

BANGLADESH

SUN CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM -> sent a child to school

Since 2010 we sponsor a number of children from this project of Rights & Sight for Children [RSC]. It is a mixed group of children between 6 and 17 years. They come from poor families in Patuakhali District, in the south of Bangladesh and are able to go to school thanks to our sponsoring. Each child receives tuition to help them with homework. Their mothers used to be in a savings group, where they also got advice on starting small enterprises with micro-credit. Lessons in hygiene and children education were also part of this. Since a few years this part of the project stopped. We receive an up-date twice a year. We trained the group of tutors twice and advised the field office. We set up a library and started computer lessons in 2014 which are taken over by DCI/RSC on a regular basis. Unfortunately, they did not re-open yet after covid. The cost to send one Sun Child to school is € 144, - per year [or € 12, - per month] and we ask a commitment for 5 years to enable the children to get their Primary School Certificate.



Eyanur at home



Eyanur ready for school



Eyanur in her class

SUN CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

General

In Bangladesh Primary School is taking 5 years. All children go to school only part of the day, mornings or afternoons. The other part of the day they have tuition classes. Preschools are part of the government schools since a few years now as well. Although Primary Education is obligated for children, many poor families cannot afford the uniforms and writing utensils, due to which a lot of children are not attending school yet. Therefore, RSC and DCI [Distressed Children International] started a sponsor program, where a foreign donor is joined with a Bengali schoolchild. www.rightsandsight.org, www.distressedchildren.org

2025 UPDATE € 6.192,-

In 2023, we decided to reduce our sponsorship of the SCSP. In 2024, we said goodbye to the primary school students, all of whom had passed their exams. Of the 27 Sun Children, only 11 remained in secondary education, of which 3 dropped out later. One because she moved and 2 because they got married. Both girls were 18+. In 2024, Lamia graduated from her final exam in Higher Secondary School, comparable to VWO, thus completing her 12 years of schooling. She was also 18+ by then. This year, we still have 5 Sun Children left that we sponsor. One of them failed her final high school exam [comparable to MAVO] in April this year. If she is allowed to redo her exam by her parents, we will continue to sponsor 5 girls next year.



2022 27 Sun Children € 5182,-

In November 2022 we visited the project again. We were happy to meet with all the sun children and their families sponsored via us. This year five girls got their SSE certificates and all want to continue in class 11 and 12, with the consent of their parents. We also met with problems however, as DCI/RSC has problems running the project and are planning to slim it down. What this means exactly, we do not know yet, so we just wait to see their plans before we decide if we want to continue the sponsoring.

2022 Bonus Programme € 889, -

This year 12 families received a bonus, because their daughters continued in secondary school. DCI/RSC are not planning however to continue this example, although it proved its value by now, as it postponed the marriage of the girls we sponsor. DCI/RSC also told us they do not want to hand out our bonus any more to the families on our behalf. We are looking into possibilities to fulfill our promised to the families in another way.



Tuition class



The last bonus?



Not only girls



Parents meetinf



Bonusgirls



Will she be going to school?

2020 Sun Children € 4.608, -

This year we have 32 Sun Children of whom 16 are in secondary schools. 11 of those are girls. The remaining Sun Children are still in primary school.

Bonus Program € 2.300, -

We sponsor all girls that are in our program and go to secondary school. For 2020 Afas Foundation is again ready to sponsor our Bonus Program. We are very happy with that. Some of the girls, for whom we applied for sponsoring last year, dropped due to early marriage and therefore could not continue their sponsoring by Perspective 3000. As a result, we could not use the whole amount of the donation from Afas for 2019. They agreed that we use the remaining to finance our Bonus Program for 2020.



Eyanur receives her Bonus



All are happy with their Bonus

Warm clothes and blankets

We started 2020 by donating warm blankets and sweaters. Winter is longer this year in Bangladesh, with more rain and cold. This is why we decided to use the remaining revenue from our drive 'Stage Animals' to give all of our children warm clothes and blankets.



Warm blankets for Shoula



The whole family profits



Warm sweaters for Dhaka

2019 Sun Child Sponsorship Program € 4.320, -

This year we sponsor 30 Sun Children.

Bonus Program € 4.750, -

Each year Perspective 3000 has to find a donor to realize its Bonus Program for their Sun Child girls. The Bonus Program was initiated when the first girls had obtained their Primary School Certificate and could start in Secondary School. This is the moment many girls stop their education. To help the parents to keep their girls in school, Perspective 3000 started to give them a Bonus for each completed year in Secondary School. As a result, many girls go longer to school. In 2019 we found AFAS Foundation willing to sponsor our Bonus Program. It concerns 17 girls and includes their school fees for class 11.



Explaining class 11 to Rikta



Speaking with Rikta



Bonus for Rikta

Library € 42.275, -

Library & Computer Training Centre, Kitchen room and Guard room. RSC applied for a multi-purpose building of which the budget was much too large for Perspective 3000. Luckily, we were able to find a Donor to help with the funding and now, with the help this Dutch donor, RSC realized a Library in 2019 in Kalaiya, centrally located in the region of their SCSP project. This is a nice enlargement for the small library they started with our help in 2014 in Shoula. From the new location also, the mobile library will be run. Also, a computer training centre has been realized. With the result from our Drive 'Stage Animals', Perspective 3000 could donate € 750, - to buy more books. RSC found local donors to provide for bookshelves and furniture. The donor visited Bangladesh in November 2019, with as result that RSC now can apply for an eye clinic at the 1st floor above the library



Start Library in 2014



Reading in school



Reading in new library 2019

2018 Sun Child Sponsorship Program € 4.320, -

We sponsor 30 children this year.

Bonus Program € 1124, -

In 2018 we sponsor 9 girls in grade 7, one in grade 8, and 4 in grade 10, so 14 in total. In grade 10 they do final exam for secondary school. When they want to continue for grade 11 and 12 the costs are significantly higher, € 800, – per girl per scholastic year. So, we will be looking for a sponsor to cover the extra costs. After grade 12 the possibility for High School and University is open. That would be fantastic. In 2018 the Bonus Program was covered by a big donation from The Brink in Heerhugowaard.



Bonus for Diba



Diba's family

2014 Sun Child Sponsorship Program €7.056, -

We sponsor 49 children this year

Start Bonus Program for girls on top of the school sponsoring € 427, -

In 2013 the first 7 girls were in grade 6. To help especially girls to continue their schooling after primary school, we designed a Bonus Program. Parents that allow their daughters to continue schooling receive a small amount in cash for each successfully completed year. After grade 6 this is € 60, -, after grade 7, € 70, – and so on. Cash is rare in poor families, so very welcome. For girl's education heightens the chance for a better marriage and a better job. It also postpones the marriage date. Officially girls are allowed to marry at the age of 18, but a lot of girls are married at an earlier age by their poor parents, some as young as 13. Until now this

Bonus Program seems to work well. Parents are stimulated by the field-office, to use the cash to enlarge the family income by buying cattle or starting a small business.



Sabina at the start in 2010



A cow with her 1st bonus



bonus girls, Sabina at the right

2011 A new class added to the Sun Child Sponsorship Program € 7.488, -

We spontaneously promised to sponsor an entire class of nursery children.

Returning home, we sent a mail with the request who could help us realise our aim. We received enough enthusiastic reactions. So, this year we sponsor 52 children. By now the children who are allowed to continue their education are in secondary school and are still sponsored by their original donors. Not all children continued their studies after primary school and some others moved to other places.



Adding one class of children



Tutors



Funny lesson

Training

End 2011 we went to Bangladesh to do a first training in hygiene, English and interactive learning. The project run well and the field-office functioned excellently.



Tuition class SCSP



Hygiene through game



English through game

THE START IN 2010

Sun Child Sponsorship Program € 3312, -

In 2010 we visited Bangladesh after a long period of absence. Our Bengali friends introduced us to the local NGO Rights & Sight for children who started a sponsorship program in the Patuakhali District, in the poor south of Bangladesh. The original idea was formed by an NGO, DCI in the USA, who wanted to do something for their region of origin having had the chance to a better life in the USA themselves. When we visited this project, we were so enthusiastic, that we spontaneously wanted to sponsor a class of Sun Children. It became a group of 23 children of different ages.



First encounter with the SCSP



Reya



Our first Sun Children