ALTERNATIVE ORPHAN FAMILY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS (ALO PLUS) PROJECT



Islamic Relief Bangladesh has launched the above titled project with the goal of improving the socio-economic condition of the orphan households.

KEY OBJECTIVE: To enhance the socio-economic conditions and overall wellbeing of 800 orphan households in the project area by 2024.

KEY INFORMATION

Project Location:	9 unions of the Gangachara subdistrict in Rangpur		
Rightsholders:	800 orphan households (4000 persons)		
Starting Date:	01.01.2021	Closing Date:	31.12.2024
Project Duration:	48 Months	Project Budget:	USD 1.5 million
Donor:	Islamic Relief USA	Implementation:	Islamic Relief Bangladesh

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Providing cash grants and training to create income-generating opportunities for 800 households
- Promoting savings habits amongst the project participants
- Providing skill trainings on different environment-friendly IGA
- Organizing awareness-raising sessions on health, hygiene, nutrition, and various social issues such as child rights and protection, early marriage, dowry, etc., through training sessions and by observing relevant national and international days
- Providing support for starting kitchen/ homestead gardening and also planting saplings to preserve environment
- Creating leaders from the widows by offering leadership training to help them become community leaders
- Empowering widows by establishing Self Help Groups to foster skill development and self-reliance
- Providing technical and vocational education to the eligible persons from the targeted families
- Supporting the children from the targeted families to continue their education
- Creating opportunities for the children to develop their potential by establishing the community-based child clubs and also undertaking different activities in the child clubs

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 800 project participants have started different Income Generating Activities
- Established a savings habit and accumulated a significant amount of money by establishing 53 Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- The targeted orphan children are successfully continuing their education
- Created a community-based hub for cognitive, social & life skills development of the children by establishing 53 Child Clubs
- 70 persons received technical & vocational training



- ◆ 800 households have started kitchen gardening
- The targeted rightholders are following healthy & hygienic practices
- ◆ 800 households effectively managed waste to maintain cleanliness and produce organic manure
- 800 households are using sanitary latrines and tube-well water for drinking and other household activities

