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**Application for library books, Science Lab, ICT Lab, Parents waiting room, Children playground for Students, Second hand School bus and teacher's salary of Euro Bangla Foundation Model School Bhedergonj, Shariatpur district in Bangladesh**

Dear Grant Committee,

Today We, Euro Bangla Foundation are writing to you, requesting for financial support that can fulfill my organization's initiative to support our School Project: **Euro Bangla Foundation Model School in the following sector: books library, parents waiting room, Children playground second hand school bus and teacher's salary.** Through your generous donation and participation, young generation from Bhederganj district can continue their education and we (EBF) can reduce dropout rate and increase literacy.

**Bangladesh is the 7<sup>th</sup> Poorest Country in the world with 166 million Population [World Bank Report].** Despite Government's best approaches it is impossible to spread a quality education in every area of Bangladesh, especially in isolated rural areas. Apart from that, the never-ending cycle of poverty, natural disasters, pandemics and unfavorable political situations in Bangladesh prevents the young generations to go to school and forces them to drop out. **As recent as 2020, over 2000 private School and College got shut down due to unfavorable economic condition causing 4-5Million students to dropout.** Dropout is an obstacle for any sort of development, as these students get associated with child labor, drug trafficking, early marriage, domestic violence and crime association. With all these in mind, Euro Bangla Foundation initiated its own Education Project in the rural and backward area of Shariatpur (Bhederganj). With its inception back in 2017, the school had a very good track record of educating **550** students on yearly basis. The profit that generated from school, the project was self-sufficient enough to run consistently while maintaining quality education system. The school had its own fund to expand in the following sector such as: setting up a modern ICT lab, Science Lab, Library, Gym and sport classes and equipment. The Government even promised us and other private school to bring under MPO system. MPO is a procedure where government's share in the payroll of the non-government educational institutions. Under the scheme, the government gives 100 percent of the basic salaries to the teachers of non-government institutions. Infrastructural development, number, and result of the students are considered to be included under MPO, but from the beginning of Corona Pandemic in 2020, the school had to be shut down in accordance to Government's regulation. This continued till 2022 February. Due to this Our School Project faced heavy loss such as Student Dropouts: Our student reduced to 300 from 550, inability to maintain

teachers etc. Still among this with remaining profits and through Chairman of EBF's own funding we somehow managed to keep the school Project running [retaining teachers, daily checkups on our students, book distribution and financial aid etc]. After School opening in March, we had plans to kickstart the project but again surge in Covid Outbreaks, Ukraine-Russia War and Flood became an obstacle for us, parents and students to keep continuing education. The MPO scheme for the school got postponed indefinitely and there is no guarantee when the government will re-implement the scheme as it is not our (EBF's) hand. Euro Bangla Foundation is trying its fullest capability to keep the project running but without help and support it won't be long that we have to shut down the school entirely which will create joblessness to our staffs and teachers and increased illiteracy rate in the area. Based on all the scenario our School Project requires financial help that can support teachers, current ultra-poor students, renovate school infrastructure and increased school facilities that will solely benefit the students.

To fight against this obstacles, Euro Bangla Foundation is initiating fundraising program that will financially support the ongoing School Project. Through generous Donation and Collaboration from Donors we aim the following factors:

1. Maintain Qualified teachers to ensure the best and quality education for the students.
2. Initiate 25 Campaigns in the rural area to spread awareness about necessity of education, 20 Local meetings with parents, students, local authorities that will generate knowledge about our running project and motivate target audience to send their children to school.
3. 25 Programs where normal, poor and ultra-poor students will be benefitted with distribution of books, education materials, short term financial help to keep them motivated to continue schooling.
4. Introduce Lunch system for students in the school that will create an incentive for students and parents.
5. Introduce a transportation system by providing 5 Auto Rickshaw [8 seat accommodation excluding the driver] for student especially female students. This will increase our school's capture area as well as promoting safe travels for young female students.
6. Set up Projector for Class 6-10 [Secondary School] to ensure and provide quality education contents.
7. Take full responsibilities for ultra-poor students on monthly and yearly basis: month 40 CHF, annually 480 CHF.
8. Set up ICT lab with 20 computers that will greatly benefit the students to be computer literate.
9. Set up Science lab with appropriate equipment that will provide practical knowledge to students.
10. Revamp our library with increased book amount to 10,000.
11. Minor renovation to School field and infrastructure to make a comfortable environment for the students.

For your financial support I am attaching a Budget to revitalize the EBF Model School Project:

### Budget Summery

| Description   | Total Cost in CHF |
|---|-------------------|
| Computer Lab Setup  | 9,500.00          |
| Science Lab Setup   | 5,000.00          |
| Transportation [Second Hand School Bus]                   | 25,000.00         |
| Multimedia Classroom [Laptop, Projector]                  | 7,500.00          |
| Library Books [2000 Books]                                | 10,000.00         |
| Sports Equipment for Students                             | 6,000.00          |
| Parents Waiting Room and Children Playground for Children | 17,000.00         |
| Teacher and staff Salary for 19 personnel                 | 25,000.00         |
| <b>Total Cost CHF</b>                                     | <b>105,000.00</b> |

**Help Duration:** 02 Years in total

**Starting Date:** September 2023

We initially Started the project from 2013, Started Construction from 2014. Our School Operation started from 2017 and we wanted to conclude the project activities and make the school sustainable from the beginning of 2020. But due to Covid Pandemic, all our procedure got halted and the Government cancelled all school development procedure to focus on tackling the pandemic crisis. Apart from that Ukraine-Russia war also affected the daily prices and made it difficult for our students to continue education. Because of that we could no conclude our project in due time. But With our next stage of strategies and your generous donation, we are hopefull that we can conlude the project peacefully within the next two academic year 2023 and 2024.

We would like to request **Toni Hilti Stiftung** assitance in providing this opportunity to support our running school project in Bangladesh. Your kind contribution and active participation would be greatly appreciated. I would be very happy to have a personal conversation about the project and our organizations. If you have any questions, Miah Nurul Islam can always be reached on +41 78 659 6554 or [info@eurobanglafoundation.li](mailto:info@eurobanglafoundation.li)

Best Regards



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