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CHILDREN &
INFANTS
INTERNATIONAL

**1.4
billion
people
in
developing
countries
live on \$1.25
a day or less.**

**22,000
children die
each day
due to
conditions
of poverty.**

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Ayub Ali



Ayub Ali and his family are representatives of a severely underprivileged community in Bangladesh. His father passed away and his mother has been working as a maid-servant to feed their entire family. Ayub and his sister always suffer from various illnesses and have no money for treatment. In these circumstances, DCI took

responsibility for the family's wellbeing. DCI included Ayub's younger sister Sabina in its Sun Child Sponsorship Program (SCSP). Sabina now receives full support for a better education. They also get health support from DCI. During Cyclone Sidr their family tragically lost their home. As they had no reliable source of income, DCI provided them various support. As a Mother's Day gift they received a cow and calf. In addition, DCI provided 60 decimals of agricultural land in one year contract. Ayub cultivated the land and roped paddy with the help of some neighbors. After four months they had a huge yield. Due to his demonstrated success in agriculture, DCI provided the family 120 decimals of land for New Year. Now the family is much more self-reliant than the previous year, and Ayub's mother no longer needs to work in another house as a servant.



More than 11 million children die each year from preventable health issues such as malaria, diarrhea and pneumonia.⁶

Health Care for Underprivileged Program

Treatment of Honufa Bibi

Honufa Bibi lives in Dhaka Uddyan. She is 30 years old and living with her 3 children. Honufa's husband was a daily labor. He was physically very weak. He has died 4 years back. Their financial condition was very bad. She gave birth her 3 children by untrained person at home. For a long time she was suffering in Uterus problem. She didn't get any proper treatment. Day by day it became so much critical. She was very much ill. When Honufa contacted with RSC her health condition was so bad that we became afraid. We took her to the doctor. After different tests doctor identified that she is suffering in Uterine Prolapsc and her condition was not good. She needed urgent operation.

The operation was costly. It takes around 50 thousand taka. RSC took responsibilities for her operation and made a contract with Ibn Sina Medical College Hospital. Ibn Sina Hospital agreed to reduce their operation charge. Honufa got admitted at Ibn Sina Medical College Hospital on January 21, 2012. After a long investigation she got operation on February 6, 2012. It was a successful surgery. Ibn Sina Hospital released her on February 12, 2012.

RSC provided all sorts of support of Honufa's surgery. Admission fee, clinic rent, medicine etc. Even RSC had to support her food also. HUP staffs ensured her all necessities and following her situation. Now she is felling better before.



Counseling to adolescent girls:

HUP social workers are regularly counseling to the adolescent girls of the community of Porabari slum. Allison Newton Moore volunteering with the HUP staffs. Allison Newton Moore participated at the counseling meeting with adolescent girls at Health Clinic. Generally the following subjects are discussed at the meeting:

- Physical changes
 - Sanitation
 - Personal hygiene
 - Early marriage
 - Adjustment
- Etc.



Volunteers at DCI projects in Bangladesh

Allison Newton Moore worked for DCI's Healthcare for Underprivileged Program:



Allison Newton Moore worked for DCI at Dhaka, Bangladesh. She worked at Healthcare for Underprivileged Program (HUP) at Kallyanpur, Dhaka. Allison Newton Moore is a student of AAS Pre-Nursing at Highline Comm. College in United States of America. She helped the social worker as their regular works. Basically she worked on family planning with the social workers. She started her volunteering on January 29, 2012 to February 9, 2012.

My Experience in Bangladesh with DCI



Distressed Children and Infants International is a place helping children who are without the niceties that they need in life. Children around the world are struggling to have food, clean water, and a safe place to live; things we take for granted. With such a surplus in our day-to-day lives, we tend to waste these items. People take showers longer than ten minutes, while adolescents around the world do not have clean water. This is where DCI is trying to make a change, their dedication to the unfortunate around the world is unmatched. DCI is helping others around the world, giving them a jumpstart to the life they always wanted. All DCI needs is the support of the community around them: with a small donation, someone in need will be able to live a better quality of life.

When someone goes to a shopping centre, this person could spend hundreds of dollars on clothing that they will wear only once or twice. Why waste this money on something so useless when there are youth in this world who only have one set of clothes? In our society, we as people have developed in a very individualized way. We always put ourselves before others. However, if we put others before ourselves, the world is a more peaceful place. If we were to help each other rather than help only ourselves, no one would be in need of anything. With the DCI Foundation, children will be dressed with quality clothing. While we take our water bottles out, drinking only a few sips and throwing away the rest, DCI is here to make sure that these infants are able to have a constant supply of clean drinking water. While we rid of last night's left over's, DCI is there to make sure the children have a stable food distribution. While people take schooling for granted, and then drop out, DCI makes sure that all children have an education of the highest possible standards.

DCI's hard work has shown through their success over the years. With children able to have the things their parents could not give them, DCI has met their goal to reach out to children and make sure they are safe. With DCI's support, children will be able to live a better life through the education given. Just a small donation makes the largest difference in someone's life. DCI's perseverance to make sure that each child has everything that he or she needs is incomparable. DCI lives by the words of Mr. Niklaus Wirth: "Quality of work can be expected only through personal satisfaction, dedication and enjoyment. In our profession, precision and perfection are not a dispensable luxury, but a simple necessity."

I am happy and feel proud to be a part of DCI's mission. I request all of you to please join our mission.

Mashad Lodhy

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Friendship with Sponsored Child



Enamul writes to his sponsoree in Netherlands

One of our supported children Md. Enamul Hoque, (DCI-034) has got a letter and picture from his sponsor Holly Costa who lives in Netherlands. Enamul Hoque was very happy and he also wrote a letter and prepared a drawing for his sponsor. In this way DCI try to establish a contact between sponsor and distressed children.

**Holly Costa, a dedicated sponsor is maintaining a regular relation and friendship with her sponsored child Enamul. We really appreciate this kind effort. We request all our sponsors to do the same. Thanks.
-DCI Team**



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Righte and Right for Children

To:
Holly Costa
710 N. Ocean Blvd #303
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

February 10, 2012

Dear Holly,

I am very happy to receive your letter. I got promotion to Class IV. The annual sports and cultural function of our school was celebrated in the 1st January 25-26, 2012. I got 1st Prize in long jump item. I got all the new books of Class IV. I feel cheer to read new books. The distance of our school from our home is half kilometer. I go to school everyday by walking.

I am happy to know that your baseball team stood in the second position. I hope you will have a good journey to America to visit your family.

My favorite food is rice and fish. Here there is very cold in your country. There are six seasons in our country. Each season changes after two months. My favorite season is winter. I pray for the family members of your family. I am waiting for your reply. Please come to visit me in Bangladesh. Hope to see you soon.

Your friend,

Enamul Hoque
02-09-0342

Handwritten Bengali text, likely a translation or transcription of the letter above.

Handwritten signature of Enamul Hoque.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The success of DCI's projects relies on your passion and generosity. The work that DCI is doing on behalf of impoverished children would not be possible without your support.

Hai Serim Zaidul and his family visited their Sponsored Child

Last year December was a very special time for our family. It was not only because we visited Bangladesh to spend time with our beloved families but also it was the first time we met our sponsored child. It even got much more meaningful and precious as we were able to spend time with the girls in DCI's new orphanage – I don't like to call it orphanage for some reason, so I will call DCI home for the girls.

Our sponsored child's name is Sujan Mia and he is from Habiganj, Sylhet, where there are 100 of 1100 sponsored kids by DCI. We rented a van and my mom, my younger sister, brother-in-law and their 7 year old son all accompanied us in our journey to Habiganag. We drove 6 hours and a project manager from DCI, Romel met us in the city who directed us to Baniachong, Project area for DCI.

We went to the classroom where the teachers greeted us. Our boys and our nephew sat in the class among the children of DCI. To our surprises, the children were very happy and performed songs & recited poems for us. We spent several hours there and shared some snacks with them. We also met DCI tutors who play a very important role in the education of these children.

We also went to DCI home in Mohammadpur, Dhaka where we had a wonderful time with the girls. We had lunch together and they were the happiest children I have ever seen! They performed dances for us and we sang song together. My family was so impressed & emotional by the girls that we went to see them again before we came back to Los Angeles.

We came back to our busy life but we were more than committed to the children after observing all the great work by DCI. My wife decided to sponsor another child and after we shared the great stories with my sister, they also sponsored two DCI children. Our children have so much and there are so many children who have almost nothing – imagine if they were our kids! Each one of us just need to go little deeper in our hearts and share just little more with these children who have so much potential and we can bring them out and give them a whole new world with our love and compassion!



Hai Serim Zaidul is from Los Angeles, California where he & his wife Shaon Mostofa live with their two boys, Ridwan & Rayyan who are 10 & 8 respectively. Serim works as a Franchise Director in Jack In The Box Corporation where Shaon has been a renowned dance artist in Bangladesh.

Hasan Abidur Reja Jewel, Well-Known Bangladeshi Musician, Becomes Advocate for Distressed Children & Infants International



Hasan Abidur Reja Jewel is a singer, recording artist, filmmaker, and event consultant from Bangladesh. Jewel has been involved with DCI since its inception and is now planning to campaign for DCI's mission using his many talents.

On January 1st, DCI Executive Director Dr. Ehsan Hoque officially honored Hasan Jewel as DCI's newest Advocate. Mr. Jewel has begun his cooperation with DCI in the fight for child rights and sight worldwide, and has promised his commitment to this noble mission for many years to come. Dr. Ehsan Hoque said, "It is with great delight that we welcome Hasan Jewel to our team as a DCI Advocate. We really appreciate his desire to help improve the lives of underprivileged children worldwide. It is the compassion and leadership of people like him that makes DCI's work possible, helping to spread the word about our mission and ultimately making it a success."

Now Jewel hopes to bring the issue of child rights to the public eye by lending his voice to Distressed Children & Infants International, supporting the DCI vision through campaigns and publicity. He will attend DCI events and functions whenever possible, as an Advocate spokesperson both nationally and internationally. "I am extremely honored and excited to be named your DCI Advocate," Jewel said. "I am looking forward to working with DCI towards a great future and confident that together we will bring new life and hope to many children".

Dr. Hoque said, "By working together, we will be able to use Jewels's personality and musical talent to involve youth in DCI's activities, strengthen our network, and provide a powerful voice of opposition to child labor, hunger, poverty and blindness. We are sure that with our combined strength we will easily reach our goals. Together, we can ensure the happiness of many thousands of poverty-stricken children."

Hassan Abidur Reja Jewel started singing very early in his childhood and was encouraged to follow his passion by his parents. Later, his romantic and melodious voice captivated thousands of listeners of all ages. Jewel's first solo album was released in 1990, since when he has released eight solo and 50 other albums. As well as many concerts Bangladesh, Jewel has performed in Japan, India, Kuwait, Singapore, France, USA, the United Kingdom and many other countries.

Jewel is more than just a singer or performer. He is also an event consultant, producer and director in the field of television and video production. As a freelance director, he has directed more than 30 documentaries and worked as cameraman for 50 others. Later he began working as a producer at Ekushey Television, the first private terrestrial television network in South Asia.. Currently he runs his own production company, GREENBEE Communications. Jewel donates his skills as producer and cameraman to the Development Support Communication NGO World view International Foundation – Bangladesh , where he has developed numerous documentaries for UNICEF, Bangladesh on topics such as education, healthcare, and women's rights.

Hassan Abidur Raja Jewel is also one of the most experienced event directors in Bangladesh and has worked on event management both locally and internationally.

DCI-Bangladesh has a New Car



Fahmida Sharmin donated the car to DCI-Bangladesh, specially to use for the Sun-Child Home Orphanage.

EYE SURGERIES in INDIA



THANK YOU DCI

SPECIAL THANKS to all our contributors, donors, and supporters for your commitment to DCI's programs and mission. Together we can change the world, one child at a time. We welcome you to DCI, and we look forward to working with you in this most important mission.

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