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Our Mission

DEF offers a comprehensive and effective approach towards helping orphans and impoverished children break the recurrent cycle of poverty and illiteracy through education. The effects of poverty and the deprivation of basic human needs on young children are devastating. We are dedicated to providing them with an unwavering, cherishing, and enriching environment to help create better futures. We provide opportunities for either education or vocational training so they can reclaim their human dignity and become productive members of society.

MKF Facility

The COVID 19 situation in Bangladesh has improved significantly. In fact, the Bangladesh ministry of education has instructed all schools to continue in person learning. Last year, due to the rising cases, the dormitory was instructed to close on several occasions. The Manob Kalyan Foundation (MKF) students have now returned to the dormitory facilities. They are very excited to be back, and eager to learn.



Currently, MKF enrolls 56 students. The majority of which attend primary, middle and high schools located in Sirajganj, while some attend the Polytechnique institute. All schools, including the Polytechnique institute, are publicly funded. This year, six

students have taken the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) test. Five students in the science group and one in commerce. We are happy to announce that all six students received an A+ and completed their SSC.



Through program evaluation, it was noted that students new to the program, often find it difficult to maintain good grades in school. Most require extra home tutoring before school admission, which has been essential to keep up with the rigorous curriculum. Currently six teachers (both part-time and full-time) assist in tutoring with Mathematics, Science and Language Arts. Additionally, they also study Arabic and Islamic teachings. The center has a designated room to hold prayer five times a day.



Since the schools were closed most of the year due to the pandemic, there were no competitive sporting events. The students enjoy being active and look forward to participating. We hope they will get the opportunity to partake this year,

In'Shaa'Allah. The facility has made arrangements for games such as table tennis, carom, and chess. MKF also maintains a computer laboratory room.



Students and their Stories



My father passed away when I was only seven years old. I was a second grader at that time. He was the only earning member of my family. Although some of our extended family helped us, the limited funds were not enough for school tuitions. One of my uncles helped me gain admission to the MKF facility. I was very homesick the first few days; I especially missed my mother. However, the teachers at the facility are extremely caring and the students are friendly, so eventually I started feeling better. Initially, I was not doing well in the school. The teachers helped me overcome my obstacles, and I am thankful for their persistence. I am a hard worker myself and was determined to do well. Eventually I became the top student of my 8th grade class, and I aspire to become a doctor. May Allah fulfil my dreams.



At age 11, my father passed away. I was only in 5th grade at the time and was absolutely devastated. I knew there was nothing I could do and had to accept the situation. My father was also the only earning member of the family, which made it hard to get by. What's worse is that I had to stop going to school, due to this financial hardship. Alhamdulillah, a kind person helped me obtain admission to MKF. I received all my necessities such as food, shelter, education and healthcare. The teachers are very helpful and with their guidance and my commitment to learn, I was able to rank second in grade 10. Currently, I am a freshman at the Sirajganj Polytechnique Institute, where I hope to receive my diploma in 4 years.

Respect to Parents

Our parents are the ones who have been with us through almost everything in our lives. They have taken care of us, taught us, helped us, and provided for us financially and academically. Without them, most of us would not where we are today. Respecting our parents is one of the most significant aspects of Islam.

In the Quran, Allah (SWT) says: Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them, but address them in terms of honor. (17:23)

Abu Darda reported: The Prophet (SW)

said, "The father is the middle of the gates of paradise. If you wish, you can squander this gate or keep to it" Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhi 1900.

Therefore, whoever wants Allah (SWT) to be pleased with him should please his parents, and whoever is worried about the punishment of Allah should be worried about the dissatisfaction of his parents.

We know from a famous hadith that a man once came to the Prophet (SM) seeking his permission to go and fight in battle (Jihad). So, the Prophet (SM) asked him, "Are your parents alive?" He replied, "Yes." So, the Prophet said, "Then go and strive in serving them." (Bukhari 3004, Muslim 2549). Thus, Rasulullah (SM) upheld caring of the parents above going to Jihad in this case. When Abdullah Ibn Zubayr (a renowned sahabi) died, his son was crying. When asked why, he said, "I am crying not because my father passed away. I am crying because my easiest door to Jannah is now shut"

We do not know how long our parents will be in this world. For those of us with living parents, we should do everything to please them. For those whose parents have passed, there is much that can still be done. A man came to Rasulullah (SW) and asked, "O messenger of Allah, my mother has died. What can I do to help my mother now that she is gone?" Rasulullah (SM) replied, "Make dua for her, seek istighfar (forgiveness) for her, give sadaqah (charity) on her behalf, make udhiyyah (qurban), go to hajj and umrah, visit her relatives and friends that you would not otherwise visit."

As you age, you do not want bad memories with your parents; they will ultimately be your greatest regret. You'll never be able to take back harsh words or mistreatment towards your parents. Often people are quick to get angry, however the words said in the heat of the moment are ones that are the hardest to forget; this distress you cause your parents will eventually cause you grief. If you want to earn the pleasure of Allah, you have two doors in front of you – your mother and father. Please them, respect them, take good care of them and

Jannah will be yours, In'Shaa'Allah. – By Monowar Zahir

Dr. Abdur Rahim Molla Passed Away

Sadly, we would like to inform everyone that our beloved brother Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahim Molla, the founder and president, of Manob Kalyan Foundation, passed away on November 18, 2021 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will return. A dedicated educator and guardian of all the orphans and poor children in Manob Kalyan Foundation has left us. He was instrumental for the functioning of MKF. Insha'Allah, his unfinished work is now on all of us. We pray to Allah, the Almighty, to elevate his rank and grant him the highest place in Jannah. In his absence, our support for the education, shelter, food and healthcare for the up bringing of these children will grow even stronger. May Allah help us all to fulfill his noble initiative by building the Manob Kalyan Foundation as a beacon of hope for the orphans and the poor in Bangladesh.

The Future of DEF

By the grace of Allah, the pandemic situation is getting better. DEF is committed to taking care of currently 56 underprivileged children, including orphans, and providing them with everything they need. \$525 covers the expenses of one child for an entire year, however any amount of donation is greatly appreciated. We are determined to change the quality of life for as many children as we can as they are the hope for the future.

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