

BANGLADESH PROTIBONDHI FOUNDATION (BPF):

OBJECTIVE

BPF is a nonprofit, voluntary organization for the education, evaluation, research, prevention and rehabilitation of handicapped children and adult established in 1984. BPF is serving the disabled persons in different geographical areas throughout Bangladesh. BPF also provides vocational training to adult mentally handicapped in different trades, to provide small earning as small wages for their work. It has many different programs. Eventually BPF plans to start a resource center for training, research technology development information dissemination services and workshop in the field of disability. We are describing two of our concerned projects.

1. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION Program (CBR):

CBR program aims to develop services for all the persons with disability living within a defined geographical area. It aims to provide professional support and technical supervision whenever required, protect their rights and also help in empowering the persons with disability. BPF started their CBR program in the five different districts:

District	Thana	Disabled Persons Served
Dhaka	Dhamrai	19
Dhaka	Savar	23
Faridpur	Modhukhali	40
Norshingdi	Norshingdi	65
Kishoreganj	Kishoreganj	72

Four villages of Dhamrai have been selected to start CBR program. These are Beliswar, Balitha, Bathuli and Naoga.

Budget Details of Rural Multipurpose Project in Dhamrai

Type of Expenditure	Expense per Year in Taka
Salary*	840288.00
Medicine	22,000.00
Food for Children	60,000.00
Books, Uniforms, Shoes etc	96000.00
Toys, Teaching Aids, Stationary, Raw Materials.	42000.00
Total	1060288.00

* Salary for 1 coordinator, 6 community worker, 2 speech therapist, 2 physiotherapist, 1 pediatrician and 2 helper.

2. RURAL MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT (Dhamrai):

Dhamrai Micro Credit Program:

BPF recently started Micro Credit Program for the disabled kids' parents. They provide small loans to some families, and the families utilize this money for setting up poultry, buying cows or goats, depending on the recipients interests.

Their interest rate is 10% and if someone is not capable of paying it back for a few weeks, they review the situation and sometimes write it off. Also since they do regular home visits, they know the families very well and they make sure that the recipients are not taking loans from any other agencies. They also make sure that the loans are being used for the right causes. Currently 28 families are enrolled.

Regular school for the normal and disabled children:

With the objective of mainstreaming the disabled children a regular class was set up in 1991 and gradually it was extended up to class five. The normal siblings and poor village children were enrolled in this school. A total # of 200 children with age ranging from 6 years to 13 years were enrolled in this school. Number of dropout are 28 from different classes.

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Total donation made to BPF :

SpaandanB is supporting Medicine and Food for children.
Tk 50000.00 was donated to BPF in November 1999.
TK 50000.00 was donated to BPF in September 1998.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT:

During the devastating flood of 1998, BPF carried out flood relief work jointly with Samaj Unnayan Sangstha. They utilized US \$1205 donated to SUS and US \$1000 donated to BPF for the feeding and medical program during flood. 600 urban poor children and their families and 160 families of Rural disabled children were included in this relief program. During the month from September to December BPF and SUS

continued its "feeding Program". Teachers, staff, ex students of SUS prepared and distributed chapati-ruti, rice, pulses, potato, vegetable, eggs salt, cooked food etc Two pediatrician of BPF treated diarrhoea, dysentery, skin diseases, jaundice, typhoid, ring worm, eczema, oral ulcer, pneumonia etc. Water purifying tablets were distributed in the urban and slum areas.

BPF and SUS had spent approximately between TK. 15,000 to TK. 20,000 every day from September to December for its relief program of flood 1998.

Monitoring Procedures:

A subcommittee of three executive members is formed to better monitor each project, supported by SpaandanB. For BPF here we are:

- 1) Farzana Choudhury/ Qamrul Hasan
- 2) Nasrin Lopa/ Mohammed Kabir
- 3) Sultana Begum/ Zafarullah

Initially BPF sent us the description and a budget for the CBR program, along with their annual report (Decade of Development 1984-1996) and brochures for other programs.

BPF sent us the receipt for US \$1000 donated in 1998, along with Detailed Report of Flood Relief Work and the Statement of Expenditure of the contributions received from donors.

As a feedback report, BPF sent us the following information

- 1) Name and complete address of 5 donor recipients.
- 2) Photographs of the premises
- 3) Additionally for year 2000, they will provide us with the following information
 - Total # of families getting the benefits
 - Medical problem and type of medicine used