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A Non-profit, Voluntary & Charitable Organization



## Overview

In Bangladesh, the situation for destitute women and children is dire. The women are being abandoned by their family at their old age or the abandonment resulted from marriage dissolution at an early stage of married life. To add to their problems, factors like poverty, inability to provide family support, extra-marital relationships, anonymity, lack of importance on marriage registration, unemployment, unpaid dowry demand, ill-treatment and drug use by the males make a pivotal contribution to their misery. It profoundly affects their financial, emotional, physical, and social conditions as the majority of these women are unskilled and unemployed. Due to their lack of education, skill and a strict gender division of labor, they are often forced to work with low wages and are sometimes even engaged in illegal activities to continue their survival. The outcome is that these low-income women are left without enough resources. They even lack minimum family and social support. Some of them do not survive. As a consequence, they become destitute and are compelled to desert their offspring who eventually end up in the street.

Bangladesh, the world's most densely populated nation ranked 138th on the human development index, has more than 6,00,000 street children. Among them, close to 75% live in Dhaka, the capital city. An estimated 3,80,000 children between the ages five and fourteen live on the streets and amongst them an estimated 1,90,000 fight with abject poverty in Dhaka. They are severely malnourished and are subject to abuse every single day of their existence. They are robbed of their right to appropriate standard of living, education, playing and recreation. They are exposed to drugs, exploitation and abuse and are victims of child trafficking and child prostitution.

About 22 percent of the total population of the country is poor and destitute women. According to Women Affairs Directorate, there are 17,39,542 poor and destitute women in the country.

One researcher estimates that 30% of rural women over the age of ten in Bangladesh are destitute; if urban dwellers are added to this estimate, such women number will be in the tens of millions.

Development projects in Bangladesh frequently targets destitute women into programs that are supposed to make them self-sufficient. These women are seen both by the government and by society at large as economically marginal.

The number of destitute women in Bangladesh is likely to increase rather than decrease over time. It is therefore quite difficult to reach most women and children in need to uproot the cause for sustainable living.

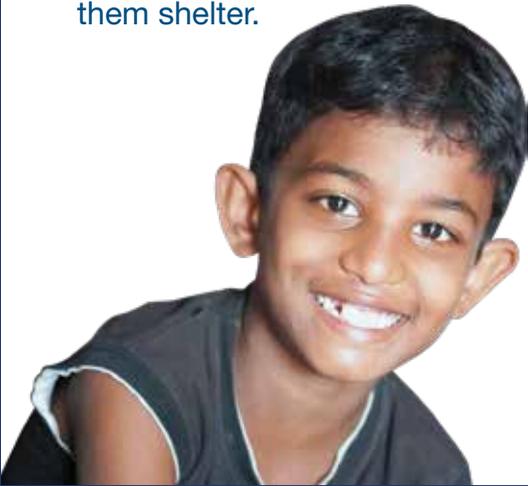
**Umbrelă makes a sincere effort with an aim to provide succor to such distressed women and children**



## About Us

Umbrela is a non-profit, non-political, voluntary & charitable organization established for providing safe shelter, food and clothing to the destitute and battered women and their abandoned children. At Umbrelă, we seek to meet the emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual needs of the women and children who are unloved and uncared for. Umbrelă is founded on the promise of lending a modest yet sincere hand to the destitute women and children in Bangladesh who are at risk situations, making them feel loved, helping them grow by providing education, ensuring health, nutrition and hygiene, providing them with clean water, protecting them from the abusive environment and giving them psychological counselling and vocational training.

**We at Umbrelă dream of a community where no woman or child is deprived of basic rights. In order to support such distressed women and children, Umbrelă works with an aim to offer them shelter.**



Our goal is to make them realize that they have the potential to shape their future. We intend to step up their confidence by helping them to search for ways to mitigate problems and lead a life full of dignity and hope.

Umbrelă is equally committed to empower young minds and ensure a healthy start for children. We aspire to give a destitute and vulnerable child every possible reason to smile by making them ready for the future. Umbrelă sincerely believes that it would pursue everything within its ability to protect the children in need. The well-being of children remains a significant issue and a major priority of Umbrelă.

To summarize, Umbrelă works to change the underlying conditions that create poverty, helping destitute women and children to lead a safe, healthy and worthy life - the way they deserve.

***“The Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) said that Allah the Glorious and Exalted Says: “Spend (on charity), O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you.”***

***\_Sahih Bukhaari: 5352***



## Legal Status

Umbrelā is constituted on the basis of a Trust Deed under The Society Registration Act XXI 1860 with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC), Chattogram. Registration number is CHS-651/2019

## Trustees

Each one of our trustees shares a firm belief in sustainable development and lasting change in the lives of destitute women and children of Bangladesh.

## Vision

We envisage a society where every destitute woman and child live to their full potential with a bright, sustainable future.

## Mission

- Establish the basic rights of destitute women and children and improve their lives by providing sanctuary, support, education, healthcare and the quality to their societal existence.
- Build the foundation, create opportunity for them, empower them to shape their future.

## What We Do

We Provide Services to the destitute women and abandoned children through six basic service components -

1. Provide a safe and nonjudgmental residential facility for destitute women and children by providing comprehensive care until their sustainable rehabilitation in society.
2. Provide food and all necessary items for living in the accommodation offered at Umbrelā to the destitute women and children.

3. Install tube wells with a view to ensure an adequate supply of clean, safe water for drinking, cooking, household consumption and consumption of any nature.

4. Organize special skill development and social development training sessions for the destitute women and elementary education to the children during their stay at Umbrelä. And for the women, training will be provided in different types of skills, including housekeeping, industrial garments, machine training, tailoring, cooking, etc. They attend classes on basic education such as reading and basic numerical calculation, as well as discussions on rights, family planning, and health issues. Women are also engaged in small scale poultry and fishery and vegetable plantation activities within the residential compound of Umbrelä.

5. Set up a network with external social service organizations, right based organizations, hospitals & local clinics and legal aid providing organization, so that during their stay, women and children receive necessary medical attention and services including medication and after the required stay at Umbrelä, destitute women and children can be placed with a suitable organization or family for their social integration.

6. Explore and pursue innovative ways of generating fund for more effective and efficient implementation of the various service programs of Umbrelä.

## Child Education Sponsorship and Child Placement

We have a scheme for education sponsorship of a child where an organization or an individual can render sponsorship for bearing the cost of education of a child. This can often extend to the placement of the child to a family for being raised under the love and care of the foster parents. This combines social welfare methods and practices with legal support in providing such underprivileged children with family care so that the former are spared of ordeals of growing up in an orphanage.



*"We cannot do great things on this Earth,  
Only small things with great love."*

*\_Mother Teresa*

## Why Sponsorship

When you become a sponsor, you are more than supporting a destitute woman or a child's well-being – you are connecting with them and changing their lives forever. Your support helps us to develop sustainable, long-term solutions to the issues they face.

Umbrelä's programs address issues so that those women & children can thrive at every stage of their lives.

Their chance of accessing his or her true potential diminishes when any one of these factors is missing.

Your donation will ensure a bright and happy future of women and children

## Strategic Partners

### Corporate Partnerships

Long-term, impactful partnerships with corporates that share our vision.

### Individual Donors

Philanthropists desirous of sharing our mission and vision within their individual means. Our major sources of fund inflow are from charity donations from external institutional and individual donors and membership contribution fees. To run this organization, we need your generous financial support. All funds are used for organizational activities (maintenance of the residential facility, food and clothing for residents, health and hygiene, books and educational aid, day to day necessities of the residents, training materials, etc.).



You can contribute on the following levels:

### Life Member

To be a Life Member of Umbrelă, you need to contribute a minimum of BDT 100,000 (approximately USD 1172, depending on exchange rate) as one-time contribution.

### Regular Member

To be a Regular Member of Umbrelă, you need to contribute a yearly subscription of BDT 20,000 (approximately USD 234, depending on exchange rate).

### One Time Charity

We receive one time charity (sadaqah) / zakat contribution from institutional and individual donors. Donations are also received in various material forms like the contribution of food, clothing, educational aid, training materials, household utensil, milk powder, medicine, blankets, beds, shelter materials or anything that can be used in making the living comfortable for the resident destitute women and children.



 **Join Us**

*“They ask you (O’ Muhammad) what they should spend. Say: Whatever you spend of good is (to be) for parents and relatives and orphans and the poor and the wayfarers. And whatever you do of good - Indeed Allah is knowing of it.”*

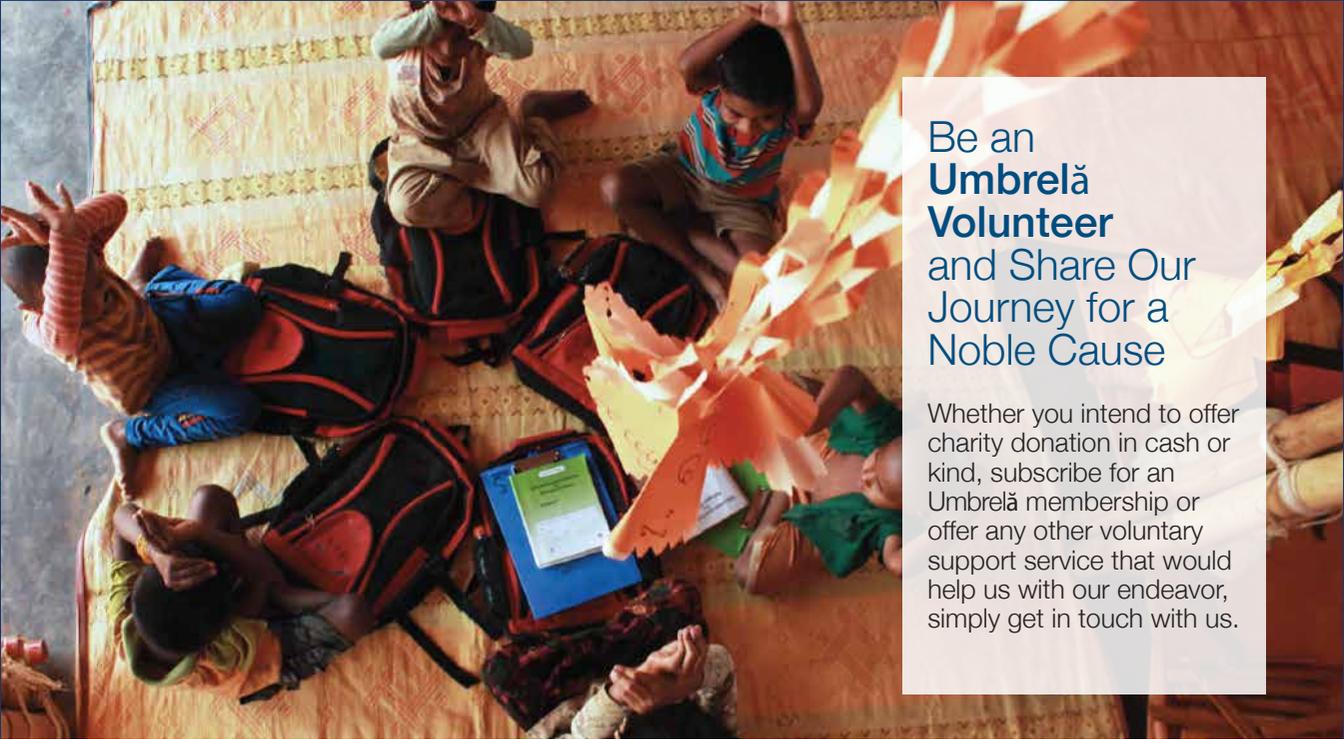
***\_Quran: 2:215***



## Water Is Life And Clean Water Means Health

As a part of our awareness building effort on proper health and hygiene as well as in order to ensuring clean safe water, in April and September 2019 we have installed two deep tube wells at Greater Waizerpara, East Bakalia, Chattogram. The localities had been suffering from poor access to safe drinking water for a long time. The installation of both the deep tube wells now allow nearly 480 families to have access to safe water for drinking, cooking and any form of household consumption and make their life much easier than before.

 **Support Us**



Be an  
**Umbrelă  
Volunteer**  
and Share Our  
Journey for a  
Noble Cause

Whether you intend to offer charity donation in cash or kind, subscribe for an Umbrelă membership or offer any other voluntary support service that would help us with our endeavor, simply get in touch with us.

## You Can Donate/ Subscribe Us in BDT at **UMBRELA FOUNDATION**

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