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Application for Financial support to implement EBF Street Children, Orphans and Early Childhood Development Program: Shelter, Education, Training and Rehabilitation.

Dear Grant Committee,

I am Miah Nurul Islam, Founder and Chairman of Euro Bangla Foundation. Today I am writing to you, requesting for financial support that can fulfill my organization's initiative to implement the following project: "EBF Street Children, Orphans and Early Childhood Development Program: Shelter, Education, Training and Rehabilitation". Through your generous donation and participation, the vulnerable population consisting of Street Children and Orphans will be greatly benefitted and turn their livelihood to a more honest and prosperous one.

Bangladesh, with 166 million people, is the seventh poorest and one of the most densely populated countries, covering 147,570 square kilometres. About 40% of the population, or over 64 million people, are children, many of whom face severe deprivation. Around 600,000 children live on the streets, with 75% in Dhaka, often due to extreme poverty, orphanhood, or abandonment. With half the population living below the poverty line, these children are at the lowest social level.

Childhood poverty is severe, with high rates of stunting and wasting affecting 57% of poor children. The number of street children has grown significantly, from 1.5 million in 2015 to an estimated 4 million in recent years. Factors like poverty, lack of education, child labour, trafficking, and abuse push children onto the streets. Of the 1.7 million child labourers, one in four is between 6 and 11 years old. Government corruption and neglect also contribute to the issue.

In response to the severe challenges faced by disenfranchised street children in Bangladesh, the Euro Bangla Foundation (EBF) launched the EBF Street, Orphan, and Early Childhood Development Project in 2023. This initiative aims to provide shelter, education, nutrition, and holistic empowerment for an initial group of 50 children, offering them a safe environment to thrive and acquire the skills necessary for a better future. The project envisions a sustainable and transformative approach, integrating shelter with education, vocational training, and life skills development. This comprehensive approach empowers children to become self-sufficient and contributing members of society.

Since the last progress report in September 2024, the project has made significant advancements, though some challenges have emerged that impacted the construction phase. The land for the shelter has been successfully acquired, and soil testing was conducted to ensure its suitability for construction. The architectural plans for the shelter were also reviewed and revised to meet the needs of both male and female children. Initially, the project proposed a two-story building for 50 children. However, due to concerns regarding gender management and the need for privacy and safety, the plan was adjusted to a three-story

building. The ground floor will serve administrative purposes, including offices, a canteen, and preschool facilities. The first floor will accommodate male children, and the second floor will house female children, ensuring both proper management and a comfortable living environment.

The project has also benefitted from strong collaboration with local authorities. The Ministry of Social Welfare has granted approval for the project's implementation, and the Department of Child Development is assisting in identifying and enrolling eligible children. Furthermore, the local government of Shariatpur has shown strong support, organized community meetings and ensuring the project aligns with regional development goals. EBF has engaged local stakeholders through pilot sessions and community meetings, which have provided valuable insights into local needs and helped secure social and political backing for the initiative.

However, the project faced significant challenges in 2024, particularly due to unexpected increases in material and equipment costs. The decision to expand the shelter to a three-story building resulted in higher construction costs. Additionally, fluctuations in material prices exacerbated financial challenges. As a result, the total cost of the project has exceeded the initial budget, particularly in the procurement of materials and equipment necessary for the revised shelter design. Despite these financial challenges, EBF is actively seeking additional funding and support from donor agencies to cover the increased costs.

Despite these setbacks, the project remains on track to begin its initial operations by the end of 2025. The construction phase is expected to be completed by mid-2025, and the shelter will be ready to accommodate children and initiate educational and vocational programs. EBF intends to generate operational costs through additional fundraising efforts and the generous support of donor agencies.

Key upcoming actions include the completion of construction by mid-2025, allowing for the commencement of initial operational programs. The first phase of operations, including the provision of shelter, meals, and educational programs, will begin by the end of 2025. This phase will focus on providing basic education and introducing vocational training to the children. To meet the increased budgetary requirements, EBF will continue its fundraising efforts and seek additional donors to ensure the sustainability of the project. Furthermore, EBF will collaborate with the Bangladesh Technical Education Board to ensure that the children receive quality vocational training, preparing them for a secure and self-sufficient future.

Since its inception in 2023, the EBF Street Children Project has made substantial progress, with notable achievements in land acquisition, government approvals, and community support. While challenges related to construction costs and material procurement have arisen, the project remains committed to its mission of providing a safe, empowering environment for street and orphan children in Bangladesh. With ongoing support from local authorities, donors, and the community, the project is poised to begin its operational phase by the end of 2025, offering life-changing opportunities for vulnerable children and helping them build a brighter future.

The Euro Bangla Foundation is consigned to addressing the discern challenges and ensuring the project's successful execution, ultimately improving the lives of the children it supports. Up to now, incising construction expenses and the requirement for gender-specific housing have created financial obstacles. Of utmost importance considerable financial support is essential to cover these additional costs and ensure the shelter is completed on schedule.

The budget breakdown below will offer a clear demonstration of the rising expenses due to the factors mentioned.

Detailed Budget Listing as of January, 2025

Bud	Budget for Construction of Shelter House 50 Street & Orphan Children [2024/2025]					
SI.	Budget Type/Family	Description	Quantity Per Unit	Unit Price	Total Price	Remarks
1.	Material Cost	Construction Materials	Kg/Bag/Cft /Sft/Nos	CHF	CHF	Materials Required to build 3 Storied Shelter House
1.1	Construction Materials: (Rod/Iron, Cement, Bricks, Sand, Other building materials etc.)	M.S Rebar	85,000.00 Kg	0.82	69,700.00	
		Cement	6,000.00 Bags	4.09	24,540.00	
		Stone Chips	18,000.00 Cft	1.67	30,060.00	
		Bricks	40,000.00 Nos	0.097	3,880.00	
		2.5 F.M Sand	20,000.00 Cft	0.56	11,200.00	
		1.5 F.M Sand	18,000 Cft	0.19	3,420.00	
		Electrical Materials	10,500.00 Sft	4.24	44,420.00	
		Plumbing Materials	10,500.00 Sft	3.20	33,600.00	
1.2	Furnishing Building and Equipment	Painting Materials	35,000.00 Sft	0.60	21,000.00	
		Doors	42 Nos	120.20	5,040.00	

		Windows	48 Nos	95	4,560.00	
		MS Grill	5000 kg	0.74	3,700.00	
1.3	Purchase of Furniture	Beds, Table, Chairs and Cabinet	Estimated to Rehabilitee 50 Students		13,140.00	Complete Interior Setup for Shelter House
		Kitchen Equipment	Estimated to Rehabilitee 50 Students		7,265.00	riouse
1.4	Miscellaneous	Electricity and Water supply installation.			2,790.00	Additional Quality of Life improvement for Shelter
		Installation of Education Equipment			3,079.00	House
2.	Personel Cost					
2.1	Payroll [Construction Workes]	Structure Works	10 500 00 S#	4.69	40 440 00	Payment for Construction
		Architecture Works	10,500.00 Sft	4.68	49,140.00	Worker
		Electric Works				
		Plumbing Works				
2.2	Payroll [Security Guard]	Yearly Remuneration for Security Guard [01 Person]			3,600.00	Payment for Security Guards to make the construction site Secured
2.3	Payroll [Project Staff: Supervisor]	Yearly Remuneration for Supervisor [01 Person]			2,400.00	Total Monitoring of Construction Site.
3.	Other Cost					
3.1	Equipment Maintenance	Construction, Water, Elect. and other			1,760.00	Yearly Equipment

		equipment maintenance			Maintenance Cost
3.2	Overheads	Yearly billing for water, electricity, gas and security		2,580.00	Complete Overhead Cost for Sheler House
4.	Total Budget CHF			340,974.00	

Forecasted Operation Cost for Shelter House [Estimated 2026]

SI.	Budget Type/Family	Description	Total Price	Remarks
			(CHF)	
1.	Material Cost			
1.1	Food for Children	Rice, Potato, Fish, Vegetables, meat etc.	14,500.00	
1.2	Medical Equipment	Medicine, first aid kit, doctor fees etc.	1,100.00	
1.3	Clothing	Dress, winter clothes for children	1,300.00	
1.4	Education Equipment	Books, Papers Computer, Projector etc.	1,800.00	
2.	Personnel Cost			
2.1	Project Staff	Yearly Remuneration for 01 Supervisor	1.800.00	
2.2	Caretakers	Yearly Remuneration for 03 Caretakers.	2,400.00	
2.3	Security Guards	Yearly Remuneration for Security Guard [02 Person]	1,920.00	
3.	Other Costs			

3.1	Travel and Accommodation	For Project staff	1,000.00	
3.2	Miscellaneous	Office maintenance cost	1,500.00	
3.3	Overheads	Bills: water, electricity and gas	6,300.00	
4.	Total Costs		33,620.00	

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Summary of the Proposed Budget of the Project				
Туре	Total (CHF)			
Total Budget for the Project	408,214.00			
EBF's Investment (2022/23)	84,185.00 (land buy and Registration)			
 Total Investment until January 2025 	135,500.00 (For Construction work)			
Requesting Budget for Year 2025	188,529.00			

Requesting Donation for the Year 2025 CHF 188,529.00

In conclusion the **EBF Street**, **Orphans**, **and Early Childhood Development Project** is progressing well, but as mentioned over and above, unforeseen challenges including rising construction costs and the necessity for gender-specific housing, have led to a significant increase in the project's budget. These factors could postpone further progression of the project unless we receive urgent and continued financial support.

We truly appreciate your ongoing commitment to this cause, as your support is crucial in making a lasting difference. Your generous contribution will directly impact the lives of these children, providing them with the education and skills they need for a brighter future.

The foundation remains committed to its vision of providing a transformative haven for street children, ensuring not just immediate safety and sustenance but also laying the foundation for a brighter, more secure future through skill-based education and empowerment.

As for the background of my organization, Euro Bangla Foundation (EBF) has started its journey from 2003. We focus on health, environment, technical education, vocational training, forestation, development, and providing financial assistance in the form of microcredit to the rural poor.

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We would like to request **Donor Organizationen** in providing this opportunity to initiate EBF's Street Children, Orphan and Early Childhood Development Program: Shelter, Education, Rehabilitation, in Bangladesh. Your kind contribution and active participation would be greatly appreciated.

I would be very happy to have a personal conversation about the project and our organizations.

If you have any questions, Miah Nurul Islam can always be reached on +41 78 659 6554 or Info@eurobanglafoundation.li

Best Regards

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Architect Design Fotos EBF Street & Orphan Children Shelter House





Construction going on Recent Construction Fotos January 2025









Here are some pictures of the current deplorable condition of street children in Bangladesh





Street children concern to millions of deprived boys and girls who have adopted the street as their residence. They grow up where tranquillity and physical and emotional stability are frequently threatened. Street children are marginalized from mainstream society. As a result, they need much more attention from the government and NGOs.