

KHALIQUE foundation

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

Working both in country and in the UK, the last year has seen the Khalique Foundation visit site locations, evaluate projects, develop programs and raise funds.

The team visited Bangladesh in January 2018 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.

We have provided four sewing stations with machines and identified and selected individuals that would not have the opportunity otherwise to receive training.

The sewing pilot programs have been running for over a year with four courses completed. Each course is for three months.

One student has completed all four pilot courses and has progressed exceptionally well – learning new skills, supporting new students and sewing to a high level with good quality skills. She is now developing her skills further and has progressed to testing and production of sample clothing.

All the other students on the courses are now able to produce clothes for themselves or consider a career in the garment industry.

The pilot courses are now being evaluated for phase two of the programs.

After training the students have a number of options:

- Entering the garment industry as trained labour on contract.
- Working as freelancers.
- Setting up as cottage industries.
- Being able to simply make clothes for themselves and their families.



Next phase

- Evaluate effectiveness of pilot programs and plan second phase.
- Develop excellent students and progress their skills.
- Evaluate, help, and guide participants to most appropriate outcome.
- We are considering microfinancing options to get machines into participants' communities.

Educational Support

The Khalique Foundation has been working with Jhalopara School, Sylhet for over a year.

Working with teachers, we identified 10 impoverished but talented students in their final year of primary school (aged 10-11): 7 girls and 3 boys for 2017.

All the students were evaluated in their exams at the end of 2017. All passed their exams, with seven students achieving A plus results.

One of the students has been chosen for support in their secondary school education. The Khalique Foundation has provided her fees, books, bags, uniforms, stationary and a reading table at home.

Ten further students have been chosen for support in their final year of primary school (2017-2018). Their results will be evaluated in January 2019.

The school library has been set up with a fan and is functioning with a focus on reading.

An art project has been set up to develop thoughts on hygiene and the environment. The Khalique Foundation is currently looking to display the art in London with a potential competition and sponsorship.

Next phase

- Evaluate effectiveness of 1st year pilot program.
- Develop second phase program.
- We are in discussions with the school to develop the library.
- Develop art project with themes of hygiene and the environment.

