Term Project Proposal on

Developing a Platform for Providing Scholarships to Prevent Students from Dropping-out And Eradicate Illiteracy

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Introduction

Students dropping-out from primary schools is one of the main concerning problems in the rural area of Bangladesh. Our project aims to provide a medium between the ones who want to help and the ones who are in need. In brief, the platform will be offering scholarships and the sponsors can keep track of the learning progress of the ones who received their aid. And creating consciousness among the mass people is there in our agenda as well.

Like any other developing country, Bangladesh is also finding it hard to overcome the problem of student dropout. There are many factors contributing to this conundrum. Often it is found that financial insolvency is the main driving factor in this regard. Parents oftentimes prefer to send their children for child labor rather sending them in schools so that they can earn extra money. Then there are other factors like ignorance, illiteracy, superstitions etc. preventing parents from sending their children to schools. Students dropping out from schools have more adverse effects on our society than we may think. It leads to problems like juvenile delinquency, unemployment, drug addiction, eve-teasing and so on. In short, it hinders the whole progress of our society and nation in general.

There will be two direct users of our system: students, sponsors. Students in need of aid will be there in our main domain of focus. We will be trying to reach out to as many students as possible by matching them with sponsors so that they get a proper education and become solvent. On the other hand, sponsors are also an integral part of our project. They are the main providing source of the whole system. They provide the funds for the scholarships.

Goals and Objectives

The primary objective of our project is to spread the light of education in our society. With this mindset, we aim to develop a platform that will be focusing on helping the children in need. And our assets will be the humanitarian people who wish to bring a positive change in the society and nation as well. This project will also be a source of income for those who will be working in the root level for this cause.

As of the census of 1991, the number of villages in Bangladesh is approximately 68038 and according to a report of the World Bank (2019), 62.595% of the population of Bangladesh live in rural areas. One in every five children drops out of school mainly

because of poverty as per the report of The Dhaka Tribune (2017) and most of them are from the villages. So, there's a huge amount of students who are in need of aid. Our platform will act as a bridge between their needs and the goodwill of the philanthropists.

To implement our agenda effectively, we first plan to reach out to as many people as possible and gather funds. Now comes the aspect where we deal with the students' side. Students will apply for financial aid. To maintain proper management, the admin panel will first review their applications and grant them scholarships depending on the availability of sponsorship. For ensuring transparency, students will be linked with their sponsors and sponsors will be able to track their school performance. This feature will help to make the students more accountable and hard working.

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