

# KHALIQUE foundation

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## ANNUAL UPDATE 2019

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Training students at sewing school

**The Khalique Foundation aims to directly improve the lives of impoverished people in Bangladesh by providing training and education.**

**Working both in Bangladesh and the UK, the last year has seen the Khalique Foundation visit site locations, evaluate projects and develop programmes.**

**Our team visited Bangladesh in February 2020 for the latest evaluation.**

## Skills Training for Employment and Development

The Khalique Foundation is working with a sewing teacher in Sylhet to provide training for local people.

The sewing pilot programmes have been running for three years. Students have graduated from the programme and some are now running their own businesses from home while others are working with tailors and garment factories. All the students are now able to sew garments for themselves and their families.

Pattern cutting has now been integrated into the training programme. It has proved successful and allowed the students to learn a new skill. Some students are now pattern cutting their children's clothes.

The next phase is to include design skills. This will be trialled before full implementation into the training.

The students produced their first commission of 'bags for life'. Next year's order is being discussed.

### Next phase

- Evaluate effectiveness of next phase and design
- Develop excellent students and progress their skills
- Review quality of samples
- Budget for 'bags for life', year 2
- Focus on recycling and upcycling



Hands-on support from sewing teacher



Pattern cutting children's clothes





Khalique team getting an update from school students



School assembly



School class



Distributing learning packages

## Educational Support

The Khalique Foundation has been working with Jhalopara School in Sylhet for three years. For more information click [here](#).

Learning packages were introduced this year. The learning packages will be themed every year and suggested themes are: Art, Health, Sanitation, English, Maths etc. The sewing school produced 'bags for life' to distribute the learning packages. This year's theme was Maths, next year's will be Art. The Maths learning packages contained – set squares, protractors, compasses, pencils, pens, exercise books and erasers.

The Khalique Foundation will also be supporting three scholarships going forward which will be known as The Elijah Scholarships. The scholarships for 2020 are being assessed and the final three students have been chosen.

### Next phase

- Continue learning packages and themes
- Develop next phase scholarships

## UK activity

In the UK we continue to look at fundraising opportunities – these include dining experience collaborations, selling garments produced in Bangladesh and volunteer collaborations. For further information please email [khaliquefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:khaliquefoundation@gmail.com)