



DISTRESSED
CHILDREN &
INFANTS
INTERNATIONAL

30,000

Children

die

each

day

Due

to

poverty

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DCI Newsletter

National Girls Day



DCI Bangladesh participated in a rally, discussion session, and cultural function in celebration of National Girls Day on October 4th, 2011. The function was jointly organized by Bangladesh Shishu

Academy and National Girl Child Forum. Our staff members and children from the Sun Child Home for Orphans attended the function. The children of Sun Child Home presented a dance at this program.



Dr. Beverly Questad: Volunteering with DCI in Bangladesh

Dr. Beverly Questad volunteered at DCI's Bangladesh projects from July 1st to August 8th, 2011. Bev is a high school teacher in Vancouver, WA. The main objectives of her visit were to teach the children of the Sun Child Home for Orphans and to teach English to staff members at our Dhaka Office, in order to improve their reporting and interaction with foreign guests. She stayed at our orphanage's guest room so she could interact with the children on a daily basis. She also worked on documentation preparation with slum dwellers and child laborers. During her stay she also visited some families and stores.



Bev with the children



Bev with the children

Bev teaches staff members



HUP project, Dhaka slums

Visiting child laborers

Meeting with Chief Advisor

Orphan Support Program

Rubina Akter Takes Shelter at Sun Child Home for Orphans



Rubina is seven years old. She has another younger sister. Her father died when she was 5 years old. Her mother got remarried but her new father did not want to look after her.

Rubina's mother decided to send her as a servant to work, but she was too young to work. Rubina was sent to village to live with her grandmother but her grandmother was too poor to maintain her.

At that time Rubina's mother heard about the "Sun Child Home" orphanage. She brought both Rubin and her sister to the home where they both now live.

Now Rubina is so much happier. She is getting all sorts of support here, and enjoying hobbies like reading, singing, dancing, drawing and many other things. She is finally safe.



Rubina Akter playing with her housemates

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What DCI Volunteers Say:



Distressed Children & Infants International is a remarkable organization seeking to improve the lives of underprivileged children and their families in Bangladesh. After witnessing the awe-inspiring effect they have had on the lives of Bengali children after merely 6 years, I am confident that there is no limit to this organization's accomplishments in the years to come. Their strong team of workers and volunteers, their steadfast belief in child rights, and their motivation to change the lives of the suppressed all contribute to the success of this organization, and I am extremely proud to be helping them with their noble cause!

—Nikita Sarwar, Los Angeles, CA



Distressed Children and Infants International is an organization crafted by the dreams and aspirations of countless individuals. They work to eliminate poverty in Bangladesh and educate the poor. DCI has provided over a thousand children with access to healthcare and financial support. Their work is valued by many grateful people.

—Saika Kibria,
Los Angeles, CA

Last summer, I worked with Distressed Children & Infants International in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Working with DCI was one of the best experiences I have had. Although my trip was relatively short, I was able to connect with very sweet people from the slums of Dhaka. I will never forget the sweet young smiles of Koli and Jhumur, who lovingly called me 'apu' and were surprised that an American born Bangladeshi would even be able to speak a word of Bangla. As I asked about their lives and visited their homes, they asked me about my home and what the 'bidesh' America was like. I was greeted by their cheery faces and warm hugs whenever I visited and by the end of two weeks, I truly felt that I had been accepted into their community. I cannot wait until next summer when I go back to Bangladesh, hopefully with a solid project dealing with health problems in mind. I anticipate visiting my two little 'apus' in Bangladesh and hope to see that DCI is thriving well. —Noha Ahmed, MA



Blindness Prevention Program in India

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre, a Unit of NYSASDRI and DCI

Since its inception in 2002, Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre has been providing free, high quality eye care services to poor and underserved citizens of the Angul, Dhenkanal, Deogarh, Jagatsingpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Bhadrak and Sambalpur districts of Orissa. By providing corrective lenses, treatment for eye diseases, and surgery, KEHRC has helped thousands of people to regain their eye sight. In 2011 with the support of DCI, NYSASDRI conducted 120 adult cataract surgeries free of cost.

One day after patients' arrival at the hospital, adult cataract surgery was performed using SICS/PHACO+ IOL+LA process, whereas for the 22 pediatric cases PHACO+ FOLDABLE IOL+GA was followed. The next day, ophthalmologists perform post-operative examinations and the hospital bus returns patients to their villages. During their stay at the hospital, patients are provided with free food, accommodations, medicine and sunglasses.



Sl. No.	Day, Date of Screening Camps	No. of Patients Treated
1	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	17
2	Friday, October 14, 2011	27
3	Saturday, October 15, 2011	20
4	Sunday, October 16, 2011	45
5	Monday, October 17, 2011	11
Total Patients		120

On April 2nd & 3rd, 15 pediatric cases, and on August 16th, 7 pediatric cases underwent sight restoration surgery at Kalinga Eye Hospital (22 surgeries in total).

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