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Bangladesh American Society of Muslim Aid for Humanity Inc

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WHO WE ARE

Basmah (Bangladesh American Society of Muslim Aid for Humanity Inc) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in Bangladesh. Tax ID # 82-1670588. 501 (c) (3). The philosophy of BASMAH is to empower as many individuals as possible by brightening their lives through better opportunities. Each of these empowered individuals can then brighten the lives of those around them, changing their world. BASMAH is determined to brighten as many lives as possible.

BASMAH has been providing long-term

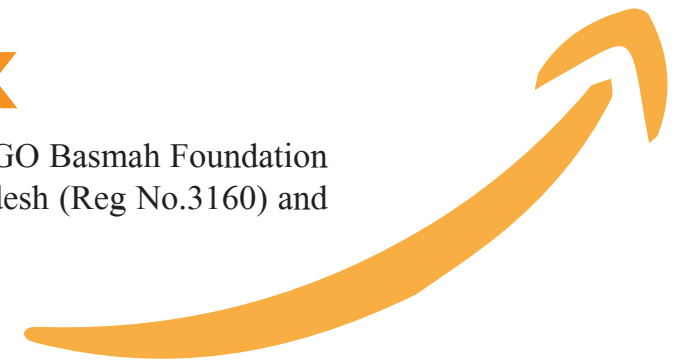
aid and assistance to the Rohingya refugee to alleviate their sufferings. BASMAH is also working for the needy and poor Bangladeshi people to bring about a meaning change in their lives through sustainable development solutions. Bringing about change is a challenge. However, with Allah's blessing and your help, we can surmount this challenge together. When we realize the urgency of the situations faced by people, we do not hesitate to jump in and act immediately.

OUR VISION

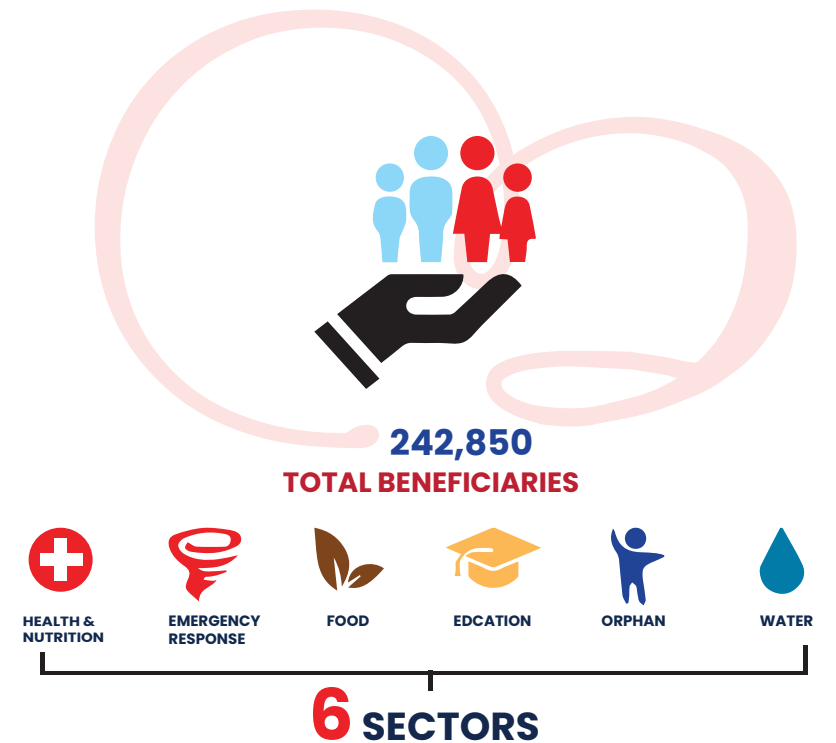
Our vision is to empower people and enable them to help themselves and their communities. Short-term help is great but long-term stability is our goal. Our projects aim to create better opportunities to empower each individual, each of these empowered individuals can then improve their own lives and their communities.

HOW DO WE WORK

BASMAH has partnered with a local Bangladeshi NGO Basmah Foundation which is registered with the NGO Bureau in Bangladesh (Reg No.3160) and implemented projects in collaboration with them.



BASMAH PROGRAMS HAVE REACHED **242,850** BENEFICIARIES IN **2020**



WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

MEDICAL CLINIC

WE HAD EARLIER 7 MEDICAL CAMPS

- 1** CAMP 14,
BLOCK E-5 HAKIMPARA
- 2** CAMP 01, BLOCK 01
LOMBASHYA, KUTUPALONG
- 3** CAMP 14, BLOCK 18,
HAKIMPARA
- 4** CAMP NO 13,
BLOCK NO A-6 THAINGKHALI, BARMAPARA
- 5** CAMP NO 14, BLOCK NO M-13
HAKIMPARA THAINGKHALI, UKHIYA
- 6** CAMP 13, BLOCK C-35,
BARMAPARA, THAINGKHALI, UKHIYA
- 7** CAMP-26, BLOCK H-2,
WEST LEDA, TEKNAF, COX'S BAZAR

Nearly 1.3 million Rohingya people are living in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Fleeing from their own country to a foreign nation, the Rohingya Refugees have no way to receive medical attention. Due to the limited access to health care and the poor living conditions, the Rohingya refugees are vulnerable to preventable diseases and it is up to us to make that possible difference. BASMAH has established Medical Clinic at Camp 14, Block E-5 Hakimpara, Ukhiya, Cox's bazaar, Bangladesh. Every week more than 750 patients are treated in the clinic which is run by 6 to 10 staff members and volunteers. All patients are provided with primary medical care, medicines, urgent care, health advice, and so on. Making basic health care more accessible is a primary focus of BASMAH. The regular medical care by BASMAH for the Rohingya refugees has contributed to their wellbeing and in the prevention of spread of diseases and especially coronavirus.

What We Achieved:

- 26,000 patients treated**
Contributions made in:
- Preventing illness & spread of diseases
 - Raising awareness
 - Improving hygiene and sanitation



CHILDREN LEARNING CENTERS

BASMAH believes that affordable education should be available to all children. At the Rohingya Refugee camp school-going children are estimated to be more than 145,000. Needless to mention that the humanitarian crisis has stolen the opportunity to have a bright and educated future from these innocent refugee children.

BASMAH is making an elaborate effort to restore that opportunity for the children. We established Children Learning 1 at Camp 14, Block E-5 Hakimpara, Ukhiya in Cox's bazaar, Bangladesh which provides a safe place for kids to learn and grow. Our children learning centers have contributed to mental and educational development. We strive to provide them emotional and moral support. Every day over 80 students are learning in the Centre. We provide free books, free snacks, school uniforms, and bags. There are 5 to 6 staff members who teach and look after them.

What We Achieved:

500 students received education

Contributions made in:

- **Creating enthusiasm towards education**
- **Learning basic skills in life**



EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH SKILL TRAINING

Women face unjustified discrimination and have little opportunity to be involved in the work force and advancing a career. We have established vocational program for women to become self-sufficient. If they are provided with a small amount of money and equipment these women can take the initiative to run their own small businesses and eventually can support their families. We have set up a sewing machine training and distribution program for women in need in Bangladesh. BASMAH vocational program provides the poor women with the necessary skills and distributes sewing machines.

This vocational program serves as a double blessing for the poor women. It also creates an employment opportunity for the women by manufacturing school uniforms for students at BASMAH learning centers.

What We Achieved:

300 women received training

Contributions made in:

- **Increasing income earning ability**
- **Developing self-sufficiency**



FOOD SECURITY DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

The Corona pandemic hit hard the economy and society in Bangladesh. The pandemic took a heavy toll of lives, left thousands infected & pushed millions of people out of jobs and income. In the poverty-stricken country, many people became out of income and suffered from food shortage. BASMAH started a food bank program to help disadvantaged community members with food packages. The food packages containing necessary groceries have been distributed in many districts in Bangladesh during the pandemic situation.

What We Achieved:

25,000 families received food packages
Contributions made in:

- **Increasing food security of disadvantaged communities**



CARING FOR ORPHANS

Bangladesh being a poor and densely populated country, so many orphans and helpless children exist who deserve our care and attention. Our little support can ensure a bright future for orphans and the helpless. We have come forward to stand beside these children. BASMAH orphan centers provide the necessary shelter, care and support and nurture them to grow up with skills and education they need to have a better life.

The most heartbreaking casualties is the case of Rohingya refugee orphans. Our Orphan center at the Rohingya refugee camp provides a safe place for them with necessary care and educational support.

What We Achieved:

50 orphans being looked after
Contributions made in:

- **Providing shelter, safety and support**



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Imagine so many people live in extreme poverty in Bangladesh. It is common to see homeless parents with children living on the streets. People who live on hand to mouth, and struggle hard to arrange a proper meal for themselves. To help these people, BASMAH provides regular nutritious cooked food. We bring food to the doorsteps of these needy and hungry people who live in slums, streets and railway stations on a regular basis.

What We Achieved:

8,000 meals provided to hungry people

Contributions made in:

- **Helping people with food shortage**



WINTER CLOTHES

The winter in Bangladesh becomes very cold with temperatures falling as low as 50°F (10°C) at nighttime. In the harsh winter, the poor and vulnerable people have no protection from the ruthless cold. BASMAH has made effort to respond to the urgent needs of these disadvantaged people by giving blankets and hoodies to keep themselves warm. The situation in Rohingya refugee camp is even worse as these people left everything behind and came to Bangladesh with nothing except the clothes on their backs. BASMAH has distributed free blankets and hoodies in the Rohingya refugee camp and in many parts in Bangladesh to help people cope with the cold.

What We Achieved:

15,000 people received winter clothes

Contributions made in:

- In Rohingya refugee camp
- In several districts in Bangladesh



COVID-19 PPE- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZERS

BASMAH responded to covid-19 pandemic to help the front-line service providers in Bangladesh. The doctors, health workers, and law enforcement personnel- the police department were provided with personal protective items. Masks, hand sanitizers, gloves, aprons, and other necessary items were given to the Home Ministry and Upazilla Health Authorities to protect these front-line service providers. BASMAH has also provided masks, soaps and hand sanitizers among the Rohingya refugees and other poor people in Bangladesh.

What We Achieved:

1,30,000 PPE provided to front line service providers

Contributions made in:

- In Home Ministry/Police Department
- In Upazila Health Authorities
- Rohingya refugees & poor people



REBUILDING HOUSES FOR CYCLONE VICTIMS

A super cyclone hit the southern part of Bangladesh- the Satkhira district devastating the entire region. The rural houses, farmland, cattle, marketplaces, and infrastructure were severely damaged. Many people became homeless and took shelter on the flood control embankments. BASMAH has quickly responded to the emergency situations and provided emergency relief- food, first aid, sanitation and hygiene items. We rebuilt the damaged houses and people started returning their homes and to begin a normal life again.

What We Achieved:

10 houses were rebuilt

Contributions made in:

- **In securing safe shelter for cyclone victim**



RAMADAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Ramadan being a special time for fasting and worshipping, the poor and needy people deserve our attention as they cannot afford nutritious food and necessary groceries to observe the holy month. The Rohingya refugees even face a worse situation living in the camps with poor condition and with limited food. BASMAH has been provided Ramadan food baskets to the Rohingya refugees and other Bangladeshi locals for the past few years. Thousands of families benefited from this generous BASMAH program during Ramadan.

What We Achieved:

25,000 families (about 100,000 people)
Contributions made in:

- **In food security in Rohingya refugee camp**



QURBANI MEAT DISTRIBUTION

Qurbani is the festive time that poor people in Bangladesh look forward to having some meat. Meat is an expensive food item, and the poor people cannot afford it in their diet. They wait for the Qurbani period wherein animals are sacrificed, and people give the meat as gifts. Our organization reached out to these families by giving them free portions of meat to feed their entire family. Meat is even harder to come by for the Rohingya refugees at the camps. BASMAH has sacrificed healthy animals and distributed the fresh meat among the Rohingya refugees and other needy people in the local communities.

What We Achieved:

2,000 families received Qurbani meat
Contributions made in:

- **In food security in Rohingya refugee camp & local Bangladeshi community**



SANITARY NAPKINS FOR GIRLS & WOMEN

In many parts of the country, women and girls face difficulties and challenges at home, schools, and workplaces during their menstruation. The poor hygiene practice and lack of knowledge about keeping safe during menstruation is a big concern for women in Bangladesh. Sanitary napkin is not available especially in rural areas and many poor women do not use sanitary napkins at all during the period. They use unhygienic cloths. Poor people also can't afford the sanitary napkins. Our organization is working to change society's outlooks at different points like in schools, garment factories & other important places. BASMAH has distributed free sanitary napkins and tried to raise awareness through discussions, health advices among poor women and girls in the Rohingya refugee camp and in schools and other places in Bangladesh.

What We Achieved:

6,000 women received sanitary napkins

Contributions made in:

- **Raising hygiene and health awareness**



CLEAN WATER PROVISIONS

Clear water is still scarce in many areas in Bangladesh. The cyclone and flood prone districts often experience inundation covering vast areas wherein fresh water become unavailable. People drink water from the available ponds and rivers resulting in illness and having diseases. The tube-wells are the only option for having fresh water in rural areas in Bangladesh. The cost of installing a tube well is very high and the poor people can not even think of having tube wells on household basis. BASMAH has come forward to help the needy communities especially in the cyclone affected Stakhira district by installing tube wells. We are offering free tube wells to needy communities so that they can have access to fresh drinking water.

What We Achieved:

5 village communities have received tube wells
Contributions made in:

- **Ensuring access to clean water for needy communities**



COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE USA

FOOD AID IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Covid-19 situation had a profound effect on the society and economy in the USA. BASMAH launched food aid program to support the communities in Michigan and New York to alleviate the sufferings of people faced with food shortage. We distributed food packages including groceries and dairy products to communities in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Hamtramck, Sterling Heights and Warren in the state of Michigan.

The city of New York was paralyzed during COVID-19 under the lockdown situation and the local communities were the worst sufferers. People had to worry about how to arrange the next meal for their families. BASMAH provided iftar meals in Jamaica area in New York to alleviate the suffering of these people during Ramadan.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN FLORIDA

BASMAH has supported various community events in Florida. The Islamic Center of Boca Raton (ICBR) was supported by BASMAH to hold a post-aid gift sharing event for the young children. The young children were confined for months during the Covid-19 lockdown situation and the event was organized to bring enthusiasm among them.

BASMAH is a member of The South Florida Muslim Federation (SFMF) and actively supported the events organized by SFMF.



OUR RUNNING PROJECTS

- THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT
- FOOD FOR HUNGRY
- DISASTER RELIEF
- MEDICAL CAMP
- ORPHAN CARE
- COVID -19 EMERGENCY
- EDUCATION
- CLEAN WATER

UPCOMING PROJECTS

BASMAH IS PLANNING TO INITIATE PROJECTS ON

- ✓ HOME FOR HOMELESS
- ✓ HEALTH CARE FOR POOR WITH MEDICATE CARD
- ✓ VOCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTHS
- ✓ FARMING PROGRAM FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Heartiest thanks in advance for taking the time out from your busy lives to read this report.

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We Don't Give People Just Money.

BASMAH helps the distadvantaged by giving them the gift of dignity through creating opportunities for people towards a better future. Our goal is to connect your generosity directly to giving people dignity, value, and better opportunities.

Thank You

Our Accreditations/ Partnerships

