

Doorstep Learning Programme

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UK Bangladesh Education Trust
Education for Change

Children trapped in domestic labour are often denied the chance to leave their employers' homes, let alone receive an education. UKBET has devised a ground-breaking solution: a model that brings education directly to these girls in their workplace.

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With unwavering dedication, UKBET's community teachers go above and beyond, shattering barriers as they visit child domestic workers to provide essential education. These teachers are carefully recruited and trained to teach literacy, numeracy, and vital life skills. Additionally, they actively advocate for child rights, address health and hygiene concerns, and ensure birth registration for legal identity.

UKBET's Family Futures Programme supports the families of enrolled girls. Through microgrants, parents or guardians can establish small businesses, providing a stable income. This financial stability enables the girls to break free from labour and pursue their education.

Altogether, the initiative provides young girls trapped in domestic labour with access to basic education. With continued support, they can reintegrate into formal schooling or pursue vocational training programmes.

The June 2022 to May 2023 phase of the Doorstep Learning Programme witnessed a powerful transformation, embracing 384 girls in total, surpassing our initial engagement of 256. We stood unwavering in our commitment to progress, promptly filling the void left by those who moved forward. Here, we proudly present the extraordinary achievements of this period:



DOORSTEP LEARNING PROGRAMME



We wholeheartedly dedicated our efforts to creating a positive transformation in the lives of **384** children involved in domestic work, as well as the well-being of their **1920** family members.



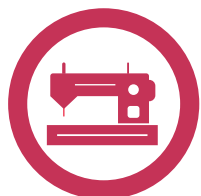
57.29%

of girls in the programme broke free from child labour, reclaiming their lives and future.



84

girls now attend mainstream schools, opening up a world of possibilities for their education and future.



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girls secured coveted spots in vocational training programmes, paving the way for successful careers.



52

girls found safe job placements, ensuring their well-being and independence.



17

girls transitioned from full-time to part-time work, allowing them to pursue education or vocational training.



40

girls received self-defence training, empowering them with essential skills.



66

younger siblings chose education over labour, breaking the cycle of child labour in their families.



270

children received new clothes and food packs for their families during the Eid festival, bringing joy and support to their households.

90

families received microgrants, providing them with stable income sources and transforming their lives.

21

family members were placed on job placements, improving their family's financial condition.

21

siblings of working children joined vocational training programme with our support.

27

family members received support for their medical treatment, improving their health and well-being.

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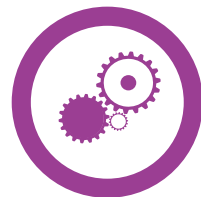
family members with special needs received disability allowances from the government.

40

community - based awareness programmes engaged **950** individuals, spreading knowledge and creating awareness.

244

families affected by the catastrophic flood in Sylhet in 2022 received **15-day food packs**, aiding them in coping with their losses.





Lives Transformed

Some Stories of Meaningful Changes

From cleaning tools to pens in their hands, Rabyea, Tahmina, Thithi, and Lokkhi now embrace mornings with excitement as they head to school instead of domestic work.

MEET THE CHILDREN

Tahmina Rising Above Challenges

Against all odds, meet Tahmina, a brave 9-year-old who never let obstacles define her. Despite leaving school to work and facing the devastating flood of 2022, her determination remains unwavering.

With support from UKBET's Doorstep Learning Programme support, Tahmina returned to school. Today, she dreams of becoming a doctor, spreading hope and inspiring others.



The Sparkling Dreams of Rania

A Journey from Housework to Schoolwork

Rania's eyes shimmer with hopes and dreams as she transitions from working at people's homes to landing a decent job at a school, all thanks to the support of Shelly, a dedicated community teacher from UKBET.



Rifa's Unstoppable Journey

A Beauty Dream Unleashed

Rifa faced extreme poverty and had to leave school early. But she found a chance to learn through the Doorstep Learning Programme. Despite her work at people's homes, she pursued education and asked Nisa Tahir, a community teacher of UKBET, for help.

Recognising her talents, Rifa was admitted into a prestigious beauty therapy course and secured a placement afterwards. Her aspiration is to establish a beauty parlour and build a brighter future for herself.

Let's support Rifa on her journey to success.

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Tania's Resilience From Hardship to Hope

Tania, an 8-year-old girl, faces hardships due to her parents' separation. Without regular schooling, she works and rarely sees her parents. With the support of her mentor, UKBET's Community Teacher Nisa, Tania studies and dreams of becoming a teacher.

These success stories exemplify the transformative power of the Doorstep Learning Programme, demonstrating that with the right support and opportunities, children trapped in child labour can reclaim their lives, pursue their dreams, and become agents of change in their communities.





Nadia's Resilience Rising Above Climate Adversity

In Bangladesh, the impact of global climate change has been severe, leading to unprecedented floods in the northeastern region. Countless families have been pushed into extreme poverty, struggling to survive.

Nadia's family faced extreme poverty too. She had to leave school and work to support them. But UKBET's Doorstep Learning Programme intervened, ensuring Nadia's education. Her mother received a microgrant, leading to financial stability. Nadia's siblings returned to school, and her own return is near. Witness the power of resilience.



MEET THE CHANGEMAKERS

As a community teacher, Jhorna goes door to door, bringing education to children engaged in domestic work. Despite facing daily challenges, Jhorna and our dedicated community teachers transform lives, bringing real change and hope to these children. We salute Jhorna Begum and all the extraordinary community teachers of UKBET for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts.



THANK YOU

For Your Support

As we reflect on the June 2023 phase, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and partners who made these achievements possible. Together, we have proven that education is not only a fundamental right but also a powerful catalyst for change. As we continue our journey, our unwavering commitment persists in bringing a light of hope to the children trapped in the shadows of child labour.

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