



# Qurbani for Third Gender & Poor Families

## **Project Summary**

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The annual Qurbani (Eid al-Adha sacrifice) is a central religious tradition, but the resulting meat distribution often excludes the most marginalized groups. This project is specifically designed to ensure that poor families, especially those from the socially backward Third Gender (Hijra) community in Bangladesh, receive nutritious Qurbani meat. The goal is to share the joy of Eid, provide essential nutrition, and promote social inclusion for those who are often overlooked.

## **Challenge**

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Third Gender individuals and economically disadvantaged families frequently struggle with severe food insecurity. During Eid al-Adha, they are often unable to afford meat or are excluded from traditional distribution networks. This exclusion reinforces their social isolation and limits access to vital protein, which is crucial for health and well-being.

## **Solution**

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Through this project, we purchased and sacrificed animals (cows/goats) according to Islamic rites. The meat was then systematically divided and packaged into distribution bundles. These bundles were delivered directly to identified poor families and members of the Third Gender community across designated urban and semi-urban areas, ensuring they received a dignified portion of the Qurbani meat for immediate consumption.

## **Long-Term Impact**

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The provision of Qurbani meat provides temporary but significant nutritional relief, especially important for the health of children and the elderly in these marginalized families. More profoundly, the project fosters a sense of belonging and recognition for the Third Gender community, promoting greater social inclusion and encouraging a compassionate environment that extends beyond the Eid season.

# **Report Summary**

**(June 2024 – December 2025)**

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## Story of works

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The Eid al-Adha Qurbani distribution was executed successfully over a three-day period. Our primary focus this reporting cycle was on the Dhaka Metropolitan area, targeting high-density populations of marginalized communities.

### Key Activities:

- **Procurement and Sacrifice:** We successfully procured 4 cows and 8 goats, which were ethically sacrificed at designated locations under the supervision of religious scholars to ensure adherence to Qurbani standards.
- **Targeting the Third Gender Community:** Special effort was made to coordinate with local community leaders to identify and reach members of the Third Gender community in areas like Mirpur and Savar.
- **Meat Distribution:** A total of 1,200 meat bundles (approximately 1.5kg each) were prepared and distributed.
  - 600 bundles were allocated to general poor families in slum and low-income areas.
  - 600 bundles were specifically provided to members of the Third Gender community and their affiliated poor families.

This effort benefited an estimated 4,800 individuals across these communities.

### Cost statement and others

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Volunteers from PATHWAY and community members participated actively in the coordination, cutting, packaging, and distribution of the meat.

S. L.	Area	No. of Blankets
01.	Mirpur, Dhaka (Third Gender focus)	450
02.	Savar, Dhaka (Third Gender focus)	150
03.	General Poor Families (Various Locations)	600
<b>Total</b>		<b>1200</b>

A total of USD 8,500 has been spent on animal purchase, veterinary checks, sacrifice arrangements, packaging materials, and distribution transportation for this Qurbani activity.



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