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Name of the project

PARCHANGA HEALTH CARE CENTER

Location

Village: Parchanga
Upozila: Chandina
Dist. Comilla
BANGLADESH

Parchanga is a village with a population of about 5,000 peoples. This village is under Chandina Upozial of Comilla District. The Government Upozila Health Care Center is about 15 km away from this village. The village is selected for its central location and easy approach for the people of several surrounding villages.

Brief background

Bangladesh, with a population of over 120 million, is one of the most densely populated and economically poorest country in the world. Eighty percent of its population live in the rural areas without access to even minimum health care facilities. Health policy of Bangladesh does not have any insurance system and health care services were traditionally offered free of cost by the government through different health care units. Bangladesh being an under developed country, government has very limited resources to spend in the health sector for its people. And in the recent years it was found to be impossible for the government alone to bear burden of these huge population. The rural areas, where the government health care units are located have very limited treatment facilities. Most of the rural people cannot approach these health care units to avail even the minimum facilities due to distance and financial constraints. Thus, the people in the rural community are absolutely helpless and have no choice but to sustain the suffering for their problems.

Present status of the Center

The project activities began 4 years ago in 1997 and health care services were provided from time to time by a team of doctors using one of the villager's house. For then past one year the activities were done on a regular basis on every alternate Fridays. In this context, the time has arrived to extend the activities of the project and meet the increased need of the people. For this reason a small building is needed for which a land is already been collected through donation. The building will serve as a permanent structure for the continuation and its smooth maintenance of the project.

Objective

Parchanga Health Care Center is aimed to provide basic health care needs and promote health consciousness among the people of that locality. The specific objectives are as follows:

- To provide treatment facilities on a regular basis for common health problems.
- To educate the people and motivate them about their health for self-prevention.
- To build up a health care unit in the rural area of Bangladesh which can be used as a model for other localities as well.

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Number and nature (individual or group) of beneficiaries

All the villagers living in Parchanga and in its surroundings.

Tentative budget for at least 3 years

a) Building Cost:

~ US \$10,000.00

Note: Total cost was estimated by the construction planners. To start two rooms with extended verandahs will cost about half of the estimated amount where activities can begin

Note: SPAANDANB is not providing any support for this.

b) Maintenance cost:

Salary of the doctor in charge \$ 125.00/month

Doctor's assistant \$50.00/month

Cost of medicine \$300-350/mo

Tentative maintenance cost per month is about \$500.0-600.00

Note: Maintenance cost will mainly include manpower and medicine cost. For manpower one general physician and one helping assistant is permanently needed who will work in the project at least 4 days a week. It may be mentioned that a group of specialist doctors will offer voluntary services to the project on alternate Fridays which is being done at present.

SPAANDANB is providing \$1500 for the first year's maintenance cost.

Projection of Future Expansion

Once the health care center is established, its activities will be further extended to educate the people, which will make them self reliant and improve their economic status. The education will focus on improving their general attitude to become self sufficient utilizing the available resources on farming, livestock and fisheries using scientific method.

Material and method of correspondence for smooth and effective monitoring

- Name, address and all particular of all patients will be provided to SpaandanB.
- Bank transaction report will be sent to both USA liaison and SpaandanB EC once in every year.
- Picture of the location and project will be made available to SpaandanB.
- Each transaction will have two witness signed on it besides the Bangladeshi Liaison.
- Any information/document asked by SpaandanB EC will be furnished in two month from the day it is asked.

Signature of both Liaison

A signed original application is already sent to SpaandanB

A group or joint bank account number and address of the bank

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