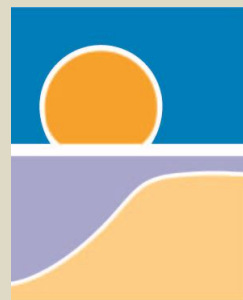


# AL-FALAH BANGLADESH



## Annual Report - 2014

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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 Education Development Program (EDP) a self help education and skill development program 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 34 years of establishment. These thirty four 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 1980 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):

S.I. No.	Name	Designation	Profession
1.	Dr. C. R. Abrar	Presidents	Professor, International Relations University of Dhaka
2.	Mr. Mohammad Shoaib	Vice-President	Businessperson & Rotarian
3.	Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan	General Secretary	Poet & Translator
4.	Syed Afzal Hussain	Treasurer	Businessperson
5.	Mrs. Rahima Begum	Executive Member	Former Head Mistress Govt. Primary School
6.	Mrs. Khondaker Rebaka Sun-yaat	Executive Member	Executive Director Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP)
7.	Mr. Muhammad Mustafa Haikal Hashmi (M.M. Haikal Hashmi)	Executive Member	Deputy Managing Director IFIC Bank

### 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.

### Rationale of the project:

In Dec 2013, Al-Falah Bangladesh conducted a sample survey among 2000 households covering total respondents of 10,773 in camps across the country. The findings show a very deplorable status of education in every category from primary to degree level. It is found that:

- 6.2% of the are minor
- 12.9% of them are Illiterate
- 18.9 of them are literate
- 39.6% have completed Primary education
- 15.1% have educational qualification up to lower Secondary (Class 8) level.
- 3.1% have completed their Secondary School Course (SSC)
- 2.6% passed High Secondary Course (HSC)
- 1.2% are Under Graduate while only
- 0.2% have completed Graduation course. Similarly, only
- 0.2% of the respondents are Master Degree holders

Based on the findings of the above survey, Al-Falah Bangladesh has designed this project proposal according to the need of various age groups & genders which addresses hurdles the camp dwellers face at stage of the education and skill development. For those who have missed out from education and have reached a certain age, providing some basic skills that enable them attain economic independence is also important.

### **Unique Features of Project:**

#### **(a) Sustainability:**

The organization has introduced the concept of Self-help education where sponsored senior students volunteer to teach junior classes. The project will organize Training Program for Community Volunteers to ensure sustainability of the project and development of the community.

#### **(b) Women's Participation:**

This program will provide opportunity to young girls and women and spread the concept of self help and make them economically self-sufficient. Currently 89% of our volunteers & 58% of the beneficiaries are young female.

#### **Project Background:**

The CDC project commenced in 2007 with fund raised locally from the well wishers of the community. The Pioneer of this initiative was Mr. Azmat Ashraf who is now permanently settled in Canada. 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 and unexpected 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 from 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 without having any access to basic education. And to provide support to the community in its struggle to join the mainstream of the society with improved social and economic status.

#### **Foundation Schools:**

Foundation 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, honors a master degree level course. In exchange, the scholarship students teach daily two hours to a batch of 20 children and prepare them for admission in to Primary Schools for Class I, which are 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 from class VI, Secondary, Higher Secondary and Graduation, Master level of education. Based on the concept of help yourself, the organization provides these scholarships. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the community students to carry on their higher studies. These students at the time of getting grant of scholarship pledge to work for the social and economic development of the community as volunteers.

#### **Quantitative Achievements in 2014:**

- 33 shifts of Foundation School for pre primary education
- 740 Children under age of 4-5 years were given pre-primary education at those centers
- 324 Sponsored Children got admission in class I after attending Foundation Schools
- 340 student provide scholarship to continue education of Class VI-X
- 28 students provide scholarship to continue their SSC level education
- 31 students provide scholarship to continue their HSC level education
- 24 students provide scholarship to continue their Graduation/Master's level
- 37 students provide regular scholarship to continue their Higher Education and in lieu of that they have conducted Foundation School Classes and supervise the ongoing program.

### Qualitative Achievements in 2014:

According to the proposed program the project has achieved:

- 110% of the total target achieved to open Foundation School
- 82% students attended Pre-Primary Education
- 162% students were admitted in Class I after attending in the Foundation School
- 85% scholarship has been provided by the project for continuation of studies in VI-X Level
- 83% scholarship has been provided by the project for continuation of studies in SSC, HSC and Degree Level of Education.

According to the results of Junior School Certificate (JSC) public exam in 2014

- 14 (82%) sponsored candidates passed
  - 1 (6%) student obtained Grade A (1 boy)
  - 4 (23.5%) students obtained A minus (2 boys and 2 girls)
  - 5 (29%) students obtained Grade B (1 boy and 4 girls)
- 4 (23.5%) students obtained Grade C (2 boys and 2 girls).
- 3 (18%) could not succeed (1 boy and 2 girls).

Those who could not pass will be prepared to take test in the next year exam.

According to the results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) public exam in 2014

- 21(84%) sponsored candidates passed
- 13 (52%) students obtained Grade A (4 boys and 9 girls)
- 5 (20%) students obtained A minus (4 boys and 1 girl)
- 3 (12%) students obtained Grade B (1 boy and 2 girls)
- 3 (12%) could not succeed and result is yet to be known (3 boys)

Those who could not pass will be prepared to take test in the next exam.

According to the results of Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) public exam in 2014

- 17 (81%) sponsored students passed
- 5 (24%) students obtained Grade A (2 boys and 3 girls)
- 6 (29%) students obtained A minus (1 boys and 5 girl)
- 4 (19%) students obtained Grade B (2 boys and 2 girls)
- 2 (9%) students obtained Grade C (2 girls)
- 4 (19%) students could not succeed (1 boy and 3 girls)

Those who could not pass will take test in the next year exam.

### Plan for 2015

- EDP will open 2 new foundation school classes for 40 students in different camps.
- The project will ensure Birth Certificates of all the students at Foundation Schools
- The project will provide 500 scholarship to the students who completed Foundation School classes and will get admission in to Class I
- The project will provide 300 scholarships to the students who are studying in class VI-VII
- The project will continue its scholarship program and provide 200 scholarships for IX to HSC level of education.
- The project will continue its scholarship program and provide 100 scholarships for Degree and Graduation level of education.
- The project will observe different national/international days for the FS Children

Apart of the above plan for 2015 the organization has continuously in contact and follow up with the Rotary International and local Rotary Club for expansion of its Education program by organizing specialized coaching classes for PSC and JSC students, computer class, Adult Literacy Program and Training Program for the youth of the community.

Al-Falah Bangladesh has already signed an agreement with DoPeace, USA for organizing 9 shifts of Foundation School in different Camps of Mohammadpur, Dhaka for 270 students. Also the project will organize numbers of the specialized coaching classes for class III, IV and V grade of students. DoPeace, USA will open a computer center at the Al-Falah Model Clinic premises for the computer training.



**:Above:**

**Target Sourcing Services (TSS), Local Representative of Target Foundation, USA handed over an Oversized Cheque to the Representatives of Al-Falah Bangladesh on 20.01.2014**

**:Below:**

**4-5 years old children of Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka attended Foundation School Center for pre-primary education**





**:Above:**

**Students from SSC to Degree level of education of Mohammadpur & Mirpur area seen in picture after receiving scholarship from Al-Falah Bangladesh on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

**:Below:**

**Prof. Abdul Hasem, General Secretary, Ishurdi Press Club, Mr. Abdul Baten, Editor, Weekly Joy Patra, Ishurdi, Mr. Al Amin Khan, Councilor, Ishurdi Pourashava & Ms. Shahnaz Parvin, Women Councilor, Ishurdi Pourashava attended a scholarship distribution program of EDP at the Foundation School center on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014**





**:Above:**

**Sponsored students of different settlements of Rangpur area seen in the picture after receiving scholarship from Al-Falah Bangladesh on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**:Below:**

**Junior school class students of Mohammadpur & Mirpur area were awarded scholarship from Education Development Program (EDP) on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The program was supported by Target Foundation, USA**





## Achievements since the inception of the program:

**Total shifts of the Foundation School: 188      Total Boys: 2,592      Total Girls: 2,640      Total Students: 5,232**

Location	2007-2011 (5 years)				2012				2013				2014				Total			
	Shifts	Students			Shifts	students			Shifts	students			Shifts	students			Shifts	students		
		B	G	T		B	G	T		B	G	T		B	G	T		B	G	T
Mdpur, Dhaka	18	292	331	623	4	92	95	187	3	57	42	99	3	62	53	115	28	503	521	1,024
Mirpur, Dhaka	21	269	254	523	2	19	25	44	3	34	43	77	5	56	57	113	31	378	379	757
Chittagong	16	217	262	479	3	48	42	90	3	47	42	89	7	82	68	150	29	394	414	808
Syedpur	29	358	416	774	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	358	416	774
Khulna	14	212	208	420	-	-	-	-	3	38	44	82	6	66	56	122	23	316	308	624
Ishurdi	10	127	159	286	-	-	-	-	2	25	29	54	2	17	23	40	14	169	211	380
Rangpur	6	103	78	181	-	-	-	-	3	38	44	82	6	57	63	120	15	198	185	383
Mymensingh	7	126	65	191	-	-	-	-	2	37	20	57	2	22	18	40	11	185	103	288
Bogra	3	37	53	90	1	12	13	25	2	23	16	39	2	19	21	40	8	91	103	194
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>5,232</b>

**Total sponsored students in Class I: 1,804      Total Boys: 886      Total Girls: 918**

Location	2007-2011 (5 year)			2012			2013			2014			Total		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	117	123	240	29	32	67	21	32	53	15	08	23	182	195	377
Mirpur, Dhaka	40	42	82	32	34	66	08	04	12	16	21	37	96	101	197
Chittagong	15	17	32	-	-	-	22	18	40	30	30	60	67	65	132
Syedpur	96	101	197	89	86	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	187	372
Khulna	147	155	302	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	33	65	179	188	367
Ishurdi	40	42	82	22	23	45	-	-	-	25	29	54	87	94	181
Rangpur	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	25	39	14	26	40
Mymensingh	40	42	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	9	19	50	51	101
Bogra	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	10	11	16	27	17	20	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,804</b>

**Total VI & VII sponsored Total students: 201 Male: 78 Female: 123**

Location	2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	02	08	10	02	08	10
Mirpur, Dhaka	02	01	03	02	01	03
Chittagong	15	32	47	15	32	47
Syedpur	09	12	21	09	12	21
Khulna	29	25	54	29	25	54
Ishurdi	08	12	20	08	12	20
Rangpur	05	07	12	05	07	12
Mymensingh	02	16	18	02	16	18
Bogra	06	10	16	06	10	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>201</b>

**Total VIII sponsored Total students: 18 Male: 07 Female: 11**

Location	2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	01	-	01	01	-	01
Mirpur, Dhaka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chittagong	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syedpur	05	08	13	05	08	13
Khulna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ishurdi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rangpur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mymensingh	01	03	04	01	03	04
Bogra	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>

**Total IX sponsored Total students: 109 Male: 39 Female: 70**

Location	2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	03	04	07	03	04	07
Mirpur, Dhaka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chittagong	14	17	31	14	17	31
Syedpur	04	11	15	04	11	15
Khulna	05	16	21	05	16	21
Ishurdi	03	07	10	03	07	10
Rangpur	02	03	05	02	03	05
Mymensingh	02	03	05	02	03	05
Bogra	06	09	15	06	09	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>109</b>

**Total X sponsored Total students: 12 Male: 06 Female: 06**

Location	2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	01	05	6	01	05	6
Mirpur, Dhaka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chittagong	03	01	4	03	01	4
Syedpur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Khulna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ishurdi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rangpur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mymensingh	02	-	02	02	-	02
Bogra	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>12</b>

Total SSC sponsored students: Total: 157

Male: 71

Female: 86

Location	2007-2011 (5 year)			2012			2013			2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	23	31	54	-	01	01	03	01	04	08	06	14	34	39	73
Mirpur, Dhaka	02	03	05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	02	03	05
Chittagong	04	-	04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	04	-	04
Syedpur	01	01	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	01	02
Khulna	04	03	07	-	-	-	01	13	14	-	-	-	05	16	21
Ishurdi	-	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	01
Rangpur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01	01	-	01
Mymensingh	08	09	17	-	02	02	03	02	05	02	03	05	13	16	29
Bogra	05	05	10	-	-	-	02	01	03	04	04	08	11	10	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>157</b>

Total HSC sponsored students: Total 371 Male: 136 Female: 235

Location	2007-2011 (5 year)			2012			2013			2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	34	41	75	03	10	13	05	09	14	04	11	15	46	71	117
Mirpur, Dhaka	06	21	27	02	02	04	02	-	02	02	01	03	12	24	36
Chittagong	15	26	41	-	11	11	03	14	17	-	-	-	18	51	69
Syedpur	02	05	07	-	-	-	02	07	09	01	-	01	05	12	17
Khulna	21	19	40	-	-	-	06	18	24	02	02	04	29	39	68
Ishurdi	-	-	-	-	-	-	08	-	08	-	-	-	08	-	08
Rangpur	03	01	04	-	-	-	01	02	03	-	03	03	04	06	10
Mymensingh	01	03	04	01	05	06	01	03	04	-	02	02	03	13	16
Bogra	03	12	15	04	02	06	02	04	06	02	01	03	11	19	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>371</b>

**Total Degree/Honor's sponsored students: Total: 133 Male: 61 Female: 72**

Location	2007-2011 (5 year)			2012			2013			2014			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mohammadpur, Dhaka	13	11	24	05	04	09	10	04	14	06	04	10	34	23	57
Mirpur, Dhaka	02	02	04	01	03	04	-	01	01	-	01	01	03	07	10
Chittagong	05	08	13	-	01	01	01	08	09	01	-	01	07	17	24
Syedpur	01	09	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01	02	09	11
Khulna	-	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02	01	03	02	02	04
Ishurdi	03	01	04	-	-	-	06	-	06	-	-	-	09	01	10
Rangpur	01	02	03	-	-	-	01	03	04	01	04	05	03	09	12
Mymensingh	01	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	01	-	03	03	01	04	05
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>133</b>

### 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: Total: 243 Male: 151 Female: 92**

Location	2007			2008			2009			2010			2011			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mdpur, Dhaka	43	23	66	45	31	76	39	19	58	18	14	32	06	05	11	151	92	243



:Above:

Target Sourcing Services (TSS), Local Representative of Target Foundation, USA and Al-Falah Bangladesh (AFB) jointly observed International Literacy Day-2104 at the Foundation School premises in Geneva Camp, Mdpur, Dhaka. The program was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The program was attended by TSS & AFB officials

:Below:

Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, Al-Falah Bangladesh handed over scholarship among the students of Khalispur, Khulna area on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Other local guests are seen in the picture





**:Above:**

**Mr. Sahukat Chowdhury, MP, Mr. Jawadul Haque Sarker, Upazila Chairman, Mr. Ahsan Habib, Upazila Mass Education Officer, Mr. Mostafa Kamal, Ward Councilor, Mr. Ashraful Haque Babu, President, Shamsul Haque Foundation, Syedpur, attended a scholarship distribution program on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

**:Below:**

**Local Representative of Chittagong Center organized a Free Eye Camp for the Sardar Bahadur nagar Camp, Khushi, Chittagong on 20<sup>th</sup> Fovreuary 2014 collaboration with UST Medical College and Hospital**



### Background of Al-Falah Model Clinic:

Al-Falah Model 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. The clinic was run from 1975 to 1984 by a Mission NGO HEED Bangladesh as its Dhaka Camps Project. HEED formerly handed over the Dhaka Camp Project 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 seeing 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 re-opened on 23 July 2010 in a simple ceremony which continues its program for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

In December 2013, Dr. David Johnson and Mr. Azmat Ashraf of Bihari Relief Fund (BRF) have visited the organization and its project. They expressed their interest to work for the health and education project for the community. Dr. David Johnson and Mr. Azmat Ashraf have initiated to support the health program of Al-Falah.

In this regard, Dr. David Johnson, Dr. Hashmat Ashraf, Dr. Arnold Sholder and Mr. Azmat Ashraf have contributed for the Al-Falah Model Clinic.

On 29.05.2014 & 16.06.2014 the organization got permission from NGO Affairs Bureau to receive the fund sent by Mr. Azmat Ashraf of Brunei and Dr. David Johnson of USA respectively for the AFMC.

Al-Falah Model clinic once again reorganize and appointed a part time lady doctor to overview the project and its clinical management. The existing 4 staffs (1 Registrar, 1 In-charge for Immunization Program and 1 In-charge for Family Planning and 1 Aya) were reappointed as part time workers. 2 field workers from the sponsored students were also appointed as Health Educator at field level.

### Objectives:

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 with its limited resources will deliver the following services to the community:

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

AFMC provides services for immunization in collaboration with Nari Moitree a local NGO by getting support from Health Department of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). DCC has provided free vaccination for the project.

During the reporting period according to the Government announcement 3 (Three) National Immunization Day (NID) were observed for EPI in January, April & October 2014. Al-Falah Model Clinic participated in the above event and provided following services to the community at field level.

- 4,695 Children (1-5 yrs) were given Vitamin A capsules
- 619 Children (6m-11m) were given Vitamin-A capsules
- 1,000 Children (5yrs-12yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet
- 1,000 Children (2yrs-5yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet

The following numbers of the children were given immunization/vaccination at the clinic on every Wednesday called as Weekly Immunization Day under Extended Program on Immunization (EPI).

- 95 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG
- 354 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for Penta 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose.
- 65 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for Measles
- 79 Children (9m-1 ½yr) received Rubella vaccines
- 409 Children (0-1 yr) received Polio drops

The project has applied for renewal of registration to Directorate of Family Planning. After necessary scrutiny of the application the concerned officer would visit the clinic for approval of the renewal. This is to mention here that the Directorate of Family Planning has provided non medical Family Planning logistics free of cost. This program is also run under the auspicious support from Dept. of Family Planning, Govt. of Bangladesh. A total of 1355 Eligible Couple (ELCO) has been contacted and provided Family Planning services at clinic and referred them to the public facilities for other Family Planning services which are not available at AFMC.

During the reporting period following mothers/women of the community received services at the clinic:

- 235 Mothers received FP services (Old 179 & New 56)
- 7 Pregnancy Test were conducted
- 13 Mothers received TT and ANC services
- 111 Unmarried girls received 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> dose of TT
- 53 Mothers received General Treatment at the clinic

The field staffs conducted a total of 145 group meetings (1,457 participants) under the age of 15-49 were conducted at the clinic to disseminate message on protection from TB, signs of TB diseases and treatment available, Personal Hygiene, preparations of saline (ORS) at home, prevention of HIV/AIDS, advantages of Vitamin A capsules, Anti Worm capsules, Measles and Rubella vaccines.

13 meeting were attended by 135 adolescent girls on Health Awareness Campaign. The meeting conducted by the field staffs where a message on Personal Hygiene, advantages of TT and immunization and TB diseases has been disseminated.

A total of 938 household visits were taken up to inform about the clinic services and also disseminate the health related messages.

Al-Falah Model Clinic (AFMC) under its curative services facility provided the following services to the beneficiaries which are as follows:

- 21 children were provided General Treatment
- 5 patients were provided General Treatment
- 3 patients were provided RTI/STI Treatment

Due to limited curative service facility at the clinic, the management of the clinic referred the patients to the public clinics.

- 232 Mothers referred for ANC services
- 132 Mothers were referred for the Post Natal Care (PNC) services
- 181 Mothers were referred to give birth at clinic/hospital instead of Home Delivery
- 21 Mothers were motivated to get a long time Family Planning Method and referred for getting Norplant, Ligation & IUD method.

Apart of the above services, the Family Health Workers (FHWs) referred the beneficiaries to the clinic for the following services:

- 164 Unmarried girls were referred for the TT vaccine
- 76 mothers were referred for the Booster vaccine
- 116 mothers were referred for the Mother & Child Health (MCH)
- 606 mothers were referred for the EPI services



### Eye Screening Camp:

Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP) an umbrella organization of the NGOs has organized an Eye Camp in Collaboration with AI-Falah Model Clinic and Bangladesh National Society for Blind (BNSB) on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014. A total 152 patients were attended Eye screening including the students of the Foundation School children. 6 patients found having cataract were operated upon free of cost sponsored by CUP.

### Sputum Test Camp:

Nari Moitree a local NGO has organized a Sputum test in Collaboration with AI-Falah Model Clinic.

### Circumcision Camp:

Quantum Foundation a philanthropist organization has organized 2 Circumcision Camps in Collaboration with AI-Falah Model Clinic. Circumcision of 95 children were conducted during the above two camps.



:Above:

AI-Hera a Government registered organization based in Khulna and a partner of AI-Falah Bangladesh handed over its Chairman AWARD to Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, AI-Falah Bangladesh at a formal ceremony. AI-Hera recognizes long contribution of Mr. Ahmed Ilias for the camp based Urdu speaking community.

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

- Over the year a total 14 sponsored students and teachers of Foundation School 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The meeting was attended by Salma Naz and Nighat Sultana.
- AI-Falah Bangladesh is affiliated with Bangladesh Shishu (Child) Adhikar (Rights) Forum. The Forum has organized numerous training, meeting and workshop program in 2014 to build the capacity of its member organization. Staff and sponsored students of AI-Falah Bangladesh attended the functions. Significant among were: Seminar on Ratify ILO convention on Child Trafficking held in February 2014 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka.

- Seminar on Country responses to Child Labor: Discussion on achievement, challenges and way forward in the context of Global Child Labor held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka.
  - National Seminar on Ratify ILO convention 138 on Protect Children from Labor held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 at BIAM Foundation, Dhaka.
  - National Consultation on Eliminate Hazardous Child Labor through implementation of National Plan of Action held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at BIAM Foundation.
- Annual Project Review Workshop organized by The Leprosy Mission International held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at CBCB conference Room, Dhaka attended by Shama Parvin (Baby), Asst. Coordinator, EDP
  - Discussion on Person with Physically Challenged organized by Center for Services & Information on Disability (CSID) on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 attended by Seema Naz, Coordinator & Shama Parvin (Baby), Asst. Coordinator, EDP.
  - Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director and Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator of Al-Falah Bangladesh conducted session on National Urdu-Speaking Youth Leadership Summit, 2014 held at the EMK Center, Dhaka held from 17-20 October 2014.
  - Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator of Al-Falah Bangladesh attended program on launch of the Global Campaign to End Statelessness organized by UNHCR, Dhaka on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
  - Attended Training program on Right to Information organized by Research Initiative Bangladesh (RIB) on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
  - Attended a meeting on EPI for Child-to-Child search program for ensuring Immunization. Organized by Dhaka City Corporation on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. The meeting was attended by Slama Naz.
  - Attended a GO-NGOs Collaboration Meeting organized by Naree Moitree on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The meeting was attended by Slama Naz and Nighat Sultana.
  - Attended a meeting on EPI for ensuring Immunization. Organized by Swanirvar Bangladesh on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The meeting was attended by Salma Naz & Nighat Sultana.
  - Asar Alo Society organized training program on TB and HIV/AIDS on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The program was attended by Salma Naz and Nehal Ahmed & Nahida Akhter respectively.
  - Attended a meeting on TB and HIV/AIDS. Organized by HIV/AIDS & STI Alliance in Bangladesh (HASAB) on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 & 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014. The meetings were attended by Salma Naz and Ms. Nighat and Salma Naz & Bina Akhter respectively.

### National and Foreign Researcher & Visitors:

- Ms. Mahzabin Jaman a student of Dept. of English, Jahangir Nagar University conducted a research on the Urdu speaking community for her Master's Thesis part. Her project title was "The Young Generation of Urdu speaking people, their thoughts and inspiration.
- Ms. Jannatul Ferdaus a student of Dept. of Anthropology, Dhaka University conducted a research on Victim of Nationalism, A study on Urdu speaking community in Dhaka city.
- Dr. Shahid Ahmed, Founder of DoPecae, USA has visited Al-Falah Bangladesh and met the staff of the organization to discuss on his model for the Inclusive education program on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014
- Dr. Irfan-Ul Haque, a Gastroenterologist based in USA has visited Al-Falah Bangladesh and discussed about the program and project of the organization. Later, on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014, he was organized a dinner program in an honor of the visiting physician from USA and Canada to introduce Al-Falah Bangladesh and its program.
- Mr. Andrew Amstutz student of Dept of Urdu, Cornell University, USA conducted a research on the Urdu language and literature.



**:Above:**

**Al-Falah Bangladesh, Refugees and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), Bangla-Urdu Sahitya Foundation (BUSF) and Association of Welfare And Relief to the Distressed (AWARD) gave a formal reception to Mr. M. I. Farooqui, Senior Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court for his outstanding contribution to recognize the community as Bangladeshi citizen in 2003. From left Mr. Justice Amirul Kabir Chowdhury, Former Chairman, Human Rights Commission, Chief Guest, Mr. Afsan Chowdhury, Veteran Journalist and author of a four volume history of “Bangladesh 1971”, Mr. M. I. Farooqui, Ekushey Laureate poet Asad Chowdhury, Mr. Mohsen Rashid, Senior Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court, Dr. C. R. Abrar, Professor, Dept. of International Relations of Dhaka University are seen in the picture. The program was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The program was organized by Association of Young Generation of Urdu speaking Community (AYGUSC).**

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## Financial Statement 2014:

Receipt		Payment	
Detail	Amount in BDT	Detail	Amount in BDT
<b>Opening Balance</b>		Transfer fund to Education Development Program (EDP) A/C	26,80,644
Cash at Bank-AI-Falah Bangladesh	7,237	Transfer fund to AI-Falah Model Clinic A/C	5,42,850
Cash at Bank-Community Development Center (CDC)	5,469	Rent for AI-Falah Model Clinic	120,000
Cash in Hand	46	Training on Human Rights	1,00,000
Foreign Donations	33,14,414	Expenses for Foundation School	1,04,735
Contribution received from Individual donors	6,48,862	Editing of Documentary of AI-Falah Bangladesh	80,092
Contribution received from Foundation School	1,30,715	Conveyance	74,545
Loan received from AI-Falah Model Clinic	62,000	VAT	72,349
Bank Interest- AI-Falah Bangladesh	3,238	Printing/Stationers & Photostat	57,905
Bank Interest-Community Development Center (CDC)	1,14	Mobile, Internet and Phone bill	41,550
		3 <sup>rd</sup> National Urdu speaking Leadership Training	25,000
		Audit Fee	23,000
		Celebrating of Victory day	16,383
		General Expenses	13,604
		Maintenance and Equipment	12,330
		Website	3,500
		Postage	1,070
		Membership for Coalition for Urban Poor (CUP)	500
		Salaries	1,71,600
		Bank Charges-AI-Falah Bangladesh	5,943
		Bank Charges- Community Development Center (CDC)	1,163
		<b>Closing Balance</b>	
		Cash at Bank- AI-Falah Bangladesh	15,577
		Cash at Bank- Community Development Center (CDC)	4,420
		Cash in Hand	3,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,72,095</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,72,095</b>