

# « Safe Heaven » Old Home

Project profile



Auto Advanced Association for  
Development

## Introduction

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The Bangladesh has a huge number of poor people, living under the poverty line. Among them, some don't even have a place to live, a roof to shelter. That is especially the case of old persons, left without relatives, and without money.

Aware of this problem, AAAD Bangladesh has the project to build a house in the district of Narail (South-East of the country), in order to allow distressed old men and women to take refuge in it. The location of this house is in a small village called Lahuria Dohar Para, where AAAD Bangladesh has already built the INP Library.

## Objectives

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- Provide a roof to 30 to 50 homeless elderly.
- Provide them enough means of support.
- Provide them with medical treatments, nursing.
- Provide them with daily assistance.
- Provide them with some entertainment.

## Operation

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Once the house built thanks to donations, AAAD Bangladesh will develop a system based on mutual aid: there are about 150 families in the village. Soon after the starting launch of the shelter, they will be willing to offer help. Each family could provide 3 or 4 lunch per year, or provide us with financial assistance.

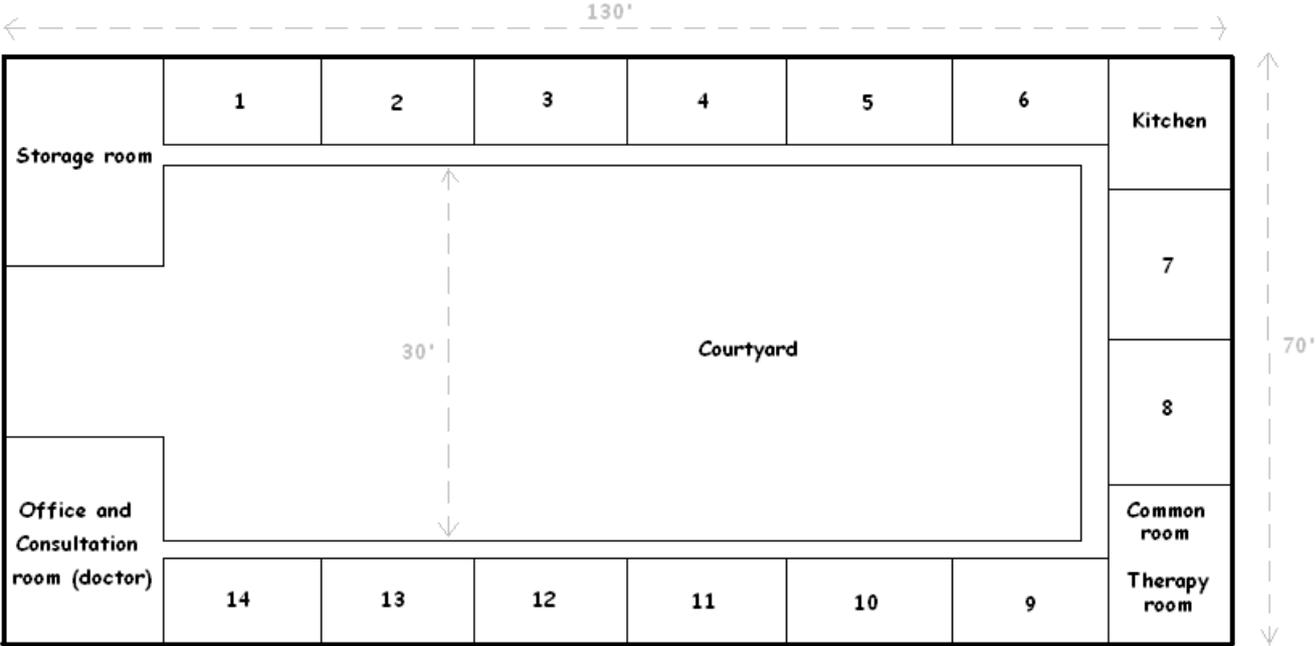
## Building plan

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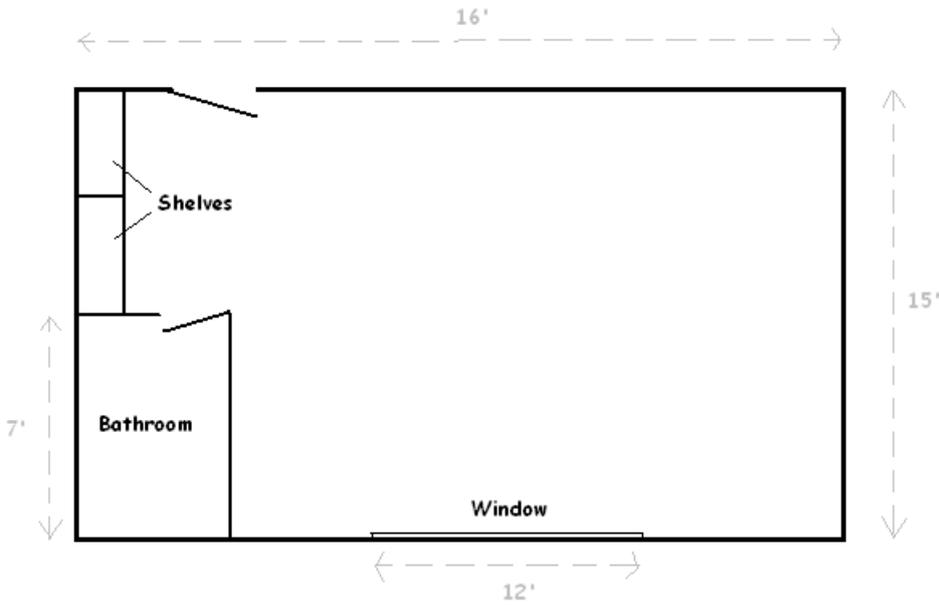
Below is a plan of the building AAAD Bangladesh is willing build. The total size in feet is 130' x 70' (39.6m x 21.3m), which is 9,100 square feet (845.39 m<sup>2</sup>).

There are 14 bedrooms, and each bedroom has two beds. The storage room will be used to store food, and other things. The office and consultation room is a place where the doctor will be able to perform his services in a quiet and adapted room. It will also be used as the office of the manager.

Outside of the rooms will be a big courtyard, where the elderly will be able to dry their laundry, have a walk, and enjoy any other activity.



Below is a plan of a bedroom. It will measure 16' x 15' (4.6m x 4.9m), which makes a room of 240 square feet (22.3 m<sup>2</sup>).



### Building cost

The cost of the construction is 1,200 taka per square feet (USD 17.4). There are 9,100 square feet, including the courtyard. Without the space of it, it remains 6,400 square feet. So the total cost is 7,680,000 taka (6,400 x 1,200 = 7,680,000 = USD 111,267).

This amount includes every expenses of the building construction (cement, bricks, tiles, wood, grill, workforce, plumbing, etc.)

## Operating budget

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<b>Expected expenses</b>				
(1 USD = 69.22 taka)				
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Per day</b>	<b>Per month</b>	<b>Per year</b>	<b>For 50 persons</b>
Daily food (per person)	120 taka (USD 1.73)	3,600 taka (USD 52.00)	43,200 taka (USD 624.00)	2,160,000 taka (USD 31,206)
Doctor contract		1,000 taka (USD 14.45)	12,000 taka (USD 173.37)	12,000 taka (USD 173.37)
Medicine budget (per person)		1,000 taka (USD 14.45)	12,000 taka (USD 173.37)	600,000 taka (USD 8,668)
Care-taker		5,000 taka (USD 72.24)	60,000 taka (USD 866.84)	60,000 taka (USD 866.84)

The daily expenses of food have been calculated approximately, stating that a morning meal costs 20 taka (USD 0.29), the lunch and the diner cost 50 taka each (USD 0.72).

AAAD Bangladesh will contract with a doctor: he will come once a month to check on the elderly. Since it is a social organization, the doctor will make a gesture and his services will only cost 1000 taka (USD 14.45).

The medicine budget is an amount of money kept in case of other medical expenditures (emergencies, medicines...). It has been calculated approximately with the cost of several medicines.

The care-taker is an indispensable person: he will call the doctor during an emergency, he will repair staff, make sure that the residents are safe, buy food... To sum up, he will take care of every daily tasks.