**Pre-schooling Education and Coaching for 1800 Slum Children**

**Background:**

Forum for Development Association - FFDA is a non government, non profit, non political voluntary organization registered with NGO Affairs Bureau 2016 and Directorate of Social Welfare Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh in 2001. Basically FFDA is network of 27 local level NGOs of Bangladesh. FFDA has been implementing different development activities towards upgrading the socio-economic status of the disadvantaged, disabled and non-disabled poor communities through raising skilled development and awareness build up in the district and within the geographical boundary in Bangladesh. Preschool education is important for early learning and to prepare children for primary school. Research and experience in Bangladesh and abroad show that quality preschool education has multiple benefits for children. It motivates and prepares children to attend primary school, provides parents with information about new approaches to education and prepares them to support their children’s schooling experience. Preschool attendance improves children’s enrolment and retention rates and academic performance in primary school and beyond. yet early learning opportunities for children under six are not widely available in Bangladesh. These result several types of social & family problems. To decrease the problem, FFDA running preschools for low income generation or slum based people. At the same time, FFDA also running School Coaching the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th class boys and girls.

**Summary:**

FFDA focuses on creating an equitable world regardless of ethnicity, location, religious & sexual orientation by empowering the most marginalized. Organization believes education is the most important and essential mace to break the cycle of poverty which can open opportunities for income, growth and sustainable development. With this confidence, FFDA are running Free of Cost Pre-Primary Education and Coaching for 1800 underprivileged children in 12 Learning Center in the slum areas of Bangladesh.

**Challenge:**

In Bangladesh, 30 percent of the overall population lives in unbelievable poverty in slums where there’s no concept of literacy despite achieving lower-middle income country status in 2016. Many parents, particularly those in extreme poverty in slums have no knowledge of early childhood care and education and hence earn petty incomes, which affects children’s psychological and social development. Continuing illiteracy will perpetuate their poverty and confine them to minimum wage, laborious jobs. Some older sibling of these kids needs to work to supplement the family income; they never got the chance to study.

**Solution:**

Over 1080 and 720 Coaching students are enrolled in 12 FFDA Learning Center. The Dhaka Slum LC (Preschool) needs funding to continue its operations. Preschools are a 1 year program during which 4-6 year olds are prepared to enter the elementary school system and Coaching are also free of coast 1 year program during class 3 to 5 are prepared to enter the next class. The kids are provided supplies, text and note books. They acquire basic literacy skills which enable them to pass the required test for admission into an elementary school. Through free of cost coaching center, class 3 to 5 students solve their week subject. The program builds a solid foundation for continuing education which can lead to a bright future.

#### Long-Term Impact:

The Slum residents have no resources for admission in mainstream government schools. Thus, over 90% of them are illiterate and only 10 % of their kids are in elementary schools. Preschools play a vital role in empowering the kids by facilitating their admission in elementary schools, thus putting them on a path to addressing illiteracy within their community. The impact from educating these over 750 kids will last over several future generations as they will in turn ensure education.

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| **Duratio: 1st January 2020 To 31st December 2020** |
| **Organization Name: Forum for Development Association - FFDA**  |
| **SHIKKHA GHAR Education Project** |
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| **Learning Center (Pre-School) Annual Budget** |
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| **Sl.** | **Head of cost items** | **Unit/price** | **No of Center** | **Total Month** | **Amount Requested BDT** | **Amount Requested USD** |
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| **1** | **2** |  | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** |
| **1** | **Personnel Cost** | /month |  |
|   | **Pree School Teacher - 19 months** | 5,500 | 12 | 19 | 1,254,000 | 15,108 |
| **Coaching Instructor - 19 months** | 5,000 | 12 | 19 | 1,140,000 | 13,735 |
| **Supervisor 19 months** | 9,000 | 1 | 19 | 171,000 | 2,060 |
|   | **LC rent** | 6,000 | 12 | 18 | 1,296,000 | 15,614 |
|  | **Exercise Books** | 30 | **0** | **1080** |  **32,400**  | 390 |
|  | **Text Books** | 50 | **0** | **1080** |  **54,000**  | 651 |
|  | **Mis** | 0 | **0** | **0** |  **-**  | 25 |
|  | **Stationery** | 20 | **0** | **1080** |  **21,600**  | 260 |
|   | **Sub - Total** | **3,969,000** | **47,844** |