



## ABC Charity School

Eglal's ABC Charity School was established in 2001 for street children in and around Boshundhara area, Dhaka. It provides primary schooling for them following Bangladesh National Curriculum and is enlisted with the Department of Primary Education, Government of Bangladesh since 2010.



Background of School: One day in 1997 Ms. Eglal Rousseau, a teacher of American International School in Dhaka (AISD) offered lunch to a small child wandering on the streets in front of her home. The boy continued coming to her home for lunch every day and eventually began bringing friends along with him from the streets to share the meal. Besides lunch every day, Ms. Eglal often provided them with medical needs and referring them to a doctor for basic medical care as well. This continued for four years until the teachers at AISD began volunteering for food and education. Thereafter, when Eglal and her husband Richard went away from Bangladesh for work, her friends started a school with these "Eglal's Kids." This is how ABC school began its journey.

Presently there are 134 students, of them 116 children are studying from KG to Grade 8 in its hired campus. The rest 18 children, after qualifying



Grade-8, are studying in Gulshan Model School and college in Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12. The children are provided with education, food, all educational supplies, uniform including shoes and medical care etc. Tuition fees and extra coaching fees for the said 18 children are also paid from school account. All these works are organised by 9 (nine) full time teachers, 2 (two) cooks, one cleaner, 2 (two) guards, one coordinator and a



Headmaster.

The school is run and financed with sponsorship money and donations from different philanthropist people and organisations.

All children attending this school come from a very poor family who live in and around Bosundhara area namely Nadda, Solmaith, Notun Bazar etc. and are of age group from 4 to 18 years. Our aim is to provide them education and motivation for changing their lives one day breaking the circle of poverty around them. we work with the underprivileged children with the main goal to make them human resource instead of social burden. We see education as a means to break the circle of poverty.

The children also enjoy extra--curricular activities like Sewing, Computer Learning, Communicative English, Art and Craft, Music classes etc. A number of volunteers are helping them in these classes.



ABC school is presently run in a temporarily constructed (by the school) tin shed building on a rented premise at Plot # 302, Road # 6, Block # E, Bashundhara (East of Apollo Hospital). Philanthropist People and Organisations are encouraged to consider our “Sponsor a Child” program by an annual donation of US\$ 250 per child which includes one child’s education, six meals a week, medical facilities, uniforms, shoes etc. People may also donate fund for School Land to make a most important dream come true.



Present Management: Eglal’s ABC School is administered and managed by a Board having 11(eleven) number of members who provide direction to the program and make the major management decisions. These Board members are all volunteers.

- Mr. Ben Marsh, the Chairperson of ABC Board. He is the High School Principal, American International School Dhaka (AISD)
- Ms. Joya Ambarin , Treasurer ABC Board. She is Activity Coordinator, AISD