

Lahuria Community Health Service



Auto Advanced Association for
Development

Project profile

Introduction

Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), life expectancy of women in Bangladesh is 63 years old, and 62 for men¹. A lot of people don't have access to any health care, because they don't have enough money for it. Some die because of diseases that could easily be healed.

Feeling very concerned by this lack of health care, AAAD Bangladesh will organize a small health center, in the middle of the village Lahuria Dohar Para, where AAAD Bangladesh has already built the INP Library. A few villages will be able to benefit from it.

AAAD Bangladesh will also prepare and distribute leaflets with "health tips".

Objectives

- Improve the health conditions of the people of the aimed villages
- Provide medical assistance
- Increase the life expectancy

Operation

In the village of Lahuria Dohar Para, there is an open market, where people from a few villages located around it come to sell their product. AAAD Bangladesh will use one room in the market to provide medical assistance for those who need it.

A nurse will keep the place open all day, 5 days a week and a doctor will come at evening time for a few hours.

Moreover, AAAD Bangladesh will prepare leaflets in which there will be "tips" on how to improve our health (cleanliness, food, water, etc.).

¹ United Nations Statistics Division,
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/ww2005/tab3a.htm>, online since April 2005

Operating budget

We first need a budget to furnish the room we will use: one table (8,000 taka), 2 chairs (5,000 taka), shelves (4,000 taka), one patient bed (2,000 taka) and one wheel chair (2,000 taka). This makes an amount of 21,000 taka (USD 305).

	Per month
Nurse	10,000 taka
Part time doctor	2,000 taka
Room in the village	5,000 taka
Operating expenses (electricity bills, etc.)	500 taka
First-aid medicine	1,000 taka
Budget for leaflets	500 taka
Other	2,000 taka
Total	21,000 taka (USD 305)

First-aid medicine is the necessary that a nurse or the doctor can use (pain killers, bandage, plaster, etc.). By “other”, we mean to keep a budget for carrying patients (by rickshaws) if they really can’t move.

The 5,000 taka entitled “Room in the village” is for the rent of it.