

Annual Report

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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 33 years of establishment. These thirty three years are considered as a combination of its successes and failures, experiences and lessons learning and of great challenges.

Al-Falah Bangladesh:

Al-Falah Bangladesh is a government registered, non-profit, non-political, non-religious, social welfare and voluntary organization. The organization was established in Dhaka in June 1981 to take over the Dhaka Camps Project from an NGO HEED that had established the project in 1975 for the camp people, who have been languishing in so-called refugee camps in Bangladesh since 1971.

The main objective of the organization is to improve the quality of life of the Urdu speaking people especially those who are languishing in the camp like situation and increase their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities

Al-Falah Bangladesh has a 21 Members General Body that constitutes a 7-Member Executive Committee according to the Constitution to run the affairs of the organization.

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. In 1971, East Pakistan became Bangladesh as a result of Liberation War. Consequently, half of the Urdu-speaking community took shelters in make-shift camps. They were considered as stateless. In 2008, however, the camp people became citizens of Bangladesh by virtue of a High Court judgment.

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 (2012-2014):

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| 1. Dr. C. R. Abrar: | President |
| 2. Mr. Mohammad Shoaib: | Vice President |
| 3. Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan: | General Secretary |
| 4. Syed Afzal Hussain: | Treasurer |
| 5. Mrs. Rahima Begum: | Executive Member |
| 6. Mrs. Khondaker Rebaka Sun-yaat: | Executive Member |
| 7. Mr. Haikal Hashmi: | Executive Member |

Education Development Program:

The project is a sister concern of Community Development Center (CDC). Under this project the organization has working to achieve its objective for the betterment of the community.

Project Background:

The CDC project commenced in 2007 with fund raised locally from the well wishers of the community. The first Foundation School was established in the premises of Al-Falah Model Clinic. Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. By 2010 the number of Foundation Schools increased to 40 throughout Bangladesh in various camps at Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Khulna, Bogra, Rangpur, Ishurdi and Syedpur with the support from Target Foundation, USA. In 2011 & 2012 the Target Foundation has regretted to support the project. This unfortunate situation forced Al-Falah to close down its 30 Foundation Schools in 2012 and also to reduce sponsorship program. However, the Target Foundation, USA agreed to provide financial support in 2013.

Goal:

The primary goal of the project to save the Urdu-speaking children from being lost as street children, as these children have been living in camps like situation and deprived from their schooling and provide support to the community in its struggle to join the mainstream of the society with improved social and economic status.

Foundation Schools:

These schools were established on the basis of "Self-help education". The Education Development Program (EDP) provides scholarship to the students to continue their secondary and Higher Secondary studies. In exchange, the scholarship students teach daily two hours to a batch of 30 children and prepare them for admission in to Primary Schools for Class I, situated outside the camp area. The responsibility of teacher also includes orientation to mothers/guardians on health & hygiene and how to prepare and encourage their children during their schooling period.

Scholarship Program:

The project introduces scholarships to students who are studies in the Secondary, Higher Secondary and Graduation level of education. Based on the concept of help your self, the organization provides these scholarships. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the community students to carry on their higher studies and at the same time. The sponsored students are also motivated to help the community by giving their voluntary service to improve the social status of the community.

Quantitative Achievements in 2013:

- 21 Foundation School Centers for pre primary education was set up in Mohammadpur & Mirpur of Dhaka, Chittagong, Ishurdi, Khulna, Mymensingh, Bogr and Rangour
- 579 Children under age of 4-5 years were given pre-primary education at those centers
- 115 Sponsored Children got admission in class I after attending Foundation Schools
- 01 student provide scholarship to continue education of Class VIII
- 26 students provide scholarship to continue their SSC level education
- 87 students provide scholarship to continue their HSC level education
- 35 students provide scholarship to continue their Graduation level of education

According to the results of SSC public exam, all the sponsored examinees passed (100%). Among them 1 girl secured brilliant result and stand for GPA-5 (Grade A+), 9 (39%) of them obtained Grade A, 10 (43%) students obtained Grade A -, 1 student obtained Grade B and 2 students obtained Grade C.

According to the results of HSC public exam, 4 sponsored examinees passed (67%). Among them 3 of them obtained Grade A, 1 student obtained B and 2 students could not success.

Education Survey:

During the project period the organization has conducted a sample survey on Education. The survey program was jointly supported by the individual donors Mr. Azmat Ashraf and Khalid Shahab of Canada.

The organization has selected 26 students residing in Mohammadpur and Mirpur of Dhaka camps, Mymensingh, Bogra, Rangpur, Syedpur, Khulna Ishurdi and Chittagong camps. A one day orientation was organized to train them on prescribed survey format. A total of 2,000 households were visited on random selection and collected data. The Executive Director of Al-Falah is being drafted the survey report which will share with all concerned shortly after its finalization.

The survey report gives a detail picture of the status of the education and skills in the community with recommendations how to address the poor state of education and skill to improve it up to a satisfactory standard.

Achievements since the start of the program:

Children admitted in foundation school from 2007 to 2013

Location	Year														Total students
	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		
	Shifts	Students	Shifts	Students	Shifts	Students	Shifts	Students	Shifts	students	Shifts	students	Shifts	students	
Mdpur, Dhaka	3	107	4	126	4	125	4	155	3	110	4	187	3	99	609
Mirpur, Dhaka	1	30	1	30	7	163	7	178	5	122	2	44	3	77	644
Chittagong	1	30	1	30	7	209	7	210	--	--	3	90	3	89	658
Syedpur	2	60	3	84	8	235	8	212	8	183	--	--	-	-	772
Khulna	1	30	3	90	5	150	5	150	--	--	--	--	3	82	502
Ishurdi	1	30	1	30	3	90	3	86	2	50	--	--	2	54	340
Rangpur	--	--	--	--	3	91	3	90	--	--	--	--	3	82	263
Mymensingh	1	30	2	60	2	56	2	45	--	--	--	--	2	57	248
Bogra	--	--	1	30	1	30	1	30	--	--	1	25	2	39	154
Total	10	317	16	480	40	1149	40	1156	18	465	10	346	21	579	4,492

Children's admission in Class I from 2007 to 2013

Location	Year											Total Students
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2011		2012		2013		
				Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Mdohammadpur, Dhaka	42	52	48	19	26	26	27	29	32	21	32	354
Mirpur, Dhaka	09	20	18	18	17	--	--	32	34	8	4	160
Chittagong	--	--	13	12	07	--	--	--	--	22	18	72
Syedpur	12	50	52	40	43	--	--	89	86	-	-	372
Khulna	--	48	42	29	44	70	69	--	--	-	-	302
Ishurdi	--	28	30	10	14	--	--	22	23	-	-	127
Rangpur	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	-	-	1
Mymensingh	--	33	32	13	04	--	--	--	--	-	-	82
Bogra	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	4	10
Total	63	231	235	141	155	96	97	172	175	57	58	1,480

Students Sponsored for SSC Course from 2007 to 2013

Total SSC sponsored students: 129

Total Male: 56

Total Female: 73

Location	Year														Total
	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mdpur, Dhaka	13	13	05	08	04	07	01	02	--	01	--	01	3	1	59
Mirpur, Dhaka	--	01	01	--	--	02	01	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	5
Chittagong	01	--	--	--	03	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	4
Syedpur	--	01	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	2
Khulna	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	03	03	--	--	1	13	21
Ishurdi	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	1
Rangpur	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-
Mymensingh	01	--	--	--	04	07	--	--	03	02	--	02	3	2	24
Bogra	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	05	--	--	2	1	13
Total	16	16	06	08	12	16	02	02	11	11	--	03	9	17	129

Students Sponsored for HSC Course from 2007 to 2013

Total HSC sponsored students: 340

Total Male: 125

Total Female: 215

Location	Year														Total
	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mdpur, Dhaka	11	04	08	08	11	17	03	11	01	01	03	10	5	9	102
Mirpur, Dhaka	01	--	02	03	03	10	--	08	--	--	02	02	2	-	33
Chittagong	--	--	01	--	08	11	03	07	03	08	--	11	3	14	69
Syedpur	--	--	--	--	01	04	01	01	--	--	--	--	2	7	16
Khulna	--	--	--	--	03	07	15	12	03	--	--	--	6	18	64
Ishurdi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	-	8
Rangpur	--	--	--	--	--	--	03	01	--	--	--	--	1	2	7
Mymensingh	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	01	02	01	05	1	3	14
Bogra	--	--	--	--	--	--	03	12	--	--	04	02	2	4	27
Total	12	04	11	11	26	50	28	52	08	11	10	30	30	57	340

Students sponsored for Degree/Honors Course from 2007 to 2013

Total Degree sponsored students: 109

Total Male: 50

Total Female: 59

Location	Year														Total
	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mdpur, Dhaka	03	01	03	01	01	02	05	06	01	01	05	04	10	4	47
Mirpur, Dhaka	--	--	--	--	02	--	--	--	--	02	01	03	-	1	9
Chittagong	--	--	--	--	02	--	03	07	--	01	--	01	1	8	23
Syedpur	--	--	--	01	--	03	--	03	01	02	--	--	-	-	10
Khulna	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	-	-	1
Ishurdi	--	--	--	--	03	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	-	10
Rangpur	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	02	--	--	--	--	1	3	7
Mymensingh	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	1	2

Bogra	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-
Total	03	01	03	02	09	06	09	18	02	07	06	08	18	17	109

Fundamental Computer Course for skill Development

The CDC had established the first Computer Class in Geneva Camp in the year 2007, when some well wishers of the community donated 5 second hand computers. The Computer Class started under 'self-help skill development program'. Three sponsored student-instructors from the community conducted training courses.

D. Net (Development Research Network) has been supporting various schools and colleges and also those NGOs who work for the underprivileged community. Being impressed with the policy and programs of Al-Falah Bangladesh, D.Net donated a total of 8 (eight) CPU to Al-Falah Bangladesh to run its computer class in 2010. This program only carried out in Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. This program aims to enhance the knowledge of the target population on basic computer. Number of Trained Students:

Computer Classes

2007-2011: 243
 Male: 151
 Female: 92

Location	Year										Total
	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Mdpur, Dhaka	43	23	45	31	39	19	18	14	06	05	243



Dr. David Johnson, a philanthropist and President, Bihari Relief Fund, USA is seen to distribute the result card among the students of Foundation school students of Geneva camp on 06.12.13.

Foundation school students were singing the National Anthem and observe Victory Day on 16th December 2013



A delegation of Bihari Relief Fund (BRF), USA headed by its President, Dr. David Johnson and Secretary, Mr. Azmat Ashraf visited one of the foundation school centers of EDP. Mr. Peter Nichols, Former Director HEED Bangladesh and Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, Al-Falah Bangladesh are also seen in the picture

Meritorious students of Foundation School were awarded gifts for their brilliant result. Teachers are also seen



Scholarship Distribution Program

Students from different camps of Dhaka and guests and staff of the project are seen in the picture.

Al-Falah Model Clinic:

The clinic was originally established by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in



1972 when the ICRC built Geneva Camp to provide shelter to the war affected Urdu-speaking minority community. From 1975 to 1984 a Mission NGO HEED Bangladesh run this clinic and handed over it to Al-Falah in 1985. From 1985 to 1990 Al-Falah managed to run this Clinic with local support. In 1991 ODA (Overseas Development Administration) of the British Government signed an Agreement with Al-Falah Bangladesh to provide financial and technical support for the Clinic. ODA later became BPHC (Bangladesh Population and Health Consortium), which continued its support to the Clinic up to 2000 when BPHC decided to divert its funds for rural

development causing a major setback to Al-Falah Model Clinic.

After a long 10 years of slow function, the Al-Falah Model Clinic at Geneva Camp once again reorganized to serve the community who had no adequate access to health services. The long delay in getting support virtually deprived the community of vital health services like immunization of the children, family planning and maternity services.

Dr. Arnold Sholder visited the clinic in 2009. He had come from USA to meet her daughter Hannah Sholder, a Fulbright Scholar, who was doing her research on the Geneva Camp. He was shocked & moved at the dilapidated status of the clinic and promised to raise fund to support Al-Falah Model Clinic in reorganizing the health services for the inmates of the Geneva Camp. Accordingly, he mobilized some fund in USA for the repairing and renovation of the clinic and succeeded in securing a substantial amount of fund from The Pittsburg Foundation, USA. With support from The Pittsburgh Foundation new medical staffs were appointed and the Clinic was officially opened on 23 July 2010 in a simple ceremony which continues its program for one year from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011. The organization, Al-Falah Bangladesh tried to secure funding for the clinic but its all efforts went in vain.

Under the above circumstances, the management of the organization decided to provide cut off some program and run a partial program in the clinic. 3 staffs of the clinic provided their volunteer services to the clinic to run the program.

Objectives:

The Al-Falah Model Clinic will provide health services to the inmates of Geneva Camp located in Mohammadpur under Dhaka City Corporation (North) Ward No. 30. The Clinic in its limited resources delivers the following services to the community:

- Child Immunization
- Family Planning
- Circumcision
- Health Education
- Referral Services

Al-Falah Model clinic provide services for immunization by getting support from Health Department of Dhaka City Corporation. They are provided free vaccination. During the reporting period (January 2013 to December 2013) a total of 4 National Immunization Day were observed for EPI. Al-Falah Model Clinic participated in these events.

The following services were provided to the children at field level:

3,000 Children (0yrs-5yrs) were given Polio drops under NID program

4,372 Children (6m-5 yrs) were given Vitamin A capsules under NID

1,912 Children (2yrs-5yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet under NID program

1,000 Children (5yrs-12yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet under NID program

The following numbers of the children were given immunization/vaccination at the clinic on weekly immunization day:

457 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG, Penta & Measles under EPI program

96 Children (9m-1 ½yr) received Rubella vaccines under EPI program

553 Children (0-1 yr) received Polio drops under EPI program

3 Children received limited curative service

Mothers/Women of the community received following services at the clinic:

5 Mothers were received Ante-Natal Care (ANC)

155 Mothers received Family Planning services

5 Mothers received limited curative services

2 Mothers received TT during ANC

5 Reproductive women received TT/Boosters

161 Unmarried girls received TT/Boosters

13 Patients were treated for RTI and STI

11 Pregnancy tests were conducted

The clinic provides Family Planning Services by the auspicious support from Dept. of Family Planning, Govt. of Bangladesh. During the reporting period the clinic provided Family Planning services to the 155 clients (Old 116 & New 39).

The field staffs visited a total of 766 households and referred the community members for the following services as these services are not available at the clinic:

180 Mothers referred for ANC services

82 Mothers were referred for the Post Natal Care (PNC) services

185 Mothers were motivated to gave birth at clinic/hospital instead of Home Delivery

35 Mothers were motivated to get a long time Family Planning Method and referred for getting Norplant, Ligation, NSV and IUD method

Health Education:

The staffs that provided voluntary service to the project visited the Household and provide education on issues concerning health and hygiene and disseminate information on subjects like:

- Personal Hygiene, Safe Motherhood and risk at home delivery,
- Breast Feeding, Extended Program of Immunization (EPI), Maternal and Child Nutrition, Worm Infection, Night Blindness, Skin Diseases, ART, Diarrheal Disease and ORS.
- Family Planning.
- Reproductive Tract Infections, STI, HIV/AIDS

Circumcision Program:

Al-Falah Bangladesh jointly initiated Circumcision Camp with Quantum Foundation. During the reporting period 2 Circumcision Camps were organized where a total of 83 children under age of 2-12 years old were done minor surgery for Circumcision.

GO/NGO Collaboration Meeting, Training & Workshop attended by the staffs/sponsored students:

- Over the year a total 23 sponsored students, teachers of Foundation School and staff of Al-Falah Bangladesh were attended training program on HIV/AIDS and TB related issues organized by Ashar Alo Society.
- Collaboration meeting with GO-NGOs organized by World Vision on 13th February 2013. The meeting was attended by Slama Naz and Nighat Sultana.
- A 2-day training program on use of Mobile phone for improving immunization coverage among children living in the rural hard to reach areas and urban streets of Bangladesh. The program was held on 28-29th March 2013. The program was organized by Dhaka City Corporation. The program was also held in collaboration of Empower of Social Enterprise Ltd, John Hopkins University, USA, IDDR'B & Grand Challenges, Canada. The program was attended by Salma Naz.
- A 1 day Follow up Training on EPI program was organized by Swanirvar Bangladesh and Dhaka City Corporation. The training program was held on 20th May 2013 and was attended by Salma Naz, Field Supervisor
- Mohammad Hasan, Senior Coordinator attended a Workshop on Grassroots Women voicing Political Participation held at the LGRD Auditorium, Dhaka. Organized by Unnayan Shohhojogi Team (UST) held on 29th September 2013
- Al-Falah Bangladesh is affiliated with Bangladesh Shishu (Child) Adhikar (Rights) Forum. The Forum has organized numerous training, meeting and workshop program in 2013 to build the capacity of its member organization. Staff and sponsored students attended the functions. Significant among were:
 - National Seminar on National Plan of Action on Child Rights held on 28th March 2013 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka.
 - National Seminar on Ratify ILO convention 138 on Protect Children from Labor held on 22nd August 2013 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka
 - National Seminar on Country responses to Child labor: Discussion on Achievement, Challenges and Way Forward in the context of Global Child Labor Conference held on 25th September 2013 at CIRDAP Auditorium
 - National Child Rights Week titled National Plan Action Implementation: Our Role to Eliminate Hazardous Child Labor held on 3rd October 2013 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka
 - 3-day training program on Child Protection Policy (CPP) held from 28-30 December 2013 held at UDDIPAN Training Hall, Dhaka
 - National seminar on Child Domestic Worker (CDW) held on 30th December 2013 at BIAM Foundation
- Two staff of Al-Falah Model Clinic (Ms. Salma Naz & Ms. Nighat Sultana) was selected by for an International Leadership Training on Home based worker held in Ahmadabad, India. They were selected by the Coalition for Urban Poor held on 22nd October 2013 to 29th October 2013.
- HASAB, Asar Alo, Nari Moitree & UPHCP Bangladesh were organized training program on TB and HIV/AIDS. The program was held on 17th March, 27th March, 21st May, 22nd August, 17th September, 5th October, 22nd October, 19th November & 10th December 2013. The program was attended by Ms. Anwari Begum, Paramedic, Salma Naz, Field Supervisor, Nehal Ahmed, Registrar & Dispenser & Nighat Sultana Clinic Assistant were attended the training.
- Discussion meeting was organized on Immunization Campaign on Measles and Rubella held on 28th November and 21st December 2013. These meetings were organized by Dhaka City Corporation, Nari Moitree and Swanirvar Bangladesh. The program was attended by Salma Naz, Field Supervisor.
- Mohammad Hasan, Senior Coordinator attended a stakeholder sharing meeting on National Census titled "Slum Census & Floating People Census 2014". The meeting was jointly organized by CUP & Bangladesh Bureau of Statistic-BBS. The program was held on December 31, 2013 at BBS conference Room, Dhaka.

National and Foreign Researcher & Visitors:

- Dr. Victoria Redcliff, a well-wisher of the Urdu-speaking camp dwellers has visited Al-Falah Bangladesh on 1st April 2013. She was recently awarded her PhD in Sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research, entitled 'Histories of displacement and the creation of political space: Statelessness and citizenship in Bangladesh', investigates the temporal, spatial and social nuances of citizenship and political being among the 'Urdu-speaking minority' in Bangladesh. Her purpose of visit was to say a formal thanks to all who assisted her during her PhD research in Bangladesh. Al-Falah Bangladesh among one of them were provided her auspicious support and assistance for her PhD research.
- Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, a student of Jahangir Nagar University conducted a research on the Urdu speaking community for his Master's Thesis part. He has completed his research under the auspicious support from Al-Falah Bangladesh. Later a book title The Invisible Truth: Representation of the Urdu-Speaking Bangladeshi published by the Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany
- Mr. Kasifur Rahman, a student of Jahangir Nagar University conducted a research on the Urdu speaking community for his Master's Thesis part. He has completed his research under the auspicious support from Al-Falah Bangladesh.
- Mr. Imamur Hossain Rumman a final year student of Architecture in BUET conducted a research on solution for the upgradation of the settlement of the Geneva Camp. The issue of a sustainable solution for the linguistic Urdu speaking minorities is a broad national issue as it comprises social, economical and as well as political factors.
- Ms. Shamima Afroze, Dept. of Sociology, University of Dhaka conducted a research on the Urdu speaking community for her Master's thesis on Stateless Diaspora. A sociological Analysis of the Urdu speaking Bangladeshis under the auspicious assistance from Al-Falah Bangladesh
- Ms. Piyali Bhattacharya a research scholar and writer of USA visited Bangladesh in July to carry out a research on automobile services all over India and Bangladesh. She has visited one of the Foundation schools of the project and distributed the Half Yearly Exam result among the students of kids.
- Ms. Samira Hossain, Dept. of Public Health, BRAC University and Atia Rahman, Research Associates, BRAC Center conducted a research on Health related issues of the Urdu speaking community.
- A 2-member delegation from Bihari Relief Fund comprised its President Rtn. Dr. David Johnson and Secretary Mr. Azmat Ashraf visited the programs and projects of Al-Falah Bangladesh in December 2013. Mr. Peter Nichols, Former Director HEED Bangladesh also joined the delegation. The delegation met the Rotary Club of Uttara, Dhaka and well-wishers and local donors of the organization and exchange of views for future programs.

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