



FOR A JUST SOCIETY

The Association for Socio-Economic Advancement of Bangladesh (ASEAB) is a non-government, non-political, and voluntary development organization founded and run by a group of committed professionals, social workers, and multi-disciplinary experts. For over 30 years, ASEAB has been contributing to uplifting the miseries of the poor and the needy communities facing multi-faceted social deprivation and long-held injustices.

Through various projects, the organization aims at ending poverty, and improving the lives and prospects of the destitute across Bangladesh. The head office of ASEAB is situated in the village of Khayerbagan, 10 kilometers from the district headquarters of Pabna, located in the catchment of the great river Padma.

In the last three decades, ASEAB played a significant role in transforming the lives of the people of Char areas of Pabna, where acute poverty, starvation, illiteracy, floods, river erosion, habitat loss, and a decline in cultivable land have been prevalent. In this context, ASEAB commits its resources at relieving individuals from the grip of enduring poverty and hunger. Since its inception ASEAB have covered more than 10 of 17 SDGs to mitigate social injustice, deprivation, and inequality across almost all the divisions of Bangladesh through different initiatives. As of 2023, ASEAB has served about a million beneficiaries and their families.

ASEAB has been working and affiliated with different national and international organizations and networks since its inception. The organization obtained registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau in 1995, the Trust Act in 2002, the Microcredit Regulatory Authority in 2008, and the Joint Stock Company in 2009.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Actionaid, Bdesh Foundation USA, Baznas Indonesia, Bangladesh Bank, CARE Bangladesh, Concern, DFID, GoB-unicef, Imana USA, Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Mafiq Foundation USA, Manusher Jonno Foundation, USC Canada and WFP

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LOW COST CATARACT SURGERY FOR THE DESTITUTE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH

Only a hundred dollars can save a person's sight

PROJECT DURATION

JULY 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2024

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Bdesh Foundation USA



Beneficiary

Poor and extreme poor cataract patients

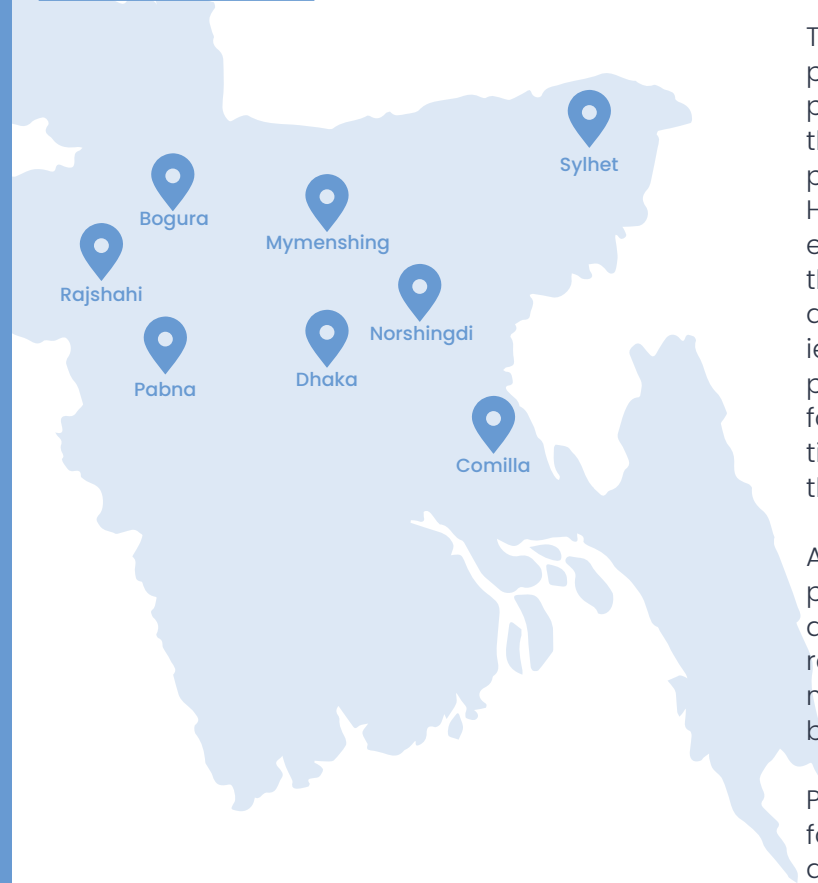
PRESENT TARGET
2500

FUTURE TARGET
60000
WITHIN 2030

SURGERY COMPLETED 1860

TREATMENT RECEIVED 4657

Project Area



Project Objective

The objective of the project is to develop sustainable methods for eradicating cataract blindness in Bangladesh by identifying the helpless poor cataract patients of Bangladesh and providing them quality and safe cataract surgery. The project also focuses on creating awareness about eye care and prevention of blindness at the community level.

Project Activities

The project starts with finding the patients from the project area with the help of all the public and private healthcare institutions and manpower at the district, upazila, and union levels. The selected patients are communicated to participate at the Health Camps arranged with the participation of eye specialists and eyecare experts. After going through several tests and consultation with the doctors, the proper patients need cataract surgeries are selected and taken to the designated hospital. The patients stay at the hospital for one night for different types of preparatory tests and activities. The next day specialist eye surgeons perform the surgery one by one.

At all the levels of the treatment process the patient can be accompanied by an attendant for a week with zero cost. In fact, the cost for treatment related activities like medical cost, consultation, medicine, hospital bill, food; everything is covered by the project.

Post-operative patient follow-up: Patient follow-ups are regularly conducted over the phone during the postoperative period.

if necessary. The medical team of the organization visits the operated patients to provide necessary advice and report preparations.

Once the patient is released from the hospital with his or her vision back, patient follow-ups are conducted regularly over phone. If necessary local health care centers are engaged in special cases. For any complications of the patients, the project ensures treatment through an ophthalmologist or eyecare expert.

This project also holds different types of eyecare awareness meetings at different levels on a regular basis with the participation of different stakeholders and beneficiaries.