



BANGLADESH is "Delta" country, formed by the junction of the three very large rivers - Ganges, Jamuna and the largest of them all, the Brahmaputra River. These rivers drain the run-off from the Himalayan snowfields, resulting in frequent flooding for the vast delta that forms most of the land mass of Bangladesh. In the past 40 years the country has suffered 27 major floods.

During recent years, flood levels have risen, and this is thought to have been brought about by extensive deforestation in the head waters of the major rivers. In most cases, this is outside the territorial limits of Bangladesh, and as such, the local authorities have little or no control over this excessive run-off.

Besides all the problems of frequent flooding, there is a major benefit, in that the soil in the delta region is both rich and fertile. Monsoonal rainfall ranges from 1.52 metres in the West to 5.087 metres in the North East of the country.

The population of Bangladesh is in excess of 120,000,000 living in a country of only 144,018 square kilometres. Administration is divided into 4 Divisions, 21 Regions, 64 Districts, 495 Upazillas, 4,472 Union Councils and 85,650 Villages.

Average per capita income is less than US\$200, with adult illiteracy approximately 70%. Infant mortality for children under one year of age is 13% and for those who survive the first year, a life expectancy of 48 years. Only 68% of the people have access to "safe water", while there is one physician to each 11,000 people.

Rotary International District 3280 includes all of Bangladesh, with 91 Rotary Clubs, 135 Rotaract Clubs and 51 Interact Clubs.

While Bangladesh needs all the help we can offer, local Rotary Clubs, utilising their own resources, are successfully undertaking major projects. Obviously, whatever we are able to do in the way of assistance with these projects will be of significant help, both to Rotarians and people of Bangladesh.

BANGLADESH Inner Wheel - Improved Cooking RAWCS #11-2000/2001

Description:- This is a project involving the Inner Wheel Clubs of Bangladesh, that wish to see the newly-designed stoves used by all village women.

Further Information:- Fuel for cooking is any of the following, depending on what is available: twigs, leaves, paper, straw, or cow dung attached to a stick burning under a clay fireplace. With meals being prepared for some 120,000,000 people in this manner, the sky is constantly smoggy with an ever present smoke haze.

Research has produced a cheap and far more efficient cooking stove, usually built from clay by the people who will benefit from the stove. The stove has a cast iron grate and other design improvements that produce better combustion and gives off more useable heat with less smoke. The cost is about A\$5 for the cast iron grate, the only item that has to be purchased.

Members of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Bangladesh are keen to see these newly-designed stoves used by all village women. With help from Inner Wheel Clubs, Rotaractors and Rotarians from other countries such as Australia and New Zealand, this improvement in the quality of life will become a reality, as the improvement to the environment through reduction in pollution and a significant saving in already scarce fuel.

Cost:- A\$5 per stove, \$100 will improve the quality of life to twenty Bangladesh ladies and their families.

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**BANGLADESH
Medicine Banks
RAWCS #13-2000/2001**

Description:- The Rotaract Club of Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka, operates a "Medicine Bank" which is stocked with low cost medicines, blood supplies and medical appliances.

Further Information:- The Medicine Bank at Sir Salimullah Medical College is functioning well in servicing the poor people of their surrounding community. The Medicine Bank Costs A\$30 per day to operate, but shortage of funds turn away hundreds of sick people. Personal records are kept of patients who are vetted to ensure that they are unable to pay and qualify for service. Blood supplies are maintained from voluntary donors.

If a Rotaract, Interact, Inner Wheel or Rotary Club contribute A\$30 the operating costs for one day would be covered.

Cost:- Donations in multiples of A\$30 per day from a Rotaract, Interact, Inner Wheel or Rotary Club will provide life-saving drugs for a community in either Dhaka or Mymensingh. How many days can you afford at A\$30 per day? Financial support is essential. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEDICINES TO BANGLADESH.**

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**BANGLADESH
Sanitary Latrine Project
RAWCS #14-2000/2001**

Description:- The Rotary Club of Khulna North has in hand a multi-task aid project for the densely populated city and its surrounding villages.

Further Information:- One arm of the aid project is the provision of sanitary latrines.

Despite the area served there is an identified need for over 700 such latrines each at a cost of \$50.

The project is to be a continuous one and will progress whilst donations are received.

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**BANGLADESH
Rotary Orphanage and
Vocational Training Centre
RAWCS #15-2000/2001**

Description:- The Rotary Club of Narayanganj has established a new orphanage and vocational training centre catering for some 200 orphans.

Further Information:- The Rotary Orphanage and Training Centre has been established to ensure continuous services to orphan children, providing food, lodging and clothing, education and vocational training to render them self reliant.

The new orphanage is located near Dhaka in th District of Narayanganj within the village of Gakuldasher. District Governor M Jamaluddin PHF donated the land, the Rotary Club of Marayanganj undertook the construction of buildings which include living quarters, dining rooms, kitchen, vocational training facilities and provided furniture and fittings. The Club covers running costs, manages the fund and provides personal services. The Vocational training has given the destitute children a choice of vocation to equip them with the basis for a good start in life.

Cost:- The annual cost of supporting a child in A\$s is quite moderate:-

Education	A\$ 20
Food & clothing	130
Vocational training	20
Total	A\$170

"Adoption" of a child will confirm their birthright and provide a ray of sunshine in their life.

In addition, assistance with the purchase of two computers at a cost of A\$4000 each for use in the centre would be most welcom. The donation could be supported through an application for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

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**BANGLADESH
Treatment And Prevention Of Blindness
RAWCS #17-2000/2001**

Description:- The aim of the project is prevention and treatment of curable blindness in Bangladesh.

Further Information:- Since the program commenced, over one hundred and thirty thousand operations have been performed , giving new hope to the recipients.

During the calendar year of 1997, three thousand one hundred and fifty two operations were carried out.

An Eye Camp Co-ordinating Committee with Chairman PDG Iftekharul Alam, includes as committee members, the current District Governor and four Past District Governors. The committee controls the project and allocates funding to the 45 participating Bangladesh Rotary Clubs.

Rotary clubs are responsible for the physical implementation of each eye camp, with the assistance of Rotary Village Corps, where possible, and the local village people. Up to 3,500 people are examined at each of these eye camps. Many are provided with minor treatment, while others are retained for cataract operations.

The Bangladesh National Society for the Blind provides the necessary surgeons, medical support staff, medical supplies and spectacles. This society also provides a blindness prevention education program to all those who attend.

This program has had the benefit of a Rotary Foundation 3H grant, which was to fund 140 eye camps per year for six years. The number of participating Rotary clubs has now grown from 28 in 1989 to 50 in 1996, the number of eye camps from 140 to almost 200, with large numbers of participants at each eye camp.

This expansion has now resulted in an annual shortfall of some A\$60,000.

The aim of the project is the elimination of curable blindness in Bangladesh by the year 2000.

Cost:- An average eye camp cost is A\$500. You can assist with whatever amount you can afford, as the Eye Camp Co-ordinating Committee accumulate all donations for distribution and thus every contribution helps. A single operation costs A\$5. How many people's sight can you restore?

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**BANGLADESH
Health Clinic.
RAWCS #19-2000/2001**

Description:- **The Rotary Club of Khulna** proposes to extend the existing Health Clinic they conduct , to cope with the increasing demands of the poverty stricken women and children in this part of Bangladesh

Further Information:- Health care in Bangladesh is basic at the best:- for poor people it is almost nonexistent. Mothers and children who make up two thirds of the population are particularly prone to sub-standard health conditions.Only 5% of villages in Bangladesh have access to primary health care. **Currently the Clinic is providing services for one hundred and thirty patients per week. The need however, is increasing rapidly.**

Cost:- \$20 per patient covers the cost of thorough medical assessment and medicine, etc. for one patient.

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**BANGLADESH
Vocational Training
RAWCS #23-2000/2001**

Description: - The Rotary Club of Narayanganj wishes to establish a Computer Training Program for poor, unemployed young people to open job opportunities for them.

Further Information:- **The R/C of Narayanganj** will provide the building and pay the salary of the instructor/s. The students will be carefully selected to ensure that only those in genuine need are given the benefit of this training.

Costs:- The estimated cost for a year of tuition is \$150. per student.

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**BANGLADESH
Village Self Sufficiency
RAWCS #25-2000/2001**

Description:- The Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka has undertaken a project that will obtain self-sufficiency for seven villages.

Further Information:- Commenced in 1986, this project is aimed at providing work skills for unemployed women in the village of Kaultia, from that start, it has now developed into a major project involving a further six villages and undertaking many tasks in addition to job training for unemployed women.

The list of achievement in Majhikara, Baopara, Fajilpur, Biprabarta, Jolarpar and Mirergaon as well as the original village Kaultia, is most impressive.

The following is a listing of these skills and achievements:-

<u>SKILL</u>	<u>TRAINEES</u>
Sewing and Tailoring	175
Muri (Puff Rice) making	150
Goat rearing	60
Duck rearing	69
Lamb rearing	50
Calf rearing	15
Mat making from Date Leaves	65
Wrapper making	25
Fish Net making	35
Fisherman project	40
Vegetable cultivation	129
Employment provided	425

In addition to the above job skills, the following projects have been undertaken:-

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PEOPLE</u>
Annesha Rotary Literacy Centre	500
Adult Literacy for Women	75
Adult Literacy Centre for Men	75
Child Care Clinics (3) (per week)	275
Free Friday Clinics (4) (per week)	175
Typing Training (Unemployed Youth)	25
Medicine Bank (Free Distribution)	
Library (Donated Books and Magazines)	
Tube Wells (number)	17
Flood Relief & Rehabilitation (Families)	250
Immunisation (Children)	26,000
Hand Loom Training (Unemployed Youth)	25
Irrigation and Cultivation (Hectares)	81

During Ramadan, 375 people produced 33.6 tonnes of Muri, which after selling, resulted in a profit of US\$26,163.00 all of which was ploughed back into this project.

A Flood Shelter Centre has been built at Kaultia, which during the day is used as a School, Library, Typing and Adult Education Centre. This centre has two tubewells and two sanitary latrines.

The above listing gives some idea of what a Rotary Club, chartered in 1983, with just 31 members, can achieve.

In addition, frequent comprehensive reports and photographs are made available to the Project Funding Contact.

Cost:- With an ongoing project of this magnitude, any contribution that you are able to provide will help, be it A\$20 or \$2,000.00††, or as a District Project up to A\$10,000.

This is an outstanding example of what Rotarians can achieve, using their own resources and with what ever help that can be provided.

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**BANGLADESH
Family Planning And Medical Clinic
RAWCS #27-2000/2001**

Description:- The Rotary Club of Gulshan has initiated an educational and motivational program for family planning, together with an associated medical clinic.

Further Information:- The Rotary Club recognises the two most pressing problems facing Bangladesh are family planning and education. They have established this program to help control a birth rate which is producing population increases in excess of 3% per annum.

Mothers who have not had a child for the past four years are rewarded with a new sari. Whilst this may not seem a major incentive in our terms, to someone who owns only one threadbare and frequently mended sari, this is indeed an incentive.

The club conducts weekly family planning clinics and provides medical supplies, pre- and post- operative care for women who have tubular ligation operations. There is an average of 20 tubular ligations per year, 70 IUD clients and a further 100 women receiving monthly birth control pills.

The medical clinic sees about 70 patients per clinic day (clinics are held once a week), at a charge of Tk.2 (A\$0.07) per visit, including medicines, the club also provides a limited number of harelip operations.

In addition to the family planning and medical clinic, the club has introduced a typing course, sewing centre and an immunisation program. Wives take vocational training sessions so that they also can become an income earning member of the family.

Cost:- A\$50, A\$250, A\$500 . . . whatever you can contribute will be of benefit.

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BANGLADESH
Schools For Bustee (Slum) Children
RAWCS #30-2000/2001

Description:- The Rotary Clubs of Dhaka, Agrabad and Gulshan have initiated successful programs to educate bustee (slum) children. These projects have a three-fold purpose.

1. Increase literacy.
2. Raise employment expectations for these children.
3. Monitor the health and well-being of the children.

Further Information:- Many rural people move into the cities expecting to find employment, only to discover that conditions are worse than that which they had left behind. Inadequate or no housing, a reduction in life expectancy and higher child mortality rate.

Shanty towns spring up and children have to help in any way possible to increase the family income. The Rotary Clubs of Dhaka, Agrabad and Gulshan have all established evening literacy classes. The children arrive at approx. 3 pm., after completing whatever work they can obtain, some of the children are the "Tokai" or the "Pickers" They pick over rubbish during the day, and on a good day, may achieve 12 cents for their picking. The school buildings used for these projects are very basic, and in most instances without furniture.

Teachers are employed by Rotary and Rotaract clubs and paid a meagre salary. Some children need food and clothing which is provided again by Rotarians and Rotaractors.

The only equipment available to the children is an arithmetic book, a spelling book in both English and Bengali, a slate and slate pencil, and they sit on grass mats. If need be, the children are provided with a meal of rice, milk and bananas.

These children want to learn and obtain work. They already know that without a basic education, the prospects of work are very limited.

PDG "Kitchlew" Alam recently wrote: "This project is important for Bangladesh as it promotes literacy among children, who would otherwise never get any education. With the assistance received from Australian Rotarians, it has been possible to provide education to poor children living in slum areas."

Cost:- A\$100 will do wonders to help these self-motivated children, A\$1,000 will work miracles.

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CHINA
Binxian County – Village Schools
RAWCS #35-2000/2001

Description:- The Rotary Club of Epping, NSW, D9680, sponsors a project to assist village schools with basic needs in the poverty stricken Binxian County, Shaanxi Province, China. The people of Binxian County, a mountainous area, cultivate orchards, and are desperate for assistance to improve the education of their children. Schools lack books, basic equipment and in some cases have dirt floors and lack glass sealed windows.

Further Information:- The County has 303,000 inhabitants and most schools are in URGENT need of assistance. All the staff, provided by the County, are dedicated to training the students to a high standard of education despite the trying conditions.

Binxian regularly experience temperatures below zero. All donations are strictly administered by the China Association for International Understanding (CAFIU) which has a supervisor permanently stationed in the area. For several years, groups of Rotarians have made regular visits to China hosted by CAFIU, during which, established contacts have been made. Annual visits and inspections will be made in future by Rotarians.

All donors will receive reports and permanent on-site recognition.

Cost:- A\$300 will provide desks and seats for one classroom, A\$400 will restock half a primary school library, A\$500 will purchase basic equipment for half a school.

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