

PROJECT NO: 102454

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Bangladesh



Pre-Primary Literacy

Overview

The Bangladesh Bible Society is seeking to reach children with the word of God through a literacy course designed especially for preschool-aged children in the rural and remote areas of Bangladesh. These children are prevented from beginning their education by poverty and distance. When they are older and able to travel, their lack of familiarity with the national Bengali language means attaining literacy is challenging.

The Need

There are more than 165 million people in Bangladesh, and 40% of the population are children. A large percentage of people live in rural areas and do not have the opportunity to go to school and learn to read, because of distance. Furthermore, children are prevented from attending distant schools while still young, so early opportunities to introduce an education are missed.

In Bangladesh, tribal children (including those in the Garo, Santali, Chakma, Marma, and Tripura tribes) all start school in the Bengali language even though they speak in their mother tongue. Some of these tribes do not even have their language in written form, so learning literacy in Bengali is the only option.

There is a need for these students to be taught at a younger age, so that they can gain a basis in education which will help them when they begin their primary school education, or catch up on the studies they have missed due to language difficulties at national schools.



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<h1>Goals</h1>	
<p>Bible Society Bangladesh have begun a literacy program focusing on remote areas where there are children who cannot access distant education and are additionally hindered by poverty. Furthermore, the children who this project will reach are pre-school aged, and are too young to travel to school, so education in their villages is the only viable option. Bible Society's literacy</p>	<p>class will help them learn basic literacy skills, beginning at four years old. Students will study for up to two years. The classes will begin in 2023, with the first group finishing at the end of 2024 and new students continuing until 2026.</p> <p>Students will learn to read, recite and write in Bengali, preparing them for formal schooling, which is also conducted in Bengali.</p>
<p>Local church denominations will partner with Bible Society to implement the literacy program.</p>	
<h2>Impact</h2>	<h2>Testimonies</h2>
<p>The total number of people this project aims to impact is 1,500. This project will bring children together in groups to learn to read, equipping them for their formal schooling ahead. It will also allow them to learn to read the word of God.</p>	<p>"This program is excellent for the children which I could not have in my [childhood]. Everyone should support to this program."</p> <p><i>Bishop Philip, Chairman, Talitha Koumi Evangelical Church, Dhaka</i></p>
<h2>Prayer Needs</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray that God would guide the pastors and lay leaders by his Holy Spirit in this special program for the children in the hills and plain land areas. • Pray for the facilitators, who will be actively leading the classes • Also pray for the field supervisors who will supervise several groups. • Pray for the Bible Society staff who are involved in this children's literacy program. 	
	