

Student Performance

All of our students are performing above average in their classes and in standardized tests. As they all come from indigent, illiterate households, it takes years to prepare them for regular schools. Once initiated, their hunger for academic success is like any other child of their age.



Challenge Accepted

Masud, a ninth grade student, has been residing at the Manab Kalyan facility for the last five years. A giving and caring businessman from Lexington, Kentucky has been sponsoring him. He has kept track of Masud's educational progress—Masud has become a bright and aspiring student at the prestigious B. L. School—and is very pleased with Masud's successes and overall performance. He has pledged his sponsorship beyond Masud's high school education. Insha Allah, he plans to sponsor Masud's college education for an additional 4-5 years with one string attached: Masud must qualify to an engineering, medical, or business college. Masud has recently been informed of the sponsorship and has gladly accepted the challenge. Masud, we wish you the best of luck in pursuing your higher education!

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Students at our facility in Sirajganj, Bangladesh

Student Body

Currently, our residential facility at Sirajganj is accommodating 55 students. They attend six different public schools located in different areas of the city:

- Govt. B.L. High
- Govt. Multilateral High
- Victoria High School
- Sabuj Kanon High
- Shawarasati Primary
- Dhanbandi Primary

Our Mission

A comprehensive and effective approach towards helping orphans and indigent children break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy through education. We provide them with opportunities for either education or vocational training so they can reclaim their human dignity and become productive members of society.

The effects of poverty—and the deprivation of basic human needs—on young children are devastating. We are dedicated to providing them with a stable, nurturing, and enriching environment to help create better futures.

Our Facility

We are operating from a rented facility (part of which is shown in the photo to the left). It's essentially a residential home for the children that also has classrooms.

DEF Organizational Structure

The Diversified Educational Foundation, established in 2008, is a 501(c)(3) organization registered with the IRS and the State of Michigan. We work with our sister organization in Bangladesh, the Manab Kalyan Foundation, which is registered with the NGO Bureau and the Social Services Ministry of the Bangladesh Government. We operate with no overhead costs; 100% of our funds are used on our projects. DEF is subjected to yearly audits—conducted by a certified accountant and monitored by the government—for an annual renewal of certification. MKF payroll includes one full-time resident teacher, four part-time teachers, one coordinator/caretaker, and cooks. Everyone else involved is a volunteer.

Sponsor an Event or Occasion

Anyone can sponsor a special occasion like Eid celebrations or picnics, as well as school uniforms, medical expenses, books for the library, extracurricular activities, etc.

Future Leader



Ariful Islam and Masudur Rahman were, respectively, the winner and runner-up in the Extempore Speech Competition at the B. L. School. Their achievements mark them as potential future leaders. It is one of our goals to produce leaders who also have strong moral values. Congratulations!

Grades and Numbers of Students

SSC	01
Class X	04
Class IX	01
Class VIII	10
Class VII	03
Class VI	14
Class V	06
Class IV	02
Class III	02
Class II	04
Class I	08

Scholarship and Competition Winners



Mohammed Mamunur Rahman received a Primary School Talent Scholarship from the Primary School Certificate Exam.

Ariful Islam, currently a ninth grader, received a Junior School Certificate General Scholarship. He was also runner-up in two B.L. School essay writing competitions.

Masud Rana won third place at the Holy Quran Recitation event.

Sports Activities



We encourage students to participate in sports. Hamidul Islam, an eighth grader, was runner-up in the 100m sprint while Masud won first in shot put at the B. L. School Sports Meet. Students enjoy various sports at the facility compound daily.



Visits

Prof. Ehsanul Haque and Prof. Amena Begum of University Grants Commission, visited the MKF facility several times last year. Upazilla Nirbahi Officer (UNO), an IG (retired) from Dhaka and a District Commissioner (general), also visited our facility a few times and was highly appreciative of our operations.

Aspiring Kids



I visited Manab Kalyan's residential facility in Sirajgang last year. I met almost all the kids living there, and enjoyed spending some quality time with them. Of all the questions I asked them, the one about their goals in life generated the most interesting responses. I was taken aback to hear such aspiring goals of becoming a doctor, engineer, or lawyer. One of the new students replied, "I want to be a mathematician." Every child in this facility has had a past of hardship and struggles. Some come from destitute families. Others from a home where one or both parents were orphans. Some maybe even had an abusive stepparent. The common thread in their past is that at some point in their young lives, they felt hopeless.

These children grew up wondering when their next meal might be, so the thought of going to school was neither realistic nor attainable for any for them. With Allah's mercy we have noticed so much change in their attitudes; they are committed to breaking free from this vicious cycle of poverty. We can provide them with shelter, food, education, and all the supplies they may need; however, the zeal to change their lives must come from within. Many, many praises to the teaching staff who not only take care of these kids, but also motivate them to succeed in life.

Education is a fundamental human right that is beyond the reach of orphans and children raised in very poor conditions. They don't think beyond day-to-day existence; education is unattainable for them without motivation and continued support. Our facility brings life and education to these kids. For these kids, education is not just a preparation for their life, it is their life, growth, and future. By providing support, by mentoring and by adopting a child through this foundation, you can change a life. You can make a huge impact on a student. What I'm trying to say is that our foundation provides life and education to an orphan or a poor child. That's very significant—that is the basic tenet of our program. -Sajjad Quabili

Higher Education



Mohammed Abdullah will be the first student from our facility to appear at the SSC test (Grade 10) this year. Four more students will take this test next year. They will need to attend more years of HSC school before becoming eligible for undergraduate courses. We are in the process of chalking out a plan for their higher education according to their performance.

Library and Computers

A library with computers and internet access is under development. A modern educational facility will help students prepare for real-world challenges. Any sponsorship is highly appreciated.

Sponsor a Child

Please sponsor a child for a year with \$525. Remember, we have no overhead expenses.

Please help us to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and desperation for 55—and counting—students. We cannot do it without your help.

Please pay your Zakat/Sadaqa / Charity money to the Diversified Educational Foundation.



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