



The Sreepur Village, Bangladesh

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Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Appeal

Our single mothers and children are at risk.
We need your help to put measures in place now!

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The current situation

- The official number of **deaths and seriously ill keep rising**, with the entire country going into lockdown, **however the actual situation is suspected to be considerably worse than the official announcements.**
- Over the last few days garments factories across Bangladesh have closed due to a shortage of raw materials from China and declining orders from western clothing brands. Many factories do not uphold labour laws and worker protections, meaning that millions of garments workers will lose their jobs without pay and will struggle to provide for their families.
- Hospitals in Bangladesh are overcrowded and often have poor quality water and poor levels of sanitation, hygiene and medical waste management, which does not bode well in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- The health and safety of our **450** single mothers and children and **100** staff at Sreepur Village are of the utmost importance and we continue to implement precautionary measures to protect them.

Please donate to Sreepur Village's Coronavirus Emergency Appeal to help protect our children, single mothers and staff in Bangladesh now!

1) Emergency preparation

- Basic necessities: e.g. extra stocks of soap, face masks, hand sanitiser, detergents, disinfectant sprays, dry food stocks, medicines, thermometers, extra clothing and bedding, extra toilet paper/tissues, menstrual hygiene kits
- Isolation tents and beds for families with symptoms to be kept apart from others
- Communications e.g. extra routers for internet
- Energy e.g. extra solar panels, emergency generator
- Transport costs: e.g. petrol costs or private car for essential travel only
- Income generating activities training for the mothers in small groups

2) A fund for former Sreepur Village mothers and older children who have lost their jobs in garments factories

We estimate that some mothers and older children that Sreepur Village trained to become garments factory workers will lose their jobs as factories close. We aim to provide these families with a small one-off payment to help them survive until the factories re-open, or until they can find new work.

3) Post-Coronavirus activities

- School, clinic, night shelter for homeless girls in Dhaka
- Psychological services for mothers and children
- Continued income generating activities and literacy training for the mothers

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About Sreepur Village

The Sreepur Village is a purpose-built community 50km from Dhaka in rural Bangladesh that was established in 1989. We provide a refuge and safe haven for poverty-stricken single mothers and their children where they can live for up to three years, whilst being equipped with crucial livelihood skills and knowledge to provide for themselves and their families over the long-term future. At any one time Sreepur Village provides approximately **150** single mothers and **350** children aged 0-10 with basic needs (such as shelter and food) and a secure and loving environment. For over 30 years we have directly supported over **6,000** destitute single mothers and children to break out of the cycle of poverty and towards financial independence, and touched the lives of **tens of thousands** more, all across Bangladesh.



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