



Group Sponsorship in Bangladesh

March 2026 Program Update

Thanks to your continued support, group sponsorship is transforming the lives of vulnerable children and youth in Bangladesh. Through a holistic approach that includes education support, health care, psychosocial care, and child protection, children who were once at risk are now growing in safer environments and gaining the tools they need for a brighter future.

Over the last six months, 150 children continued their education with a 100% pass rate while receiving daily nutritious meals that improved their health and growth. Medical camps, hygiene education, and awareness sessions on child rights and gender equality are helping build safer, healthier families and communities. Here's a look at the difference your support has been making.



Education Support Strengthening Learning: Through group sponsorship, students are receiving academic support and opportunities that help strengthen their confidence and learning. This term, students participated in writing competitions and debate activities designed to improve literacy, critical thinking, and public speaking skills.

Students in grades 3 to 8 took part in word writing competitions where they practiced forming words, writing short stories, and improving pronunciation and vocabulary. These creative learning activities helped students strengthen their language skills while building enthusiasm for learning.

Debate competitions also gave students the opportunity to develop structured arguments and practice expressing their ideas confidently. One of the debate topics was: Do supplementary books play an important role alongside textbooks in education? Participants learned the value of thoughtful discussion, respectful dialogue, and critical thinking.

Daily Nutritious Meals for Healthy Growth and Learning: Access to regular, nutritious meals continues to play an important role in student health and academic performance. All 150 students received daily well-balanced meals that support their growth and development. Meals and snacks typically include Khichuri, eggs, and fruits and vegetables.

Regular health monitoring has shown encouraging results, including improvements in students' weight and height as well as a reduction in malnutrition. For many families, these meals also reduce financial pressure at home while ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn.

Health Support and Disease Prevention: Maintaining good health is essential for children to thrive. Through regular medical camps, hygiene education, and disease prevention sessions, students are gaining the knowledge and care needed to stay healthy.



What is Khichuri? Khichuri is a traditional dish made with rice and lentils that can include vegetables or meat. Indigenous to Bangladesh, it is also a rich source of protein and carbohydrates, helping to energize children for school and play.





Doctors conducted general health screenings, health diagnoses, medication prescriptions, deworming treatments, and routine physical check-ups to monitor students' health and nutritional status. These screenings helped identify health concerns including skin conditions, allergies, eye problems, headaches, stomach issues, and vitamin deficiencies. Because of early detection and treatment, 40 students received proper medical care and medication at no cost.



Students also participated in disease awareness sessions focused on common illnesses such as colds, fever, dengue, and COVID-19. These sessions helped students understand how diseases spread, recognize symptoms, and learn preventative health practices.

During World Handwashing Day, students and parents participated in handwashing training sessions where they practiced proper hygiene techniques and learned how simple habits can prevent the spread of illness.



Empowering Women and Girls Through Education: Group discussions and awareness sessions are helping students better understand women's rights, gender equality, and the importance of treating one another with dignity and respect.

Students participated in interactive sessions exploring topics such as gender-based violence, women's rights, and available support services. These conversations encourage students to respect the women in their lives while also reminding girls of their value, rights, and opportunities.

Both schools also celebrated National Girl Child Day. Female staff and students were presented with roses as a symbol of appreciation and encouragement. The celebration included open discussions about gender discrimination, the importance of education for girls, and ways students can support equality in their communities.

Students also took part in sessions focused on children's rights, learning about their rights to education, health care, protection, and participation. These discussions help students recognize their dignity and value as individuals within their families and communities.

Skills Training and Vocational Development:

Alongside academic education, practical training programs help students develop valuable life skills and prepare for future opportunities. This term, students participated in agriculture training, sewing instruction, computer classes, and life-skills development programs.

Twenty-three students learned the fundamentals of sewing, gaining skills that allow them to create clothing and take small orders to support their families. For many participants, this training sparked new confidence and interest in developing vocational abilities.

Agriculture training introduced twenty-five students to winter vegetable cultivation. Students received seeds to take home and practice what they learned, helping families improve household nutrition while learning sustainable food production.

Computer training programs also introduced twenty-three students to digital literacy skills. Many of the younger students had never used a computer before, and completing the training helped build their confidence and prepare them for future academic and career opportunities. All students successfully passed the computer training examination.





Life-skills training sessions helped students develop goal-setting abilities, problem-solving skills, and a stronger sense of responsibility. These lessons support students' personal development and help prepare them for future challenges.

Cultural programs provided students with opportunities to express themselves through dance, singing, poetry, recitation, and acting. These activities nurture creativity, confidence, and emotional wellbeing while encouraging students to celebrate their talents.



Engaging Families and Strengthening Communities: A child's development is strengthened when families and communities are actively involved. Through courtyard meetings, home visits, and parent-teacher gatherings, the program works alongside parents to support children both at school and at home.

Courtyard meetings brought parents together to discuss important topics affecting children's wellbeing, including the importance of education, the harmful effects of child labour and early marriage, reproductive health education, and awareness of violence against women.

Health awareness sessions also provided parents with information on preventing illnesses such as dengue fever and COVID-19, helping families recognize symptoms and seek appropriate care.



Family visits allowed staff to observe students' home environments, review school attendance, and provide guidance to parents on supporting study habits and addressing academic challenges.

Parent-teacher meetings created opportunities for teachers and families to discuss students' academic progress, attendance, and overall development. These conversations strengthen the partnership between home and school and encourage parents to take an active role in their children's education.

A Day in the Life: For many children in Bangladesh, attending school is not something that can be taken for granted. Poverty, family responsibilities, and difficult home situations often make education feel out of reach. Through group sponsorship, however, children are able to attend school free of charge while receiving the support they need to learn and grow.

The videos below offer a glimpse into the daily lives of two students in the program, Nijhum and Anik. From early mornings at home to time spent learning, eating with classmates, and playing with friends, their stories show both the challenges many children face and the opportunity that education can provide. Click on the photos below to watch.



Thank You! Because of your support, children are growing healthier, staying in school, and gaining knowledge and skills that will shape their future. This support is helping them become empowered members of their families and communities, and we are grateful for your continued partnership.