

Sreepur Village



What we do:

Our mission statement, drawn up by the mothers at the village, is:

“To use the resources entrusted to SPP to provide support to underprivileged women and children to improve their opportunities for a better life”

More than 35 million people in Bangladesh, around a quarter of its population, face acute poverty and hunger, with over 38% existing below the poverty line. Women are particularly vulnerable as literacy rates are low and many women are not legally married, making it easy for them to be abandoned by their husbands. This leaves them with little means of supporting themselves and their children.

Shishu Polli Plus (the Sreepur Village) comprises 20 low level buildings on a 16 acre site, 40km north of the capital city of Dhaka. The village was designed by architects from British Airways and was built in 1988 at no profit by a Bangladesh construction company.

We continue to offer shelter to abandoned children, but most of our work is now with women and their children. There are organisations, such as the Bangladeshi Women Lawyers Association, who work to repatriate children trafficked abroad, and some of these children are brought to us for shelter and education.

We provide a safe and secure home, food, clothing, medical care, education, vocational training and counselling to prepare the women to re-enter community life from a position of strength, with some savings and job skills to enable them to find and retain work.

Abandoned children stay with us until they have been in work for a minimum of six months. We have a small group of special care adults who will remain with us for life.

Shishu Polli Plus is a registered NGO (non-governmental organisation) with the Bangladesh Government, and we work with a number of other NGO's to ensure that our programmes meet the changing conditions of life in Bangladesh.

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