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Application for Financial support to implement EBF Street Children, Orphans and Early Childhood Development Program: Shelter, Education, Training and Rehabilitation.

Dear Grant Committee,

I am Miah Nurul Islam, Founder and Chairman of Euro Bangla Foundation. Today I am writing to you, requesting for financial support that can fulfill my organization's initiative to implement the following project: "EBF Street Children, Orphans and Early Childhood Development Program: Shelter, Education, Training and Rehabilitation". Through your generous donation and participation, the vulnerable population consisting of Street Children and Orphans will be greatly benefitted and turn their livelihood to a more honest and prosperous one.

Bangladesh is the seventh poorest country in the world with 166 million inhabitants as per 2019 (est. World Bank). Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated country in the world and it has an area of 147,570 SQ KM.

Bangladesh is factually a densely populated country with half of its population consisting of children who are deprived in one way or another. Here more than 64 million children make up around 40 per cent of the population. Even as the national economy grows at an impressive rate, many children in Bangladesh are being left behind. Street children are among the children who are deprived of their basic rights. In most cases, street children end up on the streets due to extreme poverty, orphanhood and parent abandonment. It's estimated that more than 600,000 children live on the streets in Bangladesh, of whom 75% are in the capital of Dhaka. In a country ranked 135th on the Human Development Index and where 50% of the population live below the poverty line, these children represent the absolute lowest level in the social hierarchy. Here the Socio-economic situation is more acute: Child stunting rates are still considered very high and wasting is becoming a growing concern. Most affected are children living in poverty, with 57 per cent found to be stunted, wasted or underweight. Bangladesh is the most densely populated nation in the world; as its population has increased, the number of street children has also increased to an estimated 4 million and the number of street children has been increasing rapidly in recent years. According to the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) projects, the number of street children stood at 1.5 million in 2015, and it will reach 1.56 million in 2024.

Bangladeshi children are being pushed onto the streets due to extreme poverty, lack of access to contraception, and lack of education and victim of child abuse, sexual harassment, child labor, trafficking and so on. Of the 1.7 million children engaged in child labor, one in every four is aged between 6 to 11 years from a governmental perspective, childhood poverty in Bangladesh may also be the result of corruption, dysfunction, and neglect.

Through various reports and observation, it is seen that children who are either disowned, orphaned or driven out of their own homes are more prone to exhibiting self-harming behavior such as long-term substance abuse, getting involved in sex trafficking, joining local gangs and showcasing violent extremist behavior as an outlet for the emotional and physical trauma they have experienced. Although this is not a relatively new issue, the severity of such cases has drastically increased within recent years. These kinds of activities not only put the children, who are already deprived of social rights, at risk, but also the growth of the nation, as children are usually the foundation for a nation to thrive and grow from. If there is no intervention, and without proper guidance, these vulnerable children are likely to have no security for the future, and will most likely be forced to enter into a life of crime, or worse, terrorism.

To ensure safety, bright future and making them a contributing factor thus future of the nation, We EBF aiming to initiate a project that will provide shelter 250 children at the initial phase, ensure 3 meals a day, make access to education. We will also train them with computer literacy, agricultural knowledge, vocational and technical education including nursing, medical technology and pharmaceutical training etc. in order to make them self-reliant and secure their future with skill-based knowledges.

This project aims to re-habilitate, educate and prepare street children for a better future where they can be independent and free from the forms of abuse and discrimination, they have faced earlier in life by creating a place for themselves in society. Children will be provided proper meals, clothing, all the necessities of schooling, and assigned caregivers for counselling and security. The organization will initiate positive social activities, and facilitate for any special needs or disadvantaged child. Euro-Bangla Foundation will undertake the necessary steps in a form of this project by organizing and initiating community training, prevention programs, campaigns against drugs, while also providing therapy for victims of substance and sexual abuse. Initially in the 1st stage the project will focus on sheltering, re- habilitating and schooling the children, and the 2nd stage it will extend towards to teaching them skills such as computer literacy, agriculture competence, nursing and other forms of training that they will find useful in securing a career for themselves. Upon succession and in long-term, the project will increase more children as we target over the span of 5 years and beyond, we will give shelter and rehabilitate 15,000 Children.

As for the background of my organization, Euro Bangla Foundation (EBF) has started its journey from 2003. We focus on health, environment, technical education, vocational training, forestation, development, and providing financial assistance in the form of microcredit to the rural poor. As of 31st January 2022, my organization has:

Projects	Status	Beneficiaries
Micro-Credit Programs	Ongoing	1000 active loaners and entrepreneurs
Euro Bangla Model School	Ongoing	700 Students from low-income families
EBF Mother and Childcare Hospital	Upcoming	Will benefit 120,000 population mainly women and children
Nursery Program	Ongoing	1000 tree saplings and seeds distributed each year.

Detaillierte Beschreibung des Budgets für das Projekt: (Siehe Projektbeschreibung)

Estimated Budget for the Year 2023

Type/Title	Description	Quantity	Monthly	Yearly	Total CHF	Remarks
Materials	Construction : Rod/Iron, Cement, Bricks, Sand, Other building materials etc.				78,785.00	
Payroll	Labor cost for construction				59,126.00	
Furnishing Building and Equipment						
	Painting Cost for building				10,500.00	
	Door and windows				7,935.00	
Purchase of Furniture	Beds, Table, Chairs and cabinet				13,141.00	
	Kitchen Equipment				2,266.00	
Miscellaneous	Electricity and Water supply installation				10,792.00	
	Education Equipments				5,396.00	
Equipment Maintenance	Construction, Water, Electricity and other equipment maintenance cost				5,767.00	
Overheads	Yearly billing for water, electricity and gas				11,321.00	
Total Cost for 2023					205,029.00	

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Duration of the total project: January 2023 to December 2027 (Initially 5 Years). The project will continue for long period of time in terms of need, financial support and spontaneity).

We would like to request **Donor Organization** assistance in providing this opportunity to initiate EBF's Street Children, Orphan, Early Childhood development Program: Shelter, Education, Rehabilitation, in Bangladesh. Your kind contribution and active participation would be greatly appreciated.

I would be very happy to have a personal conversation about the project and our organizations.

If you have any questions, Miah Nurul Islam can always be reached on +41 78 659 6554 or Info@eurobanglafoundation.li

Best Regards



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Informal Child Labor Employment and Social Ties in Local Communities:



Street children concern to millions of deprived boys and girls who have adopted the street as their residence. They grow up where tranquillity and physical and emotional stability are frequently threatened. Street children are marginalized from mainstream society. As a result, they need much more attention from the government and NGOs

