

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Care Across Communities

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Care Across Communities (CAC) would like to provide necessary stationery items to 60 Garo children attending primary school and secondary school living in villages of Bangladesh by 2023. Through this project, CAC's aim is to increase the children's interest in education, at the same time CAC will also support their parents so that they do not consider education as a burden in life. The children of day labourers will be benefited from this project.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

One of the indigenous populations in Bangladesh is the Garo community.

The Garo community mostly lives in the Mymensingh district of Bangladesh. Apart from this region, they also live in Tangail, Sylhet, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Sunamganj, Netrokona, Moulvibazar, Dhaka, and Gazipur districts. The people of this community are mainly involved in agricultural-based activities. Although recently, many Garo women have sought employment working in the garment industry in Dhaka city and beauty parlours across the country. Due to their limited earnings, they cannot provide quality education for their children.

Government Primary Schools in Bangladesh provide free schooling for children. In these schools free learning materials, like textbooks, are also distributed to the students. Yet the poor people in this country are still reluctant to send their children to school. For many, items like notebooks, exercise copies, pencils, pens, bags, etc. - required for education - are still considered a luxury, and therefore not a priority. As a result, children of these poor families often are not able to continue their education.

Considering all these obstacles, Care Across Communities (CAC) would like to continue to provide necessary stationery items to 60 Garo children attending primary school and secondary school living in Bangladesh by 2023. This initiative will focus on the children who continue to be deprived of the opportunity to access quality education. Through this project, CAC's aim is to increase the children's interest in education, at the same time CAC will also support their parents so that they do not consider education as a burden in life (<https://www.facebook.com/careacrosscommunities/photospcb.303529518479555/303527761813064>).

After the successful completion of the first education project across Bangladesh, CAC would like to focus on the children from Madhupur (in Tangail district) where the Garo community live. Here our project will be extended as we would like to give the children hygiene items along with stationery products. These items would include toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap. We would also include an umbrella for each child as we consider this to be an essential item during the rainy season.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

C - Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

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Bangladesh is a Muslim-majority country. Garo is marginalised Christian community that needs our help and has been benefiting greatly from our current project. CAC has adopted a plan to distribute

stationery products to 60 children from the Garo community who live in the rural villages of Bangladesh in 2023 in two phases.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Bangladesh (BD)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

In Bangladesh, we are running a project (<https://www.careacrosscommunities.org/gifted-learning-items-to-over-300-children-in-bangladesh/>). To continue this project in 2023, we are looking for a fund. After closely monitoring the effectiveness of the project in 2023 by reviewing the errors and re-plan for the next year. Depending on the impacts of this project on CAC, we shall make project plans for 2024-2025.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Three focus group sessions will be conducted throughout the project. Like our ongoing project, We shall invite the parents of the beneficiaries (<https://www.careacrosscommunities.org/focus-group-session-with-an-indigenous-community/>). There will be a few zoom meetings where the teachers and the volunteers who will be involved in the project will attend and discuss. This interactive session will be chaired by the CEO of CAC.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Material cost	£1,980	school bag, pencil pouch, pen, pencil, eraser, sharpener, scale, colour pencil, exercise copy, umbrella, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap
Management cost	£1,300	courier cost, internet cost, transportation and food allowance of volunteers, token remuneration for volunteers
Evaluation cost	£1,230	focus group sessions, awareness programmes, token remuneration for participants and speakers, transportation-food-accommodation allowance for moderator of focus group sessions
Administrative cost	£350	CAC will keep this amount
TOTALS	£4,860	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
	£0	£0	
	£0	£0	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£0	£0	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£4,920

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

30/09/2022

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£18,528

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2022/09/Care-Across-Communities-Charity-Organisation-.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

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3.1 Your name

Illina Huq

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07445440550

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Chief Executive Officer

3.4 Your email address

illina.huq@careacrosscommunities.org

3.5 Organisation name

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3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

Registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

CAC works for disadvantaged (Dalit and Christian) communities in Bangladesh. Our main focusing areas are education, water, sanitation, and hygiene including oral and menstrual hygiene. and empowering rural women <https://www.careacrosscommunities.org/news-blogs/>.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

16, Northolt Close

Farnborough

3.9 UK telephone number

07445440550

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1194184

3.11 Year established

2021

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<https://www.careacrosscommunities.org/>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/careacrosscommunities/>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/care-across-communities/>

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Internet