

Annual Report
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Glossary

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| AFMC | Al-Falah Model Clinic |
| APCASO | Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organization |
| BPHC | Bangladesh Population Health Consortium |
| CUP | Coalition for the Urban Poor |
| EPI | Extended Program of Immunization |
| HASAB | HIV/AIDS/STI/Alliance, Bangladesh |
| HEED | Health, Education, Economic Development |
| IDHRB | Institute of Development of Human Rights, Bangladesh |
| PLWHA | People Living With HIV/AIDS |
| TIGP | Target International Giving Program |
| UNDP | United Nation Development Program |
| UNESCO | United Nation Economic & Scientific Council |
| UNHCR | United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees |
| UNICEF | United Nation International Children Education Fund |

Introduction:

The organization Al-Falah Bangladesh was formed in June 1980 to take over the Dhaka Camps project from an NGO HEED Bangladesh. It is registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh.

Al-Falah Bangladesh is the only registered NGO in Bangladesh, which has pledged in its Constitution to work for the Urdu speaking Bangladeshi citizens to rehabilitate them socially and economically in the mainstream of the society by improving their quality of life and increasing their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities. The mass of this Urdu-speaking community lost the privileges of social living being the worst victims of political and historical developments in 1971 that downgraded their social, cultural and economic status from top to bottom level.

Since its foundation, Al-Falah has been delivering health services in Geneva Camp through its project Al-Falah Model Clinic. The other significant project is Community Development Centre (CDC), which established Foundation schools and sponsorship program for the camp based Urdu-speaking poor male and female students to continue their education from pre-primary to Master Degree level. Another project is for skill development. Under this project, community students are being trained on basic computer literacy.

In addition to the above service delivery and development projects on health, education and skills, Al-Falah Bangladesh has also completed a few important research and studies works with support from UN Agencies and other international organization for collection of basic data in the context of social, economic and political status of the community.

Al-Falah Bangladesh has completed its 30 years of establishment. These thirty years are considered as a combination of its successes and failures, experiences and lessons learning and of great challenges.

History:

Al-Falah Bangladesh:

The organization Al-Falah Bangladesh was formed in June 1980 to take over the Dhaka Camps project from an NGO HEED Bangladesh. It has a 21 Members General Body that constitute a 7-Member Executive Committee according to the Constitution to run the affairs of the organization through the Executive Director.

Vision of the organization:

The Urdu speaking community must take part equally and with dignity for the national development as citizen of Bangladesh

Mission:

To improve the quality of life of the Urdu speaking people and increase their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities.

Legal Status:

The organization is registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau and Directorate of Family Planning, Government of Bangladesh.

The Urdu speaking community:

There are estimated four hundred thousand Urdu speaking people in Bangladesh; about two hundred thousand have been languishing in 116 large and small settlements, which are located in various cities, and towns of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna Divisions. Geneva Camp is the largest single concentration of this community with about 20,000 populations. They have a distinct cultural background; speak Hindi and Urdu and observe strictly their cultural norms that their previous generation had brought with from the Indian State of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, when India was partitioned in 1947. The partition of 1947 forced the community to migrate from their own homeland to the then East Pakistan.

Affiliation/Membership:

The organization is a member of different Association and Networks, which include CUP (Coalition for the Urban Poor), BSAF (Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum).

Al-Falah was a COR member of APCASO (The Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Services Organization) for South Asia Region until October 2001. Besides, the organization served as a Member of the Steering Committee of UNDP SSWA Project -Delhi for its GIPA projects in South Asia until December 2001.

Present Executive Committee (2010-2012)

1. Mr. Md. Asghar Ali Khan: President
2. Mrs. Rahima Begum: Vice President
3. Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan: General Secretary
4. Syed Afzal Hussain: Treasurer
5. Mr. Ashraful Haque Babu: Member
6. Mrs. Sakina Begum: Member
7. Mrs. S. M. Reshma: Member

Al-Falah Model Clinic

The clinic is located in Geneva Camp, Dhaka. There is no such clinic in any camp all over Bangladesh, which is being run by Al-Falah. This Clinic received financial and technical supports from the community and the BPHC from 1981 to 2002. During 2003-2004, the clinic was run as "Friendship Clinic" by a local donor Friendship International, which also repaired and renovated the clinic building.



The clinic was virtually closed from 2004 to June 2010 for wants of fund. In June 2010, Al-Falah received a one-year fund from Pittsburgh Foundation, USA with sincere efforts by Dr. Arnold Sholder, a citizen of USA, who visited the clinic in that year. The clinic provided following health services to the residents of Geneva Camp under Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Ward # 45 (presently DCC South Ward # 32).

Major component of the AFMC are:

EPI, Ant-Natal and Post-Natal Care, TT, Booster, Family Planning, Normal Delivery, Limited pathological, surgical and curative services and door to door health education.

The donor, Mr. Henry Posner of Pittsburgh Foundation has been died and the availability of fund for



this project has become uncertain for this project began from July 2011. A detailed project completion report has already been submitted to the concerned Government officials with all the necessary documents.

However, from January 2011 to June 2011, the project was run with support from Pittsburgh Foundation and from July 2011 to December 2011, it was supported by local donation. During the period, AFMC provided the following services:

Mothers:

- 593 Mothers were provided Ante-Natal Care
- 20 Mothers were provided Post-Natal Care
- 58 Babies were born in the obstetric unit of the clinic
- 855 Mothers received limited curative services
- 372 Reproductive women received TT/Boosters
- 143 clients received Family Planning methods

Children:

- 2,000 Children (5-12) were given Tablet for Worms under NID programs
- 1,762 Children (2-5 Yrs) were given Tablet for Worms under NID programs
- 4,219 Children (1-5) years were received Vita-A Capsule under NID programs
- 2,233 Children (0-5) years were given Polio drops under NID programs
- 1,001 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG, Pantha and Measles under EPI
- 1,116 Children (1-5) years received limited curative services

General:

- 157 Male general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 290 Female general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 97 Patients were treated for RTI and STI
- 113 Pregnancy tests were conducted
- 24 Blood Sugar tested

At Field Level:

- 6,785 Male and Female (15-49) years received health education
- 1,989 Adolescents (10-18) years received health education

At- Clinic Level:

- 1,930 Female (15-49) years received health education
- 1,266 Adolescents (10-18) years received health education

Apart of the above program, the project jointly organized a Circumcision Camp with Quantum Foundation. 55 (fifty five) children were covered under this program.

Community Development Centre (CDC):

Purpose of the project CDC was to establish Foundation School to save the Urdu-speaking children from being lost as street children and to provide support to the community in its struggle to join the mainstream of the society with improved social and economic status.



The project was commenced in 2007 with fund raised locally from the well wishers of the community. Under this project the first Foundation School was established in the premises of Al-Falah Model Clinic. In 2010 the number of Foundation Schools increased to 40. These schools were established in camps at Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Khulna, Bogra, Rangpur, Ishurdi and Syedpur. A USA based donor TIGP supported this Program in 2009 and 2010, but regretted to support in 2011. The project was forced to close down 22 Foundation Schools in 2011 and reduced sponsorship program due to financial constraints in 2011.

Achievements:

- 110 Children under age of 4-5 years were given pre-primary education from January 2011 to December 2011
- 193 Children (96 boys and 97 girls) sponsored for getting admission in class 1 after attending Foundation Schools among them are
 - 11 Male students were given sponsorship to attend in the SSC final exam
 - 11 Female students were given sponsorship to continue their SSC classes
 - 08 Male students were given sponsorship to continue their HSC classes
 - 11 Female students were given sponsorship to continue their HSC classes
 - 02 Male students were given sponsorship to continue their Degree Classes
 - 07 Female students were given sponsorship to continue their Degree Classes



Fundamental Computer Course for skill Development



The organization has established the first Computer Class in Geneva Camp in the year 2007, when some well-wishers of the community donated 5-second hand computers. Later a Bangladeshi NGO D. Net provided 8 computers to run the program. During the reporting period a total 11 students were completed fundamental computer course from the center.

Research and Study:

During the reporting period Al-Falah Bangladesh implement a project title “End of Statelessness: A livelihoods Analysis”. The technical and financial assistance was provided by International Observatory on Statelessness, Kingston University, U.K.

Al-Falah Bangladesh implemented this program as one of the sub-contractors. The other sub-contractors were Center for Minority Rights Development (CEMIRIDE) in Kenya and East Africa, Mirovni Institute/Peace Institute in Slovenia, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) and The University of Colombo in Sri Lanka.

The information was collected from Geneva Camp and people living outside the camp in Mohammadpur and Mirpur area. This result to compare the socio-economic and cultural situation of the people those who are living in the same area with different situation was aim of the project. 300 (three hundred) households covered by this project. 150 households in Geneva Camp and 150 households living outside of the camps in Mohammadpur and Mirpur area.

A comprehensive research report is being finalized. Thus, the project has already been submitted the detailed report to the concerned report Government officials.

Apart from the above program, the philanthropists and donor at home and abroad also gave their financial supports to the different projects of Al-Falah Bangladesh in 2011. Among them were:

Mr. Kamran Faridi, Mr. Azmat Ashraf, Dr. Arnold Sholder, Mr. Haikal Hashmi, Mr. Md. Moinuddin, Mr. Zia A. Nadwi, Mr. Mohammad Shoaib, Mr. M. I. Farooqui, Ms. Tasmia Perssob, Mr. Farooque Ahmed, Ms. Victoria Redcliff and Mr. Zafar Alam.

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