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Project profile

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Introduction

Bangladesh is a country with a huge number of poor people. One of the consequences of the poverty is the problem of illiteracy: 52.1% of the population (aged 15 and over) doesn't how to read and write (58.6% for women and 46% for men)¹. Education has a great importance in the economic development of a country. In 2002, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan declared that on the long range, education is one of the condition *sine qua non* for the battle against poverty².

Convinced of the true importance of education, AAAD Bangladesh has the project to organize teaching sessions and manual training in the village of Lahuria Dohar Para, located in the district of Narail, where the INP Library has already been established.

Objectives

- Develop their ability to read and write (newspaper, receipts/bills, etc.)
- Teach them a few basic English words
- Teach them a work
- Provide them a new source of earning
- Increase their understanding and participation in the political life (voting for instance)
- Protect them against the misguidance of the militants (terrorists: they are used to recruit uneducated people that can't read and understand their Holy Book)
- Increase their awareness of any types of security vulnerability

Operation

The persons interested in our program will have to follow teaching sessions on how to read and write in Bangla (national language). It is very important that they become able to read the newspaper (and understand it), to read a receipt or a bill, and that they become able to write a receipt, their name, etc. They will also learn a few English words, like numbers. The purpose is that they can be able to sell their products or else to a foreigner.

¹ CIA, The World Factbook, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/bg.html>, updated on 18/01/10

² United nations, <http://www0.un.org/News/fr-press/docs/2002/SGSM8349.doc.htm>, dated 28/08/02

Those lessons will be held on a 6 months period, at the rate of two lessons a week. In order to allow them to keep working, the class will be during the evening, the days when all participants can come without altering their schedule. AAAD Bangladesh will prepare the lessons, print and send them to the teacher. It will reduce the cost (instead of buying books) and the lessons will focus on the people's needs and no more.

After having taught them some basic learning, we will provide some of them with fieldwork: the goal is to teach them one more source of earning. We will ask a garage owner to take a few apprentices; we will ask someone to teach the women handicraft; some of them can learn how to drive; etc.

The next step is to sell the goods that those people made: we will use a room in the village to store the products, and then we will find buyers in Dhaka. We will also sell them on our website.

Operating budget

To carry through the project, AAAD Bangladesh needs a few material goods: a board, 30 slates, chalk, budget for the lessons photocopied.

Board: 500 taka; 1 slate: 50 taka; 10 boxes of chalk: 500 taka; Other items (benches, tables, etc.): 2,500 taka.

The salary of the teacher would be 10,000 taka per month (USD 145).

Basic learning expenses (1 USD = 69.22 taka)		
Expenses	Per month	For 6 months
Teacher	10,000 taka	60,000 taka (USD 870)
Goods	5,000 taka (USD 72.52)	1,000 taka (chalk) (USD 14.5)
Total	15,000 taka (USD 218)	61,000 taka (USD 885)

We also need a budget for the fieldwork. It can only be provisional, because it depends on the activities and teachers that we can find.

We start with a rough budget of 3,000 taka per month and per person. This amount includes that will be used and transformed during the activity (handicraft for example) or else.

We plan on hiring 3 teachers for field working. We estimate their salary of 15,000 taka each.

Fieldwork expenses

(1 USD = 69.22 taka)

Expenses	Per month	For 6 months	For 30 persons
Goods	3,000 taka (USD 43)	18,000 taka (USD 261)	540,000 taka (USD 7,832)
Teachers (3)	45,000 taka (USD 653)	270,000 taka (USD 3,916)	270,000 taka (USD 3,916)
Total	48,000 taka (USD 696)	288,000 taka (USD 4,177)	810,000 taka (USD 11,748)