

Education Development Program (EDP)
&
Pre-primary, Coaching & Computer literacy Initiative (PCCI)
(A self-help education and skill development program of Al-Falah Bangladesh)

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Introduction

Al-Falah Bangladesh was formed in June 1981 to take over the Dhaka Camps project from an NGO HEED Bangladesh. Mr. M. I. Farooqui, Senior Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court was elected as its founder President.

Al-Falah Bangladesh is the only registered NGO in Bangladesh, which has pledged in its Constitution to work for the Urdu speaking Bangladeshi citizens and to rehabilitate them socially and economically in the mainstream of the society. 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.

Vision of the organization

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

Mission of the organization

To achieve the vision the organization set its mission to improve the quality of life of the Camp based Urdu speaking people and increases their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities.

Report:

Keeping in mind that education is the only key for the social and economic development of the community and its young generation, Al-Falah Bangladesh has committed to implement its projects, "Education Development Program" (EDP) and Pre-primary, Coaching, & Computer literacy Initiative (PCCI)

In 2007, Al-Falah Bangladesh established a project namely Community Development Center (CDC) to start a self help education and skill development program for the community. In 2009, 2010, 2013-2014 and in the current 2015 an USA based organization Target Foundation extended its support for the education program under the name of "Education Development Program" (EDP). In 2015 another USA based donor DoPeace, also extended its support to run the education program namely Pre-primary, Coaching, & Computer literacy Initiative (PCCI) for the Urdu speaking minority community. Al-Falah has also been supported from individual donors and well-wishers live at home and abroad.

The United Way Worldwide (UWW), USA has been assigned by the Target Foundation to review and evaluate the grant proposal. On 2 December 2014, Al-Falah signed an agreement with Target Foundation and on 3 December 2014, signed a MOU with DoPeace, USA.

Under these two signed instruments, the organization commenced in January 2015 the implementation of the Education Development Program (EDP) and Pre-primary, Coaching, & Computer literacy Initiative (PCCI) is implementing. Earlier, On 7 December 2014 and 11 December 2014, the organization submitted FD-6 for EDP and PCCI respectively to the NGO Affairs Bureau, Govt. of Bangladesh for the permission to run the two projects in the respective project areas. On 28 January 2015 and 29 January 2015, PCCI and EDP projects received the permission from NGO Affairs Bureau, Govt. of Bangladesh respectively.

On 9th February 2015, Target Sourcing Services (TSS) a local representative of Target Foundation, USA organized an informal ceremony to hand over the Over sized Grant Cheque to the representatives of Al-Falah Bangladesh. Mr. Shujaat Ali, Managing Director, TSS, formally handed over the Cheque to Dr. C. R. Abrar, President of Al-Falah Bangladesh. Apart from the officials of TSS, followings were present attended the program.



TSS representative of Target Foundation, USA organized an informal program to hand over a oversized Cheque to the officials of Al-Falah Bangladesh. TSS, Dhaka officials are also seen in picture.

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| 1. Mr. Mohammad Shoab | Vice President, Executive Committee, Al-Falah |
| 2. Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan | General Secretary, Executive Committee, Al-Falah |
| 3. Mohammad Hasan | Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh |
| 4. Mohammad Jafar Iqbal | Asst. Coordinator, ICT, Al-Falah Bangladesh |

Goal of the project

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

Foundation Schools

Foundation school was established based on the concept of “Self-help education”. The Education Development Program (EDP) and the Pre-primary, Coaching & Computer literacy Initiative (PCCI) provides scholarship to the selected students to continue their higher studies. In exchange, the students teach daily two hours to 4-5 years old children of the community and prepare them for admission in class I of the Public Primary Schools. The responsibility of student teacher also includes giving orientation to mothers/guardians on health & hygiene issues; and teaching them how to prepare and encourage their children during their schooling period. Forty-one (2 male and 39 female) teachers are provided regular scholarship to run the Foundation School classes. The details of the teachers and their present education status are as follows:



A Foundation school class at Geneva Camp, Mdipur, Dhaka supported by DoPeace, USA

S.I. No.	Name of the Teachers	Education Status	Foundation School Location	Remarks
1.	Shabnum Parvin	B. Com final year	Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka	Supported by DoPeace, USA
2.	Bina Akter	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation		
3.	Shabnaz Akter	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation		
4.	Sharmin Sultana	Honor's (Englis) 3 rd year		
5.	Ajmeri Akter	HSC candidate and waiting for result		
6.	Ruma Akter	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation		
7.	Afsana Akter Putul	HSC passed		
8.	Shirin Akter	BBS 2 nd year	Market Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka	Supported by Target Foundation, USA through United Way Worldwide, USA
9.	Afsana Akter	BBA (Accounting) 1 st year	Rahmat Camp Sec-11, Mirpur, Dhaka	
10.	Shaheena Akter	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation	Muslim Camp Sec-11, Mirpur, Dhaka	
11.	Fatema Akter	BBS 2 nd year	Kurmitola Camp Sec-12, Mirpur, Dhaka	
12.	Zinat	BBS 1 st year	SB Nagar School Camp, Pahartali, Khulshi, Chittagong	
13.	Khusbu Parveen	BBS 2 nd year	BW-4 Camp, Pahartali, Khulshi, Chittagong	
14.	Ismat Ara	BBA (Finance) 1 st year	BW-1 Camp, Pahartali, Khulshi, Chittagong	
15.	Hena Akter	BBS 1 st year	Halishahar Colony, Chittagong	
16.	Sharmin Akter	HSC 1 st year	Roufabad Colony, Chittagong	
17.	Sajia Khatun	BBS final year	Latifpur Colony, Bogra	
18.	Majeda Akter	BBS 1 st year	Chowklokman Colony, Munshipara, Bogra	
19.	Shayla Parven	HSC 2 nd year	Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh	
20.	Bilkis Begum	BBS final year	Fateh Mohammadpur Colony, Ishurdi	
21.	Sokina Begum	BBS final year		
22.	Najma Akter	HSC 1 st year		
23.	Tamanna Akter	HSC 2 nd year		
24.	Eva Khatun	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation		
25.	Mst. Sumi Khatun	BBS 2 nd year		
26.	Nasrin Sultana	M. Ed 1 st year		
27.	Zakia Sultana	BBS 2 nd year		
28.	Mst. Reshma Khaton	Completed BA and waiting for master's admission		
29.	Sharmin Akter Hira	Diploma in Agriculture 7 th Semester		
30.	Imran Ahmed	BA 1 st year	Babupara, Alam Nagar, Rangpur	
31.	Most. Ishrat Jahan	BBS 1 st year		
32.	Most. Sabrina Afrin	HSC passed and waiting for admission in graduation		
33.	Most. Nadira	Honor's (Islamic studies) 3 rd year	Ispahani Camp # 3, Alam Nagar, Rangpur	
34.	Md. Rezwan	Honor's (Management) 3 rd year		
35.	Nargis Akther	HSC 2 nd year	Rovertsongonj Camp # 3, Rangpur	

S.I. No.	Name of the Teachers	Education Status	Foundation School Location	Remarks
36.	Shompa Parvin	Honor's (Management) 3 rd year	Camp # 1, Khalispur, Khulna	
37.	Rubina Aziz	Diploma in Environment 7 th Semester		
38.	Shabnum Parvin	BBS 2 nd year	Camp # 3, Khalispur, Khulna	
39.	Shahina Aktar Resma	M.A. 1 st year	Camp # 7, Khalispur, Khulna	
40.	Rubina Parvin Rume	M.A. 1 st year		
41.	Nilufar Yasmin	M. A. 2 nd year	Baitul Falah Camp, Khalispur, Khulna	

A total of Seven (6 boys and 1 girls) are provided regular scholarship to supervise the Foundation schools classes, organize programs for the project and organization, collect forms from the community for the scholarship, prepared and send the monthly report to the project office. The details of the supervisors and their present education status are as follows:

S.I. No.	Name of the Supervisors	Education Status	Location	Remarks
1.	Md. Sazzad Ali	BBA (Accounting) 1 st year	Mohammadpur, Dhaka	Supported by DoPeace, USA
2.	Md. Imran Hossain	BBS 1 st year	Chittagong	Supported by Target Foundation, USA through United Way Worldwide, USA
3.	Md. Imran Hossain	BBS final year		
4.	Nagma Khatun	M. A. (Management) 2 nd year	Rangpur	
5.	Md. Rezwon Karim Razu	BBA 2 nd year	Khulna	
6.	Shahnewaz Khan	M. A. (Management) final year	Ishurdi	
7.	Rubal Ahmed Rony	HSC 1 st year	Mymensingh	



Student of Foundation school received education materials at Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh supported by Target Foundation, USA

Twenty-one centers are hired on monthly rent basis to run the Foundation School classes. The details of the Foundation school are as follows:

District	Address	No. of Center	No. of Shift	Gender		Total	Remarks
				Boys	Girls		
Mohammadpur	Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur	2	7	126	92	218	Supported by DoPeace, USA
	Market Camp, Mohammadpur	1	2	24	28	52	
	Sub-Total	3	9	150	120	270	
Mirpur	Rahmat Camp Sec-11, Mirpur	1	1	07	13	20	Supported by Target Foundation, USA through United Way Worldwide, USA
	Muslim Camp Sec-11, Mirpur	1	2	20	26	46	
	Kurmitola Camp Sec-12, Mirpur	1	2	18	22	40	
Chittagong	SB Nagar School Camp, Pahartali, Khulshi	1	3	34	46	80	
	BW-4 Camp Pahartali, Khulshi	1	1	13	11	24	
	BW-1 Camp, Pahartali, Khulshi	1	1	14	16	30	
	Halishahar Colony	1	2	23	17	40	
	Roufabad Colony	1	2	28	22	50	
Bogra	Latifpur Colony	1	1	5	17	22	
	Chowklokman Colony, Munshipara, Bogra	1	1	12	9	21	
Mymensingh	Patgudam Camp	1	2	21	25	46	
Ishurdi	Fateh Mohammadpur Colony	1	2	20	24	44	
Rangpur	Babupara, Alam Nagar	1	3	32	20	52	
	Ispahani Camp # 3, Alam Nagar	1	3	30	25	55	
Khulna	Camp # 1, Khalispur	1	2	24	17	41	
	Camp # 3, Khalispur	1	1	10	10	20	
	Camp # 7, Khalispur	1	2	26	16	42	
	Baitul Falah Camp, Khalispur	1	1	11	8	19	
	Sub-Total	18	32	348	344	692	
	Grand Total	21	41	498	464	962	

All students of EDP and PCCI received educational materials, which includes School bag, book and slate.

469 students (223 boys and 246 girls) were provided scholarship to get admission in to class I in the public primary schools. This will ensure the education up to class V. The details of the sponsored students are follows:

District	Gender		Total students
	Boys	Girls	
Dhaka	45	50	95
Chittagong	61	56	117
Bogra	11	15	26
Mymensingh	07	11	18
Ishurdi	17	23	40
Rangpur	50	57	107
Khulna	32	34	66
Total	223	246	469



Students are seen at the Foundation School classes in Geneva camp. This program is being supported by DoPeace, USA

The organization has introduced scholarship program from 2007 for the SSC to Degree level of education. From 2014, it has also included scholarship for the students who are studying in Grade VI-X. From January to June 2015, the project EDP provided scholarship to the promising and selected students who lives in the camp located in Mymensingh and Syedpur.

120 students (77 girls & 43 boys) received scholarship for the following discipline:

Class VI	47 (12 boys & 35 girls)
Class VII	4 (3 boys & 1 girl)
Class VIII	5 (3 boys & 2 girls)
Class IX	27 (9 boys & 18 girls)
Class X	4 (2 boys & 2 girls)
SSC candidate	10 (3 boys & 7 girls)
HSC 1 st year	5 (2 boys & 3 girls)
HSC 2 nd year	3 (1 boys & 2 girls)
HSC Candidate	4 (3 boys & 1 girl)
BBA 1 st year	6 (3 boys & 3 girls)
Degree 2 nd year	2 (2 girls)
BBA final year	1 (1 boy)
LLB Final year	1 (1 boy)
M.Ed 1 st year	1 (1 girl)

On 15 March 2015, Al-Falah Bangladesh, under its project, Education Development Program (EDP) has distributed Scholarships among the selected students who live in different camps of Syedpur under Nilphamari district. Shamsul Haque Foundation, a local partner of Al-Falah Bangladesh organized the program.

Guests are seen at the scholarship distribution program held at Murtuza Institute, Syedpur, This program is being supported by Target Foundation, USA



The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the poor, meritorious and talented students of the community to attend and acquire higher education. At the same time, Al-Falah motivates them to help their own community by giving voluntary service to improve its social status in the society. Seventy-three (51 girls + 22 boys) selected students were provided scholarship. The details are as follows:

Class VI	31 (22 girls & 9 boys)
Class VII	4 (1 girl & 3 boys)
Class VIII	3 (3 boys)
Class IX	15 (10 girls & 5 boys)
Class X	2 (2 girls)
SSC Candidates	5 (4 girls & 1 boy)
HSC 1st Year	3 (2 girls & 1 boy)
HSC Candidates	3 (2 girls & 1 boy)
Honor's 1st year	5 (2 girls & 3 boys)
Degree 2nd year	2 (2 girls)

The program was held at the Murtuza institute of Syedpur. The following guests attended the function:

Mr. Asad Chowdhruy	Ekushey Laureate poet
Mr. Jawadul Haque Sarker	Upazila Chairman, Syedpur
Mr. Ashrafal Haque Babu	President, Shamsul Haque Foundation, Syedpur
Mr. Mustafa Kamal	Ex. Ward Commissioner, Syedpur Pourashava
Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan	General Secretary, Executive Body, Al-Falah Bangladesh
Mr. Javed Hussien	Development Worker

Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh was present on behalf of the organization.

Mr. Jawadul Haque Sarkar, Upazila Chairman, Syedpur appreciated the initiative of Al-Falah Bangladesh and said that this kind of support encourages the parents and students to get higher education. He stated that economically Syedpur is still backward and needs more attention for its development. In his speech, he made commitment that as an Upazila Chairman he would negotiate with the concerned authorities to make monthly fee free for sponsored students at schools/colleges levels.

Mr. Ashraf Haque Babu, President, Shamsul Haque Foundation, in his speech informed that there are few colleges in Syedpur, which has Dept. for Science group. Studying in the commerce is costly for the poor students. He said that there is a possibility to establish a University in Syedpur but due to Government policy, it may not be established here and shifted to some other location, which may hamper the socio-economic development of Syedpur.



Ekushey Laureate poet Asad Chowdhury handed over scholarship to the selected students of Syedpur Camps. This program is being supported by Target Foundation, USA

Ekushey Laureate poet Asad Chowdhury said that among the sponsored students maximum of them are girls, which is a bright sign for the community. He also noted that the presence of the guardians especially mothers in this function are also a benefit for the community. He appreciated the commitment of the Upazila Chairman for trying to waive monthly fee from the schools and colleges. He said that Government should consider establishing the University in this area so that people of this area will get higher education. He applauded the education program of the organization.

Mr. Mustafa Kamal, Ex. Ward Commissioner, Syedpur Pourashava assures his support to the education development program. He said that if any students need any support regarding education he/she should contact him directly and he will try to resolve the problem.



A crowd of the selected students of Syedpur for scholarship at Murtuza Institute, Syedpur. This program is being supported by Target Foundation, USA

Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh gave thanks to Shamsul Haque Foundation for organizing a formal program for distribution of scholarship among the selected students. He stated that providing scholarship is a way to build confidence among the community students for pursuing higher education. He said that apart from all the limitation Sadeka Haque of Geneva Camp completed her Mid Level Ophthalmology course and now she is in job at the Islamia Eye Hospital, Dhaka. He said that like Sadeka every student should do better in education and achieve their aspiration, as they desire.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Majid Iqbal, Organizing Secretary, Shamsul Haque Foundation,

On 30 March 2015, the project also distributed sponsorship among the selected students who lives in Patgudam camp, Mymensingh. Anjuman-e-Ittehad, the local partner of Al-Falah Bangladesh organized the program. Seventy-three (51 girls + 22 boys) talented students were selected and provided scholarship. The details are as follows:

Class VI	31 (22 girls & 9 boys)
Class VII	4 (1 girl & 3 boys)
Class VIII	3 (3 boys)
Class IX	15 (10 girls & 5 boys)
Class X	2 (2 girls)
SSC Candidates	5 (4 girls & 1 boy)
HSC 1st Year	3 (2 girls & 1 boy)
HSC Candidates	3 (2 girls & 1 boy)
Honor's 1st year	5 (2 girls & 3 boys)
Degree 2nd year	2 (2 girls)



Scholarship distribution program held at Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh. This program is being supported by Target Foundation, USA

The program was held at the Foundation School Center of Mymensingh. The following guests attended the function:

Mr. Jamal Hossain Rose	Ward Councilor, Ward No. 18, Mymensingh Pourashava
Mr. Abdur Rashid	Camp Chairman, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp
Mr. Md. Shahjahan	Camp Secretary, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp
Mr. Md. Jahangir	Member, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh
Mr. Joinal	Member, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh
Mr. Firoj Khan	President, Anjuman-e-Ittehad, Mymensingh
Mr. Nesar Ahmed	Secretary, Anjuman-e-Ittehad, Mymensingh

Mohammed Hasan represented Al-Falah as Chief Coordinator of the organization.

Mr. Jamal Hossain Rose, Ward Councilor, Ward No. 18 appreciated the move of the organization and said that Al-Falah Bangladesh is doing credible activities to support the marginalized students. It helps to encourage students to for the higher education and increase the education rate in the community.

Mr. Abdur Rashid, Camp Chairman, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh said that the Al-Falah Bangladesh is only organization who come forward to help the Patgudam Camp inmates in the field of education. He stated that the education is only weapon, which brings changes in the society and in the nation. He seeks more support in education so that the parents could encourage to send the children to the school rather to make them working children.

Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Camp Secretary, Camp Committee, Patgudam Camp, Mymensingh appreciated for the sponsorship program and said that the sponsorship program of Al-Falah Bangladesh is a positive move and through this program education rate in the community gradually enhanced.



A selected student of Patgudam camp, Mymensingh received scholarship

Mr. Nesar Ahmed, Secretary, Anjuman-e-Ittehad, Mymensingh expressed his sincere thanks to Al-Falah Bangladesh and said that with the support of the organization, one teacher at Foundation School has now been admitted in the M. Ed course which would help her to get a prestigious job in any public school. He urged to Al-Falah Bangladesh to expand its scholarship program in Mymensingh so that the camp people could able to come out from the dark.

Mr. Firoj Khan, President, Anjuman-e-Ittehad, Mymensingh advised to the students for achieving brilliant results so that it help them to get more scholarships from other sources.

During the reporting period, Secondary School Certificate (SSC) results were published. The project had sponsored 60 SSC examinees (17 boys & 43 girls). The SSC final examination was held in February 2015 and results were published in May 2015.

According to the results, except three, .all the fifty-seven sponsored examinees passed (95%). Among them 3 girls & 1 boy secured brilliant results and got GPA-5 (Grade A+); 22 girls & 6 boys of them obtained Grade A; 2 girls & 6 boys obtained A- (A minus); 9 girls & 3 boys obtained Grade B; 3 girls & 1 boy obtained Grade C; 1 students (girl) obtained Grade D. 3 students could not pass. The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exam is a first public examination in Bangladesh, which opens door for getting the higher level of education.

On 16 May 2015, a delegation of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North visited the Head Office and project of Al-Falah Bangladesh. The delegation was comprised of two past Presidents of Rotary Dr. Prof. Syed Saleheen Quadri, and Mr. Mohammad Shoaib and present President Barrister Raghbir Rouf Chowdhury. A negotiation is going on with the Rotary International to support its education program under a matching grant fund. In this regard, the local Rotary delegation made its courtesy visit to the organization. Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, Al-Falah Bangladesh briefed about the community and organization to the visiting delegation of Rotary.



Meeting with the delegation of Rotary Club, Dhaka North at the Office of Al-Falah Bangladesh on 16.05.2015

From 7th June 2015 to 11th June 2015 EDP and 13th June to 18th June 2015 PCCI has conducted a midterm exam for the students of Foundation School. This exam is a test of the learning at Foundation School. A result card has been distributed among the students of Foundation school to share their level of learning with the parents.

On 20th June 2015, Dr. Shahid of DoPeace, USA has visited Bangladesh to see overall project activities of their supported organization. He has visited the Foundation School learning center continuing in Geneva camp and Market camp of Mohammadpur in Dhaka. Later on 21 June 2014, he met the officials of Al-Falah Bangladesh including Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director and staffs of PCCI project to discuss the project's performance. After the meeting, he has handed over a laptop and a digital camera to PCCI project for easing the reporting task of the PCCI project.

Target Foundation, USA has already announced its grant application for the year 2016. The organization has submitted the grant application for 2016 and confident that the organization will be able to receive fund for the next year's Education Development Program.

Appeal

The project has received a total 483 applications for the scholarship from the students living in the camps:

Mohammadpur and Mirpur, Dhaka	127 applications
Bogra	61 applications
Khulna	80 applications
Chittagong	117 applications
Rangpur	48 applications
Ishurdi	43 applications and
Syedpur	7 applications

Al-Falah appealed to its all well-wishers and individual donors to support and provide fund for granting scholarship to the selected students for continuation of their studies as they are passing a hard time in the camp life.