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

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we were unable to visit Bangladesh for our annual due diligence trip. Instead we were in regular contact with the team and continued to support them emotionally and financially in Bangladesh.



Covid-19 update

Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic we trained a new sewing teacher and the sewing school is now being used as a drop in centre. We continue to support the team during this very difficult time by paying allowances to the sewing teacher; providing admin support, and rent for the sewing school premises.

With a slight ease in restrictions students are slowly coming back to the school and we are continuously monitoring their safety – ensuring that everyone wears masks, and the school is well ventilated.

Educational support

We continue to be in contact with Jhalopara School in Sylhet. The school has now reopened on a part time basis.

We plan on resuming our three scholarship programmes after our next visit and will discuss requirements with the students and school.

When the school reopened we provided geometry boxes, exercise books, pens and library books for the whole school.

For more information on why we work with this school, please click [here](#).



UK activity

Here in the UK, we have been working on new ideas to support the sewing school and students for when they have fully returned. These include:

- Marketing – preparing social media sites, updating the website, and establishing an Etsy page that is ready to start selling any clothing made by students/partners of the Khalique Foundation. The communications will emphasise our passion for sustainability and encourage clothing to be multi-purpose – beachwear/loungewear/eveningwear – all-in-one!
- Products and packaging – coming up with sustainability-focussed ideas that also enable us to diversify our range (e.g., upcycling old clothes, a natural jute homeware range, and eco-friendly, reusable packaging solutions).

- Supporters of the charity have also been running supper clubs with donations made to the charity. We welcome this generosity to help us support the charity for all ongoing projects.

We will also conduct our next trip to Bangladesh as soon as it is safe to travel again.

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