

Title of the Projects:

***Help-ORCA Income Generating Activities for Rootless People at Gangachara.
(An Extended Program of Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for the Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur)***

Introduction:

In 2005 SpaandanB, USA sponsored a program titled Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur. This program, other than providing livestock to the flood victims, also provided 10 rickshaws and a Rickshaw van to 11 members among 33 members organized in two Samities. As per the agreement, two Samity members accumulated the cost price of the rickshaws within a year for providing same number of Rickshaw to another 11 members of their Samities. Accumulation of the said fund was timely and 100%. On 7 August 2006 the other 11 members from their Samities received Rickshaw. Dr. Md. Iqbal Yousuf, President of SpaandanB was present at the ceremonial distribution of the Rickshaws. He talked to the local people and the beneficiaries. He was highly pleased with the progress of the program. He was requested by the local people to extend the program, if possible. Dr. Iqbal Yousuf gave them assurance to consider their request with due importance. Inspired by his assurance Help Rangpur is willing to extend the program in other two unions of the upazila. After talking to the people and assessing needs of the Rootless people of the area, Help Rangpur has framed this project to ensure IGAs for distressed and rootless families of Gatachara, Rangpur for their self-reliance.

Project Location:

The project will be implemented in three unions of Gangachara Upazilas under Rangpur district. A significant number of families in this area are rootless. They are hardcore poor, distressed and need external support to stand on their own feet. The project areas have been selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- People are mostly rootless and hardcore poor.
- People are helpless, disadvantaged and need external support for self-reliance.
- Beneficiaries are very much enthusiastic about their self-development.
- Local support is available.
- Easy to supervise, follow up and monitor the project activities.

Project Beneficiaries:

A total of 90 distressed and rootless families will be directly benefited. Beneficiaries will be mobilized and organized in three groups. A total of 540 family members and dependents of the organized group members are expected to be benefited out of the project activities.

Matrix showing Location / Beneficiary Families:

District	Upazila	Union	Beneficiary Family
Rangpur	Gangachara	Gangachara	30
		Gajagantha	30
		Barabil	30
Total	1 Upazilas	3 Unions	90 Families

Project Goal:

The main goal of the project is to rehabilitate a few deprived and disadvantaged families by ensuring Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for their sustainable livelihood.

Specific Objectives of the Project:

- To organize the beneficiaries in groups and teach them about group dynamism.
- To make the beneficiaries self-reliant by providing them moral and material support.
- To provide the beneficiaries with rickshaws/ rickshaw vans for income generation.
- To make them grow saving habit.

Project Rationale:

The economic status of the people in Rangpur district is worse, compared to that of the country. The people of Rangpur district are exceptionally poor, landless and stricken with natural calamities like, flood, droughty weather, river erosion etc.

Rangpur - one the northern and most neglected districts of the country - experiences flood every year. The over flow of the mighty river Tista causes massive damages to the life and properties of the people. As a result every year a huge number of flood-affected people loses their shelters and become homeless and rootless.

Since it has been proved that distribution of rickshaws/rickshaw vans among these rootless people help them a lot to forget their miseries and stand on their own feet, Help Rangpur is willing to organize another 90 members from 90 rootless families to organize in 3 groups and give them support for their self-reliance. They will also be converted into work force.

Project Activities:

▪ Formation of Shamities:

The beneficiaries of the project (90 members) will be mobilized and organized in 3 groups in 3 different unions for development activities. The groups will have their own working committees and work on their own. Staff-member from Help Rangpur will meet the groups at their group meetings and facilitate them for activating their group dynamism in terms of need assessment, decision making process, leadership development, account keeping, maintaining group resolution and weekly savings.

▪ Accumulation of Weekly saving:

Initially the 30-group member from 3 different groups will get 30 nos. of Rickshaws to initiate income-generating activities. They will save a certain amount on regular basis for purchasing and distribution of another 30 Rickshaws among the other 30 members of the groups next year. In three-year time all 90 group members from 3 groups will receive rickshaws for income generation and a sustainable livelihood for their family members.

Expected Outcomes of the Project:

- A few Rootless families will be organized for their development activities.
- They will gain self-confidence and will be self-reliant.
- This will help develop savings habit among the group members.
- This will ensure rehabilitation of the group members and their families.
- This will help improve their living standard.

Name of the Implementing Organization:

Help Rangpur (A Socio-Economic Development Organization)

Preamble of Help Rangpur:

Help Rangpur is non-partisan and non-profit private organization established in 2001 by some dedicated, devoted and committed social workers. The objective of establishing this organization is to undertake innovative programs for development solutions through actively involving primarily distressed hardcore poor people, specially women and children.

Help Rangpur is working with the people especially women through target group approach. Accordingly, first, it organizes the distress and powerless women into homogeneous group for their development through motivation, awareness building and education. Secondly, it empowers the powerless women education, training and sharing of experience. Finally, it facilitates in initiation of economic activities by micro-credit support for regular income to alleviate poverty and promoting women's economic rights and control over resources through active involvement and participation.

Behind Help, there is a 25 member General Council, the supreme authority of the organization. Out of it, a 7 member Executive Committee is elected for executing its activities.

The staff-members of Help are young energetic having sincere will to implement any task placed before them.

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Legal status of Help Rangpur:

- Help Rangpur is registered with the social Welfare Department, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Registration No. Rang/ Sadar/786/2003 dated June 10, 2003).
- It has also applied for registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau in September 2005 and is expected to get the registration soon.

Contact Person:

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Bank Account Information:

Since this is an extended program of Help-ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation for the Flood Victims-2004 at Rangpur), ORCA has agreed to support Help regarding receiving funds from SpaandanB. So fund may be sent to ORCA Account.

Estimated Budget for the Project:

An estimated budget has been prepared based on actual need of the project. The budget is enclosed herewith

Estimated Budget for the Project
Help-ORCA Income Generating Activities for Rootless People at Gangachara
Prepared by Help Rangpur

SL No.	Particulars	Total Cost in Bangladesh Taka
1.	Cost of 30 Nos. of Rickshaw @ Tk. 7,000 X 30	210,000
2.	Add 10% for price hike in second year	21,000
3.	Add 10% for price hike in third year	21,000
4.	Cost of documentation, ceremonial distribution (Tk. 15,000 X 3 years)	45,000
	Total:	297,000
5.	Add 10% of the total budget as service charge (transport, conveyance, project management etc. for Help Rangpur)	29,700
	Grand Total:	326,700

Total budget for implementation of Help-ORCA Income Generating Activities for Rootless People at Gangachara for three years is Bangladesh Taka 326,700.00 (Taka three hundred twenty six thousand seven hundred) only.

Or Approx. US Dollar 5000.00 (Five thousand) only. (Exchange Rate: 1 US\$: Taka 65.1 as on September 25, 2006.)

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