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Who We Are

Bangladesh is a developing country. In some places, it's still underdeveloped. The residents of the country suffer from very poor living conditions and are vulnerable to elements like natural disasters and disease outbreaks. These problems are more evident in the rural areas where modernization is still far away. Currently one of the most persecuted minorities of the world is suffering from these issues on an unimaginable magnitude. These people are the Rohingyas from Myanmar who have fled to Bangladesh with hopes of finding a safe haven where they can live their lives just like we do. These are people who have been unjustly discriminated against and subjected to life-threatening violence in their motherland. These are people who had no one to protect them from the atrocities committed towards them. BASMAH FOUNDATION is a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization to help the disadvantaged people of Bangladesh. Together with BASMAH USA, we have accomplished the initiation of several projects assisting the poor people of Bangladesh and the Rohingya refugees. We have a dream that one day all these helpless people suffering from poverty will establish themselves as prosperous communities. BASMAH FOUNDATION team is working relentlessly with your generous help to achieve this goal. BASMAH FOUNDATION is a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization of helping the people of Bangladesh.

Our Aim

BASMAH FOUNDATION is a nonprofit and non-political organization. We work for the helpless and the poor. Our main objective is to make a positive impact on poor people's lives and bring a smile to their faces. We dream of reaching even more people every year and empowering them to sustain themselves

What we did

Children Care & Learning Center

CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE, AND KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

The high unemployment rate in Bangladesh further perpetuates a poor economy, which also robs children of the opportunity to make a living. We provide the youth with the opportunity to be trained in areas such as basic education, typing, and design. Education paves the way for a brighter future for these children, and with our programs, they will have the ability to be employed in a more sustainable career where they can begin their lives smoothly and support their families financially.

In collaboration with BASMAH USA, we have established 6 children learning centers which are spread out through the Rohingya refugee camps which provide a safe place for kids to learn and grow. The center strives to provide them with the skills needed for them to obtain a successful life. Every day more than 300 students are learning in our centers. We have around five teachers in each center who are teaching these children. We provide free books, free snacks, school dress, bags and sports goods, etc. The center organizes classes five days a week



MEDICAL CAMP

WE HAVE 6 MEDICAL CAMPS THAT ARE GIVEN BELOW

- 1 CAMP 14,
BLOCK E-5 HAKIMPARA
- 2 CAMP 01, BLOCK 01
LOMBASHYA, KUTUPALONG
- 3 CAMP 14, BLOCK 18,
HAKIMPARA
- 4 CAMP NO 13,
BLOCK NO A-6 THAINGKHALI, BARMAPARA
- 5 CAMP NO 14, BLOCK NO M-13
HAKIMPARA THAINGKHALI, UKHIYA
- 6 CAMP 13, BLOCK C-35,
BARMAPARA, THAINGKHALI, UKHIYA

Fleeing from their own country and hometowns to a foreign nation, the Rohingya Refugees have no way to receive basic medical care. Combined with their horrible living conditions and exposure to natural severities, these people are highly vulnerable to disease outbreaks. Even the lack of regular medical checkups can prove severe to them and as long as they remain unattended there pose a higher risk of casualties. It is up to us to systematically improve this situation and prevent the worst from happening.

In collaboration with BASMAH USA, we have established 6 Medical Camps in Rohingya Camp, in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Every week more than 350 patients are treated in each medical camp supervised by 6 to 10 staff members and volunteers. All patients are provided with primary medical care, medicine, urgent care, distribution of medicine, health advice, and much more.

Our partner organization BASMAH USA grants us funds that help in running day-to-day operations of these medical centres. This project including all services offered at the medical centres is approved by the Government of Bangladesh's NGO Affairs Bureau (Approval Number – 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

TO MAKE WARM THE POOR IN WINTER

The Rohingya people left everything behind and came to Bangladesh with nothing except the clothes on their backs. Thus, it is a common sight to see children wear worn down clothes that barely serve the purpose. They cannot experience anything closer to the comfort we feel in our homes because they have a hard-earthen floor as a bed, flimsy plastic sheets and rags as blankets. While we can never imagine a life like that for ourselves and our families, yet this is their everyday life. They live solely at the mercy of nature.

Thus, when January and February, the coldest months of Bangladesh arrive, they have no protection from the relentless cold. With night-time temperatures falling as low as 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10°C) and no proper shelter, warm clothes or fuel for heating, these helpless refugee families can only hope for us to help. We have been making an effort to assist them with urgent clothing's and blankets to keep themselves and their

families warm which is only possible due to your generosity.

In collaboration with BASMAH USA, we have distributed more than 10000 blankets to Rohingya refugees and other poor people in Bangladesh in the winter of 2018-2019. The blanket distribution effort is still running in the refugee camps. The camps where blankets are distributed are- Camp 14, Block E-5 Hakimpara, Ukhiya, Cox's bazaar and Camp 01, Block 01 Lombashya, Kutupalong, Cox's bazaar, Bangladesh. Blankets are also distributed at different locations in Bangladesh where it is needed the most.

Our partner organization BASMAH USA granted us the funds to distribute blankets during the winter season of 2018-2019. This project including all services within it is approved by the Government of Bangladesh's NGO Affairs Bureau (Approval Number – 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-993



DISASTER RELIEF

TO HELP THE FARMERS

The rural areas of Bangladesh are affected very much by the changes in weather and highly vulnerable to natural calamities like widespread floods. Often due to weak protection and inadequate foundations, destruction by flood ravages the homes, stores and the locality. Many goods, supplies and raw products like crops are lost, adding to the casualties. These factors make people really feeble and in need of our help.

A report from the Daily Dhaka Tribune as recent in 27 July 2019 stated that 28 districts have been flooded in July alone. To provide a helping hand to these people who are in need, we supplied emergency flood relief to the victims of the Gaibandha district in North Bengal for 5 days at a stretch. With necessary items like healthy food and clean water, Basmah Foundation team has distributed provisions to countless families and made a huge difference in these five days. However, this is not the end.

More than 500 acres of harvest have been washed away by the rampant flood waters stripping the local farmers of all their hopes and hard work. These hopeless farmers are the right people in need of our support for empowerment. These are the people we must invest in moving forward with our mission of creating self-dependent communities. Together with BASMAH USA, we have embarked on a project that will distribute nut seeds and provide necessary cultivation aid to more than 600 farmers affected in Shushua char, Bhuapur, Tangail district in Bangladesh. This is a major step towards our dream. By helping the farmers to get back on their feet, we can produce long term harvest opportunities which will greatly benefit the area as a whole. Your generosity can make it possible for us to bring back happiness and fulfillment in the lives of these flood-affected people



STANDING TOGETHER FOR CLEAN WATER

TO HELP DRINK PURE WATER

There are currently more than 1 million Rohingya refugees living across 36 different locations in Cox's Bazar area, in south-eastern part of Bangladesh. It is very challenging to ensure access to secure water sources for such massive population. These refugees fled to Bangladesh while they had nowhere else to go and now they are facing this huge problem. In all our facilities located within the Rohingya camps, including the learning centers and medical camps, we have been able to dig bore wells and provide clean and sanitized water, thanks to your generosity. Clean water access is a major issue for impoverished families. In this part of Bangladesh, we experience a water crisis during the dry season – from end of November through April -

May. To ensure a reliable source of clean water we are maintaining these wells to the best of our ability with the help of **BASMAH USA**. We have also dug up deep wells in other locations where clean water was unavailable for the local villages and we are consistently maintaining all of these. The process to dig tube well is labor-intensive and requires survey and planning. Alhamdulillah, with excellent efforts by our **Basmah Foundation** team we have installed more than 40 tube wells where required.



RAMADAN IFTAR PROJECT

BASMAH DISTRIBUTED IFTAR TO 50,000 ROHINGYA FAMILIES AND LOCAL BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY IN RAMADAN 2019

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya children are preparing to face their second Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr as refugees in Bangladesh, missing much of the celebration that normally accompanies this festive and holy month for Muslims.

This year 370,000 children are spending their most important celebration far from home, in camps with flimsy living conditions. Many Rohingya children in Bangladesh have recently fled from Myanmar, witnessing extreme and horrific violence.

Since 2018, BASMAH has provided Ramadhan food baskets to the impoverished Rohingya refugees as well as Bangladeshi local people. Thousands of families have benefited from this annual campaign through your generosity.

BASMAH employ people to cook fresh and nutritious Iftar meals prepared from scratch, which include juice, dates, salads, a main

course, bread, pastries, and fruits. The Iftar meals are delivered to the Rohingya refugee population, who receive them with dignity in their host communities and refugee camps.

Each family was given \$130 basic provisions which will last them the month of Ramadhan. You may donate any amount as every little bit helps. In this Ramadan BASMAH USA with partner organization- Basmah Foundation has provided Iftar to 50,000 families in Rohingya refugee camps and local Bangladeshi community



QURBANI PROJECT 2018 & 2019

EID FOR EVERYONE; SHARING IS CARING

Living the lives as refugees, the Rohingya people are very deprived. In this impoverished state they are fully occupied with the struggle to simply survive, hence luxuries like a highly nutritious meal and enjoying festivities like Qurbani Eid is nothing but a daydream for them. They are fellow humans as well. They deserve the happiness of Eid as well. Their children also deserve to look forward finding hot steaming beef curry waiting for them. If not always at least for this Holy celebration, we can take the initiative and make this possible for them. We can turn that dream into a reality. Just imagine the smiles on their faces, the fulfillment in their hearts they will feel when they will be able to have such meals from the Qurbani project.

Thanks to the generous support of BASMAH USA, we have performed the Udhiyah of 36 cows which allowed 2000 families in Rohingya refugee camps at Cox's Bazaar and crisis-affected families to fight hunger while fulfilling an Islamic

tradition that honors commitment and trust of Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to Allah (SWT) during this Eid-ul-Adha. We distributed the meat in Camp 14, Block E-5, Block 18, and Block 13, Cox's Bazaar and also in Camp Teknaf in Bangladesh.

Our Basmah Foundation team has successfully distributed 100% Halal, Qurbani-Udhiyah meat for the last three years with continuous help from BASMAH USA and this way we made Eid joyful for everyone not only for us



THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT

TO EMPOWER WOMEN

Many households are devastated by poverty and unemployment in Bangladesh. Women, especially those who are the head of their households, often among the poorest of the poor in Bangladesh. Women have few opportunities to earn income and often face discrimination in the workforce. A small amount of money and proper tools can help these women start a small business and help them survive sustainably. Bangladesh has a large textile industry and stitching garments is one job that is still valued and needed in Bangladesh. By providing women in need with sewing machines and training we can empower them to support themselves.

We in collaboration with Basmah Foundation have set up a sewing machine distribution program for women in need in Bangladesh. Basmah Foundation provides them with sewing machines and the skills needed to start a small business from within their household. We are running three sewing machine training centers at Lalmonirhat, Maymensing, Sirajgonj, Dinajpur and Teknaf, Bangladesh. We believe this dual-pronged approach, providing free sewing machines as well as three months of training will

empower them to create a stream of income for themselves and their families. In the past year, more than 115 families have already benefited from this program and many more are enrolled in the program this year.

This sewing machine center serves as a dual blessing. It provides a training cum employment opportunity to women in Bangladesh, while the garments that are manufactured in these centers are sent to Rohingya refugee camps where they are distributed for free.

Volunteers from our partner organization BASMAH USA (Government of Bangladesh NGO Affairs Bureau Registration Number – 3160) help

in running day-to-day operations of this Sewing Machine Training Centre. This project including all services offered at this Sewing Machine Training Centre is approved by the Government of Bangladesh's NGO Affairs Bureau (Approval Number – 03.07.2666.662.68.215.18-16). Our partner organization BASMAH USA grants us funds that help in running day-to-day operations of this Sewing Machine Project



Free Sanitary Napkin for Women's Safety

WOMEN ARE SAFE MEANS THE NEXT GENERATION IS SAFE

Bangladesh is a developing country. Sanitary napkin is not easily available in rural areas in Bangladesh which is a shocking matter. According to the national report, more than 85% of women in Bangladesh do not use sanitary napkins during their menstruation period. 80% percent of them use unhygienic cloths only. Still in rural areas of Bangladesh many prejudices exist where media can't reach to make them aware. In many parts of the country, especially in rural areas, girls are not prepared and aware of menstruation so they face many difficulties and challenges at home, schools, and workplaces. Basmah is a non-governmental charity organization which intends to work in raising awareness about good health and hygiene and make women aware of using sanitary napkins as it's very important for the mother. Lack of knowledge of keeping safe and hygienic during menstruation is a big concern and women feel awkward almost everywhere in our country during this period. So, Basmah planned to work for the sake of the mother's health and to help change our society's outlook.

Often women tend to use alternative things as napkins that are not hygienic, leading it to skin diseases and even causing cancer. Menstruation and menstrual practices still face many social, cultural, and religious restrictions which are a big barrier in the path of the menstrual hygiene management. "In school, I felt ashamed to tell someone about my Menstruation. And it was started during the class time, the horrible experi-

ence happened in my life that day. And I came to know teenage girls feel shame to tell someone about this, even they hide this matter to their parents." Said by Farhana. According to the Bangladesh National Hygiene Baseline Survey, conducted in 2014, only 14% of women and girls currently use sanitary napkins during menstruation. In Rohingya camps, our guess is that it has become a dangerous situation because they are fighting for their lives and they can't afford necessary clothes let alone sanitary napkins.

We will arrange a campaign to help change society's outlook about this at different places like in garments, schools & other important work places in Bangladesh by Basmah's medical team & volunteers. And we will work the authorities of that area who will give awareness speech and we will provide a packet of sanitary napkins good for 3months at free of cost and an awareness leaflet. Our primary target is to reach out to 120000 women. To follow it up whether the beneficiaries use napkins properly, we will collect data of the beneficiaries and they will be given our experts' phone numbers so that they can get help from our experts in this area. The experts will help them out as necessary. Mobile camps are also thought of in this regard.

BASMAH also intends to work through its partner in the host community particularly with women and adolescents for the same purpose. In the host community, this project will target a total of 12000 vulnerable women by giving free sanitary napkins.



OUR RUNNING PROJECTS

- THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT
- DISASTER RELIEF
- MEDICAL CAMP

OTHER PROJECTS

BASMAH FOUNDATION in collaboration with **BASMAH USA** has carried out other projects such as mosquito net distribution program, food, and clean water distribution, clothes and shoe distribution, etc.

Heartiest thanks in advance for taking the time out from your busy lives to read this material.

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OUR PARTNERS...



THE SUMMARY OF OUR PROJECTS APPROVED BY NGO BUREAU AT A GLANCE

SL	Project Name	Donor org	Approved date & memorial	Term starting & ending date	Budget BDT	Date of submit to RRRC/District Administrator	Current situation	Certification	Audit	Beneficiaries number
01	Qurbani Project-2018	BASMAH-USA	13.08.2018 (Memorial no - 03.09.0000.662.69.146.18-640)	15days start-10.08.18 end -25.08.28	17,13,000	16.08.18	Complete	Submitted to NGO Bureau	submission date 05.03.19	550
02	Children care Center with Medical camp	BASMAH-USA	28.08.18 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-667)	6months start -01.09.18 end -28.02.19	16,40,600	05.09.2019	Complete	Submitted to NGO Bureau	submission date 14.05.19	4,800 patience & 100 students
03	Free Blanket Distribution project	BASMAH-USA	29.11.18 (Memorial no- 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-993)	6months start -01.12.18 end -31.01.19	24,90,000	19.12.2019	Complete	Submitted to NGO Bureau	submission date 15.03.19	4,925
04	Free Sewing Machine Training and Distribution Projcet	BASMAH-USA	29.11.2018 (Memorial no 03.07.2666.662.68.215.18-16)	12months start -31.12.18 end -30.11.19	24,90,900	Cox's Bazar 27.01.2019, Lalmonirhat 28.01.2019, Dinajpur	Project running	under process	will be done after completing project	Distributed Sewing Machine to 90 women & trained 135
05	Learning Center and	BASMAH-USA	24.02.2019	6months start -01.03.19 end -31.08.19	67,20,000	10.03.2019	Complete	Applied to DC office 18.09.2019	submission date 22.10.19	17,280 patience & 240

	Medical Camp		(Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-246)							students
06	Learning Center and Medical Camp	BASMAH-USA	18.04.2019 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.146.18-461)	6months start -01.05.19 end -31.10.19	22,68,000	30.04.2019	Complete	under process	under processing	8,640 patience & 120 students
07	Ramadan Iftar-2019	BASMAH-USA	18.04.2019 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.146.18-460)	2months start -01.05.19 end -30.06.19	92,40,000	30.04.2019	Complete	Applied to DC office 30.06.2019	submit date 07.08.19	40,000
08	Qurbani projcet-2019	BASMAH-USA	11.07.2019 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-763)	1month start -01.08.19 end -30.08.19	23,46,000	22.07.2019	Complete	Applied to DC office 21.08.2019	submit date 22.10.19	1200
09	Emergency Flood relief for Bangladesh	BASMAH-USA	04.09.2019 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.156.18-954)	3months start -15.09.19 end -15.12.19	11,91,000	22.09.19	Project running	under process	will be done after completing project	600
10	Medical Camp	BASMAH-USA	14.10.2019 (Memorial no - 03.07.2666.662.68.146.18-1052)	6months start -01.10.19 end -31.03.20	72,77,000	15.10.2019	Project running	under process	will be done after completing project	25,920 patience & 403 students



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
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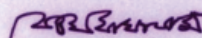
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This certificate is given under my hand and seal on this **Twenty Six** day of **July** two thousand
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