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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Case Study

Project Name – OBAT Helpers Inc.

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Our immediate focus is to ensure timely aid, relief and development support to the quarter million of 'Stranded Pakistanis' who have been suffering silently in the many shanty camps across Bangladesh for the past three decades. Theirs is a heart-breaking saga of unimaginable human tragedy.

Started September 2004

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Aims/Objectives – Why – Where - Background / Storyboard

There are about 250,000 'Stranded Pakistanis' languishing in the 66 odd make shift camps spread all over Bangladesh. They are a population living in abject poverty with no basic amenities or sanitation facilities. Painfully, they are also a population with no national identity! OBAT Helpers is focused on providing a better life to these hapless people who are crowned with unimaginable hardships, for no fault of theirs. We are equally determined to offer a better life for the women and children and help them build a respectable future.

OBAT Helpers is located In Indiana, USA

Problem Being Addressed

- Water Supply Schemes**
- Sanitation Projects**
- Construction of Toilets**
- Private Bathrooms for Women and Community Baths for Men**
- Construction of Drainages**
- Solid Waste Disposal**
- Helping schools and educational services**
- Academic Scholarships for Students**
- Help Daughters Get Married Fund**
- Family Assistance for Widows, Orphans, Sick and the Elderly**
- Funeral Services**

The Approach Taken

Things We Would Do Differently

The Project – OBAT Coaching Center (Free education for Maths, English & Science)

Funding – OBAT Donors

Stakeholders – Plan by OBAT Run by HID(Local NGO) in Bangladesh

Community participation – Free for camps kids

Implementation – Planning, Renting building, hiring teachers, course and study planning etc.

Time frame – planned in jan 2005, started in April 2005. Planning to start 5 more in different cities.

Financial Model

Provide complete details of the financial model that was adopted for the project.

- Since we are working in different projects, but as per our above example we need \$300 per month to run the tutoring center.
- Source Public Donations
- In USA there is a certain requirement for all registered non-profit organization to follow related to accounting and auditing. We have not completed first year yet.

Results/Evaluation

Results/Evaluation (approx. 200 words):

How did you monitor/evaluate the project?

Sustainability

Projects we have already completed or that are in progress in different camps of Bangladesh since the inception of OBAT Helpers on September 2004:

1. Partial-monthly school teachers salary of Mohammadpur and Rangpur camp schools since January 2005.
2. Family assistance (more than 35 families)
3. Marriage arrangements for 9 girls
4. Educational scholarships (more than 30 students)
5. Earth filling and construction of drainage/sewage at Rangpur, Aziznagar camps.
6. Construction of bathrooms in Adamjee Nagar camp (Dhaka).
7. Construction of bathrooms in New Relief Camp, Rangpur.
8. Distribution of books for Rangpur camp school.
9. Relief distribution for the fire victims in Mirpur-Dhaka & Saidpur camps (225 families).
10. Blanket distribution in Rangpur camps (250 families).
11. Tube wells in Rangpur camps.
12. Covered bathrooms for ladies at Rangpur camp.
13. Funeral Assistance
14. Legal help for deserving people

In addition to these projects, OBAT successfully opened the OBAT

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Coaching Center in Rangpur on April 02, 2005. The center serves as an institute that teaches basic math, English, science, and economics to camp kids (grades 7-12), free of cost. This is the first model center of many we would like to open in different camps across Bangladesh to meet the need of better education for children and young adults. Of course, these centers are completely contingent upon the financial resources available to **OBAT** through donations and contributions. Presently, this first center has more than 70 students and 4 teachers.

Lessons Learnt

The challenge we have is how to expand the area of working. There are total 66 camps in the different cities in Bangladesh, but due to our limited resources presently we are only working on 10 different camps. There is a long way to go, and a lot of thing need to be done.

Contact/Links/Resources

www.obathelpers.org



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