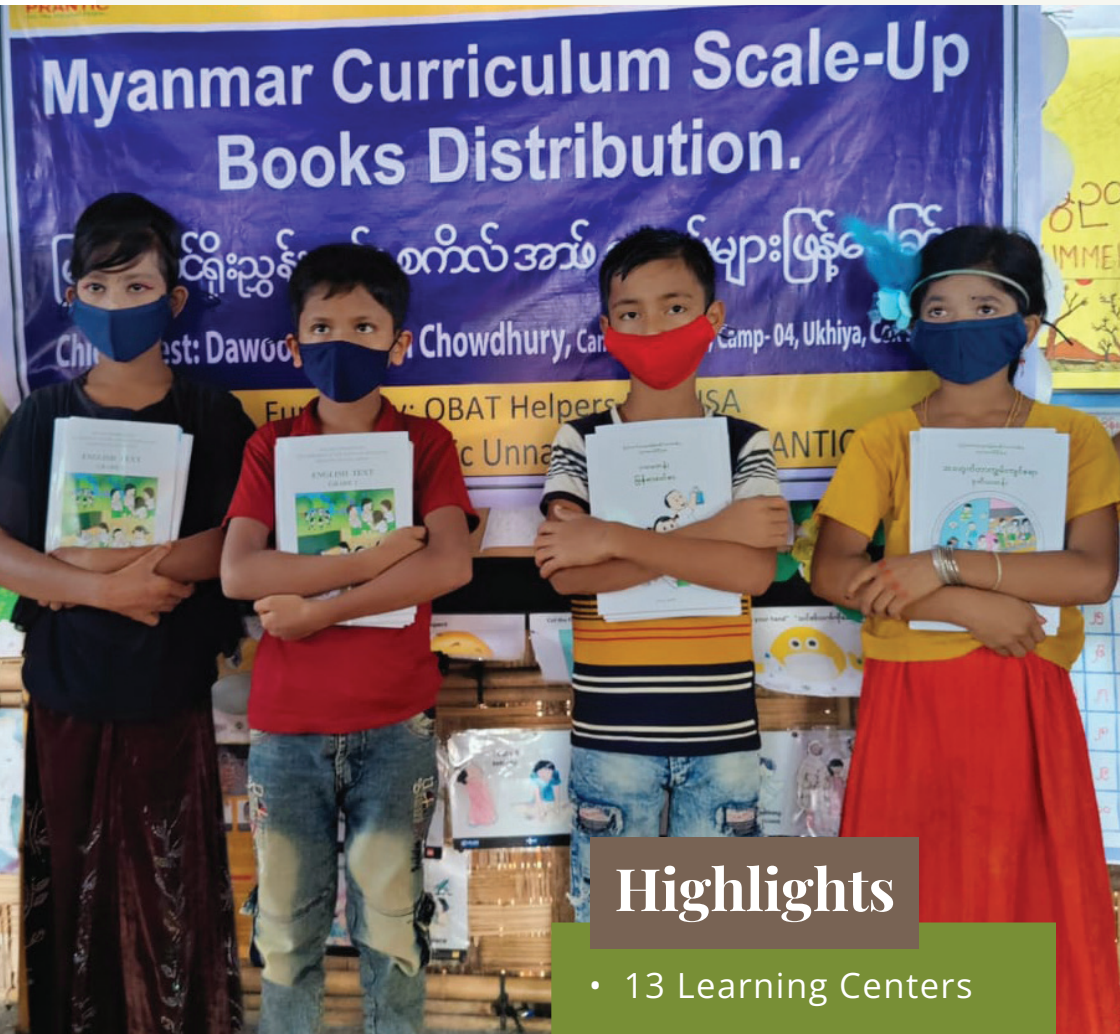
My home got rebuilt, thanks to OBAT, and now I have a safe and livable place to call home. I am very happy that my daughters can study comfortably and will face a better future. I can also find a better match for them when it is time for them to marry. People living around us visit our home now and really like it. Now my mind is at peace and I can sleep soundly as I don't have to worry about the rain anymore.

Projects

# Rohingya Refugee Relief



# Education in 2022



## Highlights

- 13 Learning Centers
- 1,169 Students

Education plays a crucial role in every child's development and its importance becomes even more highlighted in a humanitarian context. Rohingya children face an uncertain future which creates an environment of frustration and despair. Without adequate opportunities for learning, they are more exposed to dangers from trafficking, child marriage, exploitation and abuse. Education empowers, builds confidence and equips children with the appropriate skills they need for the future. With the right investment in education, Rohingya children can begin to chart their own destinies and contribute more to their communities.

**OBAT** is implementing education programs for the children in the Rohingya Camp as well as for the children in the host community, in collaboration with the government of Bangladesh and the education sector, to develop them to their maximum potential.

**OBAT** is operating 8 learning centers and one adolescent and youth center with an enrollment of 793 students. Among these students, 375 boys and 418 girls are studying in different levels of



## Education

education. In addition, there are 2 digital learning centers, where learners of age 3-4 years learn basic literacy and numeracy through gamified applications in tablets.

To address the educational needs of Rohingya children living in the remote island of Bhasan Char, a Learning Center was also opened there in 2022. This center operates in two shifts to serve a total of 116 children.

OBAT works in collaboration with a couple of partners for the education program. Human Concern International's Child Support Program, provides educational and medical support for vulnerable Rohingya children in OBAT's Learning Centers. Refugee Crisis Foundation, a UK based organization, is sponsoring the operation of OBAT's Learning Center for adolescent children.

The education sector of nonprofits which determines the curriculum of education for Rohingya refugees, distributed text books to students of OBAT's Learning Centers. A new and scaled up curriculum is now being followed for Rohingya children and is known as the Myanmar Curriculum. New books based on the Myanmar curriculum were distributed to the students of grade 1 and 2.



# Education

“My name is **Jamalida** and I am 13 years old. I live with my parents and siblings in Kutupalong Camp and study in level-3 in one of OBAT’s Learning Centers (LC’s).

My home used to be in Fokira Bazar in Myanmar. I cannot forget how my family crossed the border into Bangladesh on August 25th in 2017. I don’t remember everything I experienced and can only recall some of my childhood memories in Myanmar, such as, I used to go to the Maqtab (educational institution) with my friends and also my home, which I still miss a lot. I hear from my parents that we had to flee our country due to the persecution by the Myanmar government of the Rakhine state.

I was 8 years old when I arrived in the Rohingya Refugee Camp in Bangladesh. We initially stayed at a school in the camp for 3 days. After that, UNHCR relocated us to camp-4 where we are now residing. I got enrolled in the 1st shift in OBAT’s LC-6 in 2018. At that time, I did not know how to read and write in Burmese and English. My parents used to scold me for not studying well.”

***From Jamalida’s Teacher:***

Jamalida never fails to turn up for school now. She is very cooperative and an active listener. She is the first one to respond when the teachers ask any question. Her writing and drawing is much better than before. Jamalida was quick to absorb the knowledge dispensed to the students about COVID-19 and other diseases. She now teaches her friends and family members ways to prevent the disease and how to maintain good hygiene. It is not surprising, given her interest in health, that she wants to become a good doctor and help poor people.



## ROHINGYA PROJECT

# Health in 2022

OBAT's health project for Rohingya refugees provides the following services:

- Primary health care, medical treatment and free medicines
- Dental treatment and dental surgery through the dental unit of the OBAT Health Post
- Maternal treatment, neo-natal and post-natal services through the maternity unit of the OBAT Health Post
- Emergency health care
- Vaccination center
- Lab facility
- Referral service
- Health camps

### Highlights

- 40,067 Patients
- 6 Health Camps (for host community-490 beneficiaries)
- 16 Dental Camps (for Rohingya community-826 beneficiaries)



## Health

OBAT runs an outstanding dental unit at its Rohingya Health post with the help of its partner, Refugee Crisis Foundation (RCF) and is the only provider of dental treatment in the Rohingya camps. In an effort to make this service readily accessible to the refugees who don't live very close to the health post, a new agreement was signed between OBAT, RCF and the organization, Food for the Hungry (FH). Under this agreement, FH will facilitate the hosting of two dental camps per month in camp 12 by providing facilities and other essential amenities. This will address an area of great need in the Rohingya refugee community where availability of dental care is very scarce.

During October, RCF visited from the UK with a team of five ENT surgeons and partnered with OBAT to provide ENT services at the UNHCR Ukhiya Hospital in Cox's Bazar. Thirty-two patients from the Rohingya refugees and host community underwent tympanoplasty surgeries. The visiting team also built the capacity of the local doctors by training them on administering hearing tests and management of common ENT problems. Thirty doctors underwent the training.



# Health



**Johora** is an 8 year old girl who lives in the Kutupalong Camp. She came to OBAT’s health post to get treated for severe burn injury. Johora had second degree burns on her shoulder, chest and scalp and had to keep visiting the clinic for two weeks to get her dressing changed. She was prescribed analgesic, burn cream, along with antibiotics to prevent any secondary infection. Her family obtained all the medicines from OBAT’s free pharmacy. She was also advised to consume protein, adequate fluids and foods containing vitamin C.

**Thanks to OBAT’s team of competent doctors, her condition improved gradually and she has recovered successfully with her regular follow ups.**

Johora’s condition was miserable when she first visited the clinic. She was crying hard due to immense pain. However, thanks to OBAT’s team of competent doctors, her condition improved gradually and she has recovered successfully with regular follow ups.

# Empowerment in 2022



Gender disparity and a lack of involvement of women in the social, economic, and communal sphere exists widely among the Rohingya population. The empowerment project aims to solidify economic and social conditions of the women by ensuring sustainable economic growth through training, counseling, innovation and entrepreneurship among the women.

**833 Individuals were Empowered by the Income Generation Program**

## Empowerment

**Rohingya** and host community women are provided with capacity building training in order to build leadership qualities and empower them to be self-reliant. Training is provided in tailoring, homestead gardening, livestock rearing, horticulture and handicrafts. Initially, 32 women from the Rohingya community and 10 women from the host community, received training on tailoring and handicraft activities. The trained members are now stitching clothes and selling

them through their stall at the women market held in camp 5. They sell a variety of items such as frocks, palazzo pants, tops and pillow covers.

**15** women from both the Rohingya and host community received training on chicken, duck and pigeon rearing.

**Due** to the homestead gardening project, most Rohingya families are growing vegetables for their everyday food intake as well as selling them for

extra income. The eggs from the poultry are being sold and consumed as well, ensuring the daily nutrition of the family members.

**Land** gifted by the Bangladesh Navy in the remote island of Bhasan Char is being utilized for cultivation of crops. Once the cultivation system is piloted, it will benefit 1,000 Rohingya women and enable them to cultivate vegetables to earn an income.



# Empowerment

**Rozina** is 17 years old and lives with her parents and three siblings in the Rohingya refugee camp. Rozina is a member of the women's association called RWAEA (Rohingya Women and Adolescent Empowerment Association). This association was formed by OBAT's implementing partner, PRANTIC, to empower the Rohingya women and adolescents and to raise awareness among them about issues related to women, such as gender based violence. Under this initiative, OBAT provides various types of training opportunities to women- vegetable cultivation, livestock farming, sewing and handicrafts are some of the trainings offered to women. As an RWAEA member, Rozina received seven days of training in livestock farming at OBAT's Women Empowerment Center. After the training, OBAT gave her 5 pairs of pigeons along with 1 pigeon house to help her begin. At present, Rozina has 18 pigeons. She has saved some of the money earned from pigeons for future expenses and she is also helping support her family. Rozina loves to raise pigeons and plans to establish herself as a breeder of high quality pigeons in the future.

**After the training, OBAT gave Rozina 5 pairs of pigeons along with 1 pigeon house to help her initiate her business.**





# News, Financials, & More



# OBAT's News in 2022



OBAT Helpers was honored by the Bangladesh based organization, Tarunner Protik (The Symbol of Youth), who celebrated their sixth anniversary recently. During the event, they presented an award to OBAT for excelling in serving disadvantaged children and adolescents and transforming youth into skilled human resources. The Chief Guests also highlighted and recognized OBAT's contribution to the development of marginalized communities. We are thankful to Tarunner Protik and humbled by the award which would not have been possible without the kind support of our donors.



We would like to give a big shout out to our Friends of Dallas chapter for hosting a wonderful virtual event and fundraiser for OBAT on March 27th. Thank you to Dr. Rezwan Khan (OBAT's founding member/former board member/current advisor and Dallas chapter lead), and to the speakers, Mr. Azhar Azeez, Ustaadh Baajor, Dr. Amer Mohiuddin, and Saiban Islam (OBAT's scholarship program student who joined live from Bangladesh at 1 am local time!).



Many of OBAT's schools are sponsored by the generosity of individuals or groups of donors. One such generous group resides in St. Louis and together sponsors the SB Nagar Primary School in Chittagong. The group got connected with the students and teachers from the school through a live virtual tour organized by OBAT over Zoom. The donors spoke to some students and teachers and saw some of the camp area as well. They also got the chance to speak with a couple of parents of the students, hear about the challenges they face and see their living conditions. The students and donors enjoyed speaking to each other and the latter described the experience as heartwarming and inspiring.



We are proud to share that seven staff members from our Bangladesh team received a two-week training on Fund Raising Management. The training took place in Turkey and was organized

## News

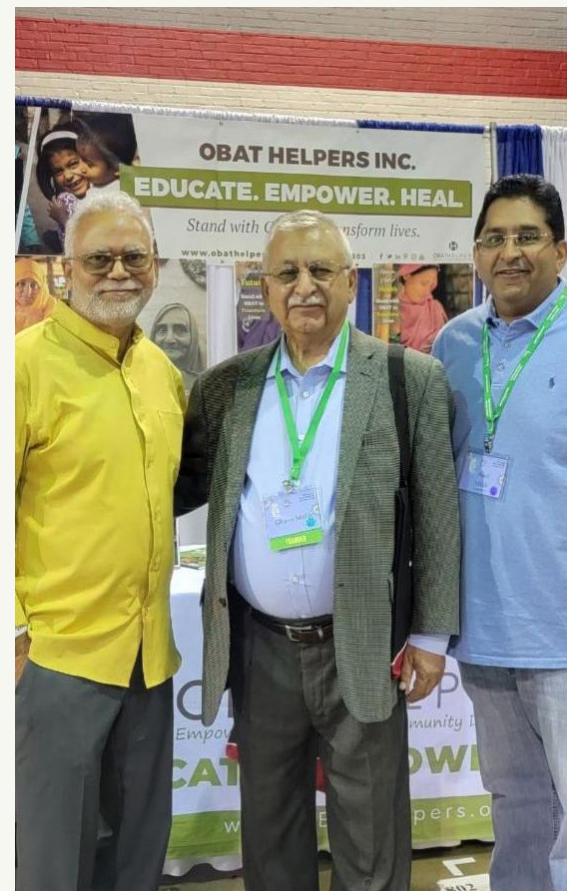
by the Ibn Haldun University, Türk Kızılay, and Intuitive Institute. It aimed at training participants to become skilled fundraising managers. At the end of the program, participants received a certificate issued by Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

The training will allow OBAT and its local implementing partners to build strategies together and initiate fundraising efforts in Bangladesh as well. The training could not have been possible without the support of two individuals. Dr. Shariq Siddiqui who was also a founding member of OBAT and is the Assistant Professor & Director of Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy; and Tayyab Younus, founder, and CEO of Intuitive Solutions, who served as interim ED of OBAT during 2020. We are grateful for their support to make this training possible for our staff members. The staff's registration fee was waived, thanks to the Intuitive Institute,

The Cultural Association of Bangladesh in the US celebrated its golden jubilee by organizing the North American Bengali Conference in Las Vegas during July 1st-3rd 2022. It was the 42nd such event and OBAT had the honor to participate in it through its booth. OBAT's Director of Policy and



Partner Engagement, Masum Mahbub, was able to meet with many conference attendees who took great interest in learning about OBAT's work. Thank you to all those who visited our booth and expressed interest in supporting OBAT's work.



Thank you to all our friends who stopped by OBAT's booth at the APPNA convention during July 13th-17th and at the ISNA convention during Sep. 2nd-5th. A special note of thanks for volunteers who devoted their time to meet with our guests. It was a joy meeting all of you!

## News



During 2022, OBAT completed a baseline survey in Bangladesh in the CCR and Market Camp in Dhaka to ascertain the current conditions and the interventions needed to address the challenges faced by the camp communities. The resulting survey report offers valuable information given the dearth of available data and enables OBAT to focus its programming on the true needs of the community. OBAT has published the report on the Social Archive platform and it can also be accessed at this link: [bit.ly/3oKVDhe](https://bit.ly/3oKVDhe)



Mr. Anwar Khan, the President and Founder of OBAT, participated in the Muslim Philanthropists Mini-Summit at the Vatican in October. This summit was a part of the inaugural 'Faith and Philanthropy Summit' organized by the Galileo Foundation in partnership with the Global Compact on Education, the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, the Jewish Funders Network, Indiana University's Lilly School of Philanthropy and UBS AG. It brought together 145 of the world's leading philanthropists from five different faiths.

The Muslim philanthropists' mini summit occurred in conjunction with the Faith & Philanthropy Summit and was co-hosted by the Galileo Foundation, the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists and the Lilly School of Philanthropy's Muslim Philanthropy Initiative (MPI).



The Prime Bank Eye Hospital in Bangladesh is a pioneer in ophthalmic care. OBAT is now partnering with Prime Bank to provide vision care to the vulnerable populations it serves. Both organizations signed an MOU in October 2022 to work together in the future towards their common goal. The partnership will be very valuable in carrying out cataract surgeries in the camps where a huge need exists for vision care.

## News



Six students from OBAT's IT Center in Mohammadpur participated in a computer coding residential camping program. The camp was organized by BdGCC (Bangladesh Girls Coding Contest) in Dhaka and taught the programming language, "C." 1,200 students participated in the first round of the competition. OBAT's students were among the 2.5% who made it to the final round!

Nahid has been a scholarship student of OBAT since grade 11. Her mother struggled to raise and educate her 3 daughters by selling clothes door to door. Nahid's sister is also a scholarship student of OBAT. Nahid sat for the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC) admission test that was taken by 70,133 students and cleared by only 4,000! Through

her hard work, Nahid attained amazing test results which qualified her to apply for admission to nursing school. Nahid will now be studying for a career in nursing at Lalmonirhat Nursing College.



Six more students emerged as OBAT Stars in 2022. Akib, Jony, Sujon, Tarana, Samina and Champa are all inspiring young students who grew up in poverty in different camps in Rangpur. Receiving an education was a distant dream- one that they were about to give up on due to the financial challenges they faced. After receiving a scholarship from OBAT, they were able to realize their true potential and climbed through a high school and college education to receive MBA and MA degrees from National University.



## News

OBAT is proud to establish its latest computer lab in Hali Shahar, Chittagong, thanks to the generosity of OBAT's Friends of Chicago. With this latest addition, a total of 13 OBAT computer training centers are providing computer and programming education to students and equipping them with skills which empower them, assist them in competing for jobs and enable them to work as freelancers while continuing their education. Most computer centers are also used for Khan Academy programs for school aged students during day time. In addition, 27 new computers were added in the cities of Syedpur, Dhaka, Chittagong and Rangpur, also thanks to a contribution made by OBAT Friends of Chicago. These will increase the number of students who can access and benefit from e-learning as well as provide greater resources to those who are acquiring specialized knowledge of computer programs.



SWDRC (Social Welfare and Disaster Relief Committee of APPNA, Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America) has joined hands with OBAT to support the educational expenses of 27 students for one year. These students are enrolled in OBAT's scholarship program and include three medical school students, and twelve of each of engineering and nursing students. We are immensely grateful to the generous donor for bolstering the futures of our students.

## The المدرسة الرقمية Digital School

The Digital School, a Dubai based initiative, is the first integrated digitally enabled school which provides digital and hybrid learning in a smart and flexible way. It provides learning models, processes and material that are compatible with national and international curriculum and works in collaboration with organizations working for marginalized communities across the world. In order to build and enhance its digital education program, OBAT recently signed a two year collaborative agreement with the Digital School. As a result of this, the Digital School will provide a flexible learning methodology based on advanced AI and digital applications and an integrated curriculum in line with the national curriculum of Bangladesh. The initial pilot program will be implemented at OBAT's Dhaka English School for 87 students from 4th and 5th grades. We are excited to work with the Digital School to enhance and expand education access to more students!

# 2022 New Projects

19 semi deep tube wells

2 motorized deep tube wells  
(above wells were in following cities:  
Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong and Rangpur)

1 ladies toilet in Sardar Bahadur Nagar

1 gents toilet in Sardar Bahadur Nagar

2 Computer Training Centers in  
Halishaher, Chittagong and Old Babupara,  
Syedpur

1 Arabic education program in Jhautala,  
Chittagong

1 Women Empowerment Center in  
Latifpur, Bogra

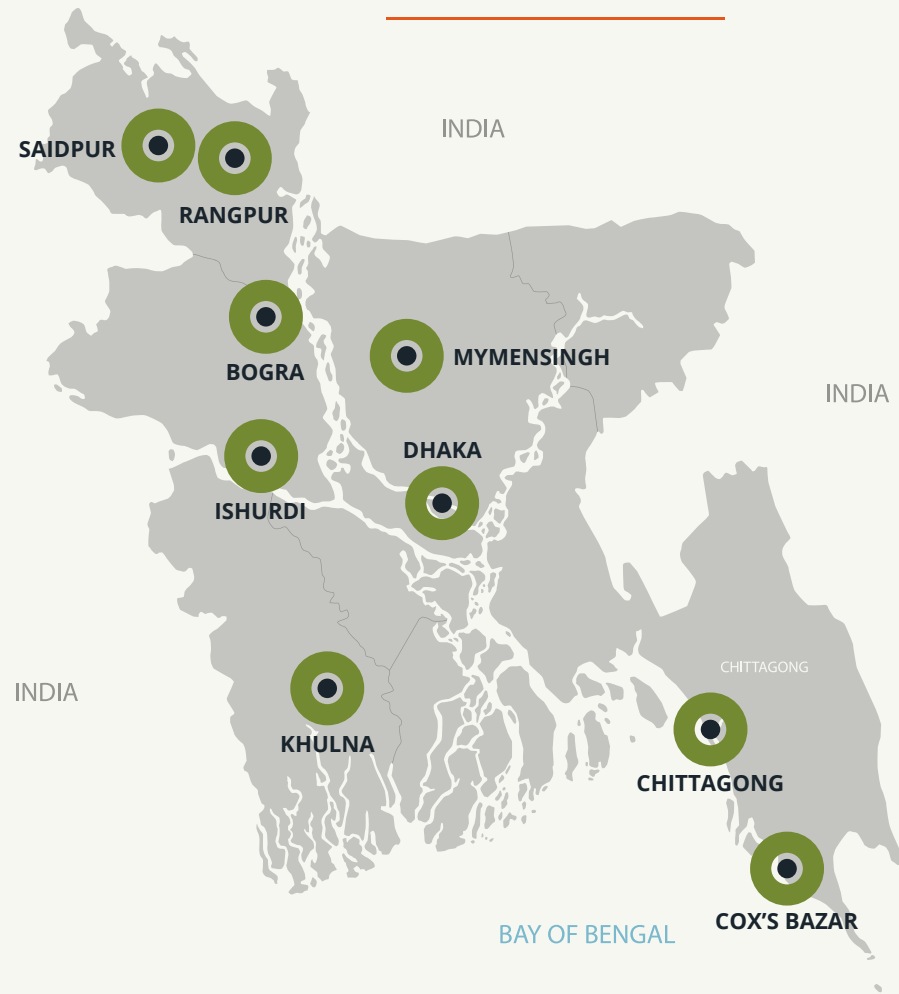
1 Elementary School in Gilatala, Khulna

1 Preschool in Latifpur, Bogra

3 Khan Academy programs in Halishaher,  
Alamnagar and Latifpur



## MAP OF BANGLADESH



# 2022 Financials

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY- 2022

Total Revenue

**\$1,986,949**

Admin Expenses

**\$226,365**

Fundraising Expenses

**\$187,046**

Program Expenses

**\$1,576,473**

Total Expenses

**\$1,989,884**

Change in Assets

**\$10,316**

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION- 2022

Total Assets

**\$956,308**

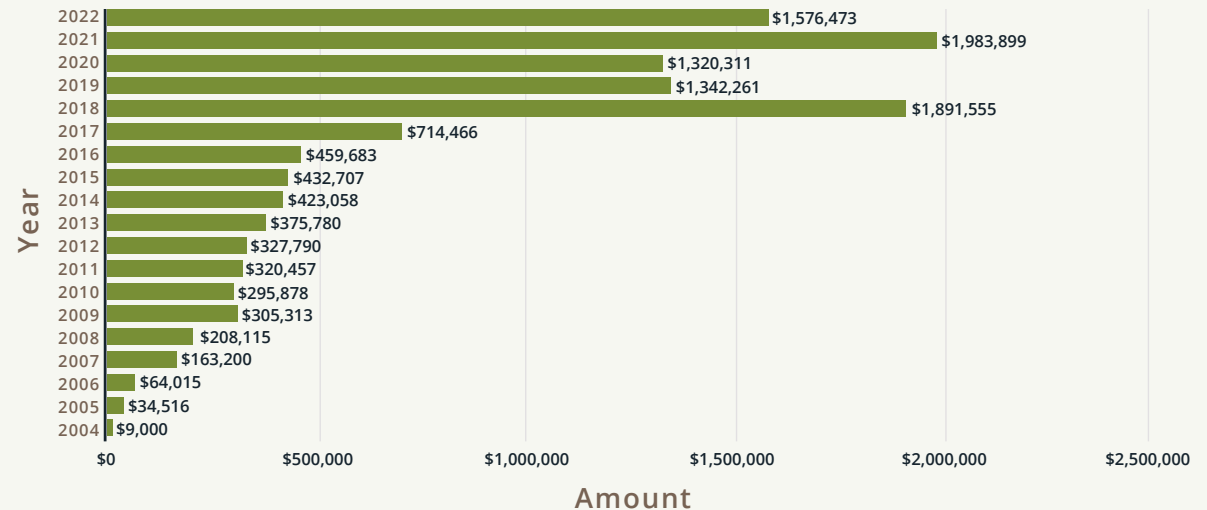
Total Net Assets

**\$927,869**

Total Liabilities

**\$28,439**

## PROJECT & PROGRAM EXPENSES 2004 - 2022



In 2018, the significant increase in program expenses is attributable to the construction of 1,504 shelters for Rohingya refugees. 1,000 of these shelters were built with the generous donation of \$630,000 by ALIGHT.



# OBAT's Team (US)

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Partners in 2022

## Implementing Partners

OBAT's programs in Bangladesh are executed with the assistance of local implementing partners. We work with multiple implementing partners to ensure maximum impact of our programming and the provision of humanitarian services with the greatest efficiency and effectiveness.

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FOR IDP PROJECTS



### ISDCM (Integrated Services for the Development of Mothers and Children)

**AFM. Saiful Islam**  
Chief Monitoring Officer

**Sohail Akhter Khan**  
Program Manager

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Assistant Program Manager

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Project Planning & Reporting Officer

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Clearing the way for a brighter future

### OBAT BD

**Major Md. Ruhul Amin**  
Executive Director  
(Until October, 2022)

**Arijit Kumar Roy**  
Executive Director  
(Joined December 2022)

**Md. Raju- Project Lead**  
(Charity and WASH Programs)

**Mohammad Mahfuz Alam- Project Lead**  
(Education and Empowerment Programs)

**Afrin Jahan Swapna**  
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**Md. Shakhawat Ali Irfan**  
Field Monitoring Officer

## Partners in 2022

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FOR ROHINGYA RELIEF PROJECTS



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Executive Director

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Senior Accountant

**Asima Tasnim**  
MEAL Officer



#### HMBD

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Program Manager



#### Shushilan

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**Anwara Khatun**  
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## Partners in 2022

### OUR SERVICE PARTNERS

- Abdul Wadud Memorial Hospital
- Aisdhal Khairpara Alim And Vocational Madrasah
- Al-Falah Institute & High School
- Amal Foundation
- Asian University for Women
- Badshah Faisal Institute
- Bogura Pourosova
- BSRM Steels Ltd.
- Center for Zakat Management (CZM)
- Dhaka Central Hospital
- Dhalagach Junior School
- First Cure Hospital
- Grameen Euglena
- International Grammar School (IGS)
- Kisholoy Girls School & College
- Lions Club
- MEMEX Polytechnic & BM College
- Parbati Pur Technical And Agriculture College
- Prayas
- Prime Bank Foundation Eye Hospital
- Queens School & College
- Rangpur Textile Institute
- Royal Community Eye Hospital
- RSF Model School and College
- Research, Training and Management (RTM) International
- Sher-e-Bangla Mult High School
- Shyamoli Ideal Polytechnic Institute
- Smiling Sun Clinic
- Ticket Printing Press Colony High School
- UCEP Bangladesh
- UNDP
- Bangladesh Red Crescent Society
- Food for the Hungry



# Join Our OBAT Family!



## Become an OBAT Helper & sign up to volunteer

[bit.ly/OBATvolunteer](https://bit.ly/OBATvolunteer)



## Spread awareness about OBAT by using these resources

[bit.ly/SpreadAwareness21](https://bit.ly/SpreadAwareness21)



## Sponsor a Project

[bit.ly/OBATsponsor](https://bit.ly/OBATsponsor)



## Stay informed about your impact

[bit.ly/OBATsignup](https://bit.ly/OBATsignup)



## Review OBAT

[bit.ly/ReviewOBAT](https://bit.ly/ReviewOBAT)



## Fundraise for OBAT

[bit.ly/fundraise4obat](https://bit.ly/fundraise4obat)



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### Mail a check

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### Donate online

[www.obathelpers.org](https://www.obathelpers.org)

### Donate via IRA or DAF

Donate directly from your IRA (individual retirement account) or DAF (donor advised fund) for tax benefits

### Other ways to donate

Reach us at [contact@obathelpers.org](mailto:contact@obathelpers.org) for further information if you want to:

- Donate stock
- Leave a bequest in your will
- Donate to build OBAT's endowment

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