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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 Urdu speaking people and increases their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities.

Keeping in mind that education is the only key for the social and economic development of the community and the young generation, Al-Falah Bangladesh has committed to implement its project, "Education Development Program" (EDP).

In this regard, 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 and in 2013 and currently for 2014 an USA based organization Target Foundation has extended its support for the education program to the Urdu speaking linguistic minority a marginalized and most disadvantages community in Bangladesh. Well wishers from the community abroad are also individual donors for this project.

The United Way Worldwide (UWW), USA was assigned by the Target Foundation to review and evaluate the grant proposal. On 18th October 2013 Target Foundation informed in an e-mail message that they would support the education project of the organization namely Education Development Program (EDP) for the year 2014.

On 7th November 2013 the organization signed an agreement with UWW, USA and applied to



the NGO Affairs Bureau, Govt. of Bangladesh for the permission and received the permission on 13th January 2014 to implement the project EDP.

On 20th January 2014, Target Sourcing Services (TSS) a local representative of Target Foundation invited the organization and handed over the Over sized Grant Cheque to the representatives of the organization in a simple ceremony. Mr. Shujaat Ali, Managing Director, TSS, formally handed over the Cheque to Dr. C. R. Abrar.

In this ceremony following representatives from the organization attended.

1. Dr. C. R. Abrar President, Executive Committee, Al-Falah Bangladesh
2. Mr. Mohammad Shoaib Vice President, Executive Committee, Al-Falah Bangladesh
3. Mr. Syed Afzal Hussain Treasurer, Executive Committee, Al-Falah Bangladesh
4. Mohammad Hasan Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh
5. 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, as these children are living in camps 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 schools were established on the basis of "Self-help education". The Education Development Program (EDP) provides scholarship to the selected students to continue their higher studies. In exchange, the students teach daily two hours to a batch of 20 children in their respective area and prepare them for admission in class I of the Primary Schools situated outside the camp area. The responsibility of student-teacher also



includes orientation to mothers/guardians on health & hygiene issues and how to prepare and encourage their children during their schooling period. A total of 33 (2 male and 31 female) teachers are provided regular scholarship to run the Foundation School classes. The details of their present education status are as follows:

Master's in English final year	1 (girl)
M. A. 2 nd year	1 (girl)
M. A. 1 st year	2 (girls)
Master's in Accounting 1 st year	1 (girl)
B. Com pass course Final year	1 (girl)
B. A final year	1 (girl)
BBA (Management) 2 nd year	2 (1 boy and 1 girl)
BBA (Islamic Studies) 2 nd year	1 (girl)
B.Com pass course 2 nd year	3 (girl)
BBA (Management) 1 st year	1 (girl)
BBA (Finance) 1 st year	1 (girl)
B.Com pass course 1 st year	5 (1 boy and 4 girls)
HSC passed and waiting to get admission	4 (girls)
HSC candidate	2 (girls)
HSC 2 nd year (Business Studies)	3 (girls)
Diploma in Electrical	1 (girl)
Diploma in Environment	1 (girl)
SSC candidate	1 (girl)

Only 1 (One) teacher passed HSC and left her education because of disability. The project has assigned her as Teacher in the Foundation School on the basis of Physically Challenged person.

A total of 7 (4 boys and 3 girls) are provided regular scholarship to supervise the Foundation schools classes, collect prescribed form from the community for the scholarship and prepared and send the monthly report to the project office. Their educational status is as under:

Completed M. Sc	1 (girl)
Master's in Management 1 st year	1 (girl)
Honor's (Management) Final year	1 (boy)
B. Com pass course 1 st year	1 (girl)
B. Com pass course 2 nd year	1 (boy)
BBA (Accounting) 2 nd year	1 (boy)
BBA (Accounting) 3 rd year	1 (boy)

A total of 18 centers were 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		
Dhaka	Al-Falah Model Clinic, Geneva Camp, Mdpur	1	3	62	53	115	
	Rahmat Camp Sec-11, Mirpur	1	1	13	9	22	
	Muslim Camp Sec-11, Mirpur	1	2	23	24	47	
	Kurmitola Camp Sec-12, Mirpur	1	2	20	24	44	
Chittagong	SB Nagar School Camp, Pahartali, Khulsi	1	2	22	23	45	
	BW-4 Camp Pahartali, Khulsi	1	1	12	8	20	
	BW-1 Camp, Pahartali, Khulsi	1	1	14	11	25	
	Halishahar Colony	1	2	21	19	40	
	Roufabad Colony	1	1	13	7	20	
Bogra	Latifpur Colony	2	2	19	21	40	
Mymensingh	Patgudam Camp	1	2	22	18	40	
Ishurdi	Fateh Mohammadpur Colony	1	2	17	23	40	
Rangpur	Babupara, Alam Nagar	1	3	25	30	55	
	Ispahani Camp # 3, Alam Nagar	1	3	31	34	65	
Khulna	Camp # 1, Khalispur	1	2	23	19	42	
	Camp # 3, Khalispur	1	1	10	10	20	
	Camp # 7, Khalispur	1	2	20	20	40	
	Baitul Falah Camp, Khalispur	1	1	12	8	20	
Total		19	33	379	361	740	

A total of 324 students (162 boys and 162 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	31	29	60
Chittagong	32	28	60
Bogra	17	10	27
Mymensingh	13	6	19
Ishurdi	25	29	54
Rangpur	14	25	39
Khulna	30	35	65
Total	162	162	324

EDP has also provided scholarship to the selected students who live in the camps located in Mohammadpur and Mirpur of Dhaka, Bogra and Khulna. This is the first time that the organization introduced scholarship for the students who are studying in Grade VI-X.

On 8th March 2014, the Foundation School Management Committee of Bogra center organized



a program to distribute scholarship, education materials and gifts for the meritorious students of Foundation Classes who completed their one year course at Foundation School. The gifts were provided by the Target Sources Service (TSS) Dhaka Office.

Mr. Ali Azgar Talukdar Hena, Chairman, Bogra Sadar Upazila, Bogra, Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim Pramanik, Councilor, Ward # 12, Bogra Pourshava, Bogra, Ms. Khodeja Begum, Women Councilor, Ward # 10, 11 & 12 (reserved seat), Bogra Pourshava, Bogra, Dr. Md. Imdadul Haque, Director, Sochcho

Seba Hospital, Bogra, Mr. Julfikar Ali Talukdar, Asst. Engineer, Electric Development Board, Mr. Md. Manzurul Alam Monzu, Managing Director, G. M. Properties Ltd, Bogra, Mr. Zarreyab Nannu, Advisor, Bangladesh Community Development Organization.

Mr. Ali Azgar Talukdar Hena, Chairman, Bogra Sadar Upazila, an elected people's representative was impressed by scholarship distribution function. He said education was the only key of any development. He said "as a people's representative, I should have come earlier to see the situation of the community. This is a marginalized community and it needs support for mainstreaming." He, however, assured his all out support to the community.

The guests attended in the program appreciated the work done by Al-Falah. They said that the concept of self help education will enhance the capacity of the community. Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh also attended the function on behalf of the project.

A total of 42 selected students (18 boys and 24 girls). The details are as follows:

Class VI	16 (6 boys and 10 girls)
Class IX (Business Studies)	11 (5 boys and 6 girls)
Class IX (Science)	4 (1 boy and 3 girls)
SSC form fill up (Business Studies)	2 (2 girls)
SSC form fill up (Science)	6 (4 boys and 2 girls)
HSC 1 st year (Business Studies)	1 (1 girl)
HSC form fill up (Science)	1 (1 boy)
Diploma in Architect	1 (1 boy)

On 21st March 2014, the community based organization “Al-Hera” organized a scholarship



distribution program in Khalispur, Khulna. A total of 82 selected students (38 boys and 44 girls) were provided scholarship. Mr. Mumtaz Ali Khan, Chief Advisor, Al-Hera, Mr. Farooque Ahmed Khan, Chairman, Al-Hera, Mr. Ezaz Alam Arzu, Business person, Khulna were attended the function.

Ms. Rina Parvin, Thana Education Officer of Khulna Sadar gave her consent to present at the program but regretted for an unavoidable circumstances.

Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director and Mohammad Hasan, Chief Coordinator, Al-Falah Bangladesh were attended the function on behalf of the project and organization. In this function, Al-Hera handed over its Chairman AWARD to Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, Al-Falah Bangladesh for his long contribution to the community. The details of the schoalsrships are as follows:

Class VI	54 (29 boys and 25 girls)
Class IX (Business Studies)	18 (2 boys and 16 girls)
Class IX (Science)	3 (3 boys)
HSC 1 st year (Business Studies)	1 (1 girl)
HSC form fill up (Business Studies)	1 (1 boy)
Diploma in Civil Engineering	1 (1 boy)
Diploma in Electronics	1 (1 girl)
B. Com pass course	1 (1 boy)
Honor's in Management	2 (1 boy and 1 girl)

On 31st March 2014, a program was organized at its Head Office to distribute scholarship among the selected students of Mohammadpur and Mirpur. A total of 68 students (27 boys and 41 girls) were provided scholarship. The details for the sponsored students are as follows:

Class VI	8 (4 boys and 4 girls)
Class VII	5 (5 girls)
Class VIII	1 (1 boy)
Class IX (Business Studies)	5 (1 boy and 4 girls)
Class IX (Science)	1 (1 girls)
Class X (Business Studies)	6 (1 boy and 5 girls)
SSC Form fill up	12 (6 boys and 6 girls)
O-Level 2 nd year admission	1 (1 boy)

HSC 2 nd year (Business Studies)	4 (3 boys and 1 girl)
HSC Form fill up (Business Studies)	14 (3 boys and 11 girls)
Degree pass course	3 (1 boy and 2 girls)
BBA (Accounting) 1 st year	2 (2 girls)
BBA (Management) 2 nd year	1 (1 girl)
BBA (Marketing) 3 rd year	1 (1 boy)
BBA (Management) 2 nd year	1 (1 girl)
BBA 6 th semester	1 (1 boy)
Hon's in CSE	1 (1 boy)
LLB 1 st semester	1 (1 boy)
LLB 6 th semester	1 (1 boy)

Attending the program the Ekushey laureate (country's highest cultural AWARD) poet Asad



Chowdhury expressed his satisfaction to see the changes in the community to pursue their higher education. He said in this gathering the majority are the girl which is a positive development. He stated that earlier the community was reluctant to get education due to many historical, cultural and political reasons. He advised the students to be a good citizen of the country and give more emphasis on education.

In his speech Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director, Al-Falah Bangladesh shared that the

organization was planning to expand its education program with the help of "Bihari Relief Fund (BRF), USA which is waiting for its final registration under the USA law. Mr. Ilias hoped that the result of the sponsored students would be improved and they would give more concentration on their education.

Mr. Azmat Ashraf from Brunei and Mr. Khalid Shahab from USA of Bihari Relief Fund also joined on Skype to address the sponsored students. He appreciated the gathering and asked the students to concentrate seriously on their study. They also told that they are trying to assist the community in their present struggle and hope that the rate of the education will gradually improve. They assured their further assistance to the project to continue the program. Mr. Shamim Ahmed Khan, General Secretary, Executive Committee, Mr. Syed Afzal Hussain, Treasurer of the Executive Committee, Al-Falah Bangladesh were also attended the function. A total of 247 applications received from the students. The details of the received applications are as follows:

Chittagong	83 applications
Mymensingh	46 applications
Rangpur	28 applications
Syedpur	60 applications
Isurdi	30 applications

Target Foundation, USA has already announced its grant application for the year 2015. The organization is getting preparation to submit application.

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